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Chapter 301: My Scent Is On Your Right Hand

Ning Cheng was just about to leave that place, when he felt a strong burst of spacial fluctuations around him, followed by two shadows brushing by Ning Cheng's side before these shadows disappeared without a trace. At the same time, he received a message from Yin Kongchan's spiritual sense, escape quickly.

Before Ning Cheng could immediately act on it, a horrifying imposing aura immediately swept over him. Sensing this, Ning Cheng was greatly shocked in his heart, without thinking of anything else; he immediately stimulated the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, disappeared from that spot almost instantaneously.

"Bang." An explosion sounded out, the place where Ning Cheng was just at a moment ago, turned to dust.

Ning Cheng was quite shocked with this; he absolutely did not have any way to contend against this kind of formidable expert. At the very least, it was a cultivator at the late stages of the Soul Sculpting Realm.

At this time, Ning Cheng couldn't help but curse at Yin Kongchan, wielding the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds once again, in just a short span of time, was able to catch up with Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei.

Just when Ning Cheng was about to move past the two of them, Yin Kongchan suddenly spoke up, "Take us with you, otherwise you will not be able to find that place....."

Although Ning Cheng had a dark hate building up inside him towards Yin Kongchan for bringing such trouble towards him, but in the end he still chose to listen to Yin Kongchan's words. Raising both his hands, he immediately grabbed Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei from behind.

Both of them were aware what Ning Cheng wanted to do, but although they did not like Ning Cheng's uncouth actions, however chose to not resist him.

Ning Cheng, carrying Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei, once again quickly stimulated the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds for a few short bursts, allowing them to quickly lose that cultivator in the Soul Sculpting Realm as they disappeared without a trace. If the cultivator chasing them from before was a Crucible Transformation Cultivator, then he would definitely be a bit scared even if they would not be able to catch up to them, but because he now knew that he was just a cultivator in the Soul Sculpting Realm, although Ning Cheng might not be able to clash with him head on, he still did not care much about him.

As they reached flat ground, Ning Cheng immediately released the grip he had on Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei. Both Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei seemed to be immersed in their own thoughts, they simply did not think that Ning Cheng would suddenly release his grip, causing them to immediately stagger, if not for the two of them having a strong cultivation, perhaps they would have already fallen down.

Ning Cheng had initially thought that the two would ridicule him with words because of his actions, but contrary to Ning Cheng's thoughts, the two of them did not speak any nonsense. Yin Kongchan still

spoke as if nothing in this world surprised her, "I already knew that you possessed the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, so I chose to escape in your direction."

"You don't need to give needless explanations. It would not be the first time that I would be plotted against, initially when I rescued dozens of academy disciples, it only resulted in me being labelled as a devil cultivator and was hunted from all four directions. As such, I am already used to such kinds of things. You just lead the way, after our cooperation ends, you had better walk your way and I'll walk my own path. Everything else is irrelevant." Ning Cheng waved his hand, immediately stopping Yin Kongchan from speaking anymore.

Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei on hearing Ning Cheng's words, immediately knew that what Ning Cheng spoke about was definitely not related to what transpired in the ancient immortal cave.

"Do you often save people?" Yin Kongchan suddenly interjected with a question.

Ning Cheng replied in a plain manner, "If it is within my ability, then I will lend a hand to help. Although there are a lot of people who would bite the hand that fed them, however it also helps in making a few good friends."

Ning Cheng then thought of Liang Kexin. Then shifted his thoughts towards Li Lingfan, although he and Li Lingfan were not familiar with each other, but he believed that he could be a worthy friend. Then there were also Taishu Shi, Yue Ying, Meng Jingxiu and the others that he had made friends with after coming to the Yi Xing Mainland.

"The reason why Jiang Jun was able to kill Tan Yushan at that time, was because you did not have the ability to interfere, right? If Jiang Jun killed your Dao Companion, then wouldn't it mean that you would not even raise your hand?" Yin Kongchan's words always carried a gentle tone to it, but this sentence clearly had a sarcastic and ridiculing flavour mixed it. Even if she cultivated her heart to a certain extent, it seems that because Ning Cheng had just casually thrown her down, it caused her to feel some slight injustice.

Ning Cheng coldly looked at Yin Kongchan and spoke, "I'm sorry, I let the weak heart of your boyfriend get hurt. I truly saw the process of that scumbag killing Tan Yushan, but it was already too late to help her out, even if it was any other individual I would have still tried to help out. However, it would be too much for me to kill someone like Jiang Jun."

"You did not answer my second question." Yin Kongchan was still calmly watching Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng just gave a smile before speaking, "I do not need to answer you, you can lead the way now."

Yin Kongchan unexpectedly gave a nod, while bringing out a best quality shuttle type spiritual artefact, as she spoke, "I understand, just board my flight type magical weapon. I'll take you all there."

Then she once again deliberately looked at Ning Cheng and spoke, "You spoke a word wrong back then, Jiang Jun is not my boyfriend. I just appreciate him a bit, as he had something worthy to be appreciated."

Ning Cheng's eyes immediately flashed with an undeniable and unconcealed killing intent. It immediately allowed Yin Kongchan to understand Ning Cheng's meaning from back then. If someone

dared to kill his Dao Companion in front of him, then even if he were not an opponent of that person, he would never hesitate to go all out against him or her.

Moreover, the reason Ning Cheng disdained to answer Yin Kongchan's question, was that he was very clear that he and Yin Kongchan were not people from the same world. Rather, even the environment in which the two of them were raised were completely different, irrespective of the world, as such it also represented that the worldly views of the two would always be radically different.

Yin Kongchan asked about his Dao Companion, but for Ning Cheng, not to mention about his Dao Companion, even if it was one of his friends, replaced in Tan Yushan's position, he would definitely not hesitate to rush out lend his help. This was the main crux where their worldly views differed, Ning Cheng simply did not need to ask, but he already knew that Yin Kongchan was definitely not a person who would do such a thing.

Taking a step back, at that moment if Tan Yushan was able to hold on for even a moment more, then perhaps Ning Cheng would have been able to help her out, because at that time, he truly had wanted to help.

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Ning Cheng and Xu Yingdei boarded the shuttle, as Yin Kongchan led the two of them to her cabin.

Yin Kongchan's shuttle was decorated in a very exquisite, having a tipped front end and a rendered ellipse at the back. There was only a single cabin inside the shuttle, and even the controls of the shuttle could be found in her cabin. This showed that this girl had always been a loner. In other words, there were extremely few outsiders who have come into her shuttle.

Moreover, Yin Kongchan always appeared calm, with a quite semblance to her temperament and appearance, combined with her cabin having a touch of fragrance and the dress she wore, it gave others a feeling of a quiet elegance.

Ning Cheng, however had some doubts, as he took a sniff of his hands, he had felt that Yin Kongchan did not have such a distinct aroma on her before. However, her cabin had this fragrance, which Ning Cheng become a little more vigilant. He was already on guard against Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei; moreover, Yin Kongchan was also Jiang Jun's friend, since Jiang Jun was able to poison Tan Yushan, who knows if Yin Kongchan also had that skill? What would happen if this fragrance were the poison?

Yin Kongchan spoke up in a soft voice, "Your left hand had Xu Yingdei's scent, not mine. You used your right hand to grab onto me, if you want to smell the fragrance on my body then just sniff your right hand."

Yin Kongchan was so meticulously detailed, that Ning Cheng felt himself going red in his face out of embarrassment; her words made it look like he was some kind of pervert. He gave a slight cough as he stood up and spoke, "I'm not used to staying in a woman's room, so I'll be going to the front of the shuttle to have a look."

"Why did he want to sniff your fragrance?" After Ning Cheng went out, Xu Yingdei suddenly looked at Yin Kongchan and asked a question.

Yin Kongchan's face suddenly turned a bit red as she spoke, "I do not know, I think that he wanted to know a bit more about me, isn't that right?"

Xu Yingdei looked at Yin Kongchan thoughtfully, then looked at the cabin, before she spoke, "Ning Cheng is someone very careful, maybe he wanted to know if the faint fragrance in your cabin was poisonous or not."

Yin Kongchan's lie was immediately exposed by Xu Yingdei, even her slightly red face returned to normal almost instantaneously.

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Ning Cheng truly did not want to stay in the room with the two of them chirping about, the two women truly were a lot of effort for him, and moreover each of them had their own ideas on him. Their scheming might be as good as their looks; however, it was definitely not easy to take advantage of him to obtain benefits.

The speed of the shuttle was also quite fast, Ning Cheng was already a Tier 6 Array Formation Grand Master, so when he saw the array formations around the shuttle, he knew that there was at least a Rank 6 Defensive Array Formation protecting it. This showed that a disciple from a major academy coming out for adventures, were definitely different from the rest.

As Ning Cheng stood on the prow of the shuttle, he took out the jade box that was given to him by the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect's Headmaster Rui Baishan. The jade box contained an escape talisman inside, so now that he had some time, he intended to refine this talisman. Since his cultivation was still relatively low, as such, if he wanted to quickly activate this advanced level talisman, then he had to first refine it.

When Ning Cheng started to refine the talisman, he couldn't help but suddenly turned dumbfounded, this was not even an escaping talisman, rather it was just an ordinary message talisman in disguise.

"Ning Cheng, when you start to refine my talisman, it means that you are at least safe for now. The reason I left this escape talisman for you, was so that you could leave this place as early as possible. Since you already understood what I meant, then that's good. An escape talisman can only save you once, but there will innumerable dangers that you would have to face by yourself, sometimes even having an escape talisman would not guarantee your safety, as such I simply opted to not give you an escape talisman....."

This old bastard Rui actually was a pest, fortunately, he originally did not place his hopes on his escape talisman, if he had relied on his escape talisman, then maybe his life would have become extremely miserable.

"What you can get out of this is an opportunity for yourself; hope you can make good use of it. I have also been a fugitive in the past; therefore, I will not send you an escape talisman, but rather share a few of my experiences. The first one, it is necessary that you do not fully trust your friends, because they might make a move on you the next moment. The second one, it is also necessary that you must have belief in your friends, because they are the only one who can help you..."

Ning Cheng was simply dumbfounded, how were these deceptive lines an advice from experience? So should he believe or do not believe?

“Third one, at any time, you must have a guarantee for yourself relating to your survival, at least you should not starve to death. Well, these are all of my experiences; in any case, you are now an exiled disciple of the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect. If you truly have no place to back to, then you can just come back to the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect. Rui Baishan.”

Ning Cheng scratched his head, just what did this Old Rui meant with his last words, aah, aren't these three so called advices just nonsense within nonsense. After one broke through the Essence Building Realm, one simply did not need to eat food, not to mention that currently he was about to step into the Soul Essence Realm. Even if he did not eat for a few years, his true essence would automatically circulate through the heavenly cycles. If it was used up during the cultivation, then it was still possible to absorb the spiritual qi from the outside to operate the heavenly cycle. As such, how could someone like him starve to death? A Profound Core Cultivator starving to death? It would simply be a huge joke.

However, Ning Cheng's thoughts suddenly stopped. As long as he could operate the heavenly cycle? If the heavenly cycle can't operate, then didn't it mean that he simply wouldn't be able to cultivate, what would he do then? Although Ning Cheng was from Earth, he was very clear that cultivating could help in abstaining from food. That was because the true essence would automatically circulate through the heavenly cycle, as such, it was something that would replace the body's natural metabolism while at the same time would also help in transforming one's body to an even purer state.

Once again looking at the third point on the jade strip in his hand, Ning Cheng suddenly felt that these words were no more nonsense. In the case where he no longer was able to cultivate, then he would definitely have to eat something, only then would he be able to keep his life. Who can say for sure, if this kind of thing would happen or not? A few years ago when he was at the bottom of the Blood River, did he not see all those famished and skinny cultivators?

At the bottom of the Blood River, at least one was still able to utilize their own true essence and spiritual consciousness to survive, moreover there were still a few places where there at least was a bit of spiritual qi, in case these things were not present, then what would he do?

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Chapter 302: Beauty For A Minister

Ning Cheng was a person with a very keen sense when it came to sensing crisis, allowing him to remain very vigilant and careful during his stay in this martial oriented world. After realising this, he immediately began refining the Hunger Suppressing Pills. Even if he took into account the strength of the pills, with the materials that he possessed, he could only refine the lowest ranks of the Hunger Suppressing Pills, at this level; a single pill would help a person live through three days without food.

After refining around two to three hundred of these pills, Ning Cheng thought that since there was a possibility of starving to death, then what about dying from thirst. Thinking of that, he immediately started refining the Fresh Water Pills.

A Fresh Water Pill, the size of a dragon eyed fruit, would be enough in gathering a large bowl of water. Then embedding them into his belt, and utilising some of the leftover thistles and thorns, Ning Cheng constructed a rudimentary toothbrush, before he suddenly smacked his own head.

Just what was wrong with him, wasn't his sense of crisis a bit too over the top. Those experiences of old Rui in the form of advices was like a jolt to his nerves, which caused him to act out like a lunatic. For a cultivator like him who had such huge power reserves, because of Rui Baishan's words, he ended up wasting half a day in doing such boring things.

Ning Cheng shook his head, but did not continue do such boring things, even the care package that he created; he threw it back into his storage ring. The sense of crisis that he had also quickly receded with an even faster speed than it arrived.

"You also know Alchemy?" Xu Yingdei's voice arrived, Ning Cheng turned around only to see Xu Yingdei coming towards him, followed closely by Yin Kongchan.

The two of them did not need Ning Cheng to invite them, before both of them sat down in front of him.

"Don't you have to look after your flying shuttle?" Ning Cheng looked at Yin Kongchan and asked.

Yin Kongchan replied, "I have a puppet, it can help me take care of the shuttle. You don't have to worry about it; we will not have any delays. I would also like to ask the same question Xu Yingdei asked, are you also a Pill Master?"

"I am not a pill master. The pills that I was refining a moment ago were all grade less pills, the two of you already seen it. I am just trying to learn Alchemy. Learning Alchemy. Understand?" Ning Cheng gave a short laugh at the end.

"Everyone here is working towards the same thing, meaning we are cooperating with each other, so I think that we should have some honest discussions about the reasons and how the things would be allocated when the time comes." Yin Kongchan did not tangle with Ning Cheng with more questions. From the way she saw it, Ning Cheng did not have much interest in chatting with her.

Ning Cheng also spoke up, "That's right, why don't you two speak up first."

Yin Kongchan also did not decline as she spoke up, "My natural soul is not complete, and therefore I need the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence to complete it."

