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#### **The Gate Of Good Fortune**

## **Chapter 331: The Various Reactions**

The Floating Snow Palace's Refining Soul Snow and Ice Domain was the best place in the Academy for the disciples to cultivate in seclusion. At this moment, a light yellow robe wearing Yin Kongchan emerged from the entrance of the Ice and Snow Domain, compared to before; she was giving off a bit more elegant feeling.

"Kongchan, your aura is stable yet distant, showing that your cultivation has completely and properly solidified, presumably it should only take you just a short period of time before you advanced to the Soul Sculpting 2nd Level." A middle aged female cultivator smilingly looked at Yin Kongchan and spoke.

Yin Kongchan hurriedly bowed in ceremony before replying, "Many thanks for your trouble of waiting on me 4th Palace Master, this Kongchan has only recently advanced to the Soul Sculpting Realm, it is only a move out of lack of a better option."

This middle aged female cultivator knew the meaning behind Yin Kongchan's words, she stepped forward to hold Yin Kongchan's hand and spoke, "Geocentric 9 Yin Essence has appeared; moreover there is also a major event that happened, you are requested to take a trip to the Discussion Hall....."

Originally, Yin Kongchan had a calm and tranquil expression, but when she heard the words Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, her body immediately trembled, even though she quickly reverted to her previous calm and tranquillity, she still could not help but ask for a confirmation, "4th Palace Master, has the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence truly appeared?"

The middle aged female cultivator also gave a solemn nod as she replied, "Yes, not only has the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence appeared, but even the Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree has also appeared."

Yin Kongchan immediately asked, "What happened to Ning Cheng?"

The middle aged female cultivator looked at Yin Kongchan's expression before she sighed and spoke, "Xu Yingdei, in the end, successfully used Ning Cheng to sever her emotions, and has officially entered the Soul Sculpting Realm. Moreover, this time the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence and the Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree will be appearing in an auction in the Grand Peace City, so it can easily be guessed that all the academies will be concentrating all their efforts on bidding for these two things."

"Was Ning Cheng killed?" But what was unexpected for the middle aged female cultivator was that the first sentence Yin Kongchan asked was not about the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, rather it was about Ning Cheng.

However the middle aged female cultivator seemed to have not heard the underlying tone of Yin Kongchan, so she only gave a nod and spoke with a somewhat solemn tone, "Xu Yingdei used Ning Cheng to successfully sever her emotions, causing the death of Ning Cheng, so Ning Cheng's things ended up in the hands of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect. Moreover, the three drops of Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, which has appeared in the Grand Peace City, is also something that flowed out from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect. The Geocentric 9 Yin Essence is something simply too precious, moreover

with the Severing Emotions Dao Sect being a step ahead in locating Ning Cheng, they ended up acquiring all of Ning Cheng's things, I fear....."

"That's right. Once Xu Anzhen's cultivation is restored, our Floating Snow Palace would no longer be her opponent." Sang Jiezhu's voice arrived in a timely manner.

"Master." Yin Kongchan whispered out a word.

Sang Jiezhu gave a doting yet loving look at Yin Kongchan, only she knew that Yin Kongchan's soul having a part missing was not something that was congenital. Rather, it was because someone plotted against her. It was a pity that even now; she did not know who had plotted against her daughter.

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Within the Floating Snow Palace's Discussion Hall, almost all the Crucible Transformation Cultivators had arrived. Sitting in the middle was a woman wearing a blue dress, with cold look of indifference over her face.

Sang Jiezhu and the 4th Palace master entered the Discussion Hall, and took the initiative by themselves to sit on either side of this blue robed woman. Yin Kongchan once again bowed in ceremony and spoke, "Yin Kongchan greets the Grand Palace Master."

The blue robed woman's face immediately softened, as she nodded towards Yin Kongchan and spoke, "Kongchan, come sit by my side."

Waiting till Yin Kongchan finally sat down, this woman immediately spoke up, "There are rumours circulating around that the Severing Emotions Dao Sect has acquired all of Ning Cheng's possessions, at the same time there is also the news of a piece of branch from the Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree and Geocentric 9 Yin Essence about to appear in an auction in the Grand Peace City, do we have any thoughts about it?"

Sitting in the first seat on the left side was an old woman who spoke out with a dragged and husky voice, "The rumours came from the West Lu Makeshift Market, and seems to have been started by a Red Star Sword Faction's disciple. However, looking objectively it seems that this is a deliberate scheme concocted by someone. Even if the Severing Emotions Dao Sect obtained these two things, how would they casually give it to a disciple? This is truly not possible."

Another middle aged female cultivator sneered and spoke, "If the 2nd Palace Master thinks that it is absolutely impossible, then how could these two things appear at an auction? Does the Profound Light Chamber of Commerce dare to deceive all the major academies of the Tian Continent?"

The old woman's face suddenly became difficult to look at, just as she was about to reply, the 1st Palace master spoke up, "This is for the sake of my Floating Snow Palace's future, regardless of whether this matter is true or not, but since the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence has already appeared on the market, we must regard it as the real deal. According to the information that Kongchan brought back, Ning Cheng most likely perished when Xu Yingdei successfully severed her emotions. Since she has successfully severed her emotions, then his things appearing in the Severing Emotions Dao Sect would not be surprising. But for us, it would be much better if Ning Cheng's things ended up falling in any other hand other than the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, not to mention the fact....."

As the Palace Master spoke until here, she deliberately looked at Yin Kongchan at her side, before she continued, "Not to mention that Kongchan, who is my Floating Snow Palace's future Grand Palace master, has her soul damaged. As such, no matter what, we have to get our hands on those three drops of Geocentric 9 Yin Essence."

"I think what the Palace master spoke is correct; Severing Emotions Dao Sect's Xu Anzhen also has a heavily damaged soul. If Ning Cheng's things were not obtained by the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, then for those three drops of Geocentric 9 Yin Essence and the Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree, there is a high chance that Xu Anzhen would definitely make a personal visit to the Grand Peace City. If that is the case then it would become even more difficult for us to obtain the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, so this time, it is highly likely that we would have to go all out." A petite female cultivator stood up and spoke.

The blue robed Palace Master shook her head and spoke, "Sixth Sister is not entirely right, I think that regardless of whether the Severing Emotions Dao Sect obtained Ning Cheng's things or not, they would definitely dispatch most of their forces. Moreover, Xu Anzhen would also be coming to the auction in person."

"All the people coming there would already be aware as to what Xu Anzhen desperately needs, since the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence has come out, and if she did not personally go, it would be equivalent to the rumours coming true, that the Severing Emotions Dao Sect truly has a lot of Geocentric 9 Yin Essence in their possession. Therefore, she has to come out and even go all out to purchase the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence and the Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree, especially to squash all the rumours regards the Severing Emotions Dao Sect. Even if Ning Cheng's things have not been obtained by the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, every ancestor level character would be coming out, in order to seize the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence."

"Moreover, our Floating Snow Palace absolutely cannot allow Xu Anzhen to recover her cultivation. This is more than just three drops of Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, but rather it directly correlates to the survival or downfall of the Floating Snow Palace."

Everyone present in the Discussion Hall finally understood the meaning of the Grand Palace Master's words; the Floating Snow Palace and the Severing Emotions Dao Sect were eternal enemies. Once Xu Anzhen, who has a monstrous hatred towards the Floating Snow Palace, restores her cultivation, then their Floating Snow Palace would no longer be able to enjoy even a single peaceful day.

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Almost at the same time, in the Severing Emotions Dao Sect's Discussion Hall.

A young girl wearing a black robe was sitting over a black lotus, as she looked outside of the Discussion Hall; it looked as if her mind was pondering over something not here.

At this moment, every person inside the Discussion Hall was too afraid to even speak. They were all waiting for the girl sitting over the black lotus to make some sound. Even the Headmaster of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, was also standing their quietly awaiting orders.

It was only after a good long while, that the black robed girl finally spoke out but in an extremely soft tone, "Someone intends to bring harm to my Severing Emotions Dao Sect, at the time when Dei'er successfully severed her emotions and advanced, she did not find Ning Cheng's remains, indicating that

Ning Cheng's things might have been taken away by another person. This person obviously bears a hatred towards my Severing Emotions Dao Sect, so released a lot of rumours, in order to intentionally bring harm to my academy."

"Grandma Xu, this time's mission to go to the Grand Peace City to procure the things, please let me be the one to take over it. I will certainly bring back the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence and the Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree, Grandma Xu; you can be rest assured of it."

However, the black robed girl shook her head and spoke, "This time there would definitely be a lot of people wanting to grab these two things, and most of them would be experts of the respective academies. So you going there would simply be of no use, I will have to make a trip myself. Not only will I have to go, but also at the same time, the people accompanying me from my Severing Emotions Dao Sect cannot absolutely be less. Since someone took out these two things, then it shows that they definitely possess much more. Moreover, without the help from the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, I would not be able to recover. Once my cultivation is restored, then even if there was a bunch of them trying to go against my Severing Emotions Dao Sect, so what? All of them would simply be a pack of free-range chicken or earthenware dogs."

Although she spoke with her back to them, but the tone of the black robed girl carried a strong disdain and extreme self-confidence in herself.

Similar kind of scenes played out in all the other major academies, whether it was the Heavenly Dao Academy, the Burning Sun Weapon Sect, Ying Yang Dao Sect or the others. They did not just look at the Profound Light Auction, and not even about the three drops of Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, but rather they delved deeper into the intent behind the three drops.

With the news of the upcoming Profound Light Auction of the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence and the piece of branch from the Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree, even more crazy rumours spread out from the West Lu Makeshift Market.

News about Xu Anzhen and a large number of Crucible Transformation Cultivators from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect coming out also spread out in the shortest possible time to all the people. At this moment, not only were all the experts paying attention to the auction, but also they were also concerned about the involvement of Xu Anzhen from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect. If Ning Cheng's things were already taken away by Xu Yingdei, then they must be on Xu Anzhen's body.

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Ning Cheng believed that even if Severing Emotions Dao Sect knew that someone was drawing the public hatred towards the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, the experts of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect would certainly come out. Not only that, there was also Yin Kongchan and the various people from the Floating Snow Palace that would came out, as such they would definitely try to restrain each other.

So he calmly used the time to arrange the Outbound Transmission Arrays. In order to increase the speed of the transmission of the Transmission Array, he set up a Transmission Array every thousand miles. Once the various transmission arrays were connected together, it would immediately take him several thousand miles away. As long as could succeed in activating the transfer, he was sure that he would be able to escape.

In the peripheral reaches outside of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, after arranging the final Transmission Array, Ning Cheng was the only person standing there. His calculation were completely spot on, at this time he had learned that almost all of the experts of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect had walked out. For him, he would have to make do with this. He was well aware that it was absolutely impossible to get all the top experts of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect to go out.

The Severing Emotions Dao Sect was also very careful, although many experts were dispatched, but they definitely did not forget to activate the Grand Defensive Array to protect the academy. That is to say, if someone dares to attack the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, the Severing Emotions Dao Sect's experts would be able to return in the shortest possible time.

