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Chapter 311: She Does Not Know You Yet

At this time, the day was still full of light, so Ning Cheng was able to see pieces of broken rough porcelain on the ground, with bright red splashed around, allowing him to instantly understand what had transpired.

Just as the things from her hand fell, Xu Yingdei's body also followed, but Ning Cheng quickly hurried forward and caught her.

This time Xu Yingdei was not only pale, even her lips had gone completely white. Although there was no scar on her wrist, but he could guess from where the blood that was splashed upon the broken porcelain came from.

"She just fainted, and should wake up in a little while." Yin Kongchan looked at Xu Yingdei, who was held up by Ning Cheng.

With that, she sighed once again, "Xu Yingdei really loves you; however she simply does not know you yet. If it were I, I wouldn't have done such a thing. Because I'm sure you would not have drunk it....."

Xu Yingdei also managed to wake up at this moment; she had heard Yin Kongchan's words, while her eyes also held some fear in them, "Ning Cheng, I guess I won't be able to make it back. I heard you say that those people wanted to drink my blood, I saw a porcelain bowl inside, so, so...."

Ning Cheng also gave a sigh, he knew that Xu Yingdei was scared because she heard Yin Kongchan say that she did not understand him yet, so he gave a reply, "You will not do such a thing in the future."

"I may not even have a future....." Xu Yingdei's eyes dimmed, while even her voice was slowly fading, "This time I wanted to help you, not because of love, you have to believe me. Those close to me are already too far away from me.....before, you asked me....."

Ning Cheng stopped Xu Yingdei from talking anymore, as he took out a pill and put it in Xu Yingdei's mouth and spoke, "Don't swallow it, just suck on it."

Xu Yingdei did not know how Ning Cheng took out the pill, but she subconsciously sucked on it. The next moment, a mouthful of clear and sweet water instantly moistened her throat. She looked at Ning Cheng in shock, before she subconsciously started sucking on it a few times. No one could describe her feelings at this moment. A person, nothing more than smoke and dust at this moment, let go of a bowl of blood, before finally having a taste of pure and clear water. Although the water did not have a taste of its own, but at this moment, nothing could match the blissful flavour of water for her.

Ning Cheng saw that Yin Kongchan was also staring at him in shock, so he took out another Fresh Water Pill and handed it to Yin Kongchan and said, "You can suck on it too."

With that, he took out another Fresh Water Pill, and sucked in a big gulp. Cold yet pure water slid down his throat, this kind of feeling was simply the best in the world that one could enjoy.

Water. Sure enough was the best thing.

Yin Kongchan also sucked a mouthful, as she looked at Ning Cheng as if she herself couldn't believe what she saw and felt, but she simply had no time to speak at all, after gulping down a few mouthfuls, the Fresh Water Pill that was equivalent to a large bowl of water, was completely consumed.

Gulping down a large bowl of water, also immediately turned Yin Kongchan's pale face a bit ruddier.

Before Yin Kongchan spoke, Ning Cheng took out another pill and handed it to her, "Swallow this."

"I've had enough, don't waste it....." Yin Kongchan took a while to calm herself down from her shock. She really was not able to figure out how Ning Cheng was able to take out the Fresh Water Pill.

"This is not a Fresh Water Pill; this is a Hunger Suppressing Pill. With one pill you can hold on for three days."

"You can use your spiritual consciousness here?" Yin Kongchan asked in surprise.

Ning Cheng shook his head, "I cannot use it. I had put them in my pocket before. You can eat it first."

Finished, Ning Cheng took out another Fresh Water Pill before placing it into the mouth of Xu Yingdei, who was still staring at him in shock, "You have lost a lot of blood, just suck on a Fresh Water Pill for now, then eat the Hunger Suppressing Pill later."

After a few dozen breaths, Xu Yingdei was finally able to sit up by herself on one side. The three of them were completely silent.

She and Yin Kongchan simply were not able to figure out as to why in such a desperate time, Ning Cheng still had something like the Fresh Water Pill on him, was this all a dreamy illusion?

"The healing pill that you gave me before, as well as the healing pill that you gave to Yin Kongchan, did you also take them out from your pocket?" Xu Yingdei finally asked the question that she was puzzled over. Ning Cheng's ring was lost, yet he still had pills on him.

If Xu Yingdei had not asked this question, then Ning Cheng really would not have bothered to even think about this detail. But now that Xu Yingdei had asked about it, he finally realized that he obviously mentioned that he had lost his ring, but he still was able to take out the pills, was this not garnering suspicion towards him?

However, now that Xu Yingdei asked about it, he simply nodded and spoke, "Yes, I'm used to keeping some simple pills in my pocket all the time, just in case it was needed. I didn't expect that this kind of situation would truly happen. Fortunately, I had some Fresh Water Pills and Hunger Suppressing Pills in my pocket."

"Is that why you strapped a dagger to your calf?" Xu Yingdei asked again.

"Yes, I often had to skip meals as a child, so you can say that I have a stronger sense of urgency compared to others." Ning Cheng spoke in a slightly embarrassed tone, directly disregarding Old Rui's advises.

Yin Kongchan, who was staring at Ning Cheng, spoke out slowly, "Ning Cheng, sometimes I really can't fathom where your bottom line for survival is? Inside the Hidden Mist Cemetery, only you were able to avoid the Yin Spirits. We encountered so many Yin Spirits in the Yin Spirit Groove, yet you were still able

to take us away. Even when there was not even a single clue at all, you not only were able to find the location of the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, but were also able to break open a Rank 7 Natural Array Formation.”

“When you were on your way to collect the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, I saw a glimmer of white frost wrapping around your feet, yet you were still able to get rid of it... Sometimes I can’t help but think that when you were on your way to collect the Underworld Soul Flower, if Xu Yingdei did not eat the Burning Life Pill to save you, wouldn’t you still have the means to escape? And once you obtained the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, would you still be safe if I hadn’t broken your fall?”

Ning Cheng was a little stunned at all these questions, he really had not thought in such a detailed manner. When he was picking up the Underworld Soul Flower, if Xu Yingdei had not lent a hand back then, then he really did have a method at his disposal, however whether he could use it or not, he was not sure about it. As for the cold poison from that hill, he really had no tangible way to deal with it. The moment he was caught by Yin Kongchan, it was already impossible for him to enter his miniature world. So, at that time, Yin Kongchan had truly helped him.

While Yin Kongchan spoke, Xu Yingdei kept looking at Ning Cheng, besides a gentle limpidity in her eyes, she did not have anything else.

“Ning Cheng, thank you for saving me again, but I cannot give the ring back to you. I’m sorry.” This was the first time Yin Kongchan had expressed her apology since the time Ning Cheng and Yin Kongchan met.

Xu Yingdei frowned, before she stared at Yin Kongchan and spoke, “Yin Kongchan, although I already know that you took Ning Cheng’s ring, but I also am aware that once you restore your soul, you will definitely return it to Ning Cheng. Moreover I also aware of the poisonous oath that you took for yourself.”

Yin Kongchan’s eyes darkened before she spoke, “I simply was not able to open the ring at all because my attainments in the field of Restrictions is simply too low, while the restrictions on the ring were just too high. I accidentally ended up destroying the ring, causing the contents inside to disappear without a trace.”

Xu Yingdei on hearing Yin Kongchan’s words, felt her body trembling, she could not even dare to look Ning Cheng in his eyes, before she spoke up in a somewhat frightened voice, “I should not have let her take the ring, but I really did not discuss it with her. She took the ring and also took an oath, of that I know. These were all things tacitly approved after she mounted a sneak attack on me. It was her own doing. I had thought that I would be able to help you out even if you did not have the ring. If I knew that Yin Kongchan would end up destroying your ring, then even if it had resulted in my death, I wouldn’t have let her take it. I just want to be with you, and I did not want anyone else...”

Yin Kongchan also lowered her head, while her expression was downcast before she spoke up, “Although we really did not discuss it, but I knew what Xu Yingdei thought and she also knew what I was thinking. Moreover, I knew that she wouldn’t make a move on you before I returned the ring, so I felt relieved when I left. If I knew that I would end up destroying the ring, I would definitely have not done that.....”

Ning Cheng stood up and stopped the two from talking anymore, "Let's just stop this matter here, even if the ring was not lost, at this moment it cannot be opened anyway. I'm going to sleep; you can also go and rest up, before we start thinking of ways out." Ning Cheng really did not want anything to do with either Xu Yingdei or with Yin Kongchan. As long as they were able to get out of this place, he would never again cross paths with the two of them.

Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan saw that Ning Cheng was not very keen on playing nice with them; Yin Kongchan actually took the opportunity to stand up and withdraw. Xu Yingdei's eyes were somewhat dim; she hesitated for a short while, before she also decided to follow Yin Kongchan out.

Ning Cheng was also waiting for the two of them to withdraw, before he immediately choose a flat spot, and immediately slept. To get out of this dessert, just food and water was not enough, he had to recharge himself. Only if he were full of energy, would he have the strength to seize the opportunity.

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Ning Cheng was also terribly fatigued, as he immediately fell asleep under the murky sky and over the dark earth. Even he did not know when the last time he fell asleep this easily was.

When he once again dreamt of Tian Muwan, he immediately woke up and suddenly sat up. During the time he cultivated in the Yi Xing Mainland, he had forced himself to forget this name, and in fact, he rarely ever remembered this name. But now that his cultivation was currently lost, he unexpectedly ended up seeing this woman in his dream again.

"Did you have a nightmare?" Yin Kongchan's voice rang in Ning Cheng's ear.

"Oh, it's dark again?" Ning Cheng felt the moonlight trickling into the cave through the crevices of the surrounding rocks and subconsciously spoke out. Only then did he immediately realize that Yin Kongchan was here.

"What are you doing here? Didn't I say that I was going to sleep?" Ning Cheng had just dreamt of a name that he was unwilling to remember, as such his tone and expression was also not very comfortable.

Yin Kongchan however did not care about Ning Cheng's attitude, and still spoke like before, "You slept from morning till night....."

"I see." Ning Cheng waved his hand, interrupting Yin Kongchan and spoke, "Xu Yingdei, you can come in too."

When Xu Yingdei came in, Ning Cheng took out forty pills, and gave twenty to each on before speaking, "Each one of you now has 10 Fresh Water Pills and 10 Hunger Suppressing Pills. I don't have many such pills, if my pills are finished, and we are not out of the desert by then, then we deserve to die a premature death and enter reincarnation."

This time, Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei clearly saw that Ning Cheng took out the pills from his belt. After Ning Cheng saw Xu Yingdei come in, he knew that these two women were standing guard over him; it looks like he was wrong about Yin Kongchan.

The two of them only took a single Fresh Water Pill and did not take any other pills. Ning Cheng understood that these two women although looked pretty, and were wearing women's robes, however they simply had no pocket to store the pills. Thinking about it, he put the pill away and spoke, "Forget it, you can come to me every day to take it."

Yin Kongchan sucked on the Fresh Water Pill and spoke, "I and Xu Yingdei have one thing that we want to discuss with you."

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Chapter 312: Embracing Yang God Tactic

Seeing Ning Cheng not replying, rather staring at them, Yin Kongchan had to take the initiative and speak, "This Forsaken Land is not a naturally occurring one rather it is a place that was banished by some ancient powerhouse. In other words, it is equivalent to an array formation, if we are able to restore our true essence and spiritual consciousness, we should be able to come out of this place."

Ning Cheng gave a smile and spoke, "Are you done talking nonsense? If you could restore your true essence and spiritual consciousness, would the two of you even come to me and discuss about it?"

"We cannot, but there was a person who could."

"Who?" Ning Cheng immediately interrupted Yin Kongchan's words and asked.

"Yan Fenghua." Yin Kongchan replied calmly.

Ning Cheng frowned; he seemed to have heard this name before. It seems that it has something to do with the Heavenly Dao Academy. Even so, what was the connection of him with the ability to restore one's true essence and spiritual consciousness in this place?

Knowing Ning Cheng's doubts, Yin Kongchan slowly spoke, "Yan Fenghua was a disciple of the Heavenly Dao Academy, however he was able to obtain an extremely powerful ancient heritage, which is a cultivation method by the name of Embracing Yang God Tactic. This kind of cultivation method does not need any spiritual qi, as long as a place has sunlight, one would be able to cultivate it. Once successfully cultivated, it would give birth to a certain kind of power, called the Power of Myriad Beings. If one is successful in cultivating it to the end, then the Power of Myriad Beings would be much stronger than the power of one's true essence, moreover the Power of Myriad Beings' strength actually stems from the practice of cultivation that involves creating something from nothing. However, my master told me that the Power of Myriad Beings was not something that would be generated out of thin air, but rather is a power derived from one's Dao Charm..."

Ning Cheng on hearing until here suddenly had a sentence that popped into his head, 'The Dao brings life to one, one brings life to two, two begets three, three gives birth to the myriad beings, while the myriad beings bear yin as well as embrace yang.'

As he thought of this sentence, he immediately spoke, "The myriad beings bear yin to embrace yang, is the Embracing Yang God Tactic stem from this?"

Yin Kongchan looked in complete shock at Ning Cheng. It was only after a good long time did she once again spoke up, "Yes. Myriad beings indeed bear yin to embrace yang, the Embracing Yang God Tactic is

indeed originating from this phrase. So if you would like to cultivate it, we can continue discussing about it.”

“You mean to say that you have the Embracing Yang God Tactic?” Ning Cheng stared at Yin Kongchan and asked in a somewhat loud voice.

Although Yin Kongchan was still surprised as to how Ning Cheng was aware of such an amazing thing like ‘Bearing yin to embrace yang’, she still was able to restore her previous calm in a short while and spoke, “I don’t have the complete Embracing Yang God Tactic, which is because the Heavenly Dao Academy’s Yan Fenghua had two lovers. One of them was my ancestor, Sang Yan. While the other was Xu Yingdei’s ancestor, Xu Binglan. He had given the Embracing Yang God Tactic to Sang Yan and Xu Binglan for the sake of fairness. However, he only passed over one half to each of them; as such it was not handed down completely.”

“Because Sang Yan and Xu Binglan were like fire and water to each other, as such Yan Fenghua knew it well that the two of them would never cooperate together to complete the cultivation method, so although he was fair on the surface, but the fact was that he did not pass down the other respective halves to the two of them. At this moment, Xu Yingdei and I both know the respective halves of the Embracing Yang God Tactic’s cultivation method. If you are willing to learn it, then we can pass it on to you separately, and you can cultivate it.”