"My ancestral grandmother suffered a serious injury to her soul, which currently can't be undone, so I am looking for it for my ancestral grandmother." Xu Yingdei also calmly replied.

Ning Cheng's eyes wandered to the passing sceneries outside of the shuttle, before he replied in a quiet manner, "I promised a senior that I would help him find the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, in exchange for a favour. That senior's cultivation is the highest that I have seen until now. So you could say that I have the most need of the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence. In case we are able to obtain it in its entirety, then I need 60 percent of it, while the 40 percent can be divided between you two."

Although Ning Cheng had said it upfront without giving any face to them, but if Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan did not agree to it, then he would have to slowly negotiate it out with the two of them, but he at least would need 50 percent.

Contrary to Ning Cheng's expectations, Yin Kongchan immediately replied, "I agree to it, I only want a small amount anyways."

Xu Yingdei also gave a smile before speaking, "I also agree."

It seems that these two people were at least easy to talk with; as such, Ning Cheng couldn't help but feel slightly happier in his heart.

As if feeling that Ning Cheng was now in a slightly better mood, Xu Yingdei suddenly asked, "Senior Apprentice Brother Ning. Could you tell me if you asked how high the cultivation of that senior is? If you want, once my ancestral grandmother recovers, I can ask her to help you out."

Ning Cheng looked at the currently incomparably sincere looking Xu Yingdei, but still spoke out in a blunt and direct manner, "Even if your grandmother restores her cultivation to what it was formerly, or even go a level beyond it, I am afraid that there would be no way for her to help me."

Yin Kongchan actually had doubts as she glanced at Ning Cheng and added a line from the side, "If I have not guessed it wrong, then Xu Yingdei's ancestral grandmother's cultivation is far higher than the Heavenly Dao Academy's Dao Master Xiao Bisheng. If even advancing a level in their cultivation would not be able to help you, then what in the world do you want to accomplish?"

Ning Cheng did not want to talk anymore with these two women, but on thinking of going back home, he couldn't help but feel a bit excited in his heart, as such he couldn't help but reply to them, "I want to go back to my home and look at it, other than that senior, no one else in this world would be able to help me."

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Looking at the hopeful yet resolute look on Ning Cheng's face, coupled with his firm words, made Xu Yingdei to close up her mouth, she did not continue to speak anything. She actually very much wanted to say, that in this world if even her ancestral grandmother at her full power were not in a position to help Ning Cheng, then no one else would be able to help him. That is say; the senior that asked Ning Cheng to help look for the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence might just be a liar. However, thinking that Ning Cheng was absolutely not someone who would be swindled easily, she swallowed back the words that she was about to speak.

Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei were not able to find a common topic, while Ning Cheng in his heart was looking forward to finding the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, so that he would then be able to concentrate his efforts on finding the Heavenly Cusp Flower, perhaps he would then be able to go back.

Xu Yingdei once again broke the silence after a long time, "Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, it seems that you are going to condense your Soul Essence soon. I have a jade strip with me that might be some use to you. Currently, you have truly offended a lot of people, I suggest you start condensing your Soul Essence ahead of time, which would also help you change your appearance slightly, this would save you a lot of trouble."

"Condensing one's Soul Essence can change your appearance?" Ning Cheng received the jade strip, as he asked in surprise.

Yin Kongchan interjected from the side, "Of course, however the change is something subtle, however you must have a specific cultivation mnemonic for it. I have them here with me."

It seems that she was not willing to lag behind Xu Yingdei, which caused Yin Kongchan to also take out a jade strip before she handed it to Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng was also not one to refuse such gifts, as he put away the two jade strips, and only asked, "According to what you said, wouldn't it mean that there would not be any ugly looking people anymore? No wonder the two of you look so beautiful, so it was because you already have been operated upon aah."

Xu Yingdei shook her head and spoke, "My looks are something that I was born with, and I never wanted to change anything about it."

"I also don't have any ideas either. I have this jade strip, but it doesn't represent that I've used it." Yin Kongchan explained without hesitation.

Xu Yingdei ignored Yin Kongchan as she spoke, "Actually the change in appearance as mentioned in the jade strip is something that is not easily achievable, moreover one's appearance is something that is birthed from the heart, in other words your appearance will already be fixed the moment you are born, even if you forced yourself to change it, once you cultivate for a long time, it would slowly change back to what it was originally, however this process of change is very subtle. Condensing one's Soul Essence, is a process similar to the birth of a heart. As such it is at this time, when it is the most easiest to change one's appearance, that's why I suggested that you change your appearance a little bit when you start condensing your Soul Essence."

Ning Cheng was surprised in his heart on hearing this; no wonder after cultivating for all these years, his appearance had changed only slightly, rather it was getting more and more close to his initial original appearance. It looks like Xu Yingdei stating that appearance was something born from the heart was not nonsense, if one can change it again, then if had to come back in the future, then it would also not be too abrupt.

"Many thanks; these two jade strips are definitely very useful for me." Ning Cheng already put away the jade strip, and for the first time sincerely thanked the two of them.

Ning Cheng originally did not want to talk to them anymore, and although these two people looked as if they were trying to court him, it actually seemed a bit cute to him. Xu Yingdei's goal over Ning Cheng was very clear from the start, that she wanted to experience the emotion of love for herself, however she did not actually dream about it. As for Yin Kongchan's case, Ning Cheng was somewhat puzzled with it.

Whether or not he was able to understand the meaning of these two people's actions, Ning Cheng was at least clear on the fact that he would not have anything to do with these two once each of their respective goals were achieved, as such he stood up and started boasting wildly about this and that from the place he came.

Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan were originally people who were not friendly with each other, if not for Ning Cheng taking the initiative to speak then the three of them simply would not even talk let alone hold a conversation amongst them. Now that they saw Ning Cheng speak with both confidence and

eloquence, with the two of them occasionally asking him questions, the atmosphere also started to become a bit warm between them.

Although cultivation was not something possible on Earth, but news and other information was still able to travel over extremely long distances. Even if it was the North Pole of the Arctic region, in just a minute, it was possible to exchange news both ways with the South Pole in the Antarctic.

In the Tian Continent, although there were Sound Jade Tablets, there were even Sound Transmission Array Formations and Huge Display Array Formations, but compared to the electronic information explosion era from Earth, it all seemed to be miles apart. Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei both wanted to earn a favourable impression from Ning Cheng, as such they had initially deliberately come over to talk to him, but after they heard Ning Cheng's words, the two of them were actually left stunned. The two of them had always spent their time in cultivation, as such, they simply had never heard of such kinds of strange things, let alone see them.

"You said that the flight type magical weapons really do not use any kind of spiritual power?" Xu Yingdei asked in amazement.

"What I feel strange is that why that thing called 'bikini' can only be worn on the beach, what if I wore it at some other place?" Yin Kongchan was obviously more concerned about the 'bikini' that was obviously described to them by Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng actually sized up Yin Kongchan, before he suddenly gave a nod and spoke, "With your body, you definitely can wear it at other places, when I have the free time; I will definitely help you craft a set. When you walk down the streets in a bikini, please don't forget that I was the one who helped you craft it."

"Then many thanks to you in advance." Yin Kongchan gave a genuine smile for the first time, she did not laugh at this outstandingly beautiful world that was just described to her. Now that he saw her give a genuine smile, Ning Cheng couldn't help but remember a poem, looking back at it, it was a smile that gave birth to innumerable charms. Even if one did not look back at it, it would still cause one to choke up.

Ning Cheng shook his head; suddenly he did not want to continue with those thoughts.

"Why did you shake your head?" Yin Kongchan on seeing Ning Cheng seemed to be introspecting, then shake his head, she also couldn't help but ask.

Ning Cheng showed a faint smile, before speaking, "I just remembered eight words."

Hearing that, Yin Kongchan's smile immediately converged, before she spoke lightly, "I am a female cultivator; your eight words are of no use for me."

Xu Yingdei suddenly spoke, "I think that Senior Apprentice Brother Ning was not thinking of those eight words."

Ning Cheng also did not continue to explain his words, he truly had not thought of the eight words that he had spoken on the battle ring, but rather the eight words 'A beauty for a minister, yet dealing in evil?' Don't look at the nice words coming from the mouth of Yin Kongchan; Ning Cheng could feel that she was trying to get close to him because she coveted his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds in her heart.

Although these words were quite boring to say, as whether for good or for evil, the three of them still were working in cooperation to each other.

[TL Note – The eight words that he spoke of are ‘卿本佳人、奈何做贼？’. That is the best translation that I can come up with currently. Will change it when I find something better.]

The three of them also turned silent, for almost half an incense stick worth of time, no one spoke up. However, at this moment the shuttle actually entered a dense fog, even one’s spiritual consciousness was not able to stretch out far, seeing this Ning Cheng suddenly stood up, “What happened?”

“Don’t need to be worried about it, this place is the Hidden Mist Cemetery, only by going to the Hidden Mist Cemetery would we be able to reach the place where the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence might possibly appear. In other words, the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence would appear somewhere inside the Hidden Mist Cemetery.” Yin Kongchan spoke in a soft voice.

Xu Yingdei also stood up, as he looked at Yin Kongchan and spoke, “The Hidden Mist Cemetery is one of the most evil and forbidden area, why did you not mention this before we came in.”

Yin Kongchan was still calm as she spoke, “Guiding the way was my thing, as to how to locate the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, as well as excavating the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence and what you do with it after we obtain it, it is all up to you, and I’m also not going to ask you about it.”

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Chapter 303: The Hidden Mist Cemetery

“Xu Yingdei, you said something about the Hidden Mist Cemetery.” At the moment, Ning Cheng was becoming increasingly wary towards Yin Kongchan.

Xu Yingdei also moved away from Yin Kongchan, moving a bit closer towards Ning Cheng’s side, as she spoke, “The Hidden Mist Cemetery is one of the most deadly forbidden zones in the Tian Continent, because the cultivators who enter this place almost never make it out alive. Once you enter this place, your spiritual consciousness will be forcibly compressed to almost nothing, not only that, the hidden mist here also has a one of a kind corpse poison, once poisoned, the entire body would start to fester before you finally perish.”

Envisioning the frightful effects of the poisons, Xu Yingdei couldn’t help but have a cold shiver run down her spine; just thinking about it was enough to induce an extreme fear towards it, not to mention experiencing it by yourself.

“This is just a small point, more importantly; the Hidden Mist Cemetery is gathering place for ghost cultivators. The spiritual consciousness of the ghost cultivators is not impacted in the slightest bit in this place; once you end up wandering into the sights of a high levelled ghost cultivator then you’ll only face a dead end.”

Xu Yingdei’s words were immediately interrupted by Yin Kongchan, “You should not say that the most terrible things in this place are the ghost cultivators, ghost cultivators still retain their spiritual wisdom, as such would not sneak attack random people. The most terrible thing in this place are the Yin Spirits, although the level of Yin Spirits in this place are very low, however they do not possess any spiritual wisdom, as such they would at any time, at any place, would attack enmasse any person that they

encounter. It is actually because of this, that after entering the Hidden Mist Cemetery, only an extremely few people manage to come out alive.”

Yin Kongchan had just finished with her words, when Ning Cheng and Xu Yingdei both felt the shuttle started shaking a bit, the next moment it came to a stop suspended in the air, no longer moving forward.

“I forgot to mention that in the Hidden Mist Cemetery, it is simply impossible to fly around with a flight type magical weapon.” Xu Yingdei’s mood seemed to have returned to normal.

Ning Cheng stood up and stared at Yin Kongchan before speaking up, “You better give us a reason for not mentioning this before, while you brought us here. If your reasons are not something that could satisfy me, then even if I do not obtain the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, I would still give you enough unforgettable memories to last a lifetime.”

The reason why Ning Cheng dared to cooperate together with Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei and come here to search for the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence was that he truly did not fear the two of them working against him.

Yin Kongchan did not speak rather just took out a jade strip and threw it at Ning Cheng before speaking, “Since you have been to that Heavenly Stars Auction, then presumably you should have also seen this jade strip. What Xu Yingdei spoke about earlier was correct, that flight type magical weapons couldn’t be used to fly around in this place. However it would have no effect on your Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds.”

Ning Cheng took the jade slip and found that this jade strip was definitely the jade strip that he had originally seen in the Heavenly Stars Auction. Although the restrictions on the jade strip was broken, but with Ning Cheng’s accomplishments related to restriction, he was immediately able to deduce the original restriction. From this, he could definitely say that this was the original Geocentric 9 Yin Essence jade strip.

There were only a few simple lines written on the jade strip, that the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence was something that was found in the most evil and forbidden grounds of the Hidden Mist Cemetery, this part was definitely not false. Only the specific location was not clear. At the same time, it also said that one must possess the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, or flight type magical weapons of similar nature, to be able to have a chance to procure it.

No wonder when Xu Yingdei said that she wanted to join the treasure hunt, Yin Kongchan also immediately agreed to it when she saw Xu Yingdei’s Tracking Spiritual Fox that would be able to help in pinpointing the location. It turned out that she truly did not know the exact location.

Ning Cheng handed the jade strip to Xu Yingdei, before he looked at Yin Kongchan and spoke, “The jade strip is the real deal. But at least you should have given us a heads up before entering such a deadly and forbidden area. If I did not guess it wrong, since there are no directions mentioned in here, along with no instructions on how to get out, then even if we wanted to get out, it would be impossible, right?”

Yin Kongchan shook her head and spoke, “No, I still have three Transfer Talismans with me. When I had obtained the jade strip, I had immediately started preparing for it; therefore, once we obtain this thing, you can then immediately crush the Transfer Talisman to leave this place.”

Xu Yingdei after reading the jade strip, did not return the jade strip to Yin Kongchan, but rather returned the jade strip to Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng also took the jade strip as he looked at Yin Kongchan and spoke, "You mean that all we have to do is stand here, and then simply wait for the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence to automatically come to us?"

"In any case, I will not be bringing out Little Xun to search for the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence in this kind of place." Xu Yingdei spoke with surety.

Yin Kongchan spoke up quietly, "Of course we will not stand here, nor can we use the Tracking Spiritual Fox to find it, however I have with me 40 Obstruction Dispelling Pills, with each pill being able to help us out for a full day, we can each take ten of them. While you can give 10 to your spirit beast, I believe that we should be able to find the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence in these 10 days."

"What about the attacks from Yin Spirits? How would we defend against them?" Ning Cheng did not hesitate to take the 10 Obstruction Dispelling Pills before he asked.