Ning Cheng, of course, was not an idiot to attack the Severing Emotions Dao Sect head on, the Severing Emotions Dao Sect was protected by a Rank 9 Grand Array, while Ning Cheng was just a Tier 7 Array Formation Grand Master, as such he would definitely have to face some difficulties if he wanted to break open this Array Formation. However, he nearly had a full month of time with him, in this month, if he really could not enter the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, he would only have to leave in dejection.

No matter how good the strategy being used, but one also needed the required strength to complete the job.

Although the Severing Emotions Dao Sect's fame was lot higher than the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, Ning Cheng still felt that this Severing Emotions Dao Sect was far less magnificent that the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect. Just comparing the background of the academies, the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect's background was a lot stronger than the Severing Emotions Dao Sect.

In the evening, Ning Cheng stealthily made his way towards the outer perimeter of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect. He intended to look for a place to carefully study the Rank 9 Array Formation in order to get in. Although he currently did not possess the ability to break open the Rank 9 Array Formation, but he still had to find a way in or at least find the opportunity to do that. After all, the Severing Emotions Dao Sect had only recently activated the huge array, but had not completely sealed off the academy, if they had sealed it off then there simply would have no thoughts about breaking it open.

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## **Chapter 332: The Severing Emotions Peak**

Ning Cheng concealed himself and hid for a full day, after calculating and deducing things for a full day, he found that it was fundamentally impossible for him to break open the Rank 9 Grand Array, at best; he could only deduce something marginal of this Rank 9 Mountain Protecting Grand Array.

Unfortunately, even if that was the case, he can only rely on his own abilities to enter the Mountain Protecting Grand Array, however, it would need at least half of months' time, and moreover he also had to make sure that his array formation deduction process was not discovered by others.

Ning Cheng hesitated for a bit, even though he had reached an agreement with the auction house that they could only auction the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence at the start, but that was only the ideal situation. Now every major power and old freak along with the low key experts, whether they hated him or not,

would definitely come to the Grand Peace City. As such, who knew if any problems would crop up with the auction? Wasn't there also the possibility that the auction beginning in advance?

Moreover, he also knew that once he entered the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, he might have to spend a lot of time inside. He was going inside to steal something; as such, he would inadvertently have to crack a lot of array formations and restrictions along the way, which would definitely need a lot of effort and time. As such, for him to use half of the seemingly available time to try to deduce the Mountain Protecting Grand Array, it was absolutely not possible.

A Soul Essence Female Cultivator landed outside the Mountain Protecting Grand Array of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect. This Soul Essence Female Cultivator took out a jade card, which quickly opened an entrance on the array formation. After the female cultivator entered, the entrance quickly closed again.

Ning Cheng on seeing this, immediately called out Grey Toottoot, then inscribing his own concealment restriction on the miniature world ring, he hung it around Grey Toottoot's neck and spoke, "You will have to wander around at the location of the entrance, seeing a beautiful woman you just have to act like a spoiled brat, at least just as long as we are able to infiltrate the array formation."

Saying that, Ning Cheng simply did not wait for Grey Toottoot to call back at him in protest, before he directly went into his miniature world.

Grey Toottoot under desperation could only stand in front of the entrance of Mountain Protecting Grand Array, trying to act cute. However, Grey Toottoot did not have to wait for long, when another pretty looking female cultivator descended riding a flying sword in front of the Mountain Protecting Grand Array.

This pretty woman was a late stage Profound Core Cultivator. When she saw Grey Toottoot shaking his head and wagging his tail in a cute manner, she suddenly frowned. Ning Cheng was watching over the entire situation unfurling outside with the help of his spiritual consciousness. Looking at the female cultivator frown, he immediately realized that the plan to infiltrate using Grey Toottoot acting cute had failed, he quickly sent a sound transmission to Grey Toottoot to escape immediately.

Grey Toottoot already did not want to stay in that place anyway, just as he received Ning Cheng's sound transmission to escape; it immediately spread its legs and dashed away. Grey Toottoot had just left that spot, when a fireball descended on the place where Grey Toottoot was just standing. From this, it could be seen that as long as Grey Toottoot was even half a beat slow, he would have turned into flying ash by that fireball.

Fortunately, this female cultivator did not think much about Grey Toottoot. After Grey Toottoot escaped, she took out a jade card and directly entered the array formation.

Ning Cheng came out of his miniature world, and once again wore the ring onto his hand. While simultaneously cursing internally, women from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect could never be treated as women. According to his experience, if an ordinary girl met Grey Toottoot with its cute act on full display, they would certainly pick him up and take him back to their place. But the female disciples from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect on seeing Grey Toottoot, let alone drawing close to him, but had even actually thrown a fireball at it. It was no wonder that the women here cultivated such a disgusting cultivation method.

After Ning Cheng put away Grey Toottoot into his miniature world, he did not try to continue deriving the array formation. He knew that it would take up a considerable amount of time to derive the array formation; as such, he would not resort to it unless it was the last resort. Since the plan with Grey Toottoot did not work, he had to do this on his own.

Hiding himself near to the entrance of the array formation, Ning Cheng completely converged his aura. After waiting for half a day, he saw a cultivator at the Soul Sculpting Realm, a cultivator at the Soul Essence Realm and a cultivator at the late stages of the Profound Core Realm, as they passed through the huge array. However, Ning Cheng was very patient, and did not make even the slightest of movement.

It was not until the day was about to pass, when an early stage Profound Core Female Cultivator finally arrived at the front of Mountain Protecting Grand Array. Just at the moment when this early stage Profound Core Female Cultivator took out her jade card to open the array entrance, Ning Cheng instantaneously activated his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds.

His Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds just flickered once, allowing Ning Cheng to brush past the side of the Profound Core Female Cultivator.

Not only Ning Cheng had achieved a nearly teleport-like speed but also he had even pushed his Concealment Cultivation Method to the extreme limits, so that even after his nearly teleport-like movement ended, he immediately entered stealth mode turning invisible once again. However, this female cultivator still seemed to have sensed something, causing her to repeatedly scan everything around her with her spiritual consciousness; however, she was not able to find any problems.

As Ning Cheng finally went past the Mountain Protecting Grand Array and entered the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, he once again felt the rich spiritual qi that wasn't any worse than what he felt back at the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect. Causing him to lament about the richness of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, however he did not dare to casually move around. That Profound Core Female Cultivator was still carefully looking around behind him, from this it could be seen that even though he had achieved a teleport-like speed and passed by quickly, something was still perceived by the other side.

After a half-an-incense worth of time passed by, this female cultivator lowered her head with a displeased expression, before she brought out a flying sword and quickly departed.

Ning Cheng gave out a sigh, he did not immediately move to go into the depths of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, rather he once again returned to foot of the Mountain Protecting Grand Array, before finding a place to arrange a few explosion arrays.

Using explosion arrays to break open the grand array was the last resort measure. As such, Ning Cheng arranged only a few Explosion Arrays, as a form of contingency.

With everything in place, Ning Cheng finally began moving towards the depths of the academy known as the Severing Emotions Dao Sect. With his concealment method, combined with most of the academy experts outside, unless they were specifically looking for him, wanting to find him would be very difficult.

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Since Xu Anzhen was the strongest expert of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, then this person would definitely be living on the Severing Emotions Peak. As such, Ning Cheng simply did not go anywhere else, directly finding his way to the Severing Emotions Peak.

The Severing Emotions Peak of the Severing Emotions Dao sect was extremely prominent, and was the centre of the entire Severing Emotions Dao Sect. Moreover, it was also the highest peak. The spiritual qi surrounding it was also very rich, and was far beyond that of any other mountain peak.

Now that most of the experts of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect were out, and the Mountain Protecting Grand Array activated, the disciples walking around the academy were very few. As such, Ning Cheng was easily able to reach the periphery of the Severing Emotions Peak.

Severing Emotions Peak was thousands of meters high and hundreds of meters around, shooting straight into the clouds, however the peak was obscured by a huge array.

Ning Cheng already knew that it was impossible to enter the Severing Emotions Peak in the same manner as he snuck in through the Mountain Protecting Grand Array. Not to mention that no one would even come out from the Severing Emotions Peak, even if someone came out, he would not be able to easily mix in.

However, what made Ning Cheng relieved was that that protective array outside the Severing Emotions Peak was only a Rank 7 Array Formation. Ning Cheng himself was a Tier 7 Array Formation Grand Master, although he might not be able to break open a Rank 9 Array Formation, but in the face of a Rank 7 Array Formation, even if this array formation had some form of method to send signals to Xu Anzhen, if he wanted to secretly infiltrate it, he would definitely be able to accomplish it without triggering anything.

Although comparing Xu Anzhen's cultivation to Ning Cheng, it would be akin to comparing a titan to a baby. However, in regards to the attainments in Array Formation, she might not have a higher standing than Ning Cheng might. Ning Cheng, in order to study array formations, chose to stay at the bottom of the Blood River Mountains for a few years. Although he only stayed there and arduously studied for a few years, but his attainments were truly something that no ordinary cultivator would be able to replicate.

Even if Xu Anzhen's attainments in the field of array formations was slightly higher compared to Ning Cheng, however when it comes to deciphering array formations, she would definitely not be better than Ning Cheng would. Moreover, it was highly possible that Xu Anzhen's attainments in the field of array formations might simply not be higher than Ning Cheng's attainments at all.

After just half a day's time, Ning Cheng finally was able to sneak into the Severing Emotions Peak without sending out any alerts to Xu Anzhen.

After entering the Severing Emotions Peak, he immediately swept out with his spiritual consciousness. This time, what he feared the most was that Xu Anzhen might have taken away the piece of Shi Qionghua's soul with her. If Xu Anzhen did not keep Shi Qionghua's life essence suppressed at the Severing Emotions Peak, then he simply would not be able to do anything about it. With his cultivation at present, wanting to grab things from Xu Anzhen's body, it would be at least ten thousand times difficult if not a million times.

However, Ning Cheng guessed that the probability of such a thing happening was quite low, especially since life essences can only be kept suppressed in extremely cold places, but at the same time it would also require a variety of array formations to keep it conserved. If you did not have a truly top tier magical weapon, then wanting to bring away a trace of life essence whenever, wherever you want would simply be impossible.

Not to mention that the life essence cannot be carried around personally, even if it could be carried around, it would require a treasure on the same level of at least the Soul Raising Wood or the Underworld Soul Flower. Moreover, these treasures could not be used to suppress it; at best, they could only be used as a kind of seal. Sealing and suppression had an essential difference; a sealed life essence might still dissipate, resulting in loss of consciousness. However, suppression actually meant being allowed to move freely yet not being able to move freely, as every move could be controlled under suppression.

Whether it was to seal the life essence, or to even suppress it, it would require at the very least a Rank 8 Array Formation or equivalent Restrictions. In Ning Cheng's view, Xu Anzhen's attainments in array formations were not that high.

A dozen restrictions appeared in the range of Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness, however he did not see any experts, rather he saw more than ten medicine children coming and going past their Restrictions.

With Ning Cheng's cultivation, his spiritual consciousness was not able to pass through the Restrictions to directly look at what was behind them. However, Ning Cheng could guess that there must be a medicine garden behind each of the restrictions; the Heavenly Cusp Flower was most likely in one of these medicinal gardens.