Ning Cheng on hearing these things immediately understood a few things, that Yin Kongchan was Sang Yan’s descendent, while Xu Yingdei was Xu Binglan’s descendent. Although Yan Fenghua calculated that even the descendants of the two would never pass on their part of the cultivation method to each other, but he would never have thought that two such people would meet someone like him, while at the same time be also trapped in the Forsaken Land.

Seeing Ning Cheng seemed to be still thinking of something, Yin Kongchan spoke up, “The Forsaken Land in fact can be considered to be a top grade restriction that seals a cultivator’s spiritual consciousness and true essence. However, cultivating the Embracing Yang God Tactic is similar to starting from scratch, and would lead to a trace of true essence and a trace of spiritual consciousness emerging eventually, which can then be used to lift up the restriction on our own true essence and spiritual consciousness. In that case, we would have a significant chance of making it out of this place, but.....”

“But what?” Ning Cheng asked very simply.

Yin Kongchan hesitated for a slight while before speaking, “The Embracing Yang God Tactic is a part of the ‘Bearing Yin To Embrace Yang’, so cultivating it could result in being overpowered by Yang Qi, as such would need repeated reconciliation with Yin Qi, otherwise it would only lead to being burned to ashes because of the Yang Qi.

Ning Cheng sneered in his heart; it was not that he never encountered the phenomenon of Yang Qi burning the body. It was just that this cultivation method might have a sequela to it, because of which he had to be careful about it.

Seeming to have noticed the sneer in Ning Cheng’s eyes, Yin Kongchan took the initiative to say, “If it was the outside, having a strong Yang Qi would not be much of a problem, just undergoing some casual dual cultivation can resolve it. It is just that my own cultivation method cannot get along with dual

cultivating with you, so I basically have no way to be able to help you in this regard. So whether you want to cultivate in this or not, is completely up to you.”

“I’ll help you.” Xu Yingdei immediately spoke without hesitation; her tone showed that there was simply no room for negotiation. Although she looked into Ning Cheng’s eyes, but her own eyes were as soft as clean water.

Ning Cheng gave a slight nod, but did not care about it. He had the Mysterious Yellow Origin and the Star River, so even if the situation reached the point of Yang Qi trying to burn his body, he would still be able to control it. At first, his Star River Spark had absorbed the Yang Qi that was about to burn him, bringing it to the point of almost breaking out of its shell. Although doing such a thing might be dangerous for him, but even if it was more dangerous, at least it was better than staying permanently in this kind of place.

Once, when he was at the bottom of the Blood River, he still was able to find a way out of that place. So in this place, as long as his true essence and spiritual consciousness were restored, he was sure that he could deduce the way out. But at least he had to stay in this place until the time he could pick up clues about the Array Formations or Restrictions in this place.

Yin Kongchan on seeing Ning Cheng give a nod, breathed out a sigh of relief, before speaking, “Xu Yingdei and I will pass on the parts that we know, and you can sort out the cultivation by yourself. This kind of cultivation method is directly related to one’s aptitude, if you have a strong aptitude then you would be able form a trace of Power of Myriad Beings in three years or so. However, a person with a weak aptitude and qualifications might need a longer time.”

“So long?” Ning Cheng frowned. He thought it would, at maximum, take a month or two, but he did not expect that it would take him a few years, how could he possibly remain here for a few years?

“If you can get out in a shorter time, then nothing would be better than that. But if you can’t get out, then it would already be good for us to have a backing like you in the future.” Yin Kongchan spoke seeing Ning Cheng’s hesitation.

Ning Cheng finally nodded, “Ok, let’s do it. You can pass the Embracing Yang God Tactic to me, while I’m cultivating it, we will still look for the edges of the desert. In any case, he have to get out of this desert fist.”

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Once the three of them reached an agreement, it ended up becoming a tacit understanding between them. Under normal circumstances, the three of them would look for a place to rest during the day; Ning Cheng would then cultivate the Embracing Yang God Tactic, while Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan would take shifts in guarding the three of them. Finally, the three of them would once again hit the road at night.

In a flash, a month passed by, but the three of them were still walking in the vast expanse of the desert that stretched out in front of them. Ning Cheng was still cultivating for more than a month, but he was not able to produce even a shred of the Power of Myriad Beings during his cultivation. He was aware that without the support of the Mysterious Yellow Origin Aura, his aptitude and qualifications regarding cultivation was simply one of the worst.

Walking in the desert for more than a month, although Ning Cheng did not feel too much uncomfortable, however for Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan, this kind of life was no better than death. Although the two of them were deliberately trying to keep up their appearance, however both of them currently were akin to pruned up street flowers.

These days, Ning Cheng had also lost interest in cultivation, while his Fresh Water Pills were growing fewer. Even if the three of them were completely thrifty with them, the remaining pills would only be able to support them for half a month.

Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan also felt Ning Cheng's concerns, but although the two of them were anxious, they were aware that they simply had no other option.

Just as the sun was about to set down that day, the three people continued as usual, leaving their resting spot, they once again prepared to hit the road.

"Water....." Xu Yingdei's startled cry immediately ripped apart the silence of the night in the stark loneliness of the desert.

Ning Cheng and Yin Kongchan also looked into the direction pointed by Xu Yingdei, seeing a huge lake appear in front of the three. There were even a few flickering shadows of trees around the lake, along with a slight ripple flowing across the surface of the lake due to the winds.

"Is that an oasis....." Yin Kongchan spoke in a trembling voice. Since they were able to encounter an oasis, so how could the three of them not be happy about it?

The three of them stopped, but did not rush towards it. Because the three of them were seeing such a thing in this kind of place, they were also aware that it might just be a mirage. Maybe once they rushed towards it, they might just find it to be empty air.

"Let's just observe it for now." Ning Cheng on seeing Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan both looking at him, immediately spoke up.

After observing it for half a day, the vision in front of them did not disappear, showing that it might not be a mirage at all, rather was a real oasis.

The three of them immediately speed up towards it, and in just the time it took for half an incense stick to burn, arrived at the place from where the ripples of the lake were originating.

When the three of them saw a huge lake in front of their eyes, they became so elated with happiness that they even forgot to breathe.

The lake was lined with Poplar trees, coupled with some unknown weeds. There were even a few fishes splashing about in the centre of the lake, indicating that it was indeed a real lake and not an illusion.

Seeing this, Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei, both turned sluggish for moment, before they were finally unable to resist their excitement and rushed into the lake.

Ning Cheng also gave out a soft sigh, as he also felt excited in his heart. They had been walking in the desert for more than a month, even if he possessed the Hunger Suppressing Pills and the Fresh Water Pills, their days were still filled with too many sufferings. Now that they were able to encounter a real lake, it was not impossible for him to feel excited.

However, Ning Cheng soon felt that something was wrong. After Xu Yingdei rushed into the lake, there were only a few watery splashes before she completely disappeared without a trace, while Yin Kongchan was rushing back towards the shore like a frightened little bird.

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Chapter 313: White Robed Ghost Lake

Ning Cheng simply did not have any time to think, when he immediately rushed out and dived into the lake. He did not even ask Yin Kongchan as to what had happened. What he mainly feared was that Xu Yingdei might not know how to swim, and the lake might be very deep.

From the moment Xu Yingdei disappeared into the lake, to the moment Ning Cheng dived into it, only a breath or two had passed.

Yin Kongchan watched Ning Cheng dive into the lake, and it was only after a long while did she react, especially when she realized that Ning Cheng actually did not ask her about the specific reasons. Realizing this, she could only give a sigh, if she had been the one to replace him then even if she were to dive down to save people, she would have first asked about what the matter was.

She was aware that Ning Cheng was not someone who strived to keep good terms with everybody, but at the same time, she also understood why Ning Cheng was eager to save Xu Yingdei. It should be because Xu Yingdei's actions were finally starting to affect him; however, he himself wasn't aware of it yet.

Using the Burning Life Pill to burn her vitality in order to save Ning Cheng, attempting to extract her blood from her body in order to feed Ning Cheng, not even a shred of leeway in speaking the three words 'I'll help you'.....

Some of these things might seem absurd to others, but it was just perfect for people like Ning Cheng. It seems that what she said earlier to Ning Cheng was completely wrong. Previously, when Xu Yingdei had tried to cut her wrist to extract her blood in order to feed Ning Cheng, she had said the words that she was doing thing because she did not understand Ning Cheng. However, now it seems that Xu Yingdei did not only understand Ning Cheng, rather she understood Ning Cheng just too well. However, because her views were different from Xu Yingdei's, so their outlook towards the problems at hand were also different.

It might look like a completely stupid thing to do, but the traces it was leaving behind on Ning Cheng's heart were getting heavier and heavier, what was even worse was that even Ning Cheng himself was not aware of it. Yin Kongchan suddenly had a thought, if it was she who was caught in the lake. Would Ning Cheng ask anything about it first, or would he immediately dive into the lake just like a few moments ago? Or would he first ask about the matter in detail, and then try to think of a way to save her? Or would he simply not save her at all?

Ning Cheng had just dived into the water when immediately realized what had happened. A thick ribbon like something had stretched out to wrap around his legs. Not waiting for him to react, a few more ribbons emerged that immediately started wrapping themselves around him.

Ning Cheng without any hesitation, pulled out the tri edged thorn strapped to his calf, and directly cut off the ribbon that was wrapping around his leg. The thing that tangled with Ning Cheng seemed to

know about the fear of pain, so after Ning Cheng cut apart one of the ribbons, the rest quickly retreated from around him.

Knowing that these things were similar to aquatic grasses like kelp, Ning Cheng felt a bit of relief in his heart. He quickened his speed and soon reached the bottom of the lake before he caught sight of Xu Yingdei, who had been dragged to the bottom of the lake by the aquatic grasses.

Xu Yingdei was cloying in all directions. At this time, she suddenly caught sight of Ning Cheng's hand and immediately caught onto it.

Ning Cheng was surprised in his heart. Once he was caught by Xu Yingdei, he would have no way to help Xu Yingdei cut off the aquatic grasses wrapping around her body, it would even turn dangerous for himself.

Just as Ning Cheng wanted to avoid Xu Yingdei, Xu Yingdei also seemed to feel Ning Cheng's intent. She immediately let go of her grip. Ning Cheng also loosened up in his heart, before immediately slashing out with a few strokes of his tri edged thorn in his hand.

The aquatic grasses wrapping around Xu Yingdei's body also immediately receded, soon Xu Yingdei's body was devoid of these algae like ribbons. Ning Cheng immediately caught hold of Xu Yingdei and quickly brought both of them out of the lake.

At the edge of the lake, Yin Kongchan watched Ning Cheng bring Xu Yingdei out of the lake before she breathed a sigh of relief and quickly came forward to help.

After Xu Yingdei came ashore, she quickly rolled to one side while she vomited out several mouthfuls of water, before she gave Ning Cheng a soft look and said, "Thank you."

"We are just helping each other out. Besides you also helped me before....." Ning Cheng's words came to an abrupt halt.

Previously, he had not cared much about it, as he was busy saving the two of them. But at this time, Xu Yingdei's wet clothes were sticking to her body, clearly displaying her curves against the backdrop. Moreover, since he was also cultivating the Embracing Yang God Tactic, Ning Cheng could feel his mouth going dry while his tongue starting to rough up because of the sight in front of him. He subconsciously stole a glance at Yin Kongchan, and found her to be in the same state as Xu Yingdei.

However, Yin Kongchan on seeing Ning Cheng's wandering eyes, did not shy away at all, rather she looked at Xu Yingdei and spoke "You said you were going to help him. You guys can go ahead and do it; I will not come and disturb you."

Xu Yingdei's eyes were still like clear waters as she looked at Ning Cheng. Her eyes were so gentle at the moment that it would even melt the most stone-hearted of people, it was obvious that she did not mind what Yin Kongchan said to her a moment ago.

Ning Cheng gave a slight cough, before picking up the piece of aquatic grass that he had cut off, before he diverted the topic and spoke, "I do not know what this thing is, but it automatically takes the initiative to tangle people coming its way."

Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei also shook their heads, as neither of them knew what this aquatic grass was.

"I want to go back down and see. I feel that this aquatic grass might be of some use to us." Ning Cheng put the piece of aquatic grass in hand to one side and spoke.

Hearing that Ning Cheng still wanted to go back down, Xu Yingdei hurriedly spoke up, "You don't want to go down. I feel that this lake itself is somewhat strange."

Yin Kongchan also spoke up, "If you really have to go down then wait till tomorrow, we've already experienced enough weird things for tonight."

Ning Cheng also was thinking of the same, even if he had to go down and check, he did not have to go now.

After experiencing this kind of thing, Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei, both no longer dared to rush into the lake, rather they just stayed close to the shore of the lake and washed themselves.

After the three of them cleaned themselves, Ning Cheng used his tri edged thorn to cut some branches from the Poplar trees and build a temporary tent. The tent was not small, even if the three of them rested inside together; there was still a lot of empty space.

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The next morning, Ning Cheng was awakened by a cacophony of noises. He opened his eyes, only to find that both Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan had also woken up at the same time.

The tent that Ning Cheng built was not small, as such the three of them did not have to squeeze together to sleep. Moreover, Ning Cheng also knew that both Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan would take turns in guarding the three of them. So how did they fell asleep? Moreover, why did they decide to squeeze together with him to sleep?

"There are ghosts in the lake, so we did not dare to stay outside." Yin Kongchan on seeing Ning Cheng's puzzled look, quickly spoke up.

"This thing can wait for now, there are a lot of noises coming from outside. Looks like a lot of people, we'll have to go out and look." Ning Cheng spoke, while he simultaneously stepped out of the tent.

There were indeed many people out there, counting the men and women, there were a total of seven, in addition to them, there were also two beast carriages.

There people were completely different from the two men that they had encountered previously in the desert, except being covered in a layer of sand and dirt, each of them was full of spirit and seemed no different from ordinary people.

At this moment, the seven people were working outside Ning Cheng's tent; rather it seemed that they were waiting for Ning Cheng to come out.

The group of them were led by a dark complexioned and small-eyed man, with a look on his face that showed him to be one of the more astute people.

He seemed to be surprised to see Ning Cheng coming out of the tent with Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan, although he was initially surprised to see them, but when his eyes shifted to Xu Yingdei and Yingdei, he ended up showing an unconcealable shock.

Since Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei both had bathed and cleaned their clothes, they had once again regained their original beautiful appearances.

Ning Cheng seeing all these people, immediately stopped and was ready to pull out his tri edged thorn at any time to fight it out, but the other party did not turn out as Ning Cheng had thought.

The young man with the small eyes instead came forward and asked in a very polite manner, “Are you people also here to look for the Aquatic Essence Tendons?”