Yin Kongchan simply took out an Obstruction Dispelling Pill before she swallowed it, and spoke up calmly, "Everyone can only depend on their respective luck and skills, if you have unlucky, and are attacked by the Yin Spirits then it can only be attributed to your bad luck. Currently, we will have to take a pill, and then get down; I have to put away my shuttle."

Ning Cheng also swallowed an Obstruction Dispelling Pill, before he gave a sneer and spoke, "I'm afraid that if I died in front of you, then won't you just go ahead and take my Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds?"

"If you die accidentally in this place, it would also mean that the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds would also fall in this place, which would be a huge waste, might as well continue using it in my hands, I definitely won't hold it against you." Yin Kongchan spoke as if it was completely in accordance with the natural order.

Ning Cheng just gave a grunt, but did not continue with this nonsense, before he took the initiative to jump of the shuttle. Whether intentionally or unintentionally, Ning Cheng did not take Yin Kongchan's Transfer Talisman. Moreover, he also did not return that jade strip to Yin Kongchan.

The jade strip recorded the possible whereabouts of the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, and was in Ning Cheng's hands. He did not return it to Yin Kongchan and in order to not give face to the opposite party, he was about to put the jade strip directly into his own ring.

However, just before Ning Cheng landed inside the Hidden Mist Cemetery, his spiritual consciousness felt a faintly discernible aura that was transmitted out from the jade strip.

Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness was extremely powerful and was incomparably meticulous; moreover, his spiritual consciousness was also quenched in the Chaotic Star Space. As such if one wanted to talk about its resilience and penetration power of his spiritual consciousness, then even Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan would be lagging far behind him in this regard. After he felt this strange phenomenon from the jade strip, especially because of the situation in this kind of cemetery, although that strange yet faintly discernible aura had long since dissipated, he still held it in his hand as he carefully scrutinised it.

“Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, what’s the matter?” Xu Yingdei held onto her spiritual fox as she and Yin Kongchan descended from the shuttle together.

Ning Cheng was using his spiritual consciousness to carefully scrutinize the jade strip, and only after a long time of observing it, did he suddenly shifted his gaze towards Yin Kongchan before asking, “Did you play any tricks with this jade strip? Because a message a just sent out from this jade strip a moment ago.”

Yin Kongchan’s calm face finally changed slightly, even the tone in which she spoke did not have the tranquillity from before, “No, I certainly did not play any tricks with this jade strip. Moreover, I have repeatedly checked the jade strip, and even asked the seven Palace Masters of my Floating Snow Palace to have a look at it. It absolutely did not have anything strange to it.”

“A moment ago, if it hadn’t been for that message transmission, I wouldn’t have noticed it. Now, although I am still not able to perceive as to what is wrong with the jade strip, but I can affirm that this jade strip definitely has been marked, however the grade of that mark is something that exceeds my capacity.” Ning Cheng spoke in a firm manner.

The three of them looked at each other, and only after a good long while did Xu Yingdei spoke up, “It looks like the three of us are going to be making wedding robes only to be used by others, in other words, it is the person who put this jade strip up for auction. I’m afraid that they were just waiting for someone to help them locate the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence.”

“I understand now.” Yin Kongchan suddenly spoke.

Seeing Ning Cheng and Xu Yingdei look at her, Yin Kongchan spoke in a slow voice, “When I had obtained the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence’s jade strip; the seven Palace Masters had told me that the possible whereabouts of the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence had appeared once before many years ago in an auction. At that time, I had not cared much about that information, but it looks like both this instance and the past instance has been perpetrated by the same person, only to get us here to help locate the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence. Xu Yingdei might just be right with her words, that once we found the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, it would truly be similar to creating wedding robes only to be used by someone else.”

“If you had not discovered this point, then we indeed would have been making other people’s wedding dress. Now that it has been found, then we don’t have to make wedding dresses for others.” Ning Cheng shook the jade strip in his hand, before he ended his words with a mysterious smile.

[TL Note – The entire point of ‘creating wedding dresses only to be used by others’ simply boils down to taking advantage of other people’s hard work. That’s because creating a wedding dress is a very time consuming and an intricate process that a person undertakes, but all that hard work would not be for that person creating the dress.]

Finished saying, Ning Cheng raised his hand and flung it as hard as he could, causing he himself to not know where he threw the jade strip.

Once Ning Cheng threw away the jade strip, the three people’s attention once again returned to the Hidden Mist Cemetery, causing them immediately sense the strange situation in here.

The three of them were surrounded by an odd aura, while bursts of vague wails and cries could be heard coming from a distance. If one paid attention to listening to it, then it would feel like the weird sounds were coming from somewhere close to them, but if you tried to look with your eyes, you simply would not be able to see anything.

“My spiritual consciousness can only extend to less than ten meters away.” Xu Yingdei’s face was slightly paler than before, although her cultivation allowed her to calm her heart, but when one’s own strength was not enough to deal with matters of the present, it was only natural for her to feel a little fear.

“My spiritual consciousness can also only extend to about ten meters.” Yin Kongchan’s expression was just a bit better than Xu Yingdei’s was, however it did not have the calm that she had previously.

Seeing the two of them look at him, Ning Cheng calmly replied, “My cultivation is lower than the two of you by a full realm, in other words ten full levels.”

After speaking that, Ning Cheng did not explain anything. However, in his mind he was secretly shocked on how powerful his spiritual consciousness had grown to in the Chaotic Star Space. His spiritual consciousness was definitely not much better than Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan, but because his spiritual consciousness was tempered in the Chaotic Star Space, it allowed his spiritual consciousness to actually stretch beyond a hundred meters in this place.

Although it was still subdued to the extreme, but compared to Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei, his spiritual consciousness was able to stretch out the farthest in this place.

“Let’s put down your Tracking Spiritual Fox, we have a limited time in here; as such we have to find the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence in the shortest time possible.” Yin Kongchan, after listening to Ning Cheng’s words from before, spoke out in imploring yet simple tone towards Xu Yingdei.

However, Xu Yingdei shook her head and spoke, “No, I will not be at ease if I put down Little Xun in this place. I’ll be keeping Little Xun in my hands; it can still convey me the location. However, at this moment Little Xun is not in a position to give us any useful directions, showing that it has still not yet found any clues. We will have to look harder for it ourselves till then.”

Xu Yingdei had just finished, but just when she was about to walk past him, Ning Cheng’s spiritual consciousness immediately detected a faintly discernible shadow that plunged towards Xu Yingdei, who at this moment was at the front of them.

That shadow was incomparably fast and in just a short time rushed within ten meters of Xu Yingdei.

However, Ning Cheng did not begin, he wanted to see if Xu Yingdei was able to discover it or not. Sure enough, once that shadow came within ten meters of Xu Yingdei, Xu Yingdei’s face slightly changed, before she raised her hand and sent out a sword light to split it apart.

“Woo” A sad and shrill sounding cry sounded out, Ning Cheng, with the help of his spiritual consciousness was able to see that the shadow had completely vanished without a trace. It seems that it was completely exterminated by Xu Yingdei’s sword qi.

However, this sad yet shrill sounding cry was especially clear in this cemetery, so much so that it actually transformed into a huge terrifying sound field that easily envelope them as it expanded outwards.

The three of them simply were on the verge of being drowned by this miserable yet shrill cry, forcing them to momentarily stop moving.

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Chapter 304: Underworld Soul Flower

Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness was a lot tougher and stronger than both Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei; as such, he could see that because of this mournful cry, more and more Yin Spirits were rapidly moving towards them.

"Don't remain in a daze, follow me, I'll lead the way for now. Once the Tracking Spiritual Fox is able to find traces of the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, at that moment Xu Yingdei can lead the way." Ning Cheng finished speaking while simultaneously moved quickly in a particular direction where there were fewer Yin Spirits.

Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan on seeing this, also quickly followed behind Ning Cheng, and soon were able to leave that place.

After an hour, Ning Cheng was able to figure out a pattern. That is, as long as they kept walking, even if they were found by some Yin Spirits, those Yin Spirits would only chase them for a short distance before they returned. However, once they stopped, the Yin Spirits would immediately rush towards them.

In case of engaging with the Yin Spirits, after you end up killing a Yin Spirit, you must use your true essence to create a wall around it to block the Yin Spirit's voice from spreading out; otherwise, it would attract even more Yin Spirits.

Ning Cheng along with the other two walked for half a day; however, they did not meet any major problems. Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei were very clear about this in their heart, that even if Ning Cheng did not take the initiative to speak about it, Ning Cheng definitely had the means to navigate through this place.

"You seem to be able to perceive the movements of the Yin Spirits in advance." After the three people continued walking for another hour, Yin Kongchan finally wasn't able to bear it any longer as she finally spoke it out.

Ning Cheng just gave an irrelevant reply, "I have been walking for almost half a day, and I find that although there are some things strange here, however the only thing difficult to deal with here is blocking the poison, so how come you said that once people enter here, they would not be able to come out?"

"That is because we have only been here for less than a day, while at the same time we have also not encountered any Yin Spirit Grooves or the Corpse Obstruction Valley. On the other hand, even if you did not end up encountering the two places, once you run out of Obstruction Dispelling Pills, it would only result in a dead end." Yin Kongchan also gave a casual reply; it seems as if she had really forgotten the question she had asked Ning Cheng a moment ago.

Yin Kongchan had just finished her words, when the three of them immediately found the surroundings turn icy cold. A whimpering and sobbing sound mixed with countless exploding sounds resounded around the three people.

“This is bad; we encountered a Yin Spirit Groove, hurry up and run.....” Yin Kongchan’s warning about escaping had still not finished, when within Ning Cheng’s spiritual consciousness range, innumerable and densely clustered Yin Spirits appeared. What shocked Ning Cheng even more, was that even with his spiritual consciousness deployed to the fullest, he still wasn’t able to sense how these many Yin Spirits had popped out so suddenly.

The Yin Spirits in here, some of their auras were even stronger than Yin Kongchan’s and Xu Yingdei’s.

At this time, Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei also saw many Yin Spirits flocking towards them. The faces of both of them turn white at the sight of this, they were aware that they would not be able to deal with so many Yin Spirits.

Yin Kongchan brought out a round shield, while at the same time threw out two talismans towards Xu Yingdei and Ning Cheng before speaking, “First crush the talisman to get out of this place, we’ll then prepare to re-enter this place later.”

At the same time that she threw out her Minor Teleportation Talismans, she also crushed the Talisman in her hand.

But the next moment, she became dumbfounded. Although she had crushed the Talisman, but she had not even moved an inch from her spot, that is to say, her talisman simply did not have any effect in this place.

From the moment, that Yin Kongchan threw out the Talisman, to the moment she crushed the Talisman, hardly a full moment had transpired, when Xu Yingdei also crushed her Talisman. Seeing that Yin Kongchan was not sent away, she immediately realized that the Minor Teleportation Talismans had some problems. At least the one’s the three of them had were encountering some interference in this place.

Ning Cheng simply put away the talisman, while he immediately brought out his Cosmic True Devil Axe.

Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan also responded quickly, as they brought out their own magical weapons, and began attacking the swarms of Yin Spirits flocking towards them.

These Yin Spirits’ bodies were simply hard to locate without using their spiritual consciousness, moreover the two of them were also afraid of being caught by the Yin Spirits. Causing them to crazily stimulate the magical weapons in their hands. Soon, a true essence barrier formed around the three of them, while they used their magical weapons to kill countless Yin Spirits. A variety of mournful cries erupted, and because of these mournful cries spreading out, it attracted even more Yin Spirits towards them.

Some of the powerful Yin Spirits not only could send out their Yin Claws to attack, but even explode out with Yin Blades. There were even some Yin Spirits among them, who unexpectedly were able to cast out ranged attacks.

Ning Cheng possessed the Cosmic True Devil Axe, combined with his axe intent that was the most suitable for group kills, he immediately erupted with his Axe Line, causing the Yin Spirits to be knocked away dead, rather they were dead the moment they came in contact with it. Moreover, because he also possessed the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, he was not overly afraid of being trapped by them. It

was just that the Yin Spirits surrounding them were simply innumerable, while at the same time very densely packed, causing Ning Cheng to not dare to escape while carrying Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan. Once he took the two of them to rush out, being screwed over by Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan would simply be a minor matter, as he himself would be trapped in this place.

To waste thousands of talisman, only to blow up these Yin Spirits, even he felt a bit reluctant. In this place, he had already observed that talismans played a very important role, moreover if he stimulated many Talismans together, it would indeed become a powerful tool for him. If he had known earlier that he would be coming to this place, he would not have wasted so many talismans on that battle ring.

It was still a lot better for Ning Cheng as he had a few attack methods with a wide scope and a wider range, however Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei were a lot more miserable, even when their cultivations were far stronger than Ning Cheng's was. However, because their spiritual consciousness was not able to extend out to a hundred meters in this hidden mist like Ning Cheng, as such the two, in order to avoid being suddenly attacked by the Yin Spirits, had to spend more than ten times the efforts that Ning Cheng was expending.

Yin Kongchan had surrounded herself with a round shield, coupled with a pair of white gloves, she used a jade ruler as her magical weapon. Xu Yingdei had a defensive type bell suspended over her head, while she used a blue-green sword as her attacking magical weapon.

Because they did not know from where the Yin Spirits would attack from next, so at the moment they no longer had any other choice but to go into a full defensive mode. Moreover, the two people's attacking means were also inferior to Ning Cheng who had comprehended and upgraded his Axe Line's group kill skills in the Angry Axe Valley, as a result their consumption was far higher than Ning Cheng's, while the situation was also not as good as Ning Cheng's.

At this moment, the two of them already were in a dishevelled state, rather it could be said that they were even on the verge of panicking.

Those Yin Spirits seemed to realize that Ning Cheng was more difficult to deal with Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei, however since they had the nature of bullying the weak and fearing the strong, as a result the situation was more relaxed for Ning Cheng.

Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan were also going all out to resist the attacks from the high level Yin Spirits, and were in no mood to pay any attention to Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng originally wanted to rely on his Axe Line and let the three of them work together to push these Yin Spirits back together. But now that he saw more and more Yin Spirits rushing towards them because of the increasing mournful cries, he knew that if he did not risk it now, and waited for higher level Yin Spirits to arrive, it simply would be too late to try to risk it.

Thinking until here, Ning Cheng directly took out thousands of talismans before throwing them all out. Once these talismans were thrown out, it resulted in countless terrifying explosions that completely engulfed their surroundings. For a moment, flames overflowed into the sky, while thunder and lightning boomed.