Ning Cheng carefully broke open one of the Restrictions, only to find that there were only Level 6 and over spiritual grasses present behind it. He quietly drew back through the restrictions over the medicinal garden; however, he did not touch the spiritual grasses. Although these things were just waiting for him to be picked up and taken away, however at this moment he must first find the place where Shi Qionghua's life essence was being suppressed.

Ning Cheng broke open one restriction after another, only to find one medicinal garden after another containing only advanced level spiritual grasses that appeared in front of Ning Cheng's eyes. However, even in the face of so many advanced level spiritual grasses, Ning Cheng's still was disappointed and frustrated; he simply was not able to find the Heavenly Cusp Flower.

However, despite the disappointment, Ning Cheng still carefully kept his body concealed as he passed through the restrictions. He had only entered the Severing Emotions Peak, so there were many places that he had not seen.

Ning Cheng very much wanted to catch a cultivator at the Essence Building Realm to ask around; however, he was forced to reign in his own impulse. Xu Anzhen was absolutely not a careless person, since she had put those medicine children here, so once someone moved those medicine children, then maybe the next moment she would already come to know about it.

Inside the Severing Emotions Peak, even if all the faces here were lower levelled cultivators, Ning Cheng was still extremely cautious as he moved about. Although it was only half an incense stick worth of journey, but it still took him almost an entire day before he finally arrived at the entrance of a huge yet gloomy palace. If he wanted to pass through here, Ning Cheng knew that he couldn't be even half a bit careless, so if he ended up spending more time here it would not be surprising, however he absolutely could not let other people find out about him.

Outside of this gloomy looking palace were four characters, 'Falling in Love is Inconsequential', there were also two Profound Core Cultivators standing outside this gloomy palace's entrance, as if they were standing here at guard.

The doors of this gloomy looking palace were wide open, and with Ning Cheng's ability, it could be said that he could very easily enter the palace. However, Ning Cheng would not easily walk through those doors. He concealed himself outside the door, while he repeatedly used his spiritual consciousness to continuously probe the palace.

Just like sailing ship for ten thousand years, he only had one chance, since he finally came to a seeming end this time, it would not help him to panic.

As another half a day passed by, Ning Cheng couldn't help but break out in cold sweat in secret. He knew that his caution was not wrong, although the entrance of the palace seemed normal; however, there was an intricately concealed Rank 6 Trigger Restriction over it. Anyone who entered the palace would immediately activate this restriction. Once this restriction was activated, there would not be any visible changes to the palace; however, the person who laid out the restriction would immediately come to know that someone had entered this place.

As to who arranged this Rank 6 Trigger Restriction, Ning Cheng simply did not have to guess, but instinctively knew that it was without a doubt set up by Xu Anzhen.

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#### **Chapter 333: The Chaotic Severing Emotions Dao Sect**

Although there was a little difference in the levels of Xu Anzhen's attainments compared to Ning Cheng's, but when it came to means of deducing and breaking open array formations and restrictions, Ning Cheng was definitely much stronger than Xu Anzhen was.

Ning Cheng wielding his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds entered the gloomy looking palace's main hall. Carefully bypassing the Rank 6 Trigger Restriction, he directly entered the depths of the main hall.

As for the two Profound Core Guards, they simply did not realize that Ning Cheng had entered the main hall. Compared to that Profound Core Realm female cultivator from before, these two Profound Core Guards' intuition was a lot worse.

Passing through the empty main hall, he finally entered a dimly lit spiritual grass garden.

Ning Cheng currently was barely considered as a Tier 5 Profound Pill Master, so he knew that other than a few special spiritual grasses, the growth of most spiritual grasses required sunlight. However, seeing the spiritual grass sprouts in this gloomy looking courtyard, in addition to the residence itself being

dimly lit to the point of being completely dark, Ning Cheng could only say that Xu Anzhen was in herself a very gloomy and dark person.

The spiritual grass garden had a restriction lock on it, although Ning Cheng would easily break open the Restriction placed here, however, Ning Cheng did not dare to do such a thing. This place was Xu Anzhen's nest, if he accidentally alerted Xu Anzhen, then it would only become even more difficult for him to look for Shi Qionghua's life essence.

Even if the Heavenly Cusp Flower was inside this spiritual grass garden or not, it would have to wait till he was able to release Shi Qionghua's life essence.

Ning Cheng used his spiritual consciousness to carefully search the place and its surroundings a few times, finally finding that there were only a few simple Trigger Restrictions placed here, allowing him to finally calm down. He carefully made his way bypassing the dimly lit spiritual grass garden, before coming outside of a very common looking immortal cave.

The entrance to the immortal cave was closed and surrounded by many restrictions, however the spiritual qi surrounding it was extremely rich. Ning Cheng guessed that this was where Xu Anzhen usually went into seclusion.

In addition to this very ordinary looking immortal cave, there was nothing else around; it looked like he had finally reached the last and the deepest place of the Severing Emotions Peak. This Severing Emotions Peak although might look simple on the outside however it was truly not simple, which made Ning Cheng somewhat worried.

If he could not find Shi Qionghua's life essence inside Xu Anzhen's immortal cave, then the time and effort that he spent to reach here would be nothing but smoke in the air.

Xu Anzhen's immortal cave looked really normal. The Restrictions placed on it were also broken by Ning Cheng in the shortest possible time. However thinking that Xu Anzhen might have also set up some Restriction that might have been above his means, he still chose to spend two full days outside the immortal cave in concealment, only after confirming that there would be no alarm or traps triggered when going through the Restrictions over the entrance of the immortal cave, did he finally enter the immortal cave.

At this time, Ning Cheng finally came face to face with where Xu Anzhen generally seemed to have cultivated, the inside of her immortal cave was even more simple looking than the outside. Ning Cheng never thought that Xu Anzhen's immortal cave would be so simple, compared to this, the main hall on the outside could only be described as magnificent. After coming in, the inside could only be described as a small cultivation room.

Ning Cheng repeatedly swept out with his spiritual consciousness, finally convinced that there truly was no other entrances concealed around, and that there was truly just a single room in front of him.

There was only a futon in the middle of the room. Other than that, there was not even a single chair. Let alone a boudoir, a couch bed or anything else common to a woman's room.

However, Ning Cheng did not find it strange, although Shi Qionghua said that Xu Anzhen did not look old, but in his view, Xu Anzhen was Xu Yingdei's grandmother, as such was definitely an old lady,

irrespective of how she looked. As an old woman, she of course would not decorate her room in a majestic or rich manner. Moreover, he had also heard that Xu Anzhen's corporeal body was also severely injured; as such she would also have no need of a couch bed.

There was simply nothing inside the room. However, Ning Cheng did not give up. If Xu Anzhen wanted to keep Shi Qionghua's life essence suppressed, then it would definitely be at a location close to where Xu Anzhen cultivated. Xu Anzhen would never keep Shi Qionghua's life essence far away from her. This was simply not logical at all.

Since Ning Cheng entered this place, he repeatedly examined every inch of the surroundings with his spiritual consciousness, however outside of Xu Anzhen's immortal cave, there was absolutely no place, where someone's life essence could be suppressed.

With his meticulous approach, it did not take Ning Cheng a long time, before he found an entrance with a Concealment Array Formation over it, under the futon in the middle of the room.

Carefully removing the futon, Ning Cheng carefully re-arranged the several array flags, causing the entrance to finally open up revealing a pitch black hole in front of him.

An extremely cold aura leaked out from the hole, Ning Cheng wanted to use his spiritual consciousness to see how deep the hole was, but found that his spiritual consciousness was unexpectedly blocked. Along the way down, he encountered a Shielding Restriction, other than that, he also found a Forbidden Space Restriction alongside it. It looks like, if he went down this pitch black hole, his spiritual consciousness would only spread out until the periphery of his body, and could not be extended any further.

A black hole or a mouth to the unknown, with no steps in sight or even an end, cannot even use a flight type magical weapon, at the same time can't even extend out their spiritual consciousness, as such even Crucible Transformation Cultivators would not be able to enter this place. If someone was not afraid of death, only then would they think of jumping down, however they might just plunge to their deaths directly.

Ning Cheng was not a Crucible Transformation Cultivator; however for such kinds of places he had something that was far stronger than Crucible Transformation Cultivators, which was his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds.

Looking at the black hole in front of him for a moment, Ning Cheng finally became sure that Shi Qionghua's soul essence must be kept suppressed in here. As such, Ning Cheng did not hesitate anymore before jumping down, while simultaneously stimulating the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds.

A looming cold aura hit Ning Cheng as he quickly descended. He felt as if he descended by almost a thousand feet, before he finally touched the ground.

The Severing Emotions Peaks was hundreds of meters high, from this it could been that he was already at present in the deepest location of the Severing Emotions Peak; moreover it was also a very well hidden place.

He immediately perceived dense amounts of Restrictions around him, if replaced by a person who did not understand array formations, there would only be a single path for them, and that was death. In other words, if Xu Anzhen were not here, even if he understood only the basics of array formations, he would simply not be able to enter this place, even if he managed to somehow enter, he would only be coming to die.

At this point, Ning Cheng already could clearly make out that the place he was at was a huge white ice stone platform. In the middle of this ice stone platform, there was an altar with a radius of approximately ten feet. This altar was surrounded by dark red pillars, the pillars were slightly tilted towards the inside appearing to be hung over the altar, as if it was supressing something.

In the middle of this altar were nine fluorescent copper lamps, while each of these copper lamps had a slowly rotating crystal ball hovering over it. Ice cold auras continuously invaded the copper lamps from the bottom, before passing through it towards the crystal ball.

Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness immediately found a familiar aura. He could feel Shi Qionghua's aura coming from one of the suspended crystal balls.

She really was suppressed here, moreover from the looks of it Shi Qionghua was not the only person being suppressed in here. This old witch Xu Anzhen was really not someone good. Although Ning Cheng was not aware as to how Xu Anzhen used these crystal balls, however he could feel that once she used them, then Shi Qionghua would not be able to pose the slightest of resistance. It was no wonder that Shi Qionghua chose to go to the Heaven's Way.

In face of this kind of suppression, would she really be able to escape into the Heaven's Way? Ning Cheng was very sceptical about it.

Ning Cheng swept towards a crystal ball with his spiritual consciousness; he did not immediately take away these crystal balls.

What Ning Cheng did not expect that Ning Cheng would find another familiar aura, he had never expected that he would even find Yin Kongchan's life essence aura in this place. No wonder Yin Kongchan wanted to look for the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, it looks like her life essence was also being suppressed in the Severing Emotions Peak.

After a dozen breaths, Ning Cheng's face was truly hard to look at. He truly could not find any way of taking away these crystal balls without Xu Anzhen knowing about it, he found that it was absolutely impossible; at least with his current abilities he would not be able to do such a thing.

Since he would be found out anyway, Ning Cheng simply took out a huge canvas, before writing a few words on it and placed it on one side. Then without even bothering to break open the array formation subtly, he simply brought out his Cosmic True Devil Axe, before he rushed past the nine tilting pillars.