Aquatic Essence Tendons? Ning Cheng simply did not know what these Aquatic Essence Tendons were, so he had to speak up, “We are not looking for the Aquatic Essence Tendons, however we mistakenly wandered into the desert, before accidentally losing our direction, can you tell me how long it would take to get out of this place?”

Hearing that the Ning Cheng trio were not looking for the Aquatic Essence Tendons, the small eyed man was slightly disappointed, but still spoke with an enthusiastic voice, “To get out of this place will take about half a month’s time, when the time comes you can follow our beast carriage to the Ya Lun City.”

“Then many thanks for your help. I am called Ning Cheng, and these two are my companions, Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei. Is it possible to ask this friend for his name?” Ning Cheng on hearing that they could follow these people out of the desert felt immediately delighted as he cupped his fists and thanked them.

“My name is Ma Ang, this time all of us here have gathered together to collect the Aquatic Essence Tendons.” Ma Ang politely gave an answer to Ning Cheng’s words and introduced Ning Cheng to everyone one by one.

Ning Cheng on seeing a young man among them holding a piece of aquatic grass that he had brought up yesterday, asked Ma Ang in doubt, “Elder Brother Ma, can I ask you if the Aquatic Essence Tendon that you spoke off are the long aquatic grasses in the lake?”

Ma Ang also quickly replied, “That’s right, it is indeed those aquatic grasses. However because this kind of thing is found far away from the Ya Lun City, meaning deep inside the desert, it is something difficult to obtain, so it’s value is also extremely high.”

“What is its value?” Ning Cheng also felt that this aquatic grass was not ordinary.

Ma Ang solemnly spoke, “The Aquatic Essence Tendon contains a kind of heaven and earth essence qi, considering the kind of place we live in, the things that contain the heaven and earth essence qi are extremely rare, moreover the Aquatic Essence Tendon is one of the most valuable treasures among them. Because the Aquatic Essence Tendon contains this kind of heaven and earth essence qi, so it is possible to extract this essence qi from the Aquatic Essence Tendons and turn it into an Aquatic Essence Pill, allowing a bit of martial arts cultivation. It is also because of this that the value of the Aquatic Essence Tendon is extremely high. Just a small piece of it could be sold for a silver coin.”

Ning Cheng couldn't help but think that it was no wonder the Aquatic Essence Tendon felt unusual when he had cut it off. Originally, this thing contained Essence Qi, looks like it was something similar to the Qi Gathering Stone but for martial arts.

"There are a lot of these Aquatic Essence Tendons below, so why is it that hard to obtain it?" Ning Cheng thought back to last night when he had jumped into the lake. He was entangled by the Aquatic Essence Tendons in just a short while; moreover, there was indeed a lot of them inside the lake.

Ma Ang sighed and spoke, "Elder Brother Ning, you do not know about this, but the Aquatic Essence Tendons are abnormally tough to deal with, if you end up getting entangled by it, you will only end up dead. Every time we come here, we have to waste a lot of hard work only to obtain just a tiny bit."

Abnormally tough to deal with? Ning Cheng thought back to the time when his tri edged thorn was able to cut off the Aquatic Essence Tendon with ease, so how could it be tough to deal with? But then he quickly realized that the tools that these people carried were made out of ordinary iron. Simply put they were the worst kind of weapons and tools that one could use.

His tri edged thorn, although was junk, but it was at least crafted from relatively good materials, and obviously was incomparable to the weapons carried by these people.

"Moreover, it is dangerous to stay at the lake at night. This lake is called the White Robed Ghost Lake, and it's easy for one to lose their souls here and turn into a walking corpse. So none of us dares to stay in this place at night. It is already a miracle that the three of you were able to stay overnight in this place without anything happening." Ma Ang continued to explain.

Ning Cheng suddenly remembered Yin Kongchan's words from a while ago, as he thought to himself, was this really a ghost lake? But he had even dived down yesterday. So far, there was nothing wrong with him.

Thinking until here, Ning Cheng spoke once again, "Elder Brother Ma, do you think it would be okay for us to work together? I can help you obtain more Aquatic Essence Tendons, so we can split the money earned in half among us."

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Chapter 314: The Rusty Long Spear

Ma Ang looked at Ning Cheng with his mouth wide open, and only spoke after a long time, "Do you mean to say that you want to go down alone to gather the Aquatic Essence Tendons?"

"Yes, I'll go down alone. However, I have never visited the Ya Lun City before, but currently I am ready to settle in the Ya Lun City. However, because we are strangers to this land, so we will be in need of some help from Elder Brother Ma." Ning Cheng gave a smile and spoke.

Ning Cheng, at this moment, had a lot more ideas than before; he had never been to this Ya Lun City previously, as such who knew as to what kind of city was this Ya Lun City? However, from Ma Ang and the other people's attitude, it seems that this Ya Lun City was at least an orderly place. But even if it was an orderly place, it was always good to make one or two acquaintances beforehand.

Ma Ang declared, "It's all right for me to help you guys out, although there might be some troubles during the residential procedures within the Ya Lun City, but I can at least still help Elder Brother Ning

with the identity of a commoner. However, Elder Brother Ning, can you tell me as to how much Aquatic Essence Tendons can you harvest? As for the dangers regarding going down to gather Aquatic Essence Tendons, I won't be saying anything on it. I am sure that you have already experienced it."

Ma Ang apparently guessed that the Aquatic Essence Tendon by the side of the lake was something discarded by Ning Cheng, so he was sure that Ning Cheng had definitely dived into the lake at least once. Since Ning Cheng had already dived once into the lake, and still dared to make such a claim, that means Ning Cheng can definitely dive a few more times.

Ning Cheng gave a dark sigh in his heart, it seems that they would have to go through a few procedures to just get into the Ya Lun City; moreover there was also the issue of identities; however such things can be asked later.

Ning Cheng simply pointed to the beast carriage and spoke, "As to the quantity of Aquatic Essence Tendons, it would be enough to fill up one of the two beast carriages."

At this point, not to mention Ma Ang, even the others were stupidly staring at Ning Cheng while thinking, how was such a thing even possible. The Aquatic Essence Tendons were indigenous to the White Robed Ghost Lake, once one accidentally got entangled by the Aquatic Essence Tendons, then there was simply no way to save them.

It was only after a good while did Ma Ang swallowed down his saliva and asked, "Elder Brother Ning. If you can indeed fill a carriage with Aquatic Essence Tendons, then I would definitely go all out in not only helping the three of you complete the civilian residence procedures for the Ya Lun City but also provide you with a small courtyard all for yourself."

"Well, that's settled then." Ning Cheng finished saying, then turned to Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan with a smile on his face and spoke, "I'm going to gather the Aquatic Essence Tendons, and you can wait for me on the outside."

"Can't we go with you?" Xu Yingdei spoke in a timid voice.

Yin Kongchan shot a meaningful glance at Xu Yingdei; it seemed as if Xu Yingdei's character had changed overnight.

"Don't worry, otherwise you would not feel good even if you went to the Ya Lun City." Ning Cheng spoke while he walked towards the lake.

Ma Ang quickly took out a leather bag and handed it to Ning Cheng before speaking, "After you go down into the lake, you can tie this pouch to your back; the pouch has a pipe that you can grasp with your mouth, when you feel like breathing just suck on the pipe. It would help you in staying under the lake for a longer time."

"This is truly a good thing." Ning Cheng smiles, he couldn't help but think that it was a simplified oxygen cylinder.

Seeing Ning Cheng go down the lake, Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan started becoming nervous as they strained all their senses towards the lake. At the same time, they also paid careful attention to the people who had suddenly came here to harvest the Aquatic Essence Tendons.

Fortunately, these people were different from the two men that they had met before. Not only were they polite, but they were also very enthusiastic. Soon the two of them became a bit more familiar with the two other women from their group, even borrowing a set of clothes from them.

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As Ning Cheng entered the lake, once again, the shadows came out, but once these shadows met Ning Cheng's tri edged thorn, they immediately took the initiative to retreat.

In just a short time, Ning Cheng once again arrived at the bottom of the lake. Once he reached the bottom of the lake, he could vaguely see some of the scenery, although it was vague, but he could still see that the bottom of the lake was full of large swaths of those long aquatic grasses.

With the help of Ning Cheng's tri edged thorn, he was able to cut apart the aquatic grasses just as if he was harvesting wheat. In just a short time, he had already collected a big bunch.

At the lake, Ma Ang and the others who were nervously waiting for Ning Cheng. They did not have to wait for long when they saw Ning Cheng coming out of the lake carrying a large bundle of Aquatic Essence Tendons.

"So much?" Ma Ang and the other people simply were not able to believe it even when they saw the large bundle of Aquatic Essence Tendons in Ning Cheng's hands. They had come to this place time after time, but at most, they could only harvest just a third of what they saw in front of them, moreover it would only be the upper portions of the Aquatic Essence Tendons, let alone even seeing the parts closer to the roots or even the roots themselves. Yet Ning Cheng not only was able to bring up so much, he even brought up the roots.

Some of them had initially not believed in Ning Cheng's words, but at this moment, they were also looking at Ning Cheng in shock. Their eyes were also full of admiration towards him. It proved the point that capable people, in any kind of place, would be able to earn everyone's respect.

After Ning Cheng changed the oxygen bag, he once again continued to dive into the lake.

In just the short span of half a day, Ning Cheng had already harvested ten huge bundles of Aquatic Essence Tendons. Feeling that it was almost enough to fill up an entire carriage, Ning Cheng decided to just harvest one last bundle before stopping.

At the bottom of the lake, the Aquatic Essence Tendons grew in a vast area, however at this moment the area had already shrunk by almost half because of Ning Cheng's harvesting, mainly because Ning Cheng's tri edged thorn was simply too sharp.

However, at this time Ning Cheng's tri edged thorn was suddenly blocked, indicating that his tri edged thorn encountered a particularly hard object, to the point that the backlash was strong enough to even shake his hands.

Ning Cheng reached out his hand to feel what it was; but all he felt were just a lot of bones. From this, it can be seen that innumerable people had lost their lives in this lake over a long time.

Although Ning Cheng had currently no cultivation to speak of, but he had already seen so many things that he was simply not impacted in the least on the sight and touch of all these bones.

Brushing them away, Ning Cheng soon caught sight of the dark object that hindered his tri edged thorn, it was something similar to an iron rod, and was also cold to the touch. It made Ning Cheng think that it was not a simple object. He tugged at this iron rod, but although the iron rod shook, he was not able to pull it up.

The rest of the Aquatic Essence Tendons were all far away to be of any impact to Ning Cheng, so Ning Cheng simply sheathed his tri edged thorn back to his calf once again. Then used both of his hands to tug on the iron rod, this time he was finally able to pull out the iron rod.

A kind of heavy feeling was starting to congeal in his heart, which was also mixed with some joy. Ning Cheng's hand touched the base of this iron rod he found it to be somewhat flat, but when he touched the other end, he speculated that this iron rod might just be a long spear. Did a powerful person perish here, resulting in their magical weapon to be left behind in this place?

But magical weapons were something that one stored inside their rings, so how were they able to take it out?

Ning Cheng thinking of this, when he suddenly thought of a remote possibility, once the restriction on the ring was broken or the ring was damaged, wasn't there a possibility that the things in it would come out?

However, once the ring was damaged, no matter how good the things inside were, they would all turn to dust. The force created by the collapse of the space inside was not something that ordinary objects were able to block.

If the ring was damaged but this thing from inside the ring was not damaged by the spacial collapse, then it meant that it was truly of excellent quality. In other words it was definitely good stuff.

Ning Cheng's heart suddenly leapt up, if he could obtain that ring that was not able to destroy the long spear even after the collapse of its internal space, wouldn't it be a great fortune for him?

Suppressing the inner excitement and joy, Ning Cheng started feeling out the surroundings with his hands, only when he was convinced that there was nothing else in the surrounding area from where he obtained that rusty long spear, did he quickly rush out of the lake with the long spear in hand. As for harvesting the Aquatic Essence Tendons, he had already lost his interest in them.

Every time Ning Cheng came up, he would bring up a huge bundle of Aquatic Essence Tendons, but this time Ning Cheng unexpectedly just brought up a rust stained iron rod, which made a strange scene to the people at the lake.

"Elder Brother Ning, what's this?" Ma Ang did not ask why Ning Cheng did not bring any Aquatic Essence Tendons, but rather curiously looked at the rusty long spear in Ning Cheng's hand.

Ning Cheng just gave a sigh and spoke, "Alas, I think I ended up cleaning out the Aquatic Essence Tendons, I looked for a long time, but only found a few scattered roots, I think it's better to forget it now. I found this iron spear at the bottom of the lake. It should have been dropped by a person fishing for the Aquatic Essence Tendons before. I just lack a similar kind of weapon, so it should be easy to use for me."

“It looks like our harvest for the Aquatic Essence Tendons is more than enough. With so much Aquatic Essence Tendons, even if we do not come back for many years, it would still be enough. Elder Brother Ning, you really are quite skilful.” Ma Ang did not mind Ning Cheng’s iron spear, but rather was more excited to see that huge amount of Aquatic Essence Tendons.

Ning Cheng also seemed to not have any intentions of explaining about it any way and just spoke, “The fact is, I can be considered as half a martial artist. I used to train in a martial art before, called ‘Splitting Tendons Grinding Bone Hand’. This kind of martial art has been quite useful for me, unexpectedly it was very handy in pulling out Aquatic Essence Tendons, and even I did not think that it would be this easy.”

Listening to Ning Cheng’s words, not only Ma Ang, but even the rest of the people suddenly seemed to have gained enlightenment. No wonder Ning Cheng’s speed of harvesting Aquatic Essence Tendons was so fast, and was even able to pull them out by their roots. It turns out that he originally belonged to a martial family, and had even practiced a martial art by the name of Splitting Tendons Grinding Bone Hand.

Only Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan were aware that Ning Cheng was only talking nonsense, the reason Ning Cheng was able to harvest this much Aquatic Essence Tendons was entirely because he had a dagger. But currently, even their attention was drawn to the rust stained long spear in Ning Cheng’s hand, the spear was almost two meters long, but whether it was the spear body or the spear head, all of it was covered in rust spots, giving it a look of an ordinary iron rod.

However, Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan were not people without vision, looking at the long spear in Ning Cheng’s hand, they could easily guess that it was definitely not a normal long spear, and the rusty stains on the rusty long spear were also not actual rust.

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Since Ning Cheng was able to harvest so much Aquatic Essence Tendons, it could be said that everyone ended up gaining a huge profit, while at the price of not risking anything. Because of this, everyone ended up respecting Ning Cheng even more.