With so many talismans exploding, some of the low levelled Yin Spirits surrounding them were directly burnt to their deaths by Ning Cheng's talismans. Some of the high level Yin Spirits were also alarmed as

they moved back as if afraid, creating a gap. Ning Cheng immediately took advantage of this gap as he grabbed Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei, while simultaneously directly used his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds to flicker away from that location.

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This time, Ning Cheng did not casually drop Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei, but rather properly put the two of them on the ground, and then asked, "Was that the Yin Spirit Groove that you spoke off?"

Yin Kongchan casually arranged her clothes and hair, before she spoke with a sigh, "Thank you for saving me again. Yin Spirit Groove is a place where Yin Qi gathers, it is somewhat like the Spiritual Veins that we cultivators eye. The Yin Spirit Groove is also a place where many Yin Spirits lurk around in hiding, if the Yin Spirits lurking there did not ambush you, then that place would be extremely difficult to find even with the help of spiritual consciousness. But once these lurking Yin Spirits are disturbed, they would swarm out in the shortest possible time."

Xu Yingdei did not speak, but silently sorted out her clothes, and then placed the sword she was carrying on her back into her ring, while she once again brought out her Seeker Spiritual Fox and held it in her hands. Probably because amongst the three people, her role was the least effective.

"Little Xun found something." Xu Yingdei suddenly spoke up while sounding pleasantly surprised. Finished speaking, she turned towards Ning Cheng and said, "From here we have to move straight."

It seems that she already became aware that Ning Cheng leading the way was much better than she herself leading was; as such, she simply told Ning Cheng the direction in which to proceed.

Ning Cheng followed the direction of Xu Yingdei. Bringing the Yin Kongchan duo, they only had to walk for around the time it took for an incense stick to burn, before they arrived before a pitch black lake. Rather than saying it as black lake, it would be more appropriate to describe it as an underground ditch.

The water inside this lake was jet black in color, while some bones could be seen floating in the surface of this black water, which made any person looking at it to feel extremely uncomfortable in their hearts.

There were also a few bones strewn about the banks of this pitch black lake, but these bones turned to flying ash the moment they touched the three people's feet.

In the middle of this black lake, there was a small bulge that resembled a small raised hill, while at the top of this small hill-like protrusion was a flower that was the purest of white resembling the untouched snow. The lake itself was pitch black and was filled with pitch black water, but seeing such a pure white flower growing in the middle of it, it was something that was extremely strange.

"That's the Underworld Soul Flower....." Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei were both knowledgeable people, so seeing this flower, both of them exclaimed out in surprise.

The value of this flower was absolutely not less than the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, rather in some aspects it was even above the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence.

Ning Cheng, of course, also knew about the Underworld Soul Flower, he had read the introduction of the Underworld Soul Flower, and was aware that the conditions demanded for its growth was simply too

harsh. But he had never thought that he would truly be able to encounter an Underworld Soul Flower today.

According to the legends, the purest thing of the world is the spiritual soul, while the filthiest thing of the world was also the spiritual soul.

The Underworld Soul Flower needs the purest spiritual soul aura for its nourishment, however to obtain the purest soul qi, you would have to first wash away the filth from the spiritual soul aura. The reason why the lake water was so dark, should have been resulted because of the long term cleansing of the filthy soul qi.

The Underworld Soul Flower was a true top tier spiritual grass, and required the earthly spiritual qi along with pure netherworld soul qi in order to nurture it. After a cultivator dies, as long as there is even a trace of their Soul Essence left behind, you could then use the Underworld Soul Flower to protect it, while at the same time you could even use it to grow and strengthen the Soul Essence. Compared to the Soul Raising Wood, one simply wouldn't be able to say as to how many grades higher was the Underworld Soul Flower.

"The two of you should back off..." Ning Cheng on seeing the Underworld Soul Flower for the first time, he immediately decided to take this flower away.

"Are you going to collect the Underworld Soul Flower?" Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan shot surprised looks at Ning Cheng, they were well aware that they were not qualified to collect the Underworld Soul Flower, as they were also aware that if the Underworld Soul Flower were something that easy to collect, then the black lake here would not have so many bones of the dead.

"Ning Cheng, this is the Hidden Mist Cemetery's Deep Soul Black Lake, which contains innumerable slumbering Yin Spirits. Once you cross this black lake, and try to collect the Underworld Soul Flower, these slumbering Yin Spirits would awaken immediately, and would even rush out towards you in an instant. Compared to the Yin Spirit Groove, it is several times more dangerous. The reason why the Hidden Mist Cemetery contains ghost cultivators is because of the flower you are seeing before you today, showing just how terrifying it is." Yin Kongchan was afraid that Ning Cheng was not clear on things, as she once again tried to explain the things in detail.

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Chapter 305: Three Years Of Life

Ning Cheng just took a look at the already blackened bones floating around in the jet black lake, and realized just how difficult was it to collect the Underworld Soul Flower. But even if it was something difficult to acquire, he had to get his hands on it. If he did not possess his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds then it would have been a completely different matter. But now that he did indeed possess the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, if he did not try it out, then wouldn't he keep regretting it in the future?

Thinking of these points, Ning Cheng did not explain anything to Yin Kongchan, as he stood there at the shore of the Profound Soul Dark Lake to observe the topography.

Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei have been together with Ning Cheng for a while now; as such, they were able to gleam a bit of Ning Cheng's temperament. They were aware that once Ning Cheng decided on

something, then trying to persuade Ning Cheng just based on their relationship with him was completely out of the question. Moreover, Ning Cheng also possessed the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, as such with regarding to collecting the Underworld Soul Flower under these conditions; he would not give up unless he did not at least try it once.

Sure enough, after Ning Cheng observed the surrounding for a few breaths of time, he immediately shot into the sky, as he directly rushed towards the heart of the dark lake. Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei who were still at the edges of the lake were nervously staring at Ning Cheng, once Ning Cheng fell into the Profound Soul Lake then even if they did manage to obtain the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, they would not be able to come out.

Just at Ning Cheng rushed over the dark lake; he immediately felt a terrifying suction. This suction was not even half a point weaker than what he experienced at the Blood River Mountains. At that time, he was not able to block the suction force emerging from the whirlpools of the Blood River Mountains and as a result ended up being sucked into the bottom of the Blood River. However, his cultivation had soared by a huge margin since then, as such after a brief period of time, even though Ning Cheng was pulled down, he still was able to come to a stop and hover half a feet above the jet black waters of the dark lake.

Although he did not have a deep understanding of this dark lake, but Ning Cheng was completely aware that once he fell into the dark lake, the only thing that he would be moving towards would be death.

At this moment, Ning Cheng's heart was starting to be filled with fear, while at the same time; he was struggling to stimulate the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds. Finally, he was able to incite the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds to a frequency that was several times faster than before, allowing Ning Cheng to finally get out of the lake.

Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei who were looking at him from the side-lines also gave out a relieved sigh. A moment ago, Ning Cheng had almost fallen into the dark lake.

"Boom, boom, boom....." Ning Cheng had not rushed out very far, when the entire dark lake erupted with a roar, as countless torrents of the pitch black water rushed towards Ning Cheng. At this moment, Ning Cheng was only ten feet away from the island at the heart of the lake.

The seemingly endless black water was swarmed with densely packed Yin Spirits. The density of Yin Spirits in here was even higher than the Yin Spirit Groove that the Ning Cheng trio had encountered just recently.

Ning Cheng once again grabbed a handful of talismans and threw them out. If was on ground, then even if he had to face so many Yin Spirits, he still had several ways to deal with them. But in this sort of place, he did not dare to even bring out his Cosmic True Devil Axe. The suction force from the dark lake was too powerful, once he brought out his True Devil Axe then perhaps the next moment, he would immediately plummet into the dark lake. Although both his true essence and spiritual consciousness was a lot stronger than others were, it would still not be enough in this kind of place.

The explosions from talismans immediately filled and ripped through the dark waters of this dark lake, as countless Yin Spirits were blown into nothingness because of the talismans, however even more Yin

Spirits rushed out from the dark lake to take their places. This Yin Spirits even formed a pitch black mist, which moved to confine Ning Cheng from all four directions.

Not to mention about Ning Cheng being dragged down into the dark lake once again. Even if Ning Cheng were not dragged into the dark lake, once he was covered by this black fog formed by these spirits, then the only destination for him would be death.

Ning Cheng gave a sigh, as he frantically wielded the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, while he constantly threw out talismans. Moreover, from the inside of his ring, he even took out the talisman that he had received from the skeleton at the bottom of the Blood River. He was aware that he had done a wrong thing in the past, that is, he should not have waited for the Yin Spirits to come out before blasting them apart with the talismans. He should have constantly thrown out a few talismans on his way before the Yin Spirits came out, that way, even if the Yin Spirits came out, he would have been able to block those Yin Spirits with those talismans, while he kept moving forward noiselessly under the cover of the explosions.

Xu Yingdei, who still kept an eye on Ning Cheng, suddenly took out a pill and swallowed it. Before Yin Kongchan could even react, she had already rushed towards the edges of the dark lake. At the same time, a snow white ribbon appeared in her hands that was akin to a strip of white silk, as it shot out.

This white silk strip, in just a short time, transformed into a huge long white silk bridge in just a twinkling of an eye. This white silk bridge looked as if it appeared out of thin air over the black waters, and in just the time it took for a breath, it extended towards Ning Cheng's feet. The black waters had an extremely powerful suction, but this snow white silk unexpectedly did not sink even a tiny bit.

It was already a critical moment for Ning Cheng, so once he saw the snow white silk beneath his feet, he immediately stepped onto it. Ning Cheng did not have the luxury to think of how Xu Yingdei possessed such a powerful true essence and spiritual consciousness, as he borrowed its power to bring out his True Devil Axe and swept out with it.

An Axe Line swept out while a vortex formed from his axe intent spread around him, which blew open the black mist that was slowly gathering around him under the influence of the Yin Spirits. The next moment, Ning Cheng appeared on the island at the lake's heart.

The refreshing fragrance from the Underworld Soul Flower hit him. Ning Cheng took a whiff of it and could feel himself relaxing while feeling happy in his heart. However, Ning Cheng was aware that since the Yin Spirits were currently in a disordered state, he had to seize this opportunity. He no longer hesitated or thought of any other things, as he directly went ahead and dug up the only Underworld Soul Flower on the island, before he put it into his ring and once again crazily stimulated his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds as he once again rushed towards the shore.

At this moment, Xu Yingdei's snow white silk had already been retracted and disappeared, but Ning Cheng had the experience from before, so he did not wait for the Yin Spirits to come up, before he started throwing out talismans. Once he was surrounded by these Yin Spirits, along with the suction from the dark lake, even if he used up all of his talismans at that time, it would be difficult to break through. If it were not for Xu Yingdei's snow white silk, then the only option for him would have been to crush that talisman to escape.

Since at this time, Ning Cheng had started throwing out talismans in advance, those Yin Spirits weren't able to catch sight of Ning Cheng, allowing Ning Cheng to utilize the explosions from the talismans as a cover to narrowly escape to the shore.

"Xu Yingdei, this time I really have to thank ..." Ning Cheng had just landed and was about to thank Xu Yingdei, when he suddenly found himself at a loss of words.

Just a few moments ago, Xu Yingdei's hair was pure black in color, but at this moment her long hair had turned snow white, although there was no change in her beautiful appearance, but this kind of change indicated that her vitality had fallen to the lowest point, even her skin did not have that ruddiness and shine from before, even her originally calm water-like eyes had a hint of greyish death aura.

"What happened?" Ning Cheng asked in shock.

Yin Kongchan walked up, she also took a careful look at Xu Yingdei before she spoke to Ning Cheng, "In order to stimulate the white silk strip, she swallowed the Burning Life Pill. The Burning Life Pill, once swallowed, would over stimulate the entire body's potential, which leads to one possessing extreme power for a short amount of time, but because of this it only left Xu Yingdei with just 10 more years to live. However, this Xu Yingdei, in order to preserve her appearance, after she swallowed the Burning Life Pill, she once again burned off her remaining life span, leaving her with a life expectancy of only three years."

Ning Cheng on listening to the words of Yin Kongchan only felt deep gratitude towards Xu Yingdei, while at the same time also felt his heart turn cold within this feeling of gratitude. He simply did not have any feelings towards Xu Yingdei, even friendship was something not on the table between them, so for Xu Yingdei to do such a thing for him meant that she indeed had an unshakable feeling of love towards him.

In the event that Ning Cheng's heart was a little cruel, he could simply take this thing in a completely non-serious manner, however Ning Cheng knew that he would not be able to do such a thing. Knowing that Xu Yingdei used a Burning Life Pill to save him, it inadvertently caused a mark to be carved out on his heart, a mark he simply would not be able to erase.

"Why?" For the first time, Ning Cheng felt completely out of his mind about why the other person had done such a thing, as even a thought about such a thing was something too crazy.

Xu Yingdei simply gave a smile; her smile was like a cold wind swaying the pear blossoms, poignant and endearing, making Ning Cheng unable to meet her eyes.

"You saved me once, so I also had to save you once. You don't have to think about it, nor does it have anything to do with love. Even if I am not able to advance to the Soul Sculpting Realm in these three years, I do not have anything to regret." Xu Yingdei spoke in a completely relaxed tone, as if what she spoke was something ordinary.

Xu Yingdei's expression was not the same as when they had mutually saved each other once before, rather it was repayment of her feelings from before. Although Ning Cheng was not able to see it, but Yin Kongchan was actually able to see it. It ended up causing her heart to tremble; she knew that Xu Yingdei was the first to step up in that situation. She and Ning Cheng had spent some time with each other already; as such, she had some understandings towards what kind of person Ning Cheng was.

Ning Cheng was completely different from other ordinary cultivators, although Ning Cheng had a very fierce mouth, and seemed as if he did not care about the things he incited while also was unruly with his behaviour. However, Ning Cheng's heart was just like a blank sheet of paper when compared to those unscrupulous cultivators who pursued the path of cultivation.

If she could see it, then Xu Yingdei definitely was able to see it, as a result choose Ning Cheng. Whether or not Xu Yingdei really loved Ning Cheng, she was clearer than anyone else, especially when it came to the cultivation methods of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect. When it came to love, it had to be something absolutely genuine and sincere towards a man, it cannot be even half a bit false, to the point that they could even offer up their life if needed.