"Boom boom boom...." Bursts of explosions sounded out, as Ning Cheng grabbed the nine crystal balls and the copper lamps before stowing them away into his ring, before quickly rushing out.

Since he had already succeeded partially, he now moved with his fastest speed to escape from this place. Ning Cheng no longer feared anything else, as soon as he came out of Xu Anzhen's immortal cave; he once again entered the gloomy looking spiritual grass garden.

This time Ning Cheng did not choose to slowly break open the array, with his Cosmic True Devil Axe out, he simply stuck out once at the restrictions surrounding the spiritual grass garden with his axe.

"Kacha" a sound emerged, as the restriction instantly cracked open, this was not a defensive restriction, as such, it did not pose even the slightest of defensive effect, as such Ning Cheng simply did not bother with it before breaking it open.

Without having enough time to carefully inspect the spiritual grasses inside, he simply moved around as if he was shearing wheat in general, while simultaneously putting away the spiritual grasses that he pulled out into his ring.

Just as Ning Cheng rushed out of the palace with the words 'Falling in Love is Inconsequential' on the outside, an extremely powerful and incomparably matchless spacial fluctuation surrounded Ning Cheng before he could even react.

The next moment, Ning Cheng emerged in the sky above the Severing Emotions Dao Sect.

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The Grand Peace City's auction had not yet begun, however each of the Tian Continent's major academies were gathered here. Since the Severing Emotions Dao Sect arrived early, they were able to occupy the rest stop closest to the Profound Light Auction House.

At this moment, the rest stop had many a lot of Crucible Transformation Elders, along with Xu Anzhen from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect. They were seated in a large room overseeing the proceedings. In front of them was a cultivator in the Essence Building Realm, who was trembling uncontrollably as he stood in front of Xu Anzhen and the rest, as he narrated every word spoken by that second generation ancestor in the West Lu's Spiritual Tea House.

Xu Anzhen was frowning as she heard those words, however her face suddenly changed, even the black robes on her body rustled without any apparent wind.

"Grandma....." Xu Yingdei only spoke two words, and hadn't had any time to speak anything else, when she was immediately interrupted by Xu Anzhen's words, "Immediately head back to the academy, someone truly did manage to move the tiger from the mountain."

"Just in case, we will leave a few people behind from our group, while the rest can hurry back....."

A Crucible Transformation Elder's words had not yet finished, when it was interrupted by Xu Anzhen, "Leave, all of you immediately go back, remaining here is no longer necessary."

If it were anything else, even if it meant that she was not able to obtain the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, she, being Xu Anzhen, still had a chance to recover. However, unexpectedly someone secretly managed to enter the Severing Emotions Peak and even break open her Nine Revolving Soul Supressing Grand Array. Not only did they smash apart the nine Soul Subduing Pillars, but had even taken away the nine soul wisps of life essences that she had painstakingly collected over countless years. At the same time also stole away her Heavenly Cusp Flowers.

These things were no doubt much more precious to her than the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence.

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"The auction has not even started yet, but the Severing Emotions Dao Sect is already returning?"

"Xu Anzhen along with all the elders of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect are leaving the Grand Peace City....."

Xu Anzhen's front foot had just left the Grand Peace City, when the next moment the news reached all the major academies gathered there.

The Severing Emotions Dao Sect's airship was immediately intercepted just outside the Grand Peace City. The first to arrive were the Crucible Transformation Cultivators of the Floating Snow Palace. Followed by the Heavenly Dao Academy, the Burning Sun Weapons Sect, the Yin Yang Dao Sect, the Red Star Sword Faction, the Star Gathering Mansion, the Thousand Buddhist Hall, the Battle Devil Hall and other academies. In just a short moment, all the experts present had arrived. Among the top ten academies, other than the Great Change Island and the newly re-ascended Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, the rest were present here.

"What do you want?" The Severing Emotions Dao Sect's Headmaster had a very ugly look on her face.

However, the face of Xu Anzhen sitting on the black lotus was ever uglier to look at. She was, at this moment, was well aware that luring the tiger away from the mountain was just a distraction, causing her entire person to become overcast. If she her cultivation was restored, these people in front of her would only be ants, but unfortunately, her cultivation was still very far from being restored.

#### **The Gate Of Good Fortune**

#### Chapter 334: The Bloody Battle in the Severing Emotions Dao Sect

Shi Qionghua had never thought that she would once again return to this place.

She was not able to enter the Heaven's Way, even if she posed as a Crucible Transformation Cultivator from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, she would not be able to enter the Heaven's Way currently. Every time the Heaven's Way opened, it would need massive amounts of precious materials. If she wanted to enter the Heaven's Way, then she would have to wait for at least two years.

Upon enquiry, Shi Qionghua came to know that since the Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree was poached by Ning Cheng, entry into the Heaven's Way had gotten even stricter. Originally, all cultivators above the Soul Sculpting Realm were qualified to enter as long as they could pay the necessary price, however, at present, anyone lower than Crucible Transformation Realm simply would not be allowed in and waste the precious spots for the Heaven's Way.

Moreover, even if one was in the Crucible Transformation Realm, they all must gather together to gain access.

Although Shi Qionghua was powerful, but she was still lacking if she wanted to go against the people of the Heaven Alliance and barge through into the Heaven's Way. Two years from now, even her bones would probably not exist anymore, so how could she even enter the Heaven's Way then?

Under despair, Shi Qionghua once again returned to the immortal cave where she and Ning Cheng had temporarily resided in. She did not have any friends, if one had to say anything about any person she was most familiar with then it was without a doubt Ning Cheng.

Although the immortal cave was concealed by Ning Cheng, after Shi Qionghua returned, she knew that Ning Cheng had used this place to cultivate for a period of time. After staying at that place for a few days, she felt that Ning Cheng would not come back to this place again. Shi Qionghua decided to find Ning Cheng once again; she only has one very short year left, since she had to eventually return back to the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, she wanted to give everything on her body to Ning Cheng for his benefit. These things, even if she ended up dying, she did not want to leave them behind for Xu Anzhen.

Shi Qionghua came to an ordinary city, she did not even need to inquire when she learned that the Grand Peace City was about to host an auction for the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence and a branch from the Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree.

These two things definitely only belonged to Ning Cheng, but unexpectedly were being auctioned in the Grand Peace City. Although she and Ning Cheng did not spend much time together, however she was well aware that Ning Cheng was not someone reckless, as such he would never put these two things to auction.

At this moment, she mixed in along with the other academies who were heatedly rushing towards the Grand Peace City with impatience written all over her. Her goal was similar to the people from the other academies, which is to know from where the Profound Light Auction House obtained these things.

At this moment, the point that she was most worried about was that if these things were not given to the Profound Light Auction House by Ning Cheng. It would mean that someone else had obtained these things from Ning Cheng and passed it on to the Profound Light Chamber of Commerce to auction, in other words, Ning Cheng was definitely in danger.

Shi Qionghua controlled her flight type magical weapon as she rushed out with full speed; however, she knew that she was still far away from the Grand Peace City. However, just at this moment, she felt her life essence tremble, as a feeling of absolute suppression caused her to momentarily go weak.

This immediately caused Shi Qionghua's face to change. She immediately thought that Xu Anzhen had finally started to devour her life essence ahead of time. If Xu Anzhen had indeed started to devour her life essence just now, then she would have no choice but to return to the Severing Emotions Dao Sect. Even if she wanted to resist, she would be able to even muster up a shred of resistance.

However, Shi Qionghua quickly perceived that there was something wrong with what she felt. She did not feel an intense call or her spiritual soul being controlled as expected, instead she felt more relaxed.

Did someone take away her suppressed life essence? Shi Qionghua quickly reacted. She was sure that it was definitely not something done by Xu Anzhen, if it was Xu Anzhen, then she would have already become a puppet under her control by now.

Did someone save her? She was well aware that she absolutely did not have such a friend. Even if she had such a friend, who among them would have the capability to retrieve her suppressed life essence. That to from the hands of Xu Anzhen?

If she had to name a person who might have done this, then it would definitely be Ning Cheng, however Ning Cheng's cultivation.....

That cannot be, Shi Qionghua immediately felt a moment of clarity. The Geocentric 9 Yin Essence and the Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree, both Ning Cheng's possession, however these two things were something that Xu Anzhen from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect urgently needed. If Ning Cheng took out these two things to put into an auction, then Xu Anzhen would definitely come out to purchase it at all costs. As such, Xu Anzhen would definitely come to the Grand Peace City to bid for these two things. Meaning she would definitely leave the Severing Emotions Dao Sect.

Once Xu Anzhen left the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, then wouldn't Ning Cheng have the opportunity to go to the Severing Emotions Dao Sect to retrieve her suppressed life essence?

She immediately remembered Ning Cheng's last words; he said that he had to visit the Severing Emotions Dao Sect anyway.

This was not good, it looks like Ning Cheng truly went to the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, moreover had even somehow managed to obtain her repressed life essence. After understanding this point, Shi Qionghua became incomparably anxious. Even if Xu Anzhen were not in the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, Ning Cheng would not be able to come out safely carrying her sliver of life essence.

After realizing this point, Shi Qionghua immediately felt her heart clench, as she abruptly changed her direction, crazily flying towards the Severing Emotions Dao Sect.

Although she had given her body to Ning Cheng, however she did not have any regrets or complaints, but from the depths of her heart, she knew that she did not really love Ning Cheng. This was because she knew that she only had a short life to live, moreover had even asked Ning Cheng for his precious things. Although she had given her body to him, and ended up saving Ning Cheng's life, but for her it was choice that she made voluntarily, as such she truly could not bring herself to hate Ning Cheng.

But what she had never thought that, although she truly was not able to blame Ning Cheng for this matter, however Ning Cheng unexpectedly did such a thing for her. Ning Cheng had chosen this moment to quietly go to the Severing Emotions Dao Sect to steal back her wisp of suppressed life essence; apparently, he did not want it to be known to her. If Ning Cheng ended up falling, and she managed to enter the Heaven's Way, she would simply not be able to know about such a thing happening.

If Ning Cheng did not fall, then Ning Cheng would be the perfect candidate to preserve her wisp of life essence, and would end up giving it back to her in the future. At least it would avoid the issue of her being exploited and abused by Xu Anzhen.

At this moment, Shi Qionghua's heart felt like it was tightly being gripped by a hand, causing her to feel a bit of difficulty in breathing. She was well aware that Ning Cheng was feeling guilty for her; however, he was also aware that she had already forgiven him. Even if that was the case, Ning Cheng, just for her sake, did not care of his own life or death as he chose to go to the Severing Emotions Dao Sect.

Shi Qionghua was also a person who lived by herself, however at this moment a person's shadow suddenly and unexpectedly appeared in her heart. This shadow turned from vague to clear, before it finally turned distinct in her heart. She had not realized this that even before she came to learn that Ning Cheng had gone to the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, Ning Cheng's shadow had already appeared in her heart. Otherwise, she would not have unconsciously made her way back to the immortal cave once again.

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Ning Cheng had just came out of the Severing Emotions Peak when several sword lights descended. From this, he could tell that there were many Soul Sculpting Realm Cultivators and at least one Sea Opening Realm cultivator among them.