As for Ma Ang, who was the leader among them, in order to create a favourable impression on Ning Cheng, evenly distributed the ten bundles of the Aquatic Essence Tendons among the two beast carriages. Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei, as well as the other two women took up a beast carriage, while Ning Cheng and the other four men rode in the other beast carriage. There were also two more people, specifically the carriage drivers.

After a few days of travel, Ning Cheng already made acquaintances with the few people, and understood a bit more regarding the Ya Lun City.

The Ya Lun City unexpectedly turned out to be a legalized and ordered city, but the governing laws were quite severe, even Ning Cheng who listened to all of it was speechless.

For some petty thievery, they would cut off their hands, for outright robbing, it would lead to being beheaded, as for cheating it was castration...

Not only that, in Ya Lun City, everything had to be purchased through money, even procuring drinking water would cost money. However, Ning Cheng was accustomed to spending money to buy drinking water, especially since he used to live on Earth; where it costed money to use water.

From Ma Ang's words, Ning Cheng also came to know that the most powerful person in the Ya Lun City was the City Master. At the same time, one must never offend the people from the City Master's Mansion. As for living inside the Ya Lun City, it was differentiated by grades and hierarchy. If it was a nobleman who committed an offence, then they could use gold coins and other valuable stuff as compensation. However, if it were a civilian who committed a crime, then they simply would not have any means to compensate. In order to temporarily live in the Ya Lun City, Ning Cheng specifically consulted Ma Ang about all kinds of legal details.

It could be guessed that it was because of the Ya Lun City's strict laws; the people that Ning Cheng met were quite friendly. As everyone trudged along the way, the talks amongst each other became a bit livelier.

On the tenth day, the beast carriage finally left the desert, while at the same time its speed also increased. On the thirteenth day, the majestic looking brown coloured walls of Ya Lun City appeared in Ning Cheng's line of sight.

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Chapter 315: Even A Glance Can Cause Trouble

Ya Lun City was more like the ancient cities that Ning Cheng had seen on television, although the walls had become mottled and dark brown over the years, but even then, it could be seen that the majestic looking walls in front of them were once made out of huge bluestones.

The gates were quite huge, with a total of three of them. The middle entrance was about three feet wide, while the doors on both of its side were about two feet in width.

Just as they were about to enter the city, Ma Ang pulled aside the beast carriages with the Ning Cheng trio, and suggested them to change into a set of ordinary clothes. Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingde also got down from their beast carriages and stood beside Ning Cheng.

Ma Ang pointed to the largest gate in the middle and spoke, "This is the gate that the City Master uses and the city's troops also move through this gate. However, ordinary people must never use this gate; rather they can only use the side gates."

Ning Cheng thought that compared to the laws that the Mainland cultivated; this place was really a bit too tedious. In a place that cultivated true virtue, generally a city gate can be used by anybody.

Just as Ning Cheng was about to ask something, sounds of hooves pounding on the ground arrived, which was then followed by a luxurious convoy moving towards the middle door.

Ma Ang hurriedly pulled aside Ning Cheng, "Elder Brother Ning, hurry up and stand aside. This is the City master's most doted upon Princess Man who loves to go out, do not bump into her....."

Ning Cheng quickly took a few steps back, while at the same time took a glance at them. He was surprised to find that there was a blue green crystal point on the forehead of this Princess Man. He had just glanced at this bright spot, when he immediately felt himself go dizzy.

Ning Cheng hurriedly pulled back his eyes, before lowering his head and stood on one side.

The rapidly moving beast's hooves suddenly slowed down, before coming to a stop in front of Ning Cheng. Ning Cheng felt his heart tighten up; at this moment, he felt that he should not have glanced at this Princess Man. But at the same time, he also thought in his mind that he had only taken a look, so nothing should happen, right?

"You've got a lot of nerves, daring to look up at me." Princess Man spoke out in cold voice at Ning Cheng.

Ma Ang on hearing those words, immediately felt his heart sink. He realized that he had forgotten to tell Ning Cheng an important point, that is, never to even look at the people from the City Master's Mansion at any time.

Before Ning Cheng could even explain himself, he heard the princess speak up with an indifferent voice, "Drag the man out, beat him to death and dig both of his eyes out."

Ning Cheng was completely furious in his heart, it was just a glance, but it turns out this woman was simply too vicious. Not to mention killing him, what was the deal with even digging his eyes out?

"Princess don't! We have just arrived at Ya Lun City, so none of us has a good understanding about the laws of this place. I ask the princess to forgive him just this one time, this little woman is willing to pray for the princess' wellbeing day and night....." Xu Yingdei immediately took the initiative to plead.

Ma Ang on seeing this scene gave out a sigh, pleading while not kneeling in this situation was akin to rushing full speed towards death.

Of course, he did not know that Xu Yingdei was a premier disciple, so how could she kneel before a Princess Man as a premier disciple? It can be even said that it was comparing a child to a fully grown adult in terms of status, just calling the other party as a princess was in itself showing a huge amount of face.

"Huh, you dare to plead in front of me?" This Princess Man on seeing Xu Yingdei unexpectedly dare to come forward to plead felt surprised for a moment before she spoke, "You, lift your head up."

Xu Yingdei looked up and nervously glanced at this Princess Man. With that kind of delicate and charming look, coupled with her already strikingly beautiful appearance, it would cause an immediate resonance in the heart of any person who looked at her.

Princess Man was also no exception to this, although beautiful women in the Ya Lun City were akin to clouds, moreover she was also quite a beautiful woman, however she had to admit that she had never seen anyone more beautiful than Xu Yingdei.

"Are you willing to follow me?" Only after a good long while did this Princess Man inquired, not even blaming Xu Yingdei for not kneeling.

Xu Yingdei hurriedly spoke up once again, "This little girl is already married to a husband and is already a pair of husband and wife, vowing to go through life and death together, as such I would not be able to serve and wait on the princess. So this little one will have to ask for the princess forgiveness."

Contrary to all the expectations, Princess Man nodded and spoke, "Good, it is a pity that you have such a virtuous woman to plead for you, so just for her sake I will spare your small life, and only reward you with three knives and six holes."

"Ding dong..." A narrow dagger was thrown out by one of the surrounding guards, before it fell not far from Ning Cheng.

Although Ning Cheng was thoroughly angry in his heart but he knew that, he simply did not have any choice. If he could recover his cultivation, then all he would need was to just send out a fireball to take care of all of them. This Princess Man was simply too self-righteous to take human life seriously.

But the fact was that he knew it in his heart that this might also be the best outcome for him in this situation. Ning Cheng was just about to pick up the dagger, when Xu Yingdei stepped up first to grab the dagger, before she raised her hands and in just a moment punctured it through her shoulder in one move. Blood instantly erupted, dyeing half her body in red.

Ning Cheng was simply too shocked, he had no idea that Xu Yingdei would do such a thing. He quickly stepped forward and held Xu Yingdei in his hand, while at the same time snatched the dagger from her and spoke, "I already told you last time to not do such a thing."

Just as the voice fell, Ning Cheng stabbed the dagger in his hands twice through both his left and right shoulder. Combined with Xu Yingdei, it completed the three knives and six holes punishment.

"Humph, it seems that there is still a little brotherhood around." Princess Man gave a cold humph then with a roar, drove the beast convoy into the distance before disappearing without a trace.

Xu Yingdei on seeing Ning Cheng's shoulder dyed with blood, unexpectedly forgot her own bleeding shoulder, as she panicked and stepped forward to help Ning Cheng wrap the wound.

"I'm fine, just be careful with your own wounds." Ning Cheng endured the pain and just spoke a single sentence, but then he suddenly felt his Zifu loosening up, the next moment just like a prisoner coming out of a long imprisonment, the Mysterious Yellow Origin once again began to flow.

Was his injury a blessing in disguise? Ning Cheng was pleasantly surprised in his heart, at this moment it did not matter to him if he was taken inside the city or was left outside the gate, as he immediately sat down and started guiding the Mysterious Yellow Origin Aura, in order to break open his sealed Core Lake. Once he broke open his Core Lake, then he would be able to circulate this true essence through his meridians. At that moment, not to mention a princess, even if he were to face the entire army of the Ya Lun City, he would be able to exterminate all of them with just a simple wave of his hand.

Xu Yingdei simply ignored her own injury, while Yin Kongchan and another person came forward to help Ning Cheng tend to his wounds. With Yin Kongchan's help, they were finally able to seal up the wounds.

Ning Cheng attacked the seal on his Core Lake for a long time, however the Mysterious Yellow Aura was not able to directly break the shackles on his Core Lake or his imprisoned Zifu as he had imagined. However, Ning Cheng did not feel dejected about it in his heart; at least he now had something to work on. Now that he finally was able to once again sense the Mysterious Yellow Origin Aura, so there would definitely come a day when he would be able to recover his cultivation.

He had cultivated the Embracing Yang God Tactic for nearly two months; however, he was unable to show anything for it. But he had not thought that he stabbing himself twice would have such an immediate effect. It looks like the Mysterious Yellow Aura would only break out when the situation turned critical for him.

Seeing Ning Cheng finally stand up, Ma Ang quickly came over and spoke, "Elder Brother Ning, this time it was truly my fault to have not mentioned about this, I should have warned you to not look up. However, your luck really is good, if you were replaced by any other ordinary person, they would have already died with their eyes dug out. Princess Man is seldom this magnanimous, it can be said that you truly have a good wife."

Finished speaking, Ma Ang also gave Xu Yingdei a look full of respect. In his view, both Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan were Ning Cheng's women; however, Xu Yingdei cared about her husband a lot more than Yin Kongchan.

"It's not your fault Elder Brother Ma; it was me who did not know about the rules. I will have to recuperate for a while, so I will have to ask Elder Brother Ma to help us procure a few civilian identities, and also a place to reside." Ning Cheng quickly replied.

Since he was now able to sense the Mysterious Yellow Origin move, so for Ning Cheng it was the most important priority currently. He had to find a quiet place to restore his cultivation. Only after he could restore his cultivation, would he have the right to speak in this place and also leave this damned place.

At this time, Ma Ang thumped his chest and spoke, "Elder Brother Ning, you can rest assured that I will personally deliver your residence and identity permits or I will die trying. I will definitely help you in procure them in the shortest possible time. So for a few day I'll have to trouble you to live in an inn till I get back."

Accepting the Ma Ang's oath, Ning Cheng calmed his heart down, before he arrived in front of Xu Yingdei and spoke, "Thank you very much for this time. Do you need any help with your injuries?"

Xu Yingdei simply gave a soft smile and spoke, "I'm fine. You are hurt even heavier than me, so you need to pay more attention to your body."

After saying that, Xu Yingdei even came forward and used her injured arm to carefully support Ning Cheng. Ning Cheng, for the first time, did not avoid Xu Yingdei's touch, as he could feel that at this moment Xu Yingdei's concern and care was not even half a bit false.

Yin Kongchan on seeing Xu Yingdei coming forward to help Ning Cheng bowed her head. No one knew what she was thinking.

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No matter how much Ma Ang earned from the Aquatic Essence Tendons it was secondary, but Ma Ang at least delivered on his promise. On the sixth day that the Ning Cheng trio spent in the inn, he finally was able to procure a good residential status for them, while at the same time also found a small courtyard in a remote place in the Ya Lun City.

With his own residence, Ning Cheng immediately went into closed door seclusion, readying himself to strike with the Mysterious Yellow Origin. First, he had to break open his sealed Zifu then unlock the seal on his true essence.

He also had a few Fresh Water Pills and Hunger Suppressing Pills remaining with him, so other than coming out to wash himself, he spent most of the time pounding his sealed Zifu. Ning Cheng even stopped cultivating the Embracing Yang God Tactic, mainly because cultivating the Embracing Yang God Tactic not only did not work for him, but at the same time, he often felt the need of a woman after trying to cultivate it. Although Ning Cheng hasn't suspected the cultivation method, but now that his Mysterious Yellow Origin was loosening up, he would not go and continue wasting his time on cultivating the Embracing Yang God Tactic.

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A month's time passed by in a fleeting instant, Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei seemed to be aware that Ning Cheng was cultivating the cultivation method, so they rarely came to disturb him. On this day, Ning Cheng's Zifu unexpectedly began loosening up. When Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness finally was able to stretch out a metre, Ning Cheng almost let out an ecstatic shout.

As long as his spiritual consciousness was able to stretch out a few more meters, he would then be able to take out the contents of his ring. With his spiritual consciousness loosened up, unlocking the seal on his true essence would only require half the effort.

A few days later, Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness was finally able to stretch out to three meters, the situation this time was really good, when Yin Kongchan suddenly rushed in with anxiety written all over her face.

"What's the matter?" Ning Cheng on seeing Yin Kongchan's anxious expression knew that there was something wrong.

Yin Kongchan anxiously spoke out, "Xu Yingdei was wounded in the market, and is also being detained. They said that they would be taking Xu Yingdei to the Legal Tribunal Office. If she goes to the Legal Tribunal Office, then Xu Yingdei would certainly not be able to come out."

Ning Cheng suddenly stood up and spoke, "What the hell is going on? Quickly lead the way."

Although Ning Cheng had been in seclusion and was attacking his sealed Zifu and Core Lake, but he was very clear on what kind of a place was this Ya Lun City. The laws in this place was to the point of being appalling, even if Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan were women with ordinary beauty, there would still be a few people who would try to covet them. However, the streets were very orderly and Xu Yingdei was also not a troublemaker, so how could she be taken to the Legal Tribunal Office?

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Chapter 316: I know how to obey the Law

The makeshift market and Ning Cheng's residence was not too far apart, so Ning Cheng could only make do with the simplified version of what had transpired from the mouth of Yin Kongchan as they rushed through the streets. Although he helped Ma Ang harvest a lot of Aquatic Essence Tendons, but other than Ma Ang helping them get a few residence permits and identities along with a small courtyard for a

residence, he only handed them just 50 silver coins. This showed the astuteness and also the shrewdness of a businessperson, since Ning Cheng also did not ask him how much he had earned, so he only gave them a random number.

Ning Cheng had immediately gone into seclusion in his residence to break open his sealed Zifu, and simply had forgone control over the rest of the things. In order to live in this place, where everyone had to spend money, not just for clothes or other things, but also for eating food and drinking water. One even had to pay a living tax to reside in their own residence.

It was clear that fifty silver coins was simply not enough, so Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan could only go to the makeshift market to find some odd jobs. Both of them were quite skilled, so they rented a stall in the makeshift market to sell embroidery, and were barely able to maintain it.