Only in this manner, can the other person really like them, letting them fall in love with each other. But once the time came for severing their emotions, it had to be done in the most ruthless and the most heartless manner. Even if both of them underwent innumerable life and death situations with each other, even if both of them delved deeper into each other for emotional sustenance, but once the emotions were completely severed, all of these would simply turn into ethereal illusions.

Yin Kongchan suddenly felt a cold shiver go through her. She lowered her head, as she somewhat regretted agreeing to Xu Yingdei's decision of joining the hunt for the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence.

The three people turned completely silent, Ning Cheng simply did not know what to think and it was only after a long while did he speak up, "You swallowed the Burning Life Pill, is there no way to recover from it?"

Xu Yingdei gave a deep look at Ning Cheng, but did not answer Ning Cheng's question, as she slowly turned and left.

Yin Kongchan watched Xu Yingdei leave, before she quietly spoke up, "There are only two ways through which she could recover, the first is to find a Rank 9 Spiritual Fruit called Frost Sprout, while the second is for her to advance to the Soul Sculpting Realm within these three years. Xu Yingdei is already at the great circle of the Soul Essence Realm; as such it is not impossible for her to advance to the Soul Sculpting Realm within these three years."

Yin Kongchan meant that they obviously had to look for the Frost Sprout; however, this kind of thing was not something that could be found easily. In other words, Xu Yingdei advancing to the Soul Sculpting Realm in three years was the only way.

"Frost Sprout?" Ning Cheng repeated a few words.

Yin Kongchan nodded, "Yes, this Frost Sprout is a spiritual growth fruit, and its grade is also not lower than the Underworld Soul Flower that you just obtained. According to the legends, it is something that can only be found and also germinated in the centre of a huge frost. Xu Yingdei currently is now equivalent to being struck with frost; as such, the Frost Sprout can help restore her. Only, an object like Frost Sprout is extremely rare, and is a treasure that you can only wish for and not chance upon."

"Thank you, I understand." Ning Cheng spoke, then walking a few steps, arrived in front of Xu Yingdei and spoke, "You just follow behind me, if Little Xun is able to feel any spiritual qi fluctuations, then just tell me."

“Um.” Xu Yingdei just like a well-behaved child followed behind Ning Cheng.

With a slight shake of her head, Yin Kongchan took up the rear position, as they started walking. The three people originally were looking for the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, but now the three of them were thinking of different things. Although they were walking in the same direction, they simply had no topic to discuss.

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Chapter 306: I Guess You’re Not

“Ning Cheng, if you really have the Mirage Tree on you, then craft a wooden box from the materials of the Mirage Tree, it is the best method for preserving the Underworld Soul Flower. However, the value of the Mirage Tree is much higher than the Underworld Soul Flower.” Yin Kongchan finally interrupted the silence between the three.

“What is the value of the Mirage Tree?” Ning Cheng did indeed possess a withered up Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree, but he truly did not know the role of this Mirage Tree.

“I heard that it has some relationship with Dao Charms, however only after cultivating to a certain extent would anyone be able to understand them, as such I myself am not very clear about it. Moreover, I also have heard that the Mirage Tree could be used for crafting. While the magical weapons crafted from it would exceed best quality true artefacts. Of course, no one would use this kind of stuff for crafting.” Yin Kongchan gave a very vague answer, from this, it could be gleamed that although she was aware that a Mirage Tree was very precious, but as to the specific value of the Mirage Tree, she herself did not have a clear understanding.

Xu Yingdei suddenly spoke up, “One of the effects of the Mirage Tree is to restore the methods, techniques and Dao Heart.”

Ning Cheng stopped, “Since that is the case, then let us wait for some time, at least till I am able to safely put away the Underworld Soul Flower.”

He understood the meaning of Xu Yingdei’s words, for Xu Yingdei to want the branch of the Mirage Tree; it was certainly for her grandmother. However, Ning Cheng did not immediately take out this kind of thing; he could only thank Xu Yingdei for her efforts at this moment. However thanking her did not mean that he was showing her love, of course, he would definitely help Xu Yingdei to revert back to her original self, and then at the time of their parting, he would leave behind a branch for her.

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In the Hidden Mist Cemetery, although Ning Cheng’s cultivation was the lowest, but his survival ability in this kind of place was undoubtedly the most formidable. Since Ning Cheng had asked them to stop, Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan duo also had no objections.

Yin Kongchan even took the initiative to bring out a mansion and set up array formations on the outside. Giving a room to Ning Cheng alone, Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei took to another room.

Even if they had limited time, Ning Cheng still choose to spend some time to preserve the Underworld Soul Flower. Moreover, the two of them also did not have any means to refute it.

Ning Cheng first used the True Brahma Sword to cut off a few branches from the Mirage Tree. Although he could not use the Mirage Tree itself to craft a wooden box, but he still used these few branches to craft a rough looking wooden box. He then put the Underworld Soul Flower into the box then placed the wooden box into a previously crafted jade box, before placing a number of restrictions on it.

In order to preserve the Underworld Soul Flower, Ning Cheng wasted a full day in this place. Although inside the Hidden Mist Cemetery, time was precious for the three of them, Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei did not say anything.

“I suddenly thought of something. Now that your Transfer Talisman is useless. So even if we did manage to get our hands on the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, how would we get out of this place?” Ning Cheng finally came out of his room, and the first thing he asked Yin Kongchan was about how they would come out of this place.

Yin Kongchan also casually replied, “Originally, I was ready to get out of this place using that method, but at present even I cannot go out. So when we find the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, the three of us would be on our own. If you want to, we can continue to work as a team, if not then each of us will be going our separate ways.”

Ning Cheng also did not refute it. Since they were already in this predicament. Whether or not he was dissatisfied with Yin Kongchan, he also knew that there was no other way.

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Although Ning Cheng had already thrown away the jade strip that stated that the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence was inside the Hidden Mist Cemetery, they were aware that they did not have a detailed position for the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence. As a result, even if they had the Seeker Spiritual Fox, even on the sixth day, they still had no clue about the whereabouts of the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence.

On the seventh day, Ning Cheng suddenly changed his direction. And along the way, the Yin Spirits that they encountered also increased significantly, as such the three people had to help out each other in an increased frequency, especially since they rarely met any during the previous days.

Although Yin Kongchan did not want to talk, but even she could not help but ask, “Why did you suddenly change the direction? Before when you were leading the way, you did not choose this path. You used to choose the path with fewer Yin Spirits. Why did you change it now?”

“I don’t think we would be able to find it on that path. Its name is ‘Geocentric 9 Yin Essence’, as such although I have not seen what it looks like, but from its name, one can glean that this kind of stuff was something that came out from the deeper parts of the ground. I’ve always looked for places with lower concentrations of Yin Spirits, but that’s not the right way. I’m going to choose a low terrain from now, however whether we can find it or not is not certain.”

Ning Cheng’s answer can be said to be illogical, but these people knew that there was no other way. Other than listening to Ning Cheng, they simply did not have anything to do. If in two days, even if they were not looking for the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, they would still have to look for a way out.

Ning Cheng walked for two full days on the downward sloped terrain, while at the same time the number of Yin Spirits were also increasing along the way.

“We can’t go on like this; we have to find out way out now otherwise, we will just be adding three more piles of bones to this cemetery.” As the eighth day was about two pass, Yin Kongchan finally stopped and spoke.

Ning Cheng calmly looked at Yin Kongchan and asked, “Find our way out? If you know how to go out, then I will gladly come with you at this very moment.”

Yin Kongchan immediately turned speechless, if she knew the direction from where she could go out, she would have already prepared herself to go back. Although the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence was important to her, but it was more important to not leave her life in this place.

“Little Xun found a spiritual object.....” Xu Yingdei, who had been silent for a past few days, suddenly spoke up with a pleasantly surprised voice.

Xu Yingdei’s words immediately caused the argument between Ning Cheng and Yin Kongchan to come to an abrupt halt, as both of them looked at Xu Yingdei.

Although a few days ago, that Spiritual Fox Little Xun also found a spiritual object, but that spiritual object turned out to be an Underworld Soul Flower. Whether it was the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence this time or not, any spiritual object found in this place, would definitely not be ordinary.

“You better lead the way.” Yin Kongchan spoke without hesitation.

Needless to say, even without Yin Kongchan’s reminded, Xu Yingdei had already walked to the front, while Ning Cheng and Yin Kongchan quickly followed her.

After the time it took for an incense stick to burn, Ning Cheng suddenly called out to Xu Yingdei, “Don’t go further.”

“We have already arrived; Little Xun is pointing towards a place three feet in front of us.” Xu Yingdei stopped and pointed to a pitch black rock at a distance not far from them.

“There is nothing here.” Yin Kongchan looked confused. Other than the piece of stone in front of them, it was only empty space.

Before Xu Yingdei spoke, Ning Cheng spoke out in a bit louder voice, “Although there is nothing here, but as long as we walk a few meters further, we will end up entering a Yin Spirit Groove.”

Since they had already experienced the dangers of a Yin Spirit Groove, Ning Cheng as such paid special attention towards the Yin Spirit Grooves.

“How can you say that there is a Yin Spirit Groove? Aah no, Little Xun clearly said that there is a spiritual object here.” Xu Yingdei spoke out as if she did not believe what she heard.

Ning Cheng gave a nod, “Little Xun should not be wrong, as in the middle of the Yin Spirit Groove, there is an entrance to a natural concealment array formation. This Concealment Array Formation is a naturally occurring one but is of Rank 7, and is equivalent to something a Tier 8 Array Formation Grand Master would lay out. It’s normal that you can’t see it.”

“How can you recognize a Rank 7 Natural Concealment Array Formation?” Yin Kongchan asked in shock as she stared at Ning Cheng, even Xu Yingdei could not believe it as she stared at Ning Cheng.

To cultivate a Tier 7 Array Formation Grand Master would require at the very least a few hundred to a thousand years of time while having exceptional talent. Just how old was Ning Cheng? Was he an old monster?

Ning Cheng shook his head, "You don't have to look at me like that I'm not a Tier 7 Array Formation Grand Master yet however I can definitely enter through the entrance of this Concealment Array Formation."

Although Ning Cheng was not a Tier 7 Array Formation Grandmaster, but he was still a Tier 6 Array Formation Grand Master. The reason he was able to find the array formation and even quickly discover the entrance to the array formation, was all thanks to his experience in the Blood River Mountains and also at the bottom of the Blood River Mountains.

He had survived for a few years inside the array formation at the bottom of the Blood River Mountains, so how could ordinary array formations even compare to it? Ning Cheng's memory and reasoning abilities were already unmatched even before he obtained the Mysterious Yellow Bead. Coupled with the help from the Mysterious Yellow Origin, his few years of array formation deductions inside that place could be compared to several decades or even several centuries of deductions of others.

Although Ning Cheng said that he was still not a Tier 7 Array Formation Grandmaster, Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei was still in shock. Even if he was not a Tier 7 Array Formation Grandmaster, for him to claim that he could enter the Rank 7 Natural Concealment Array Formation, meant that his level was absolutely not below a Tier 6 Array Formation Grandmaster. Moreover, it also showed that this kind of Array Formation Grandmaster was simply not comparable to other ordinary Array Formation Grandmasters.

Ning Cheng looked at Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei and spoke, "There are two ways we can do this, first is I'll take you in, but I will have to hold onto you. I can't just carry you by just holding hands. Second is, I'll go in alone, while the two of you wait for me here."

"I'll go in with you." Xu Yingdei spoke up immediately as Ning Cheng's words finished.

Yin Kongchan, however hesitated for a brief moment, before she also followed suit with Xu Yingdei and spoke, "I'll also go in with you."

Ning Cheng on hearing their words, no longer spoke any nonsense, as he wrapped his hands conveniently around Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei, before he rushed out towards the Yin Spirit Groove while embracing the two of them on each of his side.

Both Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan felt their entire body go tight, immediately realizing that Ning Cheng was embracing them. The two women's heart suddenly leapt up, even if they used their cultivations to suppress their emotions but this kind of physiological change was not something that they could suppress.

Do not look at the indifferent appearance of the two people, nor their way of casually speaking about taboo things. But because they were actually held in the arms of a man in such a manner, they were simply not able to calm themselves. Sometimes, it's one thing to speak about such things, but completely different matter to actually do it.

When Ning Cheng embraced the two women, he had not thought much about it at all. But when the two soft bodies actually were being held in his arms, even if he did not try to think about it, he simply was not able to control his involuntary physiological reactions.

At this moment, he suddenly thought of Ji Luofei and remembered the time when he and Ji Luofei embraced each other in that small rest stop. A dry heat started to rise up from the depths of his heart, making Ning Cheng suddenly feel that he could not wait to rip off all the clothes of the two women in his arms.

“Roar.....” The seemingly endless Yin Spirits awoke, and once again, just like a thick black mist, spread out to bind Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng was already surprised in his heart, he had already understood that the phenomenon of Yang Qi incinerating the body had not completely disappeared after he had stopped his cultivation and exited the Small Spiritual Domain. In this sober moment, how could he dare to continue with his blind and disorderly conjectures, with a few twist and turns along with a few spins of his body, they were able to bypass the Yin Spirit Groove.

As Ning Cheng’s body spun, his figure also gradually started to fade away. Although the innumerable Yin Spirits flocked towards him, but before they could get to him before he disappeared. Those seemingly infinite Yin Spirits, unable to sense Ning Cheng anymore, once more settled down.

Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei were in Ning Cheng’s embrace, so Ning Cheng’s body temperature rising, his somewhat ragged breathing and even the slight tightening of his embrace on them, were all felt by the two of them.

Although they have not experienced this kind of thing, but that did not mean they did not understand what was happening. As to why Ning Cheng was in this kind of state, the two of them immediately seemingly realized it.

Fortunately, this kind of embarrassment did not last long, before Ning Cheng put the two of them down.

The scarlet blush on Yin Kongchan’s face also faded, before she looked at Ning Cheng and spoke, “I always thought that you were a saint, but it seems you are not.”

“Geocentric 9 Yin Essence.....” Xu Yingdei’s shocked voice interrupted the awkward words between Ning Cheng and Yin Kongchan.

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Chapter 307: Geocentric 9 Yin Essence

Ning Cheng and Yin Kongchan also saw the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, although the three of them had never seen the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence before, but at this moment when they saw the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence in their sights, the three of them were sure that this was definitely the thing that they were looking for.

Ning Cheng had always thought that the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence was a kind of geocentric liquid that seeped out of rocks from deep underground, but today he finally realized that the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence was actually something that was condensed outside by a plant.