Ning Cheng's heart sank; it had only been a few moments since he had rushed out from inside the Severing Emotions Peak; however, the Severing Emotions Dao Sect's reaction time was unexpectedly fast. If there were a Crucible Transformation Cultivator among them, then he simply would not be able to leave this place.

At this moment, how could Ning Cheng care about hiding himself? A blue shadow rushed out, while he simultaneously crazily stimulated his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds.

"Bang bang bang...." Several sword lights condensed from formidable true essences as they exploded onto the shadow of Ning Cheng's Everlasting Blue Thunder City. Causing the Everlasting Blue Thunder City's shadow to turn dim immediately.

Ning Cheng who was still in the air, because of the backlash from the attack, crazily spouted out blood, as he fell straight to the ground.

Several successive 'crack' sounds emerged, indicating that several of Ning Cheng's bones had broken. Even if Ning Cheng's body had grown stronger due to his previous body forging, but falling from that height with that kind of force, it still ended up causing him severe injuries.

He immediately drank a mouthful of Essence Birthing Bamboo Pith, before he once again crazily wielded his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds with all the force he could muster. As long as he could escape from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect's Mountain Protecting Grand Array, he would have a way to escape.

Ning Cheng had just left the place, when several terrifying explosions ripped apart the spot where he was just fallen. If Ning Cheng were even half a moment late, he would have already become slag.

The Mountain Protecting Grand Array was not far from sight. As Ning Cheng crazily wielded the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, he simultaneously threw down several pieces of array flags.

"Boom boom boom boom....." The few Rank 6 Explosion Arrays that he had previously set up immediately activated, causing bursts of explosions to resound throughout in front of the Mountain Protecting Grand Array. However, even in the face of these Rank 6 Explosion Arrays activating all at once, it only caused a few ripples to emerge. These Explosion Arrays simply did not have the required power to rip open a hole in the Mountain Protecting Grand Array.

If Ning Cheng had known this earlier that his Explosion Arrays would not be able to open even a single hole in this Mountain Protecting Grand Array, he would have arranged a lot more of these Explosion Arrays in front of the Mountain Protecting Grand Array. At that point, with all of them exploding at once, this Rank 9 Mountain Protecting Grand Array would definitely expose a weakness. He would have then be able to exploit this opening and escape in the shortest possible time.

Not waiting for Ning Cheng to continue attacking the Mountain Protecting Grand Array, a dazzling red light immediately descended. Before this red light descended, it completely sealed up the space around

Ning Cheng. Other than trying to face this red light head on, Ning Cheng simply did not have any other way.

This was definitely another late stage Sea Opening Cultivator. At this moment, there were very few Crucible Transformation Cultivators inside the Severing Emotions Dao Sect; however, it definitely still had many Sea Opening Cultivators.

Moreover, Ning Cheng was well aware that more and more such cultivators would appear as he dragged this on. If he were not able to escape from this place in a few breaths, he simply would not need to even think of escaping.

Unfortunately, the grade of Transmission Array that he set up was simply too low, as such its effects could not penetrate the Severing Emotions Dao Sect's Mountain Protecting Grand Array; otherwise, he would have already walked away.

Although the plan was good, however his strength was slightly worse than what was required. Ning Cheng sighed as he thought to himself. At the same time, he forcibly brought out the Everlasting Blue Thunder City's shadow once again.

"Bang...." The dazzling red light exploded onto the Everlasting Blue Thunder City's shadow, causing the shadow of the Everlasting Blue Thunder City casted by Ning Cheng to instantly turn dim. Ning Cheng was once again blown back flying under the formidable strength behind the attack, causing him to once again spray out huge mouthfuls of blood. Sounds of bone breaking once again resounded.

Ning Cheng looked at the increasing number of figures appearing before him, and instantly realized that his thought of running out of the Mountain Protecting Grand Array was already passing away like an illusion. He did not hesitate to bring out the Talisman that he obtained from the bottom of the Blood River Mountains, as he used every ounce of his remaining force to crush it. At this moment, besides going back to the Blood River Mountains, there was simply no other path left for him to escape.

But Ning Cheng quickly turned dumbfounded, even with his present cultivation; he unexpectedly was not able to crush this Talisman at all. Ning Cheng immediately cursed out at that skeleton; he knew that he had finally entered a pit without any exit. The skeleton feared that he would use this Talisman to escape, therefore before his strength would reach a certain extent, it would be fundamentally impossible for him to break this Talisman.

It must have been because that skeleton thought that without his cultivation reaching a certain level; he would not be able to obtain the Heavenly Cusp Flower and the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence. He finally understood what the skeleton implied when he said 'Your cultivation at present is still too low, and I don't intend to get help from you at present.' What was the meaning of this kind of remark? This meant that unless his cultivation did not reach a certain level; do not use this talisman, aah. Unfortunately, he had always regarded this Talisman as a life-saving magical weapon.

Knowing that he would not be able to get away, Ning Cheng no longer thought about breaking open the Mountain Protecting Grand Array. Inside this place, if he could kill one to get his money's worth, then he would definitely kill two to make a profit of one.

Ning Cheng once again forced out the shadow of the Everlasting Blue Thunder City, while at the same time also brought out the Cosmic True Devil Axe, stimulating it to send out a streak of Axe Line. In the

centre, the thick and fierce killing intent of the Axe Line formed into a vortex of Axe type killing intent that fused together with the extremely dense Axe Intent of the Axe Trace.

At this moment, Ning Cheng was just like a berserk God of Death, if they wanted to kill him then he would definitely claim a life in repayment. Since Ning Cheng had already given up on the thought of escaping, and under the preservation of the Everlasting Blue Thunder City's shadow, Ning Cheng's Axe Line and his Killing Axe Vortex, it immediately brought forth a rain of blood.

Not to mention about Soul Essence Cultivators, even if it were Soul Sculpting Cultivators, under Ning Cheng's Angry Axe, they ended up seriously injured if not already dead.

Ning Cheng himself was unceasingly bombarded by various magical weapons, and in just a short time, his entire body was stained red with blood, even his bones could be seen though his wounds. Every time he was struck, he would be sent back flying, but he would once again rush up. However, every time he rushed up, several people would end up losing their lives.

The defensive strength of the Everlasting Blue Thunder City was too strong, even if Ning Cheng merely brought out a shadow of it, and even if he was facing Sea Opening Realm Cultivators, they were simply unable to drive out this terrifying defensive type magical weapon in one shot.

#### **The Gate Of Good Fortune**

# Chapter 335: Don't Mind It, But Don't Mess With This Young Grandpa

If there were no Everlasting Blue Thunder City, then Ning Cheng would have already died a hundred times if not a thousand times by now. But even with the Everlasting Blue Thunder City, Ning Cheng could also not completely block these many cultivators in the Soul Essence and Soul Sculpting Realm, let alone the fact that they even had cultivators in the Sea Opening Realm among them. If it had been individual combat, then Sea Opening Realm Cultivators would have been able to easily massacre Ning Cheng without its protection.

It was at this moment that Shi Qionghua rushed into the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, when the two Crucible Transformation Cultivators came out of seclusion in the Severing Emotions Dao Sect. At this moment, Ning Cheng's Everlasting Blue Thunder City's shadow was completely blown into nihility, while Ning Cheng's entire body was drenched in blood as he was sent back flying. However, the surrounding was a scene full of carnage. Blood and gore mixed with random body parts could be seen everywhere, as disciples of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect had fallen one after another in every direction the eyes could see.

Shi Qionghua was completely startled on encountering this scene, before she rushed past all of it and grabbed Ning Cheng tightly in her hands, while simultaneously activated the array formation opening jade card to shoot out of the sect.

Even if Shi Qionghua was a person from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, the two recently emerged Crucible Transformation Elders unhesitatingly attacked her.

Ning Cheng had killed many of the outstanding disciples of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, but Shi Qionghua unexpectedly wanted to take Ning Cheng and escape, how could they allow such a thing?

"Bang, bang...." A white ray of light, together with a black light exploded onto the back of the fleeing Shi Qionghua.

Shi Qionghua crazily spouted out a mouthful of blood, however she still managed to run out of the entrance of the now-open array formation, however Ning Cheng was already starting to lapse into a coma in her hands.

Not waiting for Shi Qionghua to successfully escape, the two Crucible Transformation Elders after sneak attacking Shi Qionghua immediately rushed out, and once again prepared to attack Shi Qionghua.

In just a short time, they were able to encircle Shi Qionghua. At this moment, she was surrounded on all sides by the cultivators from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, with her in the middle.

Shi Qionghua and Ning Cheng had completely different personalities; Ning Cheng had the personality that if someone tried to kill him, then he would definitely kill them. He was surrounded in the Severing Emotions Dao Sect by their people with not so good intentions, so he just reciprocated in kind by turning into a mass murderer. There was absolutely no way that he could show even half a shred of mercy in that situation. However, Shi Qionghua was actually not cruel enough to commit such a slaughter; moreover, the matter of her being suppressed by Xu Anzhen was also not something that the others were aware. On the other hand, she and the cultivators of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect shared the acquaintanceship of being from the same sect at the very least.

Not to say that there were many cultivators encircling Shi Qionghua, there was one among them whose cultivation were not much worse than Shi Qionghua herself, there another cultivator who was even more powerful than Shi Qionghua. However, she still held onto Ning Cheng, since she had already decided to take action, then compromising at this moment was not an option. Besides, even if she decided to compromise, would they even spare her?

Only a half-an-incense stick worth of time had passed, however Shi Qionghua's hair was already dishevelled from the battle. Her snow white robe was also dyed red. At this moment, she was very much willing to leave but was simply not able to.

Ning Cheng finally woke up with a mouthful of warm blood. He saw Shi Qionghua carrying him but stranded in the middle, and immediately understood what was going on. However, it was fortunate that at present they were outside of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect.

This time they HAD to escape, otherwise if they waited until Xu Anzhen came back, then they would definitely die. Moreover, they would not even be able to choose a good way to die.

Ning Cheng struggled to take out a stack of Talismans, handed it to Shi Qionghua, and spoke, "Senior Apprentice Sister Qionghua, hold onto me tightly, activate all of them from top to the bottom....."

He had only managed to say a few words, when Ning Cheng fainted once again. His wounds were even worse than he had imagined. But Ning Cheng was afraid that Shi Qionghua would not know how to use the Transmission Array Talismans, so he incautiously brought them all out, and specially reminded Shi Qionghua with a sentence.

Shi Qionghua was already a spent force, even if she wanted to kill the next killer coming her way; it would already be too late. At this moment, when Ning Cheng took out a stack of Talismans, she simply

did not think of anything else, and immediately did as Ning Cheng said. Holding onto Ning Cheng tightly, she immediately stimulated the first talisman.

A white light flashed, and the next moment, she had already vanished from the sight of the crowd surrounding her and Ning Cheng.

"Everybody need not panic; this was just a Transmission Array Talisman, not an Escaping Talisman. We few Crucible Transformation Elders will definitely chase them. The rest of you protect the academy, someone also immediately pass on the report of what happened to the Headmaster......" After a Crucible Transformation Cultivator spoke that, they immediately chased in the direction of the local spacial fluctuations.