But then problems started cropping up, there were already a few embroidery stalls in the makeshift market; however, Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei also had good skills when it came to embroidery, which inadvertently caused them to squeeze out other embroidery stalls out of business, as such the business for others was growing worse.

Even in the face of harsh laws, as long as others touched the bottom line of their vital interests, there would always be someone who would think of a way to strike back. Not to mention that Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei were already strikingly beautiful, so it led to them being coveted by a few people.

After a month of smooth sailings, trouble finally came knocking at their doors. The embroidery that Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei sold was also being gradually being returned, the reason being given was that they were using inferior cotton materials, so after being washed a few times, the dyes turned white while the embroidery also started to come undone. This kind of thing not only made the material to easily tear apart, but it also turned into a complete mess once colours started dissolving into the water.

In the Ya Lun City's makeshift market, the rules were strictly defined. Once the goods being sold turned out to be shoddy, they would then have to face the severest of punishments from the Legal Tribunal Office. Being driven out of the Ya Lun City was already the lightest punishment, while a more serious punishment being buried alive in the ground. Even enslavement was not out of the question.

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Ning Cheng followed Yin Kongchan and entered the makeshift market. This was the first time that he had entered this place after entering the Ya Lun City.

However, at this moment he had no intention to look at the makeshift market in order to look at the things being sold as his sight ended up on Xu Yingdei. At this moment, Xu Yingdei had a headful of scattered hair, while her body and face had obvious bloodstains on them. Two men held red sticks their hands and were standing on each side with Xu Yingdei pinched in between them.

Ning Cheng as if not thinking of anything, or even speaking out any nonsense, pulled out his tri edge thorn and rushed up. He had been cultivating the Embracing Yang God Tactic for a long time, coupled with the recent loosening of his Sea of Consciousness; he could release a part of his spiritual consciousness, allowing him to move his hands in an extremely fast manner.

“Poof poof.....” Two flashes of blood erupted. The two men, who held Xu Yingdei in between them with the aid of the red sticks, fell to their knees. Their knee caps were sliced apart by Ning Cheng’s tri edged thorn.

Xu Yingdei broke free of her restraints and rushed over into Ning Cheng’s bosom, while sobbing quietly. She had always been a noble disciple of a grand academy, when had she ever suffered this kind of grievance?

As Xu Yingdei’s soft body fluttered into Ning Cheng’s arms, Ning Cheng unexpectedly experienced a kind of tranquil feeling. For the first time, his heartstrings were being tugged because of Xu Yingdei.

Ning Cheng felt the trembling Xu Yingdei in his arms. He gave a soft comforting pat to Xu Yingdei and spoke in a gentle manner, “Don’t be afraid, no one will dare to take you away.”

Xu Yingdei’s soft voice resounded in Ning Cheng’s ears, “I’m not afraid, I’m very happy...”

At this point, the onlookers in the makeshift market were completely shocked to see Ning Cheng; however, no one dared to speak up at the moment. In the makeshift market, they had never experienced this kind of a ruthless hand, was this man not afraid of death by hanging?

“You dare to seriously injure people in the makeshift market.....” A fat man pointed towards Ning Cheng in fear, while at the same time roared out his words.

Ning Cheng pulled on Xu Yingdei’s hand, before walking up to the fat man and speaking in cold voice, “So tell me, who were these two men that I injured? What crime did my companion commit? Why was she being beaten by the two?”

The fat man seemed to have woken up from the most frightening time that he had encountered in his life, before he pointed at Ning Cheng and spoke, “The two of them are interfering with the makeshift market, selling fake goods, so they deserve being enslaved and then beheaded for their crimes.”

As the fat man spoke, he then pointed to the two men whose knees Ning Cheng had just sliced apart, and spoke, “They had just bought a fake and came back to return it yet you dared to seriously hurt the two people. Just how huge is your dog shit courage, you are going to face the gallows, the gallows...”

The fat man’s words had not yet finished, when Ning Cheng suddenly came forward and slapped him a few times, while at the same time once again brought out his tri edged thorn.

Sounds of bones being shattered once again resounded out as the fat man directly fell onto the ground after Ning Cheng crushed his knee caps.

Ning Cheng then raised his tri edged thorn once again before crouching down and speaking to the fat man, “I’m not only going to hurt you, but I’m also going to kill some of you. Do you believe it?”

“You, you.....” At this moment, the fat man was not able to utter any words due to fear. He had never imagined that a person could be so brazen in the makeshift market.

Ning Cheng held the tri edged thorn as he got up and walked towards the two men that he had seriously injured before. At this moment, the two men were too frightened to be even able to speak anything.

“Stop.....” A voice arrived followed by a group of people wearing military robes, at the front of them was a man wearing an official’s hat, showing that he obviously was the leader of this group of people.

“Ning Cheng, what shall we do now? That man is from the Legal Tribunal Office.” Yin Kongchan came to Ning Cheng’s side, and whispered a few words in a calm tone, without showing much of her previous anxiousness.

The man wearing the official’s hat seeing that much blood, along with the three men sprawled on the ground, immediately flew into a rage and shouted, “Who dares to be so bold, to even shed blood inside the makeshift market, did you think this place was lawless?”

The fat man on seeing the person with the official’s hat come over, immediately squealed like a pig, “Lord Sen, if you had not come then we would have been killed by this lawless brute. Lord we are just small people who respect justice and abide by the rules aah.....”

There were obviously a few people here in cohorts with the fat man, so once the fat man’s words came out, it immediately incited the crowd to shout in his support, demanding a severe punishment to the murderer, but at the same time portraying the makeshift market to be as bright as the sun and moon.

[TL Note – ‘As bright as sun and moon’ here means that this place was being treated as a Holy Place.]

The man in the officer’s hat showed a trace of killing intent as he stared at Ning Cheng and spoke, “You sure have a lot of guts, take him to the Legal Tribunal Office, he would then be sent to the slave market after the trial. As for the two women, take them back there too, they will be first imprisoned in jail.....”

A few people dressed in the military uniform started walking towards Ning Cheng; however, Ning Cheng spoke up in a calm yet loud voice at this moment “You better stop.”

The several soldiers wanted to catch Ning Cheng, and thought that Ning Cheng was frightened.

Ning Cheng calmly strapped his tri edged thorn to his calf, before he took a few steps forward. The man in the official’s hat, the one surnamed Sen, seeing Ning Cheng coming forward, hurriedly took a few steps back. He wanted to order the people following him to go up and tie Ning Cheng up. Ning Cheng suddenly stared at him with a cold smile, “Lord, although my courage is not small, however your courage is even greater than mine own aah. Since you want to catch me, then I’m afraid that the one who would be going to the slave market would not be me but you, right?”

“What are you talking about, I am an official from the Legal Tribunal Office, and it is my duty to punish a criminal like you for creating such destruction in the market.....”

The man surnamed Sen had not finished, when he was interrupted by Ning Cheng. “Lord Se. There are many people watching, what sort of law are you going to use to arrest a meritorious person like me? What means do you want to use to trample the sacred laws of the Ya Lun City? You see, I am a person who always abides by the law.”

Ning Cheng speaking until here raised his hands and cupped his fists in the direction of the City Master’s Mansion.

“You....” The man was so angry with Ning Cheng that he could hardly speak, but he still reeled in his anger after a while, before giving a sneer and spoke, “You wrecked destruction within the makeshift

market, openly threatened to kill people in the makeshift market, how can someone like you be addressed as a man of merits? If I haven't come here, I'm afraid that you would have already claimed a few lives, right? In accordance to the Line 5 of the Article 971 of the Ya Lun City's laws, you were not only conspiring to commit murder in the makeshift market. But you even destroyed the property of the market, which is enough to consign you to slavery. If you want to still rebel, then you would be killed directly. Hehe, looks like you want me to kill you directly!"

Ning Cheng spoke out with disdain, "Lord Sen, these three people posed as officials from the Legal Tribunal Office, beaten my companion, and even bullied us openly in the marketplace. So for me to kill them is indeed a meritorious service to the city. According to the Line 2 of the Article 618 of Yan Lun City's laws, anyone trying to pose as officials inside the Yan Lun City can be killed by anyone to earn merits. Lord Sen, do you intend to help these criminals who pretended to be Yan Lun City's officials?"

The man wearing the official's hat, the one called as Lord Sen, immediately went pale in the face of Ning Cheng's words. He really had not known that there was such a thing. If the Line 2 of a Law conflicted with the Line 5 of a law, then the judgement would absolutely be based on the Line 2 of the Law.

At this time, the fat man immediately behaved as if he was a pig being killed and cried out, "We were not impersonating officials, he is just fabricating facts."

This Lord Sen also thought that the fat man was right, who in the Ya Lun City would dare to impersonate an official? Unless death was not a strong enough deterrent for them. He was afraid to proceed, so his tone immediately turned even more guarded, "A false accusation against someone else is an even more serious crime than what you committed....."

Ning Cheng once again rudely interrupted this Lord Sen's words, before he stared at the fat man and coldly asked, "Let me ask you this, what crime as my companion commit, to the point that you wanted to even beat her?"

"She is shoddy, interfering with the workings of the makeshift market, selling fakes; it is more than enough to be enslaved....." The fat man screamed out.

Ning Cheng's tone turned even colder, "Did you investigate it? Or is it that you are just guessing? Or did you just believe the statement from one side?"

"Although I did not investigate, but these things are obvious, there were even others who came to return things." The fat man still argued.

The man surnamed Sen, the one wearing the official's hat, immediately realized his mistake, but before he could even speak up, Ning Cheng once again spoke up in a cold voice, "Even if the Legal Tribunal Office wants to punish someone, they have to investigate things thoroughly before they can convict them. But for this matter, you not only have not investigated the matter but also had already convicted and even injured my companion. Let me ask you, what qualifications do you have to convict people? If this was not called impersonating officials, then what was even called impersonating officials? Let me ask you once again, what qualifications do you have to beat my companions in the open market? Or is it possible that you have already reached an understanding with Lord Sen here?"

Ning Cheng speaking until here deliberately looked at Lord Sen and gave a smile before speaking, "I know that the Laws of Ya Lun City are fair and equitable, and anyone who is not convicted is good and

disciplined. Lord Sen, even if it was a person whom you know, you cannot trample on the fair and just laws of our Ya Lun City.”

Although Ning Cheng spoke those words in an impassioned tone, it still elicited cheers from the on looking spectators.

Lord Sen’s face instantly turned pale, even the fat man seemed to have forgotten the pain radiating from his knee and was sweating profusely, before he spoke up, “You started a fight in the makeshift market, and even seriously injured us.”

Ning Cheng stepped forward and patted the fat face of the fat man, “Idiot, I am a man of merits, or did you not understand what I said? How can I tolerate this kind of thing especially when someone pretends to be from the Legal Tribunal Office?”

Finished speaking, Ning Cheng once again looked at the now ugly face of the man wearing the official’s hat and spoke, “Lord Sen, you are a lord from the Legal Tribunal Office, and yet after you came here, you unexpectedly did not even investigate anything, and wanted to catch a meritorious hero like me. According to the Line 1 of Article 431 in Ya Lun City’s law, I think that the Lord should know as to what to do?”

The man surnamed Sen immediately felt cold sweat oozing from his forehead, he really could not figure out how Ning Cheng was so proficient in the laws of Ya Lun City that even he felt trouble remembering.

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Ning Cheng was aware that he should not push it any further, even if he made mincemeat out of every argument of this man surnamed Sen, he really would not be able to take him on in the end, let alone actually punishing this man surnamed Sen. That was because he really did not know if this person had any backing in the city. With his current strength, it would be best to not push ahead.

“Of course, Lord Sen has just arrived here, so not being able to understand the situation is quite normal, moreover it is also normal for some people to accuse others for evil. I believe that Lord Sen’s perspective would not leave out even the finest of details.” Ning Cheng gave a smile, while speaking with a somewhat leisure tone.

The man surnamed Sen who had cold sweat oozing out of his forehead suddenly sobered up, that’s right, he was an official from the Legal Tribunal Office, so how could he be threatened by a mere civilian? What would happen if the other person were speaking the truth? Was it even possible for someone like him to report on his superiors?

Understanding this point, the man surnamed Sen’s heart immediately calmed down, while his tone and demeanour also reverted back to what it was when he just arrived and spoke, “Rest assured, I will investigate this matter in detail, till the results are brought forth, you will remain at your residence……”

Although he was aware that Ning Cheng couldn’t take care of him by himself, but the man surnamed Sen also did not dare to continue banter with Ning Cheng. He had never seen a commoner who was this proficient with the laws of Ya Lun City. He was even sure that even he himself was not as familiar with the laws of the Ya Lun City as the commoner in front of him was.

Ning Cheng looked at him then cupped his fists and spoke, "In that case, then Lord Sen, I will be going back with my companions. I will always pay attention to the situation in the makeshift market, if there is any violation of laws, I will immediately report it to the Legal Tribunal Office."

Before leaving, Ning Cheng left behind a few moderately threatening words. His meaning being that if the man surnamed Sen did not speak any further regarding this, then he would also not blame him for his rhetoric. As for that official surnamed Sen, he behaved as if he absolutely did not understand the underlying meaning.

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"Ning Cheng, how did you become so proficient in the laws of Ya Lun City?" As the three of them left the makeshift market, Yin Kongchan asked in an astonished tone.

The first thing that Ning Cheng did before he found his residence was to buy a copy of the laws of the Ya Lun City. The laws of the Ya Lun City were not written in a book or two; rather it spanned several thick books, with each page filled with dense words in small prints. Even if one still had access to their spiritual consciousness in this place, they would still take a good amount of time to memorize it, so without spiritual consciousness, it would only be something impossible.

Ning Cheng gave a smile, "My memory is better than others, so I just memorized the things useful to me."

Yin Kongchan obviously was not satisfied with Ning Cheng's answer, she knew that Ning Cheng must have been lying, but she chose not to continue entangling with Ning Cheng's memory at this moment, instead she asked about something else, "Then how did you know about how to skirt around the laws? Or was it that you could guess what was going to happen today?"

Ning Cheng spoke with a soft voice, "In my hometown, one has to rely heavily on the laws of the place, once you encounter something troubling, and had no money for a lawyer then at that moment you can only rely on our own memorizations of the law. Since I had previous experience regarding this, so the first thing that I did after coming here was to take a look at the laws, just in case something like this happened."

When it came to talks about his hometown, Ning Cheng's mood turned low, so Yin Kongchan also did not continue to ask.

The three of them turned silent once again until they reached the entrance of a Pill and Tools Shop. Seeing the shop, Ning Cheng also stopped and spoke, "Wait here, I want to go in and check something."