In front of the three of them was a bare hill, with some gravel around the foot of the hill. The hill appeared grey in color and was around a few dozen feet high. The top of the hill grew just one single leaf plant around three feet in height. The plant was just like a sunflower; however, there was a round fruit at the top. It was this round fruit that caused the plant to have a slightly bent down posture. At the bottom of the fruit, one could see a drop of bright red liquid hanging precariously as if it was about to drip down.

The three people could observe it clearly with their spiritual consciousness, and realized that it was this red liquid that was the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence. At this time, they also observed a small stone trough beneath the fruit of the plant, and could see that this trough was already half filled with the red liquid. However, this stone trough was very small, even though the trough was half full, the amount in it was only enough to fill just two to three bottles.

"I truly never expected that the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence was something that seeped out of a plant."

Ning Cheng gave a long sigh, but then he suddenly thought of something, as then turned his gaze towards Yin Kongchan and said, "You said that the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds would be needed to obtain the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, but from what I see, this place does not need the usage of the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds."

Yin Kongchan spoke in a soft voice, "That is because you did not disturb the plant that condenses the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence. Once the plant is alarmed, this bare hill in front of us would immediately start to manifest an ice cold frost. Not to mention about our cultivations, even with the cultivation of Sea Opening Realm, just standing on this hill would turn you into an ice sculpture in an instant. Moreover....."

As she spoke that last word, Yin Kongchan stared into Ning Cheng's eyes. Before she spoke word by word, "There is only a single chance to grab the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, that is, before you turn into an icicle, you must not only step onto that hill but also completely take away the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence in that stone trough in one swoop. Otherwise, it would be equivalent to all of us turning white. Once the plant that condenses the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence is alarmed, then it would even freeze the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence in the stone trough into nothingness."

[TL Note – 'Turning White' here means 'making a trip in vain and ended up dying/turning into a ghost'.]

Ning Cheng understood what Yin Kongchan meant, as he asked again, in shock, "In other words, even if I have the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, there is only a single chance to obtain it? Just going near it, would inevitably alarm that plant that condenses the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence?"

"Yes, you only have a single chance. Moreover the sooner you are able to start the better it would be, if we stand here for too long, it would inadvertently disturb the plant." Yin Kongchan looked at the plant at the top of the hill and replied with a sigh.

Ning Cheng no longer asked any other question, just took out two jade bottles and carefully positioned them in his hands. He estimated that the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence in the stone trough could only fill up two bottles.

After getting ready, Ning Cheng immediately stepped forward. Then he suddenly brought out his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds.

An ice cold chill was seeping out from the bare hill, which Ning Cheng could immediately feel. A layer of white frost unexpectedly started to cover the grey coloured bare hill in just a moment. Which was followed by a kind of terrorizing cold that directly moved toward Ning Cheng. It felt as if in just the next moment it would completely freeze Ning Cheng's Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds.

Not good, it looks like the plant was alarmed, moreover this ice cold chill was actually radiating out from below. Once the stone trough containing the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence was frozen, then for him to take such a huge risk to come here, would be equivalent to doing useless hard work. Ning Cheng wielded his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds in a crazy manner, as he immediately rushed up.

Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei who were a bit farther away looked at the bare hill in shock, as the hill was actually gradually turning white from the bottom moving towards the top, this moment resembled ordinary running water freezing up, as it transformed into ice from the bottom towards the top, which caused the two of them to feel extremely nervous.

If it was an ordinary place, the distance of a few dozen feet was simply not worth mentioning in front of Ning Cheng's Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, as it would not even require more than a wave from it to cover the distance. But in this place, from every wave of the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, one could actually feel the inexhaustible pressure that came from the ice cold chill.

Moreover, even the space around the bare hill seemed have been frozen cold, letting him feel as if he was moving through an extremely viscous syrup.

When the chill started to invade Ning Cheng from his feet, it even condensed a layer of frost over his feet, causing Ning Cheng's heart to go tight. He knew that once the chill managed to completely seep into him before he reached the summit of the bare hill, it would be equivalent of 'turning white' as mentioned by Yin Kongchan.

Thinking of this, Ning Cheng suddenly started forcibly churning his qi and blood, causing the trace of Small Spiritual Domain's residual poisonous Yang Qi to also flare up. At this moment, the layer of frost covering his feet also instantly disappeared into thin air.

Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei were very familiar with that hot Yang Qi, which was because when they were being held by Ning Cheng a while ago, Ning Cheng's body also gave off a similar kind of hot aura.

Yin Kongchan understood in a flash that Ning Cheng had not deliberately tightened his embrace on her; it seems that it was because of the influence from this kind of aura.

As Ning Cheng dispelled the chill from his feet, his speed also increased a bit. Once again furiously wielding the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, Ning Cheng finally was able to get close to the stone trough.

At this point, even if Ning Cheng did not think about it, he immediately grabbed the stone trough and poured the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence into the two jade bottles, then sealing up the jade bottles, he directly put them into his ring.

In the moment Ning Cheng put away the jade bottles into his ring, a terrifyingly cold aura swept over towards him. Just like an ice cold expanse of whiteness, it completely covered Ning Cheng and the bare hill in front of Ning Cheng. Ning Cheng's Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds also seemed to have frozen

stiff, and looked as if it could not be wielded anymore. The next moment, Ning Cheng was just like a broken kite as he plunged down from the air.

Ning Cheng was extremely horrified in his heart, as the farther he fell down, the more terrifying the cold became. He simply was not able to take any action, even his consciousness was starting to blur.

Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan, almost at the same time, rushed up.

“Bang.....” Ning Cheng smashed into the hands of the two people, causing the two people to directly hit the ground, as the three of them fell into a heap.

Just a fall of two feet, yet even after two cultivators at the great circle of Soul Essence Realm teamed up, they unexpectedly were not able to fully break Ning Cheng’s fall rather it even caused the three people to fall into a heap.

“Kaka.....” At this moment, sounds of bones breaking could be heard from Ning Cheng’s body, just like icicles breaking off, the sounds were extremely clear.

Yin Kongchan finally extracted herself from the heap with difficulty, as she picked up Ning Cheng and spoke to Xu Yingdei, “Hurry up, the chill inside would grow heavier with each moment, ultimately it would freeze all three of us into ice.”

Xu Yingdei also was aware that the situation was urgent. Barely able to stand up, she stumbled behind Yin Kongchan, and quickly escaped the range of this terrifying grey hill.

Once the three of them left, the chill also started dissipating, before it finally disappeared as if it never happened.

Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei, who were standing a bit farther from the foot of the hill, were in much better condition than Ning Cheng was. Moreover, since Ning Cheng’s cultivation was theoretically the lowest among them, as such he was the one who had to bear the biggest brunt, as almost all of his internal organs were frozen. At this time, in order to maintain the integrity of his body, Yin Kongchan immediately rushed out, otherwise his body would have completely fallen apart after freezing over.

“Ning Cheng should be okay, right?” Xu Yingdei wiped the blood from the corners of his mouth that was spilled because of the cold, as she nervously asked.

Yin Kongchan also looked at Ning Cheng, before she frowned and spoke, “His condition is a bit more serious, he is completely unconscious.”

Then Yin Kongchan looked in all four directions around them before speaking, “Don’t you feel that there is something strange here? Not only is our spiritual consciousness able to extend ten times that from the Hidden Mist Cemetery, but this place is also incomparably spacious.”

Xu Yingdei also gave an En sound, but did not give a direct answer to Yin Kongchan’s question, rather she pointed to Ning Cheng in Yin Kongchan’s arms and spoke “You can give him to me, I can help him a bit with my true essence.”

However, Yin Kongchan did not hand over Ning Cheng to Xu Yingdei. She just replied coldly, “You want to sever your emotions. But for that, you’ll have to wait for Ning Cheng to wake up. Currently Ning Cheng is severely injured, so I’m not completely sure about giving him to you.”

Xu Yingdei also spoke out in a mournful voice, "I even swallowed a Burning Life Pill for him, so why would I harm him? Even if I want to sever my emotions, he does not even like me, so what kind of sentiment would I even sever?"

Yin Kongchan still spoke calmly, "If you were not Xu Yingdei, then I would have definitely believed you, but unfortunately, your name is Xu Yingdei."

Xu Yingdei also calmed down, and looked at Yin Kongchan calmly before speaking, "If you also like him, I won't compete with you, but you should at least let me try and save Ning Cheng."

Yin Kongchan spoke out in an indifferent voice, "The two of us do not have to create so many machinations between us, back then your ancestor Xu Binglan and my ancestor San Yan both ended up in love with the Heavenly Dao Academy's Yan Fenghua, but this kind of thing will never happen for a second time. You can rest assured, the reason I saved Ning Cheng was just because Ning Cheng had saved me a few times, it is the same reason because of which you used the Burning Life Pill to save Ning Cheng at that time. I am not fond of Ning Cheng, but as it stands, Ning Cheng has to be in good shape before you can sever your emotions. Since you can use your true essence to help Ning Cheng, so can I."

"You are surnamed Yin." Xu Yingdei's voice also turned frosty.

Yin Kongchan did not care about and still calmly replied, "My Master is one of the seven Floating Snow Palace's Palace Master Sang Jiezhū, she is also my mother, but I did not want to continue following my mother's surname, so can't I take up my father's name?"

Seeing Xu Yingdei silent, Yin Kongchan suddenly spoke up, "Before Ning Cheng wakes up you can always keep an eye on me, whether or not I bring harm to Ning Cheng, you'll be able to observe it clearly."

When the two people came here, they thought of the same thing. Then the two of them glanced at each other but did not say anything more.

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When Ning Cheng finally woke up, he found himself alone in a small room sleeping on the bed. Surprised, he quickly sat up. At the same time, he also stretched out his spiritual consciousness, however his spiritual consciousness instantly stretched out several thousand meters out.

It seems they were still in the place from where they had collected the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence; Ning Cheng immediately understood this point. Before when he had entered this place, he could sense that the range of his spiritual consciousness had expanded a lot. Not only that, even the Corpse Poison Mist was also not present.

Ning Cheng soon discovered that there was a person missing among them, not just a single person, but even Xu Yingdei, who was outside of the house, was covered in blood and was slumped on the ground. However, he could not even find the slightest trace of Yin Kongchan; at least within the range of his spiritual consciousness, there was no sign of Yin Kongchan.

Ning Cheng hurriedly got up, rushed out of the house and helped Xu Yingdei up. After finding that Xu Yingdei was not fatally injured, his heart finally loosened up a bit, as he hurriedly took out a healing pill and placed it in Xu Yingdei's mouth.

After a few breaths, Xu Yingdei finally opened her eyes. Seeing Ning Cheng, she spoke up with a pleasantly surprised voice, "Are you alright?"

"Well, I will have to thank you for that. What happened here, how come I don't see Yin Kongchan here?" Ning Cheng knew that although Xu Yingdei's injury were not light, but this kind of injury was simply nothing in front of his pill.

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Chapter 308: The Terrifying Vortex

"I also don't know, before when we put you on the bed you were not yet awake, moreover I was also injured because of the cold as such had to sit down to heal myself. When I opened my eyes, I saw Yin Kongchan sitting beside you while looking at your hands. Seeing he like that, I immediately asked her what was wrong. But then I suddenly felt a sharp pain from behind, before I realized that someone sneaked up on me. Because I was already seriously injured because of the cold, I was unexpectedly not able to perceive it at all, and when I woke up again, the first thing I saw was you..."

As she spoke until here, Xu Yingdei's face changed, apparently she finally became aware that Yin Kongchan might have encountered situations more unfortunate than fortunate.

"My ring is also gone." Ning Cheng only then seemed to have realized that the ring on his hand had disappeared, as he spoke up in surprise.

"Ah..." Xu Yingdei hearing that Ning Cheng's ring was gone seemed to be even more astonished than Ning Cheng was. She then immediately touched her hand, before she spoke in a somewhat mournful voice, "My ring is also gone."

For a cultivator to lose their ring in this kind of place was truly not a good thing.

Ning Cheng inwardly sighed in his heart, as he thought if someone really attacked Xu Yingdei and took away Yin Kongchan, would that person really leave the two of them alive?

Ning Cheng suddenly felt that this scene was something he was very familiar with, when he was studying in Jiangzhou; he liked to read Jin Yong's novels. This kind of scene, he had also read in one of his novels, at this time wasn't Xu Yingdei's situation not similar to that of the eldest daughter of the Zhao family? The only difference was that he was not the Elder Brother Zhang who was the schemer.

"Fortunately, my original ring was actually not taken away." Ning Cheng felt a bit scared as he picked up a gold ring from the ground then wore the ring on his hand.

No one knew that he actually had two rings on his hand, which was because he had carved a Concealment Array Formation and Restriction on one of the rings, which was the ring that contained his miniature world. Moreover, this ring had a unique connection with him. It could only be sensed by him while being invisible to others. As for the other ring, it was just an ordinary ring.

Unless one was an expert on the path of arrays, or was a cultivator with an extremely formidable cultivation, only then they would be able to see his other concealed ring. Once his concealed ring was seen, it would also reveal his accomplishments in Array Formations.

However, although people capable of seeing through the Rank 6 Concealment Array Formation engraved on his ring were not many, but that did not mean that there was none. When Ning Cheng met Rui Baishan for the first time, Rui Baishan was able to instantly perceive his concealed ring, it was because of this ring that let Rui Baishan understand that Ning Cheng was also an expert in Array Formations, however Rui Baishan chose to not mention about it.

Moreover, because Ning Cheng did not lose his miniature world, as such even though Ning Cheng looked shocked, but in fact, he did not worry too much about it.

"It looks like someone has been scheming for a long time." Ning Cheng spoke with a cold tone, as he put the ring back on, but the next moment that Ning Cheng put on the ring, he took it back out and spoke in surprise, "No, this ring is not mine."

This time, Ning Cheng really was not pretending, as he really thought that the ring on the ground was his, unexpectedly this ring was really not his. At this moment he was really a bit scared in his heart, fortunately he chose to keep two rings, a real and a fake, on him. It was also because he had not used his fake ring before, because of which he was not able to find out about it the first time.

After a while, Xu Yingdei finally reacted. She quickly asked, "Are all your things inside the ring?"

Ning Cheng however did not answer. He was silent for a long time, before he suddenly spoke, "Could it be Yin Kongchan?"

Xu Yingdei immediately spoke with certainty, "No, when I was attacked at that time, Yin Kongchan was sitting by your bedside. It could not be her."