If not for Ning Cheng's Transmission Array Talismans, Shi Qionghua would not even be able to escape from the encirclement, let alone walk out of it. Now all she had to do was stimulate one Escaping Talisman after another following Ning Cheng's instructions. The people chasing behind Shi Qionghua also did not think that Shi Qionghua would use one Transmission Array Talisman after another. If there were only one or two, with Shi Qionghua's present condition, they would have been able to overtake her very easily. However, with the Transmission Array Talismans being activated one after another, how could they even keep up the pursuit?

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At the same time, in order to return to the academy as soon as possible, the Crucible Transformation Elders of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect actually ended up battling it out with the other Crucible Transformation Cultivators blocking their way.

With dozens of Crucible Transformation Cultivators fighting it out in the open, it reduced almost a thousand mile area around them to dust.

Just like the battle at the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, where a large number of disciples from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect surrounded and attacked Ning Cheng inside the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, in this place there were many Crucible Transformation Cultivators encircling and attacking the people from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect.

When the battle first started, the Floating Snow Palace was the main force. After all, the Severing Emotions Dao Sect possessed the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence and the Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree, which was what everybody among them had thought. All the other factions had ulterior motives of their own, as such each of them chose to hold back their respective strengths just in case. Moreover, the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, even under the strong leadership of Xu Anzhen, was unexpectedly not able to gain any leeway.

However, as Crucible Transformation Cultivators continued to fall one after another, the other Crucible Transformation Cultivators of the other major academies also started to erupt with their full power. Some of the academy's thoughts also started shifting from taking away the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, and moved towards using this opportunity to completely destroy the Severing Emotions Dao Sect.

The two sides were already playing with true fire, but then suddenly everything changed; even the large patch of sky above immediately started to violently vibrate because of the wild explosions from the

bombardment of magical weapons. In the past several hundred years, this battle was definitely the largest open battle between the various factions of Crucible Transformation Cultivators.

If not for the Elder Taoist Xu Anzhen from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect activating a secret technique, allowing her to simultaneously kill a few Crucible Transformation Cultivators surrounding and attacking them, the Severing Emotions Dao Sect would have most probably been completely annihilated in this battle today.

As the battle grew to such an extent that it even hid the light from the sun and moon, it immediately sent the entire Tian Continent into shock. Of the 12 Crucible Transformation Cultivators from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, nine of them had already perished. Of the three remaining people, the Headmaster Henyun was seriously injured, while that Elder Taoist Xu Anzhen ended up sustaining even more heavy wounds on top of her previous wounds, to the point that even her foundation was severely injured; even the hope of recovering from it was extremely slim. Of the Crucible Transformation Cultivators that came to the Grand Peace City under the banner of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, other than Zu Anzhen protecting Xu Yingdei on the outside, none of them was able to make it out at all; only a single Crucible Transformation Elder remained with genuinely light injuries compared to others.

The Floating Snow Palace had dispatched nine Crucible Transformation Elders this time, including four palace masters. However, three among the nine ended up perishing, while one of them was reduced to a life essence. Of the three people that perished, it also included a Palace Master of the Floating Snow Palace.

The Burning Sun Weapon Sect, the Yin Yang Dao Sect, the Star Gathering Mansion, the Battle Devil Hall, each ended up with a Crucible Transformation Cultivator less. The Red Star Sword Faction, in order to show that it had no involvement with the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, fought with urgency only second to the Floating Snow Palace, resulting in two of their Crucible Transformation Cultivators perishing.

In this manner, altogether 18 Crucible Transformation Cultivators ended up perishing. There were even a number of Crucible Transformation Cultivators, whose corporeal body ended up destroyed, leaving behind only their life essences.

During the battle, everyone went crazy, but after the battle, everyone started to calm down. Everyone started to think about the situations that led to this battle and also its consequences.

Because of this battle, it not only shook all the academies in the Tian Continent, but even the behemoth, the Heaven Alliance, was left shaken.

However, nobody knew if the Severing Emotions Dao Sect really possessed the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence and the Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree. Especially since the remaining people from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect returned to academy as soon as possible and immediately sealed up the mountain entrance. Once the mountain entrance was sealed up, it meant that in the future, the Tian Continent would simply not be able to obtain any news relating to the Severing Emotions Dao Sect. Moreover, no one knew when the Severing Emotions Dao Sect would emerge once again.

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Inside the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, Xu Anzhen who originally had the appearance of a young girl, at this moment looked very old. In the huge discussion hall, at this moment, there were only four Crucible

Transformation Cultivators, while the rest were only cultivators in the Sea Opening Realm. It can be said that in this battle, the Severing Emotions Dao Sect not only suffered huge losses, it had almost reached to the point that it was almost extinguished.

In front of Xu Anzhen was a large plaque with a few words written, 'Don't mind it, but don't mess with this young grandpa.'

This plaque was actually brought out from the place where Xu Anzhen had kept the soul essences suppressed. It was obviously left behind by the person who sneak attacked the Severing Emotions Dao Sect in her absence and had even taken away the nine soul lamps.

There was also a huge crystal ball next to this plaque; this crystal ball contained a clear image inside, the image of Ning Cheng.

"Who is this person?" This time even Xu Anzhen's voice was growing hoarser, it even lacked the faintest aura of containing any true essence.

"I have seen Ning Cheng once before, this person should definitely not be Ning Cheng. Moreover, this person can instantly kill Soul Essence Cultivators, and is almost equivalent to a cultivator at intermediate stages of the Soul Sculpting Realm. Even if Ning Cheng was extremely powerful, it would simply be impossible for him to be this formidable." A Crucible Transformation Female Cultivator spoke with a sinking sound.

Xu Anzhen did not directly answer this female Crucible Transformation Cultivator's words, rather she looked at Xu Yingdei at her side and spoke, "Yingdei, you are more familiar with Ning Cheng, do you think it's him?"

Xu Yingdei stared at this crystal ball for a long time, before she finally spoke up, "Grandma, I'm not completely sure about it. But the likelihood of this person being Ning Cheng is very huge. This first thing is because Ning Cheng possess the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, as such only he would be able to enter that place. At the same time, he is also very proficient in Array Formations. The reason we were able to find the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence was originally that he was proficient in array formations. Moreover, his strength is definitely beyond those of the same level, if he ended up advancing to the Soul Essence Realm, then it would not be unusual for him to have some changes in his appearance."

"If that is the case, then why are you not sure if it is him?" Xu Anzhen's expression and tone was as cold as ice.

Xu Yingdei shuddered in face of such a tone, as she bowed her head and spoke, "I and Ning Cheng have been together for a long time, so I understand Ning Cheng's character a lot better than others. He is not a bloodthirsty person, even when he knew that Yin Kongchan and me had designs on him, he still chose to save the two of us in the end. In the Forsaken Land, when we were leaving Ya Lun City, he was definitely able to massacre the Ya Lun City's City Master and even extinguish the entire city if he chose to, but he did not, he even did not kill that Princess Man who tried to kill him on occasions."

"Moreover, I had poured my love into his body, in other words my Sword of Severing Emotions had pierced his body. Even if he somehow managed to survive through it, he definitely would not have such achievements in the present. Besides, I also left behind my Burning Fires of Lustful Desires in him, so I

don't think he or anyone for the matter would be able to survive it. I wonder if someone ended up getting those things from his body, so....."

"What if he was never in love with you and a woman with a pure yin body ended up using her body to save him?" Xu Anzhen suddenly spoke.

Xu Yingdei's complexion immediately changed, if Ning Cheng truly did not fall in love with her, then she would be caught in her own trap, as such, her future fate can easily be imagined.

Xu Anzhen no longer paid any attention to Xu Yingdei again, as she swept her gaze at the people in the main hall and spoke, "There is a high possibility that this person definitely is Ning Cheng....."

"Elder Taoist, if this person truly is Ning Cheng, then all of this would not be too difficult to explain. However, I am not clear as to why my Severing Emotions Dao Sect's Shi Qionghua would collude with the enemies of our Severing Emotions Dao Sect?" The Crucible Transformation Elder, who just now spoke that this person might not be Ning Cheng a while ago, once again stood up and spoke.

Xu Anzhen nodded towards the Crucible Transformation Elder and spoke, "In the future I will personally catch Ning Cheng and Shi Qionghua and bring them back, keep them kneeling here as I extract their souls and interrogate them. Who knew that Shi Qionghua would be such a cheap person, and would not even be concerned about face before entering into Dual Cultivation with Ning Cheng?"

Then Xu Anzhen's expression suddenly changed, and became even more severe before she spoke, "Currently my Severing Emotions Dao Sect's vigour has been severely damaged, and as such can only chose to seal off the sect, which is the most shameful thing for my Severing Emotions Dao Sect. From today on, I will impart the cultivation methods for the Realms beyond the Crucible Transformation Realm on you all. When the time comes for my Severing Emotions Dao Sect to once again open their doors that would be time for us to collect our debts."

#### **The Gate Of Good Fortune**

#### **Chapter 336: Dependence**

Floating Snow Palace.

The Grand Palace Master had a look even colder on her face than previously, this time even though the Floating Snow Palace were aided by other academies, ending up causing heavy losses to the Severing Emotions Dao Sect. An entity that was stronger compared to the Floating Snow Palace and also their mortal enemy. It should have been a joyous occasion. However, because it also ended in losing three Crucible Transformation Elders, it caused a dark shadow to loom over the originally happy occasion.

"Eldest Sister, I think we might have been played around by our nose this time. If I have not guessed wrong, the Severing Emotions Dao Sect should not have obtained Ning Cheng's things." Sang Jiezhu finally broke the silence and spoke.

The Grand Palace Master, wearing black from head to toe, still spoke in a tranquil and calm manner, "From the Moment I saw Xu Anzhen, I knew that it was a plan concocted by someone else, however it was a plan that I still chose to jump in."

Saying that, she then looked at Yin Kongchan sitting at her side and spoke, "Kongchan, do you know why I did that?"

Yin Kongchan stood up and spoke, "If Xu Anzhen had already obtained Ning Cheng's things, then she definitely would never come out with her heavily injured body. She would definitely first use those things to restore her cultivation and corporeal body before doing anything else. However, the fact is that Xu Anzhen has still not recovered from her injuries; therefore, she definitely has not obtained Ning Cheng's things. Moreover, this is only one point."

"The second point is that Floating Snow Palace's strength is indeed weaker than the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, but now that we have the support from the other academies, we should take this opportunity to try our best to attack the Severing Emotions Dao Sect. It would help us avoid a huge disaster coming for our Floating Snow Palace in the future. Moreover, we would also be able to use this opportunity to win over the other academies, as we all share hatred towards a common enemy."

The Grand Palace Master nodded, "What Kongchan has spoken about is true indeed, especially since Xu Anzhen has an overly arrogant disposition. After obtaining anything even remotely beneficial for her, she would definitely use it first to recover her cultivation and her injured body at the earliest possible time. Combined with the powerful means at her disposal, she would definitely make a move to completely exterminate our Floating Snow Palace. She simply would never take such a roundabout route like participating in such an auction."