"But we don't have any gold coins, I heard that the cheapest things here also cost a few gold coins." Yin Kongchan looked at the Pill and Tools Shop in front of them and spoke, she often had to pass by the entrance of the Pill and Tools Shop, so she was aware that the price of things inside was very high.

"We are just going in to have a look not to buy." Ning Cheng spoke while walking into the shop.

There were all kinds of dazzling pills, weapons, medicinal herbs... Letting Ning Cheng believe that he had actually entered a real merchant house in a city.

“What do these esteemed guests require?” Although the Ning Cheng trio did not look like rich people, the waiters in the store still spoke with a smile on their face and politeness in their voice.

“I’d like to ask about the buying price of the Aquatic Essence Tendons, especially if it is a complete Aquatic Essence Tendon.....” Ning Cheng asked.

The salesperson immediately became excited and spoke, “Do you really have a complete Aquatic Essence Tendon? If you are willing to bring it to me here, I can give you 18 gold coins for it, no, 20 gold coins.....”

Ning Cheng quickly replied, “I don’t have one right now. I just wanted to find the buying price. By the way, I also wanted to ask that if foreigners wanted to come and settle here, how much it would cost them to obtain a civilian identity. If you wanted to buy a small house in a remote place, how much money would one need?”

Hearing that Ning Cheng just came to enquire about the price, the man’s excitement immediately dropped. But still he replied in a polite manner, “For obtaining a civilian status, you just have to go to the Ya Lun City’s Population Registry Office. It would cost you about ten silver coins. If you want to buy a small courtyard, if it is in a remote location then it would start from around 50 gold coins, but if it is in a busy location, then putting a price on it would be difficult.”

Ning Cheng on hearing this man’s words, immediately calculated and understood how much had Ma Ang ripped them off. He had harvested a total of nearly ten full bundles of Aquatic Essence Tendons, and each bundle contained a minimum of 100 roots, so according to the man’s words, his ten bundles of Aquatic Essence Tendons could be sold for at least 20,000 gold coins, while Ma Ang only left them with about a fifty gold coins or so. Whether it was the 20,000 gold coins or the price quoted by the man, the market price for it would definitely be much higher than the buying price. This Ma Ang was really a bit too black hearted.

“Thanks a lot. If I am able to obtain any Aquatic Essence Tendons, I will definitely come to your store to sell it.” Ning Cheng thanked the man, and turned away along with Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei.

“This Ma Ang really is too black hearted.” Once out of the shop, Yin Kongchan spoke out. Even if they had received one tenth of it, they would not have had the need to open up a stall.

Ning Cheng just smiled, “If you expect a businessman to have a conscience, then it would be better to stop dreaming.”

Although Ning Cheng did not feel ashamed in his heart, after all Ma Ang was only human, but that did not mean he wanted to be kind to him. Originally, the two of them did not even have half a point in common between them, however Ning Cheng had a clear and distinct line when it came to grudges and kindness, moreover the three of them were also in a sense saved by Ma Ang. Moreover, if it were not for Ma Ang, then they would never have found this Ya Lun City.

“You still want to go to that White Robed Ghost Lake to harvest Aquatic Essence Tendons?” After coming out from the Makeshift Market, Xu Yingdei who had not spoken a word until now suddenly spoke up with worry in her heart.

Ning Cheng shook his head and spoke, "If it does not come to the only option left, I will not spend a month to reach that place. By the way, what happened the last time, you said something about a ghost in the lake?"

If it hadn't been for Xu Yingdei mentioning that name again, Ning Cheng would not have cared about it at all.

"That night, after you went to sleep. Yin Kongchan and I made an agreement to switch guard shifts at midnight. But then I saw a man wearing white robes, carrying a long spear walking around the lake. I called Yin Kongchan out, and Yin Kongchan also saw the white robed man carrying the long spear. We know that it was definitely not a real human being, but it was also nothing like spirit....." Xu Yingdei spoke with a lingering fear.

Even if they were Soul Essence Cultivators, in the absence of their cultivations, they were simply not much stronger than an ordinary person was.

Yin Kongchan immediately nodded and echoed the same words, apparently Xu Yingdei was telling the truth.

Ning Cheng suddenly asked, "Did you get a clear look at the long spear carried by the white robed man, is it the same one that I pulled out back then?"

"No, the long spear in the white robed man's hand was purple in color, because he was wearing a full white robe, so the purple spear was quite eye catching. Moreover, that purple spear is also much longer than your long spear. It's definitely a top notch magical weapon, something that would not be tainted by rust." Yin Kongchan immediately denied it; she was a Soul Essence Cultivator so she still possessed a powerful eyesight.

Ning Cheng was aware that the materials used to craft the long spear that he pulled out was not general, but he still could not help but feel that his long spear had some connection to the long spear that the white robed man carried.

Was it originally that? Ning Cheng pondered for a long while; he suddenly felt the urge to go to the White Robed Ghost Lake to investigate more closely.

"Ning Cheng, I saw a lot of good thing on sale in this place, moreover there is even a Rank 9 Spiritual Grass. It's just that it is poorly kept and the price is also ridiculously high." Yin Kongchan on seeing Ning Cheng's pondering expression took the initiative to speak up.

"Did you by chance see if it was the Heavenly Cusp Flower?" Ning Cheng almost blurted it out, he currently possessed the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, so now he had to concentrate his efforts on the obtaining the Heavenly Cusp Flower.

"What is this Heavenly Cusp Flower?" Yin Kongchan asked in a puzzling manner. Although she did not study Alchemy, but she was very familiar with most of the spiritual grasses. However, she had never heard of the Heavenly Cusp Flower before.

Ning Cheng quickly squatted down and drew out the shape of the Heavenly Cusp Flower on the ground, while patiently explaining the features, scents and the various other details of the Heavenly Cusp Flower.

Yin Kongchan shook her head and spoke, "I have never seen anything even remotely like it, and it's actually the first time that I am hearing about it."

Xu Yingdei who was standing on one side suddenly spoke, "I have seen this kind of flower...."

Ning Cheng did not wait for Xu Yingdei to finish speaking, before he reached out and grabbed Xu Yingdei's shoulder in excitement and asked, "Hurry up and tell me, where did you see this kind of a flower."

Xu Yingdei could also feel the heat of excitement from Ning Cheng's trembling hands, causing her heart to flutter a bit, before she replied in a whisper, "In our Severing Emotions Dao Sect's medicinal garden, there is a plant that looks very much like this flower, and is the focus of protection for the entire sect, evidently it is something very precious....."

Severing Emotions Dao Sect, I definitely am going to head there to get it. Ning Cheng put his hand down and secretly promised to himself as he clenched his fists.

Ning Cheng did not pay attention to Xu Yingdei's demeanour, but Yin Kongchan kept watching the two of them. Xu Yingdei's tone was soft; her eyes were hazy and watery with anxiousness, showing that she wanted nothing else other than Ning Cheng to take her into her arms.

"Ning Cheng, I have been inquiring about how to get out of this place....." Yin Kongchan was very uncomfortable with Xu Yingdei's current appearance, so she immediately took the initiative to change the subject.

"You found a way to get out of this place?" Ning Cheng once again asked out with a pleasantly surprised voice.

This time, Yin Kongchan was just about to answer, when a clatter of animal hooves interrupted the words between the three of them. Soon a line of guards arrived and stood before the Ning Cheng trio.

"Was it you who dared to look up at Little Mei outside the city?" A cold voice arrived from a tall and sturdy looking man sitting atop a one horned beast.

Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan hurriedly bowed their heads; however, Ning Cheng once again looked up and into the eyes of the man riding atop the one horned beast. His facial features were somewhat similar to the Princess Mei whom he had encountered earlier, however he was surrounded by a bloody aura, with a swift and fierce look in his eyes.

"You're right, that's definitely me." Ning Cheng calmly replied.

"Good courage, even daring to look up to this prince, your just courting death....." A soldier in his consort immediately grabbed a bullwhip while preparing to strike at Ning Cheng.

However before he could begin, the man riding the one horned beast waved his hand and spoke, "Indeed, your courage truly is not small at all. The two behind you should be your women right; I will allow them to raise their heads."

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Chapter 318: Abandoned Spiritual Mountain

Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei did not care about the prince's words; they just looked at Ning Cheng and wanted to know what Ning Cheng meant. However, when the two of them turned around to see Ning Cheng, the man riding atop the one horned beast was able to get a clear look at the two women, causing him to turn breathless. He had never seen such a beautiful woman before in Ya Lun City, yet now he was seeing two in front of him.

He was different from other people, in places like the Ya Lun City, although the average person knew that Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei were women with exceptional beauty, but none of them dared to have any ideas on them. That was because the laws of the Ya Lun City were simply too harsh. Once their thoughts became public, then the only fate that awaited them was the fate of strangulation.

However he was the son of the City Master, as such for him to take a woman, he would not have to go through those nonsense laws like the ordinary citizens.

"Are they both your women?" The man atop the one horned beast asked with glitter in his eyes.

Ning Cheng on hearing his words immediately understood that this person had taken a fancy to the two women, Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei, he was just about to speak, when Yin Kongchan was the first to come to the front and speak, "Yes, we are both his women."

Hearing Yin Kongchan's answer, Ning Cheng knew that Yi Kongchan has also read a bit of the Ya Lun City's laws. Ya Lun City's laws were extremely strict against people trying to seize other people's women. Although the other party was prince, but even he could not blatantly make a move on them in the open. Therefore, even if he had any ideas over them, he could only execute them in a secluded place, where the people would not come to know.

"Can you give the two of them to me; I will agree to any price that you want for them." The face of the man atop the one horned beast changed a few times on hearing the answer, before he finally managed to spit out a few words.

Ning Cheng was well aware of the Ya Lun City's laws, so he was also aware that transfer of one's women was also considered lawful, but only if both the parties agreed to it. However, since he was already aware that the two women would never follow the prince, so he just gave a simple reply, "I do not have the habit of sharing my women."

The man did not get angry, rather he only gave a nod and did not continue talking about that topic, Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei. He just spoke, "I heard from Ma Ang that it was you who pulled up all the Aquatic Essence Tendons from the White Robed Ghost Lake?"

Hearing those words, only then Ning Cheng was able to see Ma Ang trying to hide from him in the distance. In his heart, he already had a vague understanding as to why this person came here. It seems that he was not here for Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei, nor was he here to cause any trouble for him. Instead, it seems he valued him for his ability to gather the Aquatic Essence Tendons.

"Yes, I am a martial artist, and also practice the Splitting Tendons Grinding Bone Hand, so was able to easily harvest the Aquatic Essence Tendons. However, there is not much Aquatic Essence Tendons left in the White Robed Ghost Lake." Ning Cheng replied.

The man waved his hand and spoke, "I'm not asking you to go to the White Robed Ghost Lake rather there is something else that I need your help with. If you agree to it, then I will definitely not treat you badly."

Ning Cheng replied in a soft voice, "The three of us are already having trouble living in this place. Just a few moments ago, the officials from the Legal Tribunal Office were prepared to take us back and lock us up. So for other things, we can only wait until I'm a bit better off."

"Gee, Elder Brother Ning, I've been a bit busy these days. I truly wanted to come and apologize for the fact that I was not able to find the time to bring you your earnings, sorry, I'm truly sorry....." Ma Ang, who was at the back, hearing Ning Cheng talk about difficulties in his life, quickly came forward and with a face full of smiles handed Ning Cheng ten golden coloured banknotes.

Ning Cheng looked at it, and found that the currency handed to him was 10,000. Seeing this he also did not remain on ceremony and directly put them away. Just after he put away the golden coloured banknotes, he simply spoke out a simple sentence, "Thank you very much, Elder Brother Ma."

He then turned towards the prince and spoke, "I don't know for what the prince needs my services for."

Ning Cheng was certainly aware that the reason why Ma Ang had given him the golden coloured banknotes was that he was the one who introduced him to the prince. In case he turned his back on the people he owed, there would be a possibility that he might end up dying. At the same time, he was also afraid that he would lodge a complaint against him. But the fact was, even if Ma Ang had not given him the promised gold coins, Ning Cheng simply would not have done this kind of thing.

"In a place, a few miles outside of the Ya Lun City, there is a mountain called Abandoned Spiritual Mountain. The place that I want to go is also the Abandoned Spiritual Mountain. Especially because there is something on the Abandoned Spiritual Mountain that has almost the same level of difficulty in obtaining as the Aquatic Essence Tendons. Therefore, I will need your help for that. If you can succeed, then on behalf of the City Master, I would grant you the seat of a noble, while also reward you with a million gold coins." As the man spoke, he kept his eyes fixed on Ning Cheng.

"We are willing to go." Contrary to Ning Cheng's expectations, Yin Kongchan was the first to take the initiative to help Ning Cheng decide.

Ning Cheng and Yin Kongchan were not acquainted with each other for just a day, so he was aware that this woman would not make random decisions. Since she had spoken about it, then there definitely should be a solid reason behind it.

"Of course, I am glad to be of service to the prince. I just don't know when to start, since I like to prepare a bit beforehand." Ning Cheng also immediately responded.

The man atop the one horned beast took a deep look at Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei, before he slowly spoke, "The place where the Abandoned Spiritual Mountain is situated is not very difficult to find, you can go ahead and make your preparations, we will start from here in three days."

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"Yin Kongchan, why did you agree to go to the Abandoned Spiritual Mountain?" After returning to his residence, Ning Cheng immediately asked.

Yin Kongchan replied in a whisper, "I've been asking around, and found that there would always be someone who has tried to get out of this place. From that, I found that there is only one such place that might be of some help to us and that is the Abandoned Spiritual Mountain. On the Abandoned Spiritual Mountain, there is a door called the Awakening Spiritual Door. Although the characters 'Abandon' and 'Awakening' are homophones to each other; however they do not share a meaning with each other."

"You mean you can get out of this place through the Awakening Spiritual Door?" Ning Cheng hurriedly asked.

Yin Kongchan gave an 'en' sound and spoke, "Yes, but the Awakening Spiritual Door is hard to find, and it often changes positions. In any case, if we want to get out of this place then it can only happen by going to the Abandoned Spiritual Mountain. Moreover, I also heard that the Awakening Spiritual Door is extremely difficult to open. In the past, someone did try to open the Awakening Spiritual Door. That person had brought the entire army to the door and even sacrificed all the soldiers as a blood sacrifice, but even then they did not manage to open the Awakening Spiritual Door."

"How do you know this thing in such detail?" Ning Cheng looked at Yin Kongchan in doubt; arguably, these secrets were something that a commoner would not have access to, let alone Yin Kongchan, who had just arrived here?