"Doesn't Yin Kongchan also have a puppet? When we rode her shuttle, wasn't it her puppet that was controlling it." Ning Cheng asked once again.

Xu Yingdei's face finally changed, as she finally remembered about the puppet. However, after a while, she shook her head, "It's not her. If it was her, then with her already having successfully completed her objective, why would she leave the two of us alive?"

Speaking until here, Xu Yingdei suddenly stopped, as she looked at Ning Cheng in shock. She did not speak it out, but she already understood what Ning Cheng meant, that there was a fourth person here.

Ning Cheng also did not speak up, although Xu Yingdei said it with certainty that it wasn't Yin Kongchan, but her words indirectly were directed at Yin Kongchan. The only thing that did not make sense was that why would Yin Kongchan leave the two of them alive. Unless there was truly a fourth person among them, but if there was a fourth person, the same thing also would not be justified.

On the contrary, it was highly possible that it was indeed Yin Kongchan who did it. Yin Kongchan took away Ning Cheng's ring, but left him alive because he had saved her several times before. At least she knew about gratitude, because of which she left Ning Cheng alive. Even if she thought she obtained the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, she did not take away Ning Cheng's Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds.

"Did Yin Kongchan really leave this place using a talisman?" Ning Cheng asked again, without mentioning about the ring.

Although Ning Cheng asked this to Xu Yingdei, but in his heart he was very clear that it was definitely Yin Kongchan. Xu Yingdei's serious injury was definitely a result of being sneak attacked by a puppet. But Yin Kongchan spared Xu Yingdei, this was a point that he could not figure out. Yin Kongchan might have left Ning Cheng alive, but according to logic, she would not leave Xu Yingdei alive.

Moreover, Ning Cheng was also clearly aware as to how he was able to wake up; it seems that it was Yin Kongchan who had caught him when he fell down at that time. Because he still was barely conscious at that time, and in that instant he also remembered Rui Baishan's words. When necessary, you must trust the friends around you that is the only thing that can help you. Because of which he chose not to struggle at that time, moreover at that time whether he struggled or not, it would not have made much of a difference to him in that situation, so he chose to believe in Yin Kongchan.

In fact, he did not chose wrong. The reason why he was able to recover from these injuries was that he received conditioning from Yin Kongchan's true essence. That is to say, Yin Kongchan had truly helped him. Since Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei have been in contact with him, as such he was well aware that the two of them had completely different true essences.

"I just hope that Yin Kongchan has nothing to do with it." Xu Yingdei sighed. She not only put aside the loss of her ring but also even expressed her concern about Yin Kongchan.

Ning Cheng looked at Xu Yingdei with suspicion, "You're relationship with Yin Kongchan didn't seem to be very good before."

Xu Yingdei bowed her head, and spoke up after a long time, "It was because I truly was not aware that I am actually related to her until recently. She and I share the same ancestor, because of which I hope that she does not have any relations to this matter."

After listening to Xu Yingdei's words, Ning Cheng nodded, but did not continue to cross-examine her words. Xu Yingdei's words implied that she was not much concerned about Yin Kongchan, as if she was not interested in finding a good reason as to why Yin Kongchan had not killed her.

Ning Cheng simply replied, "My injuries are beginning to heal, so we should be thinking of ways to leave this place. We have to leave this place as soon as possible."

Regardless of whether Xu Yingdei had anything to do with Yin Kongchan, or even the loss of his fake ring, Ning Cheng couldn't do anything about Xu Yingdei. A few days ago, if not for Xu Yingdei burning her longevity to save him, he would have fallen into the dark lake.

That Transfer Talisman was his only lifeline, who knows if it could really be useful?

No matter what Xu Yingdei thought at that time, she had almost paid with her life to save him. Ning Cheng also was a person who clearly distinguished kindness and hatred in his heart. In any case, he would help Xu Yingdei to restore her life, or help Xu Yingdei find a way to advance to the Soul Sculpting Realm.

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Ning Cheng and Xu Yingdei left the place, while his spiritual consciousness was already extended out to its full capacity from the time he got out of the bed. He wanted to find out if there was any other exit from this place. Whether he could go out or not, he was temporarily unable to return to the Hidden Mist

Graveyard for the time being. The Hidden Mist Cemetery was filled with a poisonous mist field, while they were currently out of Obstruction Dispelling Pills.

The two people only walked for the time it took for half an incense stick to burn before Ning Cheng stopped. Within the outer edges of his spiritual consciousness' range, a familiar figure appeared unexpectedly. Yin Kongchan?

The next moment Ning Cheng confirmed that this familiar figure was indeed Yin Kongchan. But seeing Yin Kongchan sprawled across the ground, Ning Cheng immediately sped towards her.

"It's Yin Kongchan." After approaching Yin Kongchan, Xu Yingdei spoke with a quiver.

Yin Kongchan's face was incomparably pale while blood stained her body. Her injuries seemed to be even more serious than Xu Yingdei's injury.

Ning Cheng did not hesitate to lift up Yin Kongchan, before he put a pill into Yin Kongchan's mouth.

Ning Cheng had refined these Healing Pills by himself, as such although the grade of the pills were not high, but their quality was much better than other pills of the same grade, in fact it was several times more potent than others.

Just a dozen breaths later, Yin Kongchan finally opened her eyes. When she saw Ning Cheng, she breathed a sigh of relief, before she closed her eyes and continued to heal herself.

After saving Yin Kongchan, Ning Cheng sensed that Xu Yingdei did not panic much. Suddenly he was suspicious of his own judgement, was it really not Xu Yingdei who did it?

After another hour passed, Yin Kongchan finally stood up and nodded towards Ning Cheng and spoke, "Thank you for saving me once again. I'll be changing my clothes first."

After that, Yin Kongchan casually arranged a simple Concealment Restriction. Through this restriction, Ning Cheng could still vaguely see the situation inside. However, Ning Cheng turned his head, as he had no intention of peeping at Yin Kongchan.

However, Ning Cheng finally became aware that Yin Kongchan's injuries were not caused by Xu Yingdei's green sword, causing him to grow even more confused in his heart.

After the time it took for another half-an-incense stick to burn, Yin Kongchan cleared away the restriction, at this moment she had changed into a set of clean light yellow robes.

"I met an indigenous monstrous beast, moreover this monstrous beast can come and go without a trace because of which I was not able to notice it and unexpectedly ended up getting seriously injured by the monstrous beast's sneak attack." Yin Kongchan voluntarily offered an explanation, however she did not say why she was here alone.

Ning Cheng suddenly spoke, "Yin Kongchan, I'm sorry, I have no way to give you any Geocentric 9 Yin Essence because my ring was taken away."

Yin Kongchan's facial expression turned gloomy, before she finally spoke up, "I am really unlucky to have not lost my life. Now that I had the chance to get my life back, I've lost it yet again. It seems that I'm doomed to not possess a complete soul essence."

“What were you doing here?” Ning Cheng did not ask if Yin Kongchan had taken his ring or not, but rather asked why was Yin Kongchan thousands of meters away from their original place. If it were not for his spiritual consciousness being powerful, they would have never found Yin Kongchan.

“I was helping you with my true essence to recuperate.....” Yin Kongchan had said only a few words, when a roar that seemed to completely suppress even the heart itself swept out.

The next moment the three people simultaneously saw a black coloured inverted vortex spanning hundreds of feet wide appear in the sky. The vortex gave out terrifying fluctuations and was spinning very fast, and in less than a breath arrived in front of the three people.

“Hurry up and escape...” Ning Cheng shouted, immediately wielding his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, but even before his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds could unfold, in just a fraction of a moment the three people, he along with Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei, were swept away by the terrifying inverted funnel shaped vortex, before all of them vanished from that place without even a trace.

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Chapter 309: The Forsaken Land

“What is this place? Have we been sent out?” Xu Yingdei got up in shock, immediately asking the questions that came to her mind. She was wearing a white robe and coupled with her white hair, she looked a bit unreal. But with her stunning face, it actually added a touch of beauty to the illusion.

Ning Cheng and Yin Kongchan woke up at the same time; the three of them were not very far from each other. The dazzling sun shone onto their bodies, which allowed the three people understand that they definitely were not in the Hidden Mist Cemetery or even the independent space from which they harvested the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence.

Ning Cheng stood up, brushed away the sand on his body, as he looked up at the vast expanse of desert in front of him. He knew that they had absolutely not teleported out of that place.

There was not even a shred of spiritual qi in this place not only that, but even his Sea of Consciousness was completely sealed off. Even the true essence in his dantian behaved as if it was sleeping, without even a trace of a movement.

In other words, this was the feeling that Ning Cheng had experienced for more than 20 years, how can he not be clear about it? This was his state when he had lived on Earth. No spiritual consciousness, no true essence, just an ordinary mortal.

Yin Kongchan also got up, the pale yellow dress that she wore reflected the sunlight, giving her an even more refined appearance.

“We did not go out; rather we are sent to a place even more terrible than that space. There is no spiritual qi here, while the Sea of Consciousness is sealed, at the same time our true essence also cannot be utilized. In this place, we are just like an ordinary mortal. Moreover.....” Yin Kongchan slowly spoke up.

Yin Kongchan looked at Ning Cheng and Xu Yingdei and spoke, “Inside this place we will have to rely on food like ordinary people, otherwise we will starve to death someday.”

Ning Cheng and Xu Yingdei, who had not yet felt that sensation, on hearing Yin Kongchan's words, immediately felt a burst of hunger.

Ning Cheng was completely shocked in his heart by this. He once again remembered one of the three advises Rui Baishan had given him. At any time, be sure to be able to survive without starving to death. Before, because of being stimulated by Rui Baishan's advices, he had seemingly done a lot of useless hard work in refining a few Hunger Suppressing Pills, Fresh Water Pills and other things. If they were trapped in here and weren't able to get out, didn't it mean that the Hunger Suppressing Pills and the Fresh Water Pills were absolutely precious inside of here? How was it useless hard work?

Thinking of this place, Ning Cheng subconsciously touched his belt, this belt he had especially designed during the journey before entering the Hidden Mist Cemetery, which contained more than 200 pieces of Fresh Water Pills, and more than 200 pieces of Hunger Suppression Pills. There was also a tri edged thorn, strapped to his calf.

In addition, he had also designed a cloth bag, with some basic pills for treatments, along with a few wrist guards, knives, binoculars, compass and other field survival gears. Unfortunately, all these things were inside the cloth bag and because at that time he had felt that he was doing idiotic things, he simply put away the cloth bag into his ring, which could not be taken out now.

That meant that even though he constructed and refined these things to be used in crisis, but these things, he simply had no way to bring them out.

Touching his belt again, Ning Cheng secretly congratulated himself. Fortunately, he did not throw the belt into the ring, otherwise his previous exercises in that sense of crisis would have really turned out to be useless.

Thinking of the so called useless hard work, Ning Cheng then thought of Rui Baishan, causing him to be even more horrified in his heart. It suddenly became apparent that the seemingly meaningless advices given by Rui Baishan were not useless at all for him. When he was in the most helpless state, he chose to believe in Yin Kongchan, and the result was that Yin Kongchan had indeed saved him.

Later, because he suspected the two people, Yin Kongchan's and Xu Yingdei's words, he directly ignored them. Wasn't this the second advice that Rui Baishan gave, 'When necessary, do not fully trust the friends around you.'

In addition to the proposal of not starving to death, Ning Cheng at this time discovered that Rui Baishan's three advices were not only useful but also of great importance. Did Rui Baishan come to this place before? Or did Rui Baishan knew that he would be coming to this place? If it was the latter, then this Rui Baishan was really quite scary.

"Yin Kongchan, I would like to ask you a question. In my hometown, there is no spiritual qi, nor can anyone cultivate there, as such people's life expectancy is also limited there, is this place also similar to that?" As Ning Cheng thought about Earth, he couldn't help but also think if his spiritual consciousness and true essence would be sealed up once he returned to Earth?

Yin Kongchan shook her head, "No, these are two entirely different places. At places even if you cannot cultivate, you can still circulate your true essence, stretch out your spiritual consciousness, and can even use your magical techniques. It's just that your cultivation would stagnate. The place in which we are

trapped is called the Forsaken Land, it was the Grand Palace Master who had told me about it once before. This Forsaken Land has no spiritual qi, while one's true essence and even their spiritual consciousness is sealed in this place. Plus in this place, no magical techniques can be used. In place, whether it is a cultivator, immortal, or any kind of great power, all of them would turn into ordinary mortals, and would also have to live like them."

Ning Cheng became silent and did not continue to speak. He was wondering that if he did not have any other way to get out of this place, then could he still use the talisman he obtained from the bottom of the Blood River. However, Ning Cheng immediately threw away this idea, that talisman was inside Ning Cheng's ring. At this moment he couldn't bring out anything from his ring, so what was the use of talking about the talisman?

"What are the two of you looking at me for?" Ning Cheng looked up and saw Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei staring at him. Although he had asked this question casually, he quickly understood why these two were looking at him.

Both Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan were Core Disciples of major academies, moreover were disciples who grew up inside their respective academies. Even if they came out to gain experiences often, it would never reach to the point of their survivability being questioned. In the situation of them not having access to their powers, so of course, they would want to know as to what to do. Now that their true essence and spiritual consciousness was completely sealed up, they were simply no different from ordinary mortals. As an ordinary mortal, these two women simply did not have any kind of ability to survive; at least they were not as good as him who was regarded as a grassroots figure.

"Let's first get out of this desert and find something to fill our stomachs with." Ning Cheng gave a simply reply.

He did not take out his Hunger Suppressing Pills, nor did he take out his Fresh Water Pills. The reason was very simple; Ning Cheng thought that Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan were behaving in a weird manner. At least he had the feeling that these two people were hiding something from him. It was also because of this that he did not continue to question Yin Kongchan regarding why she was not with them at that time and had instead walked out alone.

Of course, there was another reason for doing this. He did not have many Hunger Suppressing Pills and Fresh Water Pills on him, if the three of them did not put in joint efforts and only relied on these things for consumption, they absolutely would not be able to last long.

Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan simply did not know what to do in this kind of situation, so they obviously did not have any objections to this, causing two of them to consciously follow Ning Cheng's lead. Without cultivation, the two women were not even remotely as good as Ning Cheng who had still not yet fully recovered. Just after half a day, the two women were panting with breathlessness, while their faces grew even paler. Even their lips were chapped because of the scorching sun. As the sweat from their bodies evaporated, it only resulted in them growing weaker.

Even Ning Cheng felt his strength dropping quickly, if he did not get out of this desert as soon as possible, then even with his more than 200 Fresh Water Pills, he would not be able to last long.