"From all this, it looks like we were all dragged into someone else's plans. Although, my Floating Snow Palace ended up with a loss of three Crucible Transformation Elders, but this person's plans also helped my Floating Snow Palace to overcome a temporarily crisis."

"So, we should really thank this person." A Crucible Transformation Elder echoed out a sentence.

The black robed Grand Palace Master gave a sneer and spoke, "Thank him? This person used our Floating Snow Palace in his plan, in the future who knows if this person would turn his sights on us. My Floating Snow Palace must be the first to kill this person. The Severing Emotions Dao Sect have sealed off their mountains, it is definitely because of something happening inside. Currently, the Severing Emotions Dao Sect is not a threat to us, so our Floating Snow Palace must investigate who had planned all of this. Nobody drags my Floating Snow Palace into their plan without our permission, and yet still stand safely away on the side-lines. Right now....."

The black robed Grand Palace Master swept her gaze over the others present there before continuing to speak, "Right now we will continue towards the Grand Peace City to attend the auction. In any event, we must obtain the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence. Moreover, the person who planned this entire war strategy is certainly not simple. Although our Floating Snow Palace will be regarding this person as its archenemy from now on, but we absolutely cannot make a move without being completely certain about it, lest we end up alerting the enemy. To deal with this kind of person, we have to extinguish them in one fell swoop; otherwise, there would be no end to troubles in the future. The Severing Emotions Dao Sect is the best example."

Similar scenes occurred in all the major academies. Although all the major academies were aware that it was all planned out by someone. But apart from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, no one was sure as to who was the person behind the scene. But at this moment, all the major academies treated this matter from before as something slightly above ordinary, and once more gathered in the Grand Peace City, in order to compete for the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence and the Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree.

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When Ning Cheng finally gained consciousness, he was hit by a very pungent smell of blood. However, he felt a somewhat familiar and soft bosom, letting Ning Cheng immediately remember the previous matter.

He was besieged by the Severing Emotions Dao Sect and was about to be killed when Shi Qionghua arrived. At that point, he was already at the point where he was not be able to resist anything, however Shi Qionghua rushed in and ended up rescuing him.

After he sobered up a bit more, he was completely sure that the bosom he was in was really Shi Qionghua's. However, at this moment Shi Qionghua was unconscious. Her injuries were also more serious than his were.

Ning Cheng calmed down; unexpectedly they ended up in an open-air field, and were not very far away from the location of his last Transmission Array. From this, it was visible that it was Shi Qionghua who had brought them here, but was no longer able to hold on, before she fainted.

Luckily, nobody passed through this place, what was even more fortunate was that there were no monstrous beasts around this place; otherwise, he and Shi Qionghua would have been already finished. But even if that was the case, Ning Cheng was perplexed as to why the people from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect did not continue chasing them.

Ning Cheng swallowed several pills, then taking out several more pills; he fed them into Shi Qionghua's mouth. After waiting for a few more moments, until his true essence was somewhat recovered, he quickly picked up Shi Qionghua and wielding his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, he instantly left the place.

He had used the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence as a lure to let the many academies compete for it, if his plan truly succeeded then at this moment he would turn into the prime enemy of the public. Even if it were the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, he would not be able to go back.

Two hours later, the exhausted Ning Cheng finally managed to dig out an immortal cave in a very secluded mountain valley, then arranging several Concealment Array Formations; he completely hid the immortal cave. All the while, he let Shi Qionghua rest inside the immortal cave to heal. He first helped Shi Qionghua clean the bloodstains visible on her body, then took out the Essence Birthing Bamboo Pith and poured some of it into Shi Qionghua's mouth.

Although this thing was precious, but he only had a few advanced level Healing Pills. In order to allow them an early recovery from their injuries, after settling down Shi Qionghua, Ning Cheng once again operated his cultivation method, allowing him to automatically trigger the Mysterious Yellow Formless cultivation method.

When Ning Cheng opened his eyes once again, he found Shi Qionghua sitting in front of him as she stared at his face. Shi Qionghua had already changed her clothes, apart from her slightly whitish complexion; she did not look as if she was severely wounded.

"Senior Apprentice Sister Qionghua, your injuries...." Ning Cheng asked in a pleasantly surprised tone.

Shi Qionghua was not good at expressing her feelings, she just quietly looked at Ning Cheng, only after a good long while did she softly spoke up, "I was already a dead person walking, why did you take such a big risk to go to the Severing Emotions Dao Sect? Moreover, did so without telling me."

Ning Cheng opened his mouth, but he actually did not know how to reply to Shi Qionghua's words. In his heart, Shi Qionghua was his woman; he helping his woman to take back her things was something perfectly justified and natural. But when it came to what people thought in the depths of their hearts, he simply did not know.

He did not think that the two of them even had a substantive relationship, nor did he ever thought that Shi Qionghua had to marry him. Back on Earth, not to say about substantive relations, even if they ended up having a child, if other women wished to walk away, then who could blame them for walking away? Not to mention a substantive relation between them, there were rather a lot of questions between them.

Shi Qionghua did not urge Ning Cheng; rather she just carefully looked at Ning Cheng's face, and found that Ning Cheng's face had a few changes compared to before. She seemed to want to clearly see every change of Ning Cheng's body, and had a look of concern and seriousness on her face.

Ning Cheng felt a bit embarrassed at being looked at Shi Qionghua in such a manner, so he just took out a crystal ball and said, "Senior Apprentice Sister Qionghua, this is what I was able to obtain from Xu Anzhen's lair. Once you fuse with the contents inside, you would never have to submit to that old woman."

Shi Qionghua looked at the crystal ball in Ning Cheng's hand, causing a warm and comfortable feeling to well up in her heart. If she had been able to get this crystal ball before, then it would have been the most exciting thing for her. But now, although she was excited, but her heart was also somewhat scared. Ning Cheng had almost died in the Severing Emotions Dao Sect.

If she had entered the Heaven's Way, then it would have definitely resulted in Ning Cheng's death and she would have never come to know about it. She would have never realized that in this world, there was a person who had ended up dying for her. Since her birth, there was never even a single person who looked at her life as being more important than his or her own.

She reached out for the crystal ball that Ning Cheng brought out for her, while her other hand slowly caressed Ning Cheng's face, with her eyes a bit red, she spoke, "Don't call me Senior Apprentice Sister from now, just call me by my name, Qionghua."

Ning Cheng whether for good or for evil had heard talks about love for over several years. Shi Qionghua's eyes were tinged with red, while she actively took the initiative to stoke his face, with eyes full of tenderness and worry. Even if he was retarded, he knew that at this moment Shi Qionghua had wholeheartedly regarded him as her man.

"Qionghua...." Ning Cheng unconsciously pulled at Shi Qionghua's hand. At this moment, Shi Qionghua was absolutely not acting like a powerful Crucible Transformation Cultivator. As such was easily pulled over by Ning Cheng.

A sweet scented and soft body gently drew into his bosom, even if Ning Cheng's injury had not recovered, he still chose to close his eyes. Although, he and Shi Qionghua had touched each other rather

intimately before, but this was the first time he realized how soft Shi Qionghua's body was. When he and Shi Qionghua were together the last time, he simply had not thought of anything else.

However, Ning Cheng sobered up quickly. Shi Qionghua had obviously not recovered fully; this was something that he could feel clearly.

"You should heal yourself first, once you finish healing up then you must first fuse your separate parts of life essence. Then we can talk about a few things that I have to share with you." Ning Cheng held Shi Qionghua's shoulder and spoke.

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Ning Cheng felt that time passed by too quickly, together with Shi Qionghua, one month unexpectedly passed by in a flash. Today was the day that Shi Qionghua would fuse with her separated life essence. Ning Cheng had early on added a lot more array formations around their immortal cave, while simultaneously helped Shi Qionghua by becoming her Dharma Protector.

With the crystal ball in Shi Qionghua's hands, that single trace of life essence inside it flowed out and mixed with a dozen drops of Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, before it drilled into Shi Qionghua's body, fusing inside.

Merely an hour later, Ning Cheng could feel a change in Shi Qionghua. He could feel that there seemed to be something more to Shi Qionghua, however he was not able to pinpoint as to what was more in her. Shi Qionghua's entire body lit up, no longer having that sinking gloomy feeling from before.

After half an incense stick worth of time passed by, Shi Qionghua opened her eyes. On the originally matchless and absolutely beautiful face, there was a few more points of immortal rhyme. Ning Cheng couldn't help but blankly stare at Shi Qionghua, as a feeling of inferiority unexpectedly emerged in his heart. Even if it was Elder Sister Shu, at this time, even she could not compare to this Shi Qionghua. She was elegant yet simple to behold.

Two line of tears flowed down, Shi Qionghua had never thought that she would not only recover and restore her soul, but would also end up finding her man. At this moment, nothing else in the entire world could compare to the excitement and satisfaction filling up every corner of her heart, moreover there was also nothing in the entire world that would be more important in her heart than Ning Cheng was.

This suppressed trace of her life essence was something that Ning Cheng had truly risked his life to bring back. Without Ning Cheng, she would have died, and would have died quite pitifully. With her life essence suppressed by Xu Anzhen, she simply had no chance to retrieve it back.

"Ning Cheng....." A soft cry emerged from the deepest parts of Shi Qionghua's heart, with a hint of twittering and liveliness. She gently leaned onto Ning Cheng's body, compared to Ning Cheng, she was a few years older, and her cultivation was also far superior to Ning Cheng. But at this moment, in her heart, Ning Cheng was her heaven and her earth.

Her life essence had been suppressed for many years, causing her to feel helpless. Yet Ning Cheng had used only a few months to take back the suppressed life essence and deliver it into her hands. Not only that, but he had even took out the incomparably precious Geocentric 9 Yin Essence for her.

Ning Cheng had also recovered, as he tightly embraced Shi Qionghua. At this moment, he was completely healed from her injuries, in addition to Shi Qionghua acting without any reservations with him, combined with Shi Qionghua's soft and somewhat plump body, it once again stirred up Ning Cheng's blood and vigour. This was not because of any remnant burning fires of lustful desires, or any remnant Yang Qi toxins, but rather an unconditional bodily reflex that Ning Cheng could not help with.

Shi Qionghua could immediately feel Ning Cheng turning hot, allowing her to realize what Ning Cheng wanted to do. So she simply chose to not move away, rather she drew even closer to Ning Cheng. At this moment, she even had some expectations of her own regarding what was about to happen.

#### **The Gate Of Good Fortune**

# **Chapter 337: Sifting Orchid Star**

"Blood River? Heaven Opening Talisman?" After Shi Qionghua heard Ning Cheng's words, Shi Qionghua could not help but ask in astonishment. There was still a faint flush clinging to her face, but Ning Cheng's words had shocked her to the extreme.

"Yes, the skeleton at the bottom of the Blood River not only had an incomparably huge golden coloured Heaven Opening Talisman, but also stated that as long as I found the Heavenly Cusp Flower and the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence. He would be able to help me cross through planes, and return me back to my hometown. Originally, I wanted to take you back to the Le Continent, then look for Luofei, and finally go back together. However, I think that we should currently wait for some time." Towards Shi Qionghua, Ning Cheng did not conceal anything.