Xu Yingdei suddenly spoke from one side, "One of the people in the makeshift market comes to our stall to buy embroidery every day, and every day she ends up talking to him for almost half a day. It was from him that she had gotten all these details. That person seems to be from a somewhat poor family however, he seemed to care a lot about Yin Kongchan. I guess he ended up falling for her."

Yin Kongchan sighed, "Xu Yingdei, even if you're in love with Ning Cheng, you can't lower your intelligence to such an extent. How am I going to fall in love with someone in this place? Even if I cannot go out, I can still marry Ning Cheng. This place does not have a rule where a man can only marry one woman."

Ning Cheng waved his hand and stopped the two of them from continuing, as he asked, "Yin Kongchan is there any other news that you want to share?"

Yin Kongchan also did not continue to pay attention to Xu Yingdei, turning to Ning Cheng, she spoke, "I suspect that the reason why the prince wants you to participate is so that you could help him open the Awakening Spiritual Door and then get out of this Forsaken Land. The Awakening Spiritual Door is something that is extremely hard to find, and in a place where we cannot even bring out our spiritual consciousness, wanting to find the Awakening Spiritual Door in the Abandoned Spiritual Mountain would cost a lot of effort. Because of this, it is possible that the prince's main motive will be searching for the Awakening Spiritual Door, so it made me even surer to go with them. Otherwise, if we were on our own, then we certainly would not be able to discover it in a short while."

"I understand, take this money and go buy everything you can. I will continue cultivating." Ning Cheng put the money he received on the table, and immediately went into his room.

As long as he could extend his spiritual consciousness a bit more, he would then be able to open his ring, then using his pills and spirit stones in tandem, he would then be able to directly release the restraints on his Sea of Consciousness and Core Lake.

With ten thousand gold coins among the two, Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei obviously did not need to continue maintaining their stall. The two people, each under tacit understanding, took five thousand each and went out to buy their own things.

Feeling the two of them leave the house, Ning Cheng finally calmed down, just when he was about to once again strike his sealed up Zifu, the door of his room once again opened.

“What is the matter with you?” Ning Cheng looked at Yin Kongchan with some suspicion. In general, Yin Kongchan rarely took the initiative to come into his room.

Yin Kongchan sat down opposite to Ning Cheng and hesitated for a good long while before she finally spoke, “Ning Cheng, you saved me several times already. I feel that this time, when we go to the Abandoned Spiritual Mountain, there is a likelihood that we might not even gain anything. So there is something that I wanted to talk to you about, whether you believe it or not, I still want to say it.”

Ning Cheng nodded and spoke, “You can speak.”

“If we can get out of this place this time, if we end up meeting each other again, then perhaps we may not be able to sit with each other under the clouds and chat about life. You are definitely a person worthy to make friends with, if I ever have the chance to search for a Dao Companion for myself, then I will definitely choose you without hesitation.”

Ning Cheng waved his hand and interrupted Yin Kongchan’s words and spoke, “I already have a fiancée, so it would be better to stop with the talks about Dao Companions. It does not matter to me if you talked about this matter in front of the prince, but just do not speak about it in front of me. I don’t like hypocritical people.”

Yin Kongchan replied, “I am telling you the truth, you need to be careful of Xu Yingdei. Although, she is in love with you, but it is not from her heart, rather it is because of her cultivation method from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect. I have a good understanding about her sect, and am well aware that they cannot just go ahead and sever superficial emotions.”

Seeing Ning Cheng silent, Yin Kongchan once again spoke up, “To know whether her love towards you is sincere or not is very simple, you just choose a time, and if she really enters Dual Cultivation with you, then you will immediately realize it. Women from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, once they enter into true Dual Cultivation, they can then no longer sever their emotions. Moreover, the time ripe for severing their emotions is when it is the other party who is very much eager and even borderline desperate to engage in Dual Cultivation with them, either that or when your love for her truly reaches the peak. Because of this, they can never really do the things between a man and a woman, once they do such a thing then even if they wanted to, they would never be able to sever anything ever again.”

Yin Kongchan left after saying her piece; however, Ning Cheng did not notice it. All the while, there was only a single scene playing around in his head, and that was Xu Yingdei with her white hair, which made him palpitate and even forced a chill to run through his body. Xu Yingdei did not hesitate at that time to replace him under the knife, which made him feel that Xu Yingdei truly wanted to pay for his mistakes. When he was cultivating the Embracing Yang God Tactic, Yin Kongchan actually hesitated, however Xu Yingdei did not hesitate at all to express her desire to help him.

However, none of these was a factor for him to gain interest in Xu Yingdei, rather he was actually only grateful towards her in his heart, and wanted to find the Frost Sprout to give it to Xu Yingdei.

However, what actually tugged at his heartstrings was the scene he encountered in the makeshift market, when he saw Xu Yingdei covered in blood all over and sprawled over the ground, while she still held a few pieces of embroidered pictures in her hands.

That scene triggered the memory of when he had just arrived in this world and had to struggle just to breathe. He could see himself in Xu Yingdei's situation in front of him. This Xu Yingdei made him feel a trace of truth, and it was completely different from the time when she held a knife for him, or even when Xu Yingdei willingly burnt her vitality for him.

At that moment, she looked so ordinary and so vulnerable, made out of real flesh and blood, combined with that kind of panic-stricken expression, it was not something that someone can fake at all.

Ning Cheng sighed; he no longer was in any mood for cultivation. Whether Xu Yingdei was really showing the truth or was faking it all along, after exiting this place, he would stay far away from all of this. He was simply not fond of such a genuine fake.

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Chapter 319: The Might Of The Mysterious Yellow Bead

This time Ning Cheng dreamt about Ji Luofei in his sleep, when he felt the sensation of a soft body sticking to him.

"Luofei" Ning Cheng called out her name in a trembling voice, while subconsciously hugging the soft body even more tightly.

A soft yet high pitched chirp emerged, making Ning Cheng feel that something was wrong. This was definitely not a dream at all; he was truly embracing a soft body in his bosom.

He immediately opened his eyes, immediately sniffing a faint yet delicate fragrance. At this time, the sky outside was completely bright, so he was able to clearly see every single detail of Xu Yingdei's beautiful face. At this moment, Xu Yingdei's face had a faint rosy blush to it, while her eyes were tightly closed, as if she did not dare to meet Ning Cheng's gaze.

Ning Cheng's hand subconsciously moved up a bit, resting on the Xu Yingdei's smooth back, giving him a feeling that his hands were moving over soft cream. His hands easily slid across the arc of Xu Yingdei's back before stopping at an even softer spot. There was just a thin girdle like clothing covering her bulging chest, which showed that other than that small piece of cloth, there was nothing else on her body.

"Take me....." Xu Yingdei's voice sounded as if it was coming from across the horizon. Although it was very light and also very low, but Ning Cheng could hear it as clear as the bright day outside.

Ning Cheng had cultivated in the Small Spiritual Domain, as such, there was still a trace of Yang Qi poison that had not been purged from his body. Coupled with him recently cultivating the Embracing Yang God Tactic, his blood was almost on the verge of going berserk. The only reason he was able to restrain himself from not going out to look for a woman to satisfy his exploding lust was solely due to his self-discipline.

But now that Xu Yingdei was embracing him with nothing but her underwear, while also showing such an emotional and soul stirring side, so how could he endure it any longer.

Xu Yingdei immediately felt Ning Cheng's reaction. She closed her eyes and subconsciously tightened her grip on Ning Cheng.

Her entire body seemed to want to melt into Ning Cheng as she subconsciously arched towards him, while her hands restlessly scratched at Ning Cheng's back.

Although Ning Cheng did not even have half a bit of experience in this field, but such a thing simply did not need any prior experience at all. He raised his hand and tore away Xu Yingdei's underwear. Xu Yingdei gave a soft cry, while her soft and delicate looking lips seemed to have taken the initiative by themselves to meet his own.

"Bang" Ning Cheng's door was once again violently opened

Ning Cheng suddenly woke up from his daze, while Xu Yingdei also panicked as she half sat up while quickly using the bed covers to partially cover up her exposed chest. It was just that her dazzlingly white skin tone could not be completely covered.

"You guys....." Yin Kongchan looked at Ning Cheng and Xu Yingdei, who were apparently sleeping together with no clothes on their bodies, and was completely shocked. She was only able to blurt out two words, before her face turned red yet she forced herself to speak up, "You can continue with what you were doing after this, I have something urgent to speak right now."

Although she usually did not care about these things, but seeing this kind of thing in person was a completely different matter.

Ning Cheng sighed; at the same moment, he was even thankful that Yin Kongchan interrupted them suddenly. Otherwise, once they continued uninterrupted, with his character, he really would not know as to how to treat Xu Yingdei. Would Xu Yingdei even allow Ji Luofei to exist? From what he knew about her character, it was absolutely impossible.

"I'll go out first, you can get dressed." Ning Cheng spoke while he dressed as fast as he could and dashed out of the door.

At this moment, the red blush on Yin Kongchan's face was also starting to fade out. When she saw Ning Cheng closing the door behind him, she suddenly whispered, "Ning Cheng, have you and Xu Yingdei already done it? Was she really willing to give herself to you completely?"

Yin Kongchan's tone seemed a little bizarre, but the fact was that she had seen it with her own eyes.

Ning Cheng interrupted Yin Kongchan's words and spoke, "Not done it yet, what do you have?"

"Not done it? I saw you two kissing each other quite passionately. How many times have you done it last night?" Yin Kongchan seems to have forgotten about the urgent matter that she had come to tell Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng looked at Yin Kongchan and spoke up, "Kissing? The two of us also exchanged a few kisses with each other, have we done it?"

Yin Kongchan's eyes flashed with a hint of anger as she spoke, "Ning Cheng, when did I ever kiss you?"

Ning Cheng replied in a light tone, "Don't say that you never used my toothbrush. It was not only you who used it, but rather you and Xu Yingdei often took turns using my toothbrush. Don't think that I don't know about it? That itself is an indirect kiss."

When one had access to the powers of law, then one can automatically remove the dirt and grime on one's body. One did not even have to use Water Cleansing Techniques or the Dust Removal Techniques on oneself to achieve that. But in the absence of such power, Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei were simply akin to ordinary people. For ordinary people, it was only normal for them to rinse their mouths every day after eating meals.

What was better than Ning Cheng's toothbrush to rinse their mouth? Therefore, the two of them secretly used it; however, Ning Cheng pretended to not know about it.

Yin Kongchan's face once again turned red. She had never thought that Ning Cheng knew about it all along. According to this statement, she really had kissed Ning Cheng many times already. Thinking until here, she immediately diverted the topic to what she had originally come here for and spoke, "That Princess Man came back, and mentioned your name and spoke about you visiting her residence. I'm afraid that she wants to make a move on you, so you will have to think of a solution. One of her guards is waiting outside in the yard, if it was not because you and the prince seem to have some prior relationship, that person most likely would have barged straight into the house."

Ning Cheng sneered, "If he really came in, then I simply would have killed him, as to the City Master's Mansion, I would have also uprooted it completely."

Although Yin Kongchan heard Ning Cheng's words, but she simply hung her head down and was somewhat afraid to speak again. She had just broken into a private moment, and had even saw the 'scene'. However, she misunderstood the meaning behind the word 'kill' spoken by Ning Cheng, as she thought that it was also directed at her.

Seeing Yin Kongchan lower her head, Ning Cheng did not know what she was thinking about, and immediately spoke, "You too, the next time you want to look for me, at least knock on the door first. That's the most basic of courtesies."

"I know that." Yin Kongchan replied with a sigh of relief.

"Yin Kongchan, you said that Princess Man wants to call on Ning Cheng? For what reason?" Xu Yingdei's still trembling voice arrived, there was even a lazy expression on her face as if she had just recently gotten up, combined with her somewhat panicky eyes, it casted an unspeakable demeanour, causing even Yin Kongchan to be somewhat mesmerized by it. No wonder Ning Cheng was captivated by her.

Ning Cheng looked at Yin Kongchan and asked, "What do you think?"

Yin Kongchan bit her lips before speaking, "I don't think it's because of you."

Seeing Ning Cheng and Xu Yingdei's looking at her with a puzzled look on their faces, Yin Kongchan directly went ahead and spoke, "If I have not guessed wrong, then you will be staying in the City Master's Mansion for a few days, and then directly leave from the City Master's Mansion for the

Abandoned Spiritual Mountain. This Ya Lun City has a huge bird that can carry people at a much faster speed compared to a beast carriage.”

“You mean to say that once I leave from the City Master’s Mansion, someone would come to take you away?” Ning Cheng asked.

Yin Kongchan shook her head and spoke, “No, it should be that the moment you take even a step outside the front entrance, someone would come to take us out the back, and would only give an excuse that the two of us had gone out together with you.”

Ning Cheng gave a small smile before speaking, “It looks like the prince is quite infatuated with the two of you.”

Yin Kongchan sneered, however did not reply.

Ning Cheng stood up and spoke, “Have the two of you used up the gold coins?”

“They are completely used up, however we were not able to buy many spiritual grasses, although there are definitely a lot of good things here, however the price is simply too high.” Xu Yingdei replied.

“Just tell the errand boy outside that I’m unwell at the moment, so I will be resting for two days. Ask him to come back in two days. He certainly would not dare to disagree.” Ning Cheng just left a few sentences to Yin Kongchan, then once again went back into his room and once again began pounding his Sea of Consciousness. He did not want to be helpless inside the City Master’s Mansion, even if he had to go there, at least he should have the means to protect himself.

Yin Kongchan glanced at Xu Yingdei, before she went out before she turned around and soon returned. She did not think that what Ning Cheng spoke would turn out to be true, the errand boy on hearing that Ning Cheng needed two days of rest, immediately left without even saying a single word. If she had known that it would be so simple, she really would not have disturbed Ning Cheng and Xu Yingdei.

“Are you jealous of me?” Xu Yingdei saw Yin Kongchan come in and immediately asked the first question.

Yin Kongchan frowned and spoke, “Why should I feel jealous of you?”

“Since you are not jealous of me, then why did you choose to barge in at the most critical time? If you had not come in, I would have been entirely Big Brother Ning’s wife at this time.” Xu Yingdei’s tone was very cold and indifferent at this moment.

Yin Kongchan replied with disdain, “Entirely Big Brother Ning’s? Just go on in and get undressed now, it seems that this kind of thing is your specialty. However, I am a bit surprised; don’t you want to be truly in love? For you to use this kind of method to fall in love is just like you, if I had known it earlier that you were about to dedicate your own pure yin to Ning Cheng, I would have certainly waited a little longer to go in.”