"I don't think I can get out of this dessert. I never, even in my dreams, thought that I would yearn this much for just a drop of water." Yin Kongchan looked at the vast expanse of yellow sands in front of her, with the gradually sauntering of the sun, as she spoke up hoarsely.

Ning Cheng sighed, "Yin Kongchan, you already know something about this Forsaken Land, can you tell me if someone has actually come out of this dessert?"

When he asked that question, he was ready to take out the Fresh Water Pills and Hunger Suppression Pills, so that it would at least infuse each of them with some strength to speak up.

Yin Kongchan stopped and shook her head before saying, "Once someone enters the Forsaken Land, then it means that even the heavens high above and the earth down below have forsaken that person, I have never heard of someone coming out of this place. But I am sure that someone definitely was able to come out of this place, otherwise this Forsaken Land would not have been known to people."

After saying that, Yin Kongchan looked at Ning Cheng and spoke, "Ning Cheng, why did you not continue questioning me after we entered this place?"

"I think that at present, the three of us should be cooperating with each other, as for the questions, they can always be asked later." Ning Cheng replied with a shrug.

Neither Yin Kongchan nor Xu Yingdei were fools, Ning Cheng's words already implied that he knew something, causing the three of them to immediately turn silent once again.

"We will choose a direction, and then keep moving forward constantly; at least we would come of the desert at some point." Ning Cheng finally broke the silence between the three of them, while he also was somewhat pitying himself in his heart. The reason he pitied himself was that he had constructed a compass, which he had put into the cloth bag, but unfortunately, that cloth bag was inside his ring.

At this time, two black shadows appeared in the distance in the sight of three of them.

"Someone's here?" Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan spoke out simultaneously.

"There are two of them." Ning Cheng also spoke up with a pleasantly surprised voice.

Since there were people here, it meant that there was definitely some fertile soil around here; as such, the three of them did not have to worry about dying due to starvation or even thirst.

The two shadows grew bigger and bigger, and soon arrived in front of the three. They were two men.

Ning Cheng's heart sank the moment he saw the two men. The two men's skin was like bark, dark and dry, with their hair yellowing and their entire body covered in dirt.

Although the two of them arrived not far from Ning Cheng trio, but their eyes were glued to Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan, while they licked their lips with their dark brown tongues. Ning Cheng could clearly make out the lustful desire in the eyes of the two men; it was as if they had never seen such beautiful women, no rather such juicy women.

The two of them hesitated for only a moment, but then the next moment, as if they had gone crazy, immediately jumped at Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan without any words at all.

Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei did not have access to their true essence, as such were simply not able to muster up any strength. However, they were also Soul Essence Cultivators in the end; as such, they still had their eyesight, while their movements were still agile enough. Almost at the same moment that these two men plunged at them, the two of them moved to dodge.

The two men hit the sand, but the next moment, the two men quickly climbed up again, showing that they unexpectedly had some agile skills. But this time, their eyes were filled with an even stronger desire.

But this time, these two people just exchanged a word amongst each other, but did not continue moving towards Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei, but rather pounced towards Ning Cheng. Obviously, the two people thought that Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei would not be able to run away from them, so they wanted to kill Ning Cheng first.

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Chapter 310: Yin Kongchan's Reasons

Initially, Ning Cheng did not move when he saw the two men pouncing towards Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei. He wanted to know if these two female cultivators, who had come from major academies, were truly weak and powerless in the current situation as they portrayed themselves to be, or if they were trained in other bodily martial arts.

But after looking at their escape reflexes, Ning Cheng affirmed that these two women were in a similar situation like him, in other words, they did not practice any physical martial arts nor did they possess any hidden skills. The only reason why they were able to escape was due to their strong eyesight.

However, now that the two men changed their target to him, Ning Cheng still did not worry much about it. These two men were unarmed, moreover had no scruples in rushing up, showing that they thought themselves to be infallible. Ning Cheng just bent over and pulled out the tri edged thorn that he had kept strapped to his calf.

Taking a step forward, he stabbed the tri edged thorn into the first person's chest, before Ning Cheng instantly pulled it out. Then Ning Cheng used the counter force of his pull to roll away on the ground and quickly got up before he reflexively stabbed the tri edged thorn into the heart of the second person.

These few movements showed that he was not only quick but also very agile, compared to the two people Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei, Ning Cheng's advantage was the most obvious.

Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei stared at the tri edged thorn in Ning Cheng's hand, before shifting their gaze to the two people flapping around on the ground. Finally, the two men stopped breathing. It was only after a good long while that Xu Yingdei finally spoke up, "From where did you get that dagger?"

But then Yin Kongchan spoke up with a sigh, "Did you practice martial arts before you started cultivation?"

Ning Cheng shook the dark red blood from the edges of the thorn, before he once again strapped it back to his calf and spoke, "I did not practice any martial arts before, it was just luck, pure luck."

Ning Cheng was a tiny bit proud in his heart on his accomplishment, as he not only beat the two men but also killed them with his thorn, something that even the two cultivators at the Great Circle of Soul

Essence Realm in front of him were not able to accomplish. He certainly was aware that this was not luck at all. Wasn't there a saying that went, "If one's Kung Fu was too high, then they would be terrifying even with a blunt kitchen knife"? These two people simply had no fighting skills at all, not to mention that he was using a tri edged thorn that was countless times more powerful than a kitchen knife.

[TL Note: The English counterpart would be 'Even the most ordinary of objects would turn into lethal weapons in the hands of an expert.']

Yin Kongchan did not want to tangle with Ning Cheng when it came to words. She just looked at the two men killed by Ning Cheng, before she spoke in a somewhat scared voice, "Fortunately you were able to kill these two people. Otherwise to be pounced on by these kind of people would have been too disgusting among disgusts for me"

Ning Cheng simply gave a smile, "Don't think that these two men just wanted to force themselves on you. Once done, they would have drunk your blood and even eat your meat."

When the two men pounced on Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan, their eyes were filled with a naked yet wild desire for hunger; this desire was in addition to the passionate desires between men and women. There was also the desire for thirst. From the moment they licked their lips, Ning Cheng was able to instantly perceive it.

"What shall we do now?" Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan asked at the same time in a hoarse voice. Apparently, these two people simply had no idea on how to proceed now.

Ning Cheng looked into the distance and spoke, "The two men's skin was dried up, apparently due to lack of water. But the two men were able to help each other out in an agile manner, indicating that although they lacked food and water, they still had a source for food and water. At least food and water would be of no immediate threat to these two people. Moreover, it was not just a single person rather two people that had appeared here plus there is simply nothing on them. So at least it can be concluded that they were not too far away from where they lived. If I'm not guessing it wrong, there should at least be a village or a small tribal settlement in the direction that the two men came from."

"Are we going to live in that tribe now?" Yin Kongchan nervously looked at Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng knew why Yin Kongchan was nervous, as he simply gave a smile and spoke, "Just walk ahead and you might just be able to find the tribe. I won't send you off if you want to go, but I'm not going there."

Even if he knew there was a settlement of people in front of them, Ning Cheng would simply choose not to go there at all. He had already met two men from there, although his tri edged thorn was a powerful aid in this place, but he could only kill a limited people with it. Once the tribe had an expert, or if he was surrounded by a large number of people, then he was sure, that not only would be beaten but also be eaten. While Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan would meet an even more miserable end.

"But we....." Yin Kongchan only spoke four words in a hoarse voice, before she chose to not continue, she felt her throat choking up. She couldn't help but feel that it was much better to starve to death than have no water to drink.

Ning Cheng was also not much better than the two women in front of him were, but Ning Cheng was aware that he had a lot of water on him, as such was in a better mental condition than the two.

Ning Cheng waved his hand and spoke, "Let's see if it is feasible. If it doesn't work, then we'll change directions and leave immediately."

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"There really is a clay stronghold here..." Crouching on the ground behind a raised sand mound, Xu Yingdei looked in amazement at the broken and mottled clay wall in a distance.

What she said was not wrong, although it was not a village per se, it could be counted as a clay stronghold, however this clay stronghold in front of them was a broken down one, it was no different from a broken down wall. If it hadn't been for a few occasional shadows that flitted through the clay stronghold, the clay stronghold would have been completely dead.

Yin Kongchan, who was crouching on the other side of Ning Cheng, suddenly spoke up, "There must be water in this clay stronghold. Should we steal some at night?"

Ning Cheng stood up and patted off the sand on his body before speaking, "Sure, maybe you'll be able to steal a big barrel at night, and then drink and drink endlessly."

"You also think my approach is feasible?" Yin Kongchan on seeing her own idea being approved by Ning Cheng was pleasantly surprised, showing that her thirst for water had finally reached a new extent.

"Yes, it is feasible, not only could you have a barrel of water, but also a pool to bathe in, you can even eat big fishes and lavish meats. Alas, I do not have this blessing, who let me be born as a man. I wish you good luck; I'll be taking my leave now." Ning Cheng finished and turned away from them before starting his walk.

[TL Note: 'Eat big fishes and lavish meats' here is used in a lewd sense.]

Only idiots would think about stealing water from that stronghold at night. Of course, Ning Cheng was also aware that Yin Kongchan was too thirsty for water to think straight.

Although Yin Kongchan did not know what was wrong with it, but how could she not be aware that Ning Cheng was sarcastically mocking her for a simple mind? Who made her so thirsty for water? Now that Ning Cheng was himself walking away from this place, she could only resign herself to follow behind Ning Cheng. Xu Yingdei also did not talk much and without hesitation left with Ning Cheng.

It was the longest walk through the night that they ever undertook, just as the sky was turning bright, Xu Yingdei stopped and spoke, "Ning Cheng, I can't walk anymore. If it goes on like this, then once the sun comes up tomorrow, we all would simply die."

Ning Cheng pointed to a faint shadow in a distance in front of them and spoke, "There should be a Poplar at that location. We can go there to rest up. Perhaps it might also help us survive tomorrow. Once we arrive there, there might even be a pond around."

Perhaps it might have been the last words of Ning Cheng, but it provided a boost of encouragement to Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei. The two of them managed to squeeze out some strength, allowing the three of them to arrive at the location pointed out by Ning Cheng.

However, there was no pond here; rather there was not even a drop of water. But there was a large yet dried up Poplar, with a large cluster of raised rocks around it. Ning Cheng looked at this large Poplar tree and knew that it could help them protect against the scorching sunlight at its peak as it reflected off the group of rocks.

“Let’s take a day off here and then decide where to proceed from here.” Ning Cheng immediately found one of the largest cave in the cluster of large rocks, before he wormed his way into it.

When he saw Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan also working their way into the same cave, he asked in a doubtful voice, “There is not just a single cave here; you can look for another one for yourself. Why do you want to follow me?”

Xu Yingdei looked at Ning Cheng but did not speak, however Yin Kongchan pointed at the few small holes in the side of the cave and spoke, “There are several small recesses here, and we can also take care of each other in here. Maybe we’ll no longer be able to be together again tomorrow.”

Ning Cheng glanced at Yin Kongchan and spoke up lightly, “I really did not expect that the Premier Disciple of the Floating Snow Palace would be such a sentimental person. Do whatever you want.”

Ning Cheng finished speaking then moved to choose one of the larger recesses. The cave they were in was also several square meters in size, moreover because it surrounded the Poplar; it resulted in the entrance being not completely closed. Although the wind blew in some sand, but at least it was somewhat cooler than the outside. It was just the sobbing sounds created by the winds moving through the gaps that caused the people to be somewhat frightened as they listened to it.

After plugging up some of the gaps with stones, Ning Cheng finally sat down on a slightly larger stone and was just about to take out and eat a Hunger Suppressing Pill and a Fresh Water Pill, when Yin Kongchan came in.

“You did not find any other place to lie down?” Ning Cheng looked at Yin Kongchan with suspicion.

Yin Kongchan shook her head and spoke, “Although I did find one, but there is no other place as good as yours. Moreover, the reason I came here was to explain a few things to you.”

Ning Cheng had a vague idea about what Yin Kongchan wanted to say, so he just nodded and spoke, “You can speak.”

“The reason I left you and Xu Yingdei, Xu Yingdei already is aware about it, in any case I already had to leave that place.” Yin Kongchan spoke in a somewhat low tone.

“Whether you admit it or not, you saved my life, moreover it was also me who had caught you. Your body was also filled with cold poison, so I had to use my true essence to disperse it.....”

Ning Cheng on hearing it felt his heart go a bit soft. He was aware that Yin Kongchan was right. Without Yin Kongchan’s help, he would have definitely frozen to death.

“I had a reason to leave at that time. If I had not left, then Xu Yingdei would have killed me. I can’t be on guard against her at all times, so I could only leave you.” Yin Kongchan’s tone became more and more hoarse, “Don’t ask me why, but Xu Yingdei asked me several times to carry you, but I refused.”

“Do mean that Xu Yingdei wants to kill me?” Ning Cheng spoke in an indifferent tone.

Yin Kongchan shook her head and spoke, "No, she should be really in love with you, at least for the time being she would not harm you. Moreover, it is because she is in love with you, because of which she does not want you to be in my hands. That's why I had to leave you and Xu Yingdei."

However, there was also a sentence that Yin Kongchan did not say, that is, if Xu Yingdei really loved Ning Cheng, then she would kill any woman who had anything to do with Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng's tone turned even more indifferent, "Since you left, why take my ring?"

On hearing Ning Cheng's sentence, Yin Kongchan did not feel surprised about it; she was silent for only a while before speaking "I took your ring, because I have to complete my soul before advancing to the Soul Sculpting Realm. Once I accomplished that I would have then come back to take you out, while at the same time give you the ring back. Unbelievably, that's what I had in mind. I've always done things according to my heart, not because of what others want. The reason I did that was just because I did not want to owe you anymore."

"Moreover, I also knew that as long as the ring was taken away by me, Xu Yingdei wouldn't kill you even if she was to sever her emotions towards you. She needs something that is in the ring in my hand, whether it is Mirage Stones, Geocentric 9 Yin Essence or the Mirage Tree, they are all things that she needs badly."

Ning Cheng sneered before suddenly speaking, "In that case, should I really be thanking you for doing such a thing. The two of you have such a tacit understandings between each other; you took my ring, while Xu Yingdei takes me. The two of you won't suffer anything, while I ended up being treated as a fool, isn't that right? The two self-righteous women....."

"Clatter" A crisp sound of something falling to the ground arrived, while Xu Yingdei stood at the entrance of the cave with a face as white as paper.