Xu Yingdei stared at Yin Kongchan for a good while, but did not answer Yin Kongchan’s words; rather she just turned around and entered her room before closing the door.

Yin Kongchan frowned, she was truly puzzled about this situation. Xu Yingdei would never give up her body, was she real, or did she really forget the doctrine of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect?

But she also knew that, if she had not opened the door and interrupted the two people, then the two people would have formally entered Dual Cultivation. Yin Kongchan stood there thinking for a long time, however she was not able to think of any reason. She only shook her head and headed back to her own room.

Ning Cheng on coming back to his room simply locked the room and immediately continued pounding on his Sea of Consciousness. Now that his spiritual consciousness could extend to about three meters, he could feel his sealed Sea of Consciousness loosening up, combined with repeatedly impacts from Ning Cheng, after a full day, he finally was able to once again sense the Mysterious Yellow Bead.

The Mysterious Yellow Bead on sensing Ning Cheng's proximity immediately started shaking violently. An extremely overbearing and powerful Mysterious Yellow Origin Aura directly rushed out. Causing the layer that seemed to have virtually imprisoned it to dissipate like scattered and scared chicken the moment it came in contact with the Mysterious Yellow Origin Aura.

Once the shackles that surrounded his Sea of Consciousness was dissolved by the Mysterious Yellow Bead's Origin Aura, Ning Cheng immediately made a complete recovery. With just a slight poke from his now completely restored and extremely powerful spiritual consciousness, the invisible force that imprisoned his Core Lake also completely dissipated in just an instant.

With his true essence and spiritual consciousness being restored at almost the same time, a long lost feeling of power immediately welled up inside him, causing Ning Cheng to almost stand up and shout out in pure joy. Originally, he had intended to enhance his spiritual consciousness just a tiny bit more, at least just enough to be able to open his ring. Then use the pills inside his ring to restore his true essence. Unexpectedly, he was once again able to sense the Mysterious Yellow Bead. Those seemingly invisible yet extremely powerful shackles were simply like clouds floating in the sky in front of the Mysterious Yellow Bead.

The Mysterious Yellow Bead was indeed an extraordinary thing; if his cultivation were higher, then this so called Forsaken Land simply would not have been able to hold him back. On the contrary, if he did not have the Mysterious Yellow Bead, then even if was not injured and in peak shape, he would never be able to dissolve the power that had sealed up his strength.

Ning Cheng immediately swept out with his spiritual consciousness and saw Xu Yingdei sitting in her room while seemingly in a daze. Yin Kongchan was also in her room and had stripped off all her clothes. Ning Cheng saw a faint spiritual qi light on her waist. Did this woman conceal a magical weapon on her waist?

Ning Cheng did not have the time to continue and observe when Yin Kongchan suddenly covered her chest and lower abdomen with her hands, while she cautiously looked around.

Knowing that Yin Kongchan might have noticed someone peeping at her, Ning Cheng quickly withdrew his spiritual consciousness and left his room at the same time. Before leaving this Forsaken Land, he wanted to go to the White Robed Ghost Lake to have a look. He wanted to know as to what exactly was the long spear that the white robed ghost carried was; moreover, he also wanted to see if the purple coloured long spear was still in the lake?

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Chapter 320: The eye at the bottom of the lake

With his cultivation now completely restored, Ning Cheng's Profound Core 8th Level strength was almost equivalent to a late stage Soul Essence Cultivator. The journey that previously took him about half a month to complete, now only took just the time it took for half an incense stick to burn, before he finally arrived at his destination.

There were many messy footsteps on the banks of the White Robed Ghost Lake and even a broken beast carriage. Ning Cheng knew at once that many more people had come here after he left.

The fact of Ma Ang being able to obtain a huge fortune from the White Robed Ghost Lake was already known to many people and the scene in front of him only accentuated that fact. Ning Cheng swept down with his spiritual consciousness and found that the lake was still filled with Aquatic Essence Tendons; however, he was not able to find anything unusual.

At this moment, the moonlight was still obscure, so Ning Cheng did not find any white robed man walking around the lake.

Ning Cheng jumped into the lake, causing the lake water to automatically part to two sides around him. This lake was not very deep, so with Ning Cheng's restored cultivation, even if he wanted to directly go to the centre of the lake, it would not be impossible.

There were many corpses strewn about at the bottom of the lake, some of them appeared to have apparently died recently.

Ning Cheng came to the spot where he had found the rusty long spear. At this point, he was able to observe each and everything clearly with his spiritual consciousness, but still was not able to find anything unusual.

Just as Ning Cheng was about to leave, a frightening scene appeared within the range of his deployed spiritual consciousness. A huge blue green eye shape suddenly appeared at the bottom of the lake. Ning Cheng checked it over and over again with his spiritual consciousness, before he became convinced that it was indeed an eye. Moreover, it was only a single eye, while at the same time the eye at the bottom of the lake kept staring at him, with a jet black dagger inserted just atop the eyeball. This dagger nailed the eye to the bottom of the lake; this kind of scene was both impactful and frightening at the same time.

It was as if a portrait of a single eye was painted at the bottom of the lake with the dagger inserted into the centre of its pupil right above the portrait. However, Ning Cheng was aware that this thing in front of him was definitely not a portrait.

Ning Cheng stared at this eye for only a moment, before he felt a burst of dizziness erupting inside of him forcing him to avert his gaze. But when he looked again, the eye had disappeared. However, a voice mysteriously appeared inside his mind, 'quickly remove the dagger', however the Mysterious Yellow Bead in his Zifu quickly washed away these kind of distracting thoughts.

He was currently a Profound Core 8th Level Cultivator, so how could he even feel this kind of dizziness? This place was definitely not a common place. Ning Cheng was originally intending to pull out the dagger under the influence of the voice; however, in the end he changed his mind.

The next moment, Ning Cheng rushed out of the White Robed Ghost Lake. Even if the dagger was something truly precious, he didn't want it at the moment. From the exchange from before, he was aware that his strength was currently insufficient to own such a thing; moreover, this White Robed Ghost Lake was also a bit weird.

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Ning Cheng once again returned to his lodgings, while still thinking about it. He felt that the eye was somewhat familiar looking to him, as if he had seen it somewhere else. Moreover, he was also familiar with that kind of dizziness.

"I understand." After thinking about it for a little longer, Ning Cheng couldn't help but mutter to himself in shock; he finally understood why he felt that eye to be so familiar.

One month ago, when he had just entered the Ya Lun City, he had taken a glance at that Princess Man. That Princess Man had a blue green crystal on her forehead. At that time, when he had taken a look at that blue green crystal, he immediately experienced a bout of similar dizziness.

Wasn't that blue green crystal shaped somewhat like an eye?

With that in mind, Ning Cheng immediately speculated that Princess Man, at least, had some connection to the White Robed Ghost Lake. There was even a possibility that even Princess Man might not be aware of this connection, so for the time being it seemed that it would be better to leave her alone for now.

Luckily, his cultivation was restored now; otherwise, this place was really full of suffering and torment for him.

Ning Cheng shook his head. He put aside the matter regarding the White Robed Ghost Lake and reached out for the rusty long spear. He let his spiritual consciousness seep into the long spear; however, there was not even the slightest response. It was like mud being thrown into the sea.

Ning Cheng started refining this long spear in his hands. But after a full hour, he still did not get a single response from this long spear. It looks like even with his present cultivation, he might just not be able to refine it at all.

Since he could not refine this long spear, then there were only two options for such a thing to happen, the first was that this long spear was not a magical weapon, rather was something constructed from an advanced level material that Ning Cheng had never heard of before. If it were not a magical weapon, then of course he would not be able to refine it. Of course, there was also the possibility that this long spear's grade was simply too high, causing Ning Cheng to have no way to refine it.

Thinking of this, Ning Cheng took out a high grade knife type spiritual artefact from his ring and began scraping the rust off the long spear. By the time the sky outside had turned bright once more, Ning Cheng finally managed to scrape off all the rust from the long spear in his hands.

In his hands was a black coloured iron rod, seeing this Ning Cheng was almost sure that this so called long spear in his hands was not an advanced grade magical weapon, rather it was just a rod made out of some unknown iron like material. It was just that one of the ends of this iron rod was shaped like the tip of a long spear, which made him presume that it was an actual long spear.

“Can only use it as a simple spear.” Ning Cheng muttered to himself in disappointment. What he lacked the most right now was an actual advanced level attack type magical weapon.

His Cosmic True Devil Axe was still unfinished, so it was not possible to truly use it like a magical weapon.

His Profound Break Spear was cracked, and as a medium grade spiritual artefact, it was starting to not be enough for Ning Cheng to keep relying on.

Ning Cheng swept out with his spiritual consciousness and saw that both Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan were sitting outside. He immediately opened the door and went out, before speaking, “Come on let’s go to the princess’ mansion now. We won’t be coming back here again.”

Taking the two of them, Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan, with him can also be considered as helping the two of them. Otherwise, once he went to the princess’ mansion alone, he did not know if Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan would appear there or in the Ya Lun City’s Prince’ mansion.

“Have you been able to recover your spiritual consciousness?” Yin Kongchan looked at Ning Cheng and asked.

Ning Cheng gave a casual reply, “Will only barely be able to protect ourselves. That Embracing Yang God Tactic really is a good thing.”

Although he had said that, but his heart was full of contempt, that Embracing Yang God Tactic was simply shit, he finally had no choice but to rely on his partner, the Mysterious Yellow Bead.

Hearing that Ning Cheng’s spiritual consciousness was able to recover a bit, Xu Yingdei immediately stood up in surprise and at the same time gave a long sigh. Although she did not speak, but her expression showed her thoughts.

“Ah....” Yin Kongchan was the first to give out a startled cry, before her face turned a little weird to look at. However, the next moment she only bit her lips and also chose not to speak.

Ning Cheng on seeing this kind of expression on Yin Kongchan’s face immediately knew as to what might have caused it. Yin Kongchan’s body was too sensitive to be described. Last night his spiritual consciousness had only glanced at her, but even in the absence of her cultivation, she was still able to perceive it through a sixth sense of sorts.

Now that she knew that he had recovered a part of his spiritual consciousness, it made her certain that he was responsible for the matter from last night.

Ning Cheng simply gave a cough and spoke. “Let’s not delay anymore and let go.”

Seeing Ning Cheng go out, Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan just exchanged a look with each other before following him out.

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Ning Cheng had just arrived at the doorway of Princess Man's Mansion, when Princess Man already heard the news.

"Take him to Imperial Brother and just say that Imperial Brother wanted to find him for something." Princess Man, who was practicing swords in the garden, impatiently gave the orders to the returned guard.

"Yes." The guard hastily gave a reply, but hesitated to leave.

"What's the matter?" Princess Man frowned.

The guard did not dare to look up, but spoke with his head still bowed, "That Ning Cheng did not come alone. He also brought his women with him."

"Huh..." Princess Man was surprised as she thought; did this person already know that Imperial Brother planned to take away his two women? Or was he simply bringing his women around with him?

"You can go and bring him here, and also pass the message along to Imperial Brother." Princess Man put the dagger on the wooden table beside her, while sitting down at the table.

When the guard went out, she gave a sneer as she thought, "So what if you bring your women here?"

Ning Cheng, along with Xu Yingdei and Yin Kongchan, followed the guard into Princess Man's garden.

One had to say, as the princess of Ya Lun City, her garden was truly quite big. It was not only large, but it also contained a variety of attractive and fragrant flowers. There were even facilities for resting, exercising and even entertainment in this place.

"I heard that the princess wanted to see me, so I decided to make a special trip here." Ning Cheng spoke in a leisure tone as he directly walked up to a bench and sat down, while carefully looking at this Princess Man sitting before him.

Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei also sat down on both sides of Ning Cheng, but did not talk.

Princess Man on seeing such arrogant attitude coming from Ning Cheng immediately went into a rage. Even the veins on her hands were standing out. This Ning Cheng not only did not kowtowed towards her when he arrived, but also was directly looking at her. This was an act equivalent of going against the heavens in her eyes!

"Your courage is truly not small at all, good, good....." Princess Man sputtered out a few words in an incoherent manner.

Ning Cheng simply ignored Princess Man's words. He deliberately stared at the crystal point on Princess Man's forehead for a long time. Sure enough, he found that the crystal point on her forehead had a hint of a similar aura that he felt from the eye at the bottom of the White Robed Ghost Lake. However, the effect it had on him currently was almost zero. At the time when he did not have access to his cultivation, just a look at it was enough to let him feel dizzy, but at this moment even if he consciously started at it, it was not able to produce even the slightest of effect.

At this time, Ning Cheng was speculating if this Princess Man's brother was trying to gather people for that eye in the White Robed Ghost Lake. Ning Cheng could feel that the eye at the bottom of the White Robed Ghost Lake was too scary. Causing Ning Cheng to feel a sincere fear.

Ning Cheng decided to not bother with that eye for the time being. But as for Princess Man who had caused him to suffer being stabbed twice, he would definitely not let her off.

"Actually I am very timid by nature. Last time, because of your orders, I ended up getting a few scars at the place where I had to stab myself." Ning Cheng slowly spoke.

Princess Man suddenly grabbed the dagger on the table and coldly stared at Ning Cheng while saying, "This time I will personally dig out your eyes."

Finished saying, she then threw a cold glare at Xu Yingdei and spoke, "Last time it was you who plead for him, so this time you will cut out your tongue, and then strip off your clothes, before letting someone walk you through the streets of Ya Lun City."

Just as Princess Man readied her dagger towards Ning Cheng, a dozen guards immediately rushed forward and surrounded the Ning Cheng trio.

It was also at this moment that the dagger in her hands suddenly fell to the ground, before it suddenly gave a 'jingling' sound. Then the dagger, just like an elastic ball, bounced back up and went straight through Princess Man's left shoulder. Princess Man immediately panicked, quickly trying to pull out the dagger. However, before she could even get a grip on the dagger, it once again suddenly fell to the ground. Then it once again bounced back up, before it passed through her right shoulder.

Princess Man immediately screamed, before she hastily plucked out the dagger. This time, she held onto it with all her strength. The dagger no longer fell to the ground; however, her hand involuntarily rose up, causing the dagger to once again pass through her left shoulder. However, this time it passed through a different location than what it passed through the first time.

"Ghost...." Princess Man's shrill voice, at this moment, could be heard by almost the entire Ya Lun City. However, at this moment despite all her struggles, her hand involuntarily raised the dagger moving it towards her eyes.

"Bang...." A faint light rose from the crystal point on Princess Man's forehead, causing the dagger that she was seemingly about to stab into her eyes to be blown away by the light, before it instantly shot to the ground.