Shi Qionghua hurriedly asked, "Did you take the Heavenly Cusp Flowers from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect? If so, then you should quickly bring it out for me to take a look."

Ning Cheng did not have a good understanding about the Heavenly Cusp Flower, especially since this level of spiritual grass had already surpassed the knowledge that he is in possession. Hearing that Shi Qionghua wanted to look at the flower, he did not think anything, immediately taking out the jade box containing the Heavenly Cusp Flowers, and put it into Shi Qionghua's hands.

Shi Qionghua opened Ning Cheng's jade box loaded with Heavenly Cusp Flowers before she sighed and spoke, "So it really did turn out like that."

"What's wrong?" Ning Cheng asked in a nervous manner.

Shi Qionghua closed the jade box and spoke, "These strains of Heavenly Cusp Flowers have not fully matured, and they would have needed at least 5-6 months more to mature. It looks like the main reason why Xu Anzhen had still not made a move on me all that time was because these strains of Heavenly Cusp Flowers have still not fully matured. Her strains of Heavenly Cusp Flowers had already been transplanted once, but now that you have unearthed them in a random and hasty manner, there is simply no more possibility for them to continue to mature."

"I think that the spiritual techniques that the skeleton cultivates in is certainly much stronger than Xu Anzhen's, since Xu Anzhen cannot use these Heavenly Cusp Flowers currently, then even if you give them to that skeleton, it can easily be guessed that they would be unusable."

Ning Cheng on hearing Shi Qionghua's words about the flower froze for a good long while, before he rubbed his forehead and spoke, "Using a bamboo basket to fetch water aah. However, that skeleton is somewhat of a hypocrite, if not for you, Qionghua, coming to save me at that time, I would not even have my life. If we really cannot go back to Earth, then with you and Luofei as company, we can just all stay in this place together."

Although he believed that the skeleton was not a crafty person, but not being able to crush the jade talisman had almost left him hanging in the Severing Emotions Dao Sect. He had always included it in his plans, that if he was not able to stay in the Tian Continent, then at least he would be able to preserve his life using it. Finally, if not for Shi Qionghua not being able to into the Heaven's Way, he would have definitely lost his small life.

Thinking that he no longer would be able to go back, Ning Cheng sighed. Ruolan should have already graduated from college by now, and can presumably take care of herself.

Shi Qionghua gently grabbed Ning Cheng's hand and spoke, "I'm not very clear about planes and plane boundaries. However, I can be sure that tearing through a plane would be very difficult. As such, it should have strict limitations required to one's cultivation to be able to do such a thing. Even with the help of Heaven Opening Talisman, if one did not possess a certain cultivation, then perhaps they would not be able to go back. That skeleton might not have necessarily plotted against you; rather it might have actually considered this point."

"That's actually a possibility." Ning Cheng spoke after pondering over it for a while. He could feel that the skeleton was not a sinister person. If it even did not covet his Mysterious Yellow Bead, so why would it screw up such a trivial matter? If only it wished for more. After experiencing many things, Ning Cheng began to think that matters like these would always have multiple hypotheses.

Hesitating for a moment, Ning Cheng finally asked, "Do you know from where Xu Anzhen obtained these Heavenly Cusp Flowers?"

"Even if you did not ask about it, I was about to tell you. Xu Anzhen obtained these Heavenly Cusp Flowers from the Sifting Orchid Star. It's not the Heavenly Cusp Flowers of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, even if it is the Floating Snow Palace's Refining Snow and Ice Domain, Rainbow Fall Sword Sect's Small Spiritual Domain, the Spiritual Veins under the Heavenly Dao Academy's Heavenly Dao Public Square, the Burning Sun Weapon Sect's Burning Sun Furnace and all the others defining things of other academies, all of them came from the Sifting Orchid Star...."

Ning Cheng was truly shocked as he interrupted Shi Qionghua's words, "Where is this Sifting Orchid Star located, how could it have these many good things? The Small Spiritual Domain is anyways something huge, so how could the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect bring it to the academy from the Sifting Orchid Star?"

Shi Qionghua explained, "If it was at present, then even if all the Crucible Transformation Cultivators in the Yi Xing Mainland gathered together, they still would not be able to take away something as large as the Small Spiritual Domain. The Rainbow Fall Sword Sect's Small Spiritual Domain is said to have not been brought to the Yi Xing Mainland by a local cultivator, rather it was something that was conveniently drawn down to the Yi Xing Mainland by an expert spiritual technique cultivator for cultivating in the Yi Xing Mainland. After this cultivator left, this Small Spiritual Domain was used by the

founding Headmaster of the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, before this became a mystical place for the academy."

Ning Cheng gave out a long sigh, "For Rainbow Fall Sword Sect to be able to preserve the Small Spiritual Domain to the present times, it can be considered that they do indeed possess a little skill."

Shi Qionghua showed a faint smile, "You are a disciple of the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, yet you simply do not know how terrifyingly powerful Rainbow Fall Sword Sect's Rui Baishan is. I heard Xu Anzhen say this once, that if one talked about her personal list of the ten most terrifying people of the Yi Xing Mainland, then Rui Baishan would definitely be one of them. Even if those ten were cut down to half, Rui Baishan would still be within the remaining five."

Ning Cheng immediately sucked in a breath of cold air, when he first met Rui Baishan, he felt as if there was no secret that could be hidden from Rui Baishan. Although he had already guessed that Rui Baishan was powerful, but he had never expected Rui Baishan to be powerful to such a level. He was also sure that Shi Qionghua was not deceiving him. If even someone like Xu Anzhen was afraid of such a person, then wasn't he more than 'just powerful', right?

"Qionghua, tell me about the Sifting Orchid Star." Ning Cheng, in his heart, was already starting to formulate a plan to go to the Sifting Orchid Star. With him and Shi Qionghua together, they should be powerful enough to travel to the Sifting Orchid Star.

Shi Qionghua nodded and spoke, "The Sifting Orchid Star is actually an alien mainland that one can arrive only through the Yi Xing Mainland. The area it occupies is also not smaller than the Yi Xing Mainland. Moreover, there are innumerable precious spiritual grasses, in there along with countless mystical places for cultivation. The reason why the Yi Xing Mainland have so many Crucible Transformation Cultivators is because of the inheritances obtained from the Sifting Orchid Star, causing them to spring up everywhere."

"However, the Sifting Orchid Star is not suitable for cultivation, nor is it suitable for habitation. The space there is completely chaotic and turbulent, with countless erupting volcanoes, wild thunders and massive hurricanes raging and wreaking havoc all over it. Even if one does manage to find a suitable place for cultivation, perhaps in the next moment, it would be suddenly sucked into a spacial turbulence, taking you away with it. What is even more fearful is that among all these things are the various innumerable advanced level monstrous beasts indigenous to the Sifting Orchid Star."

"How can one reach the Sifting Orchid Star? We definitely will have to take a trip there." Ning Cheng spoke with conviction, if he went to the Sifting Orchid Star, then Shi Qionghua must certainly come with him.

Shi Qionghua sighed and spoke, "If I could have gone to the Sifting Orchid Star, then I would have already gone there. To reach the Sifting Orchid Star, we would have to use a Transmission Array; moreover, it is the Yi Xing Mainland's farthest Transmission Array. However, this is protected by the Heaven Alliance. Several hundred years ago, nearly hundreds of Crucible Transformation Cultivators ended up disappearing in the Sifting Orchid Star. From then on, the Heaven Alliance did not allow Crucible Transformation Cultivators to enter the Sifting Orchid Star. Only Soul Essence Realm, Soul Sculpting Realm and cultivators of the Sea Opening Realm can enter the Sifting Orchid Star currently."

"Moreover to go to the Sifting Orchid Star, the transmission cost is quite high. It would need you to fork out three best quality spirit stones and 10 million high grade spirit stones per person. Moreover, the Sifting Orchid Star does not have a returning transmission array, as such once you reach the Sifting Orchid Star, only after advancing to the Crucible Transformation Realm would you be able to return on your own. Unless one's heart and mind is extremely tough and tenacious, would they be able to have the resolve to go there. Because of this there are extremely few cultivators wanting to go to the Sifting Orchid Star."

Hearing that Shi Qionghua could not accompany him, Ning Cheng immediately put down the idea. After thinking for something, he took out the other eight crystal balls and spoke, "I also obtained eight other wisps of life essences belonging to eight people from Xu Anzhen. These things are simply useless for me, is it possible for returning it back to those people?"

Shi Qionghua also very much approved Ning Cheng's thoughts about giving back the remaining life essences. She had personally experienced the supressing of her life essence; as such, she was very clear about the hardships associated with it.

She took out a jade strip and handed it to Ning Cheng before speaking, "This contains the blueprint of a Soul Nourishing Array, and you just have to arrange the Soul Nourishing Array and place these life essences inside it. After the owners of the individual life essences reach a certain level in cultivation, they would automatically be drawn towards this place, and would then be able to take away their wisps of life essences by themselves."

Ning Cheng also thought that this method was quite good. However, he was worried that once the first person came here to take away their own wisp of life essence, they would sabotage or even take the other wisps of life essences for their own uses. So he specifically separated the eight wisps of life essences. Even if it was Yin Kongchan's wisp of life essence, Ning Cheng simply had no interest in keeping it with him. However, he also did not want to deliberately bring harm to Yin Kongchan, whether for good or for evil, Yin Kongchan had also tried to warn him several times.

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North Light Town, a small sea town close to the Yi Xing Ocean. There were many adventurers and low levelled cultivators here, Ning Cheng Shi Qionghua easily disguised themselves a pair of rogue cultivator couple, before arriving here.

At this time, Ning Cheng and Shi Qionghua already knew what had transpired. They had just returned to the outside world from their seclusion, and immediately heard about the major event that happened in the Grand Peace City's auction.

Eighteen Crucible Transformation Cultivators had fallen; eight of the major academies were dragged into a war, while the Severing Emotions Dao Sect had sealed off their mountains. This kind of matter, they simply did not have to inquire about, as it was being discussed everywhere.

Moreover, it was not just the many major academies, but even the Heaven Alliance was looking for the cultivator surnamed Keng. This cultivator had supposedly provoked the several major academies into waging a war against each other, while he himself disappeared.

"Qionghua, it looks like we would not be able to stay in the Tian Continent currently. If we go down on this path, then we would be discovered eventually. Why don't you come into my miniature world and I'll take you to the Sifting Orchid Star?" Ning Cheng was now aware that people were searching for his whereabouts everywhere. As such, he was very clear in his heart that he would have to leave the Tian Continent. He cannot stay here until he at least cultivated to the Crucible Transformation Realm.

Shi Qionghua felt quite moved in her heart, she had always wanted to go to the Sifting Orchid Star, especially since the Sifting Orchid Star hid the secret of her birth. However, she had never been able to find a way to get there, now that Ning Cheng said that he might be able to use his miniature world to take her to the Sifting Orchid Star, she immediately felt excited.

But at the same time, she was also somewhat worried. In the event that Ning Cheng was recognized by the Heaven Alliance, then it would not be a good thing.

At this moment, a stream of light descended at a distant place. It was silver coloured airship type magical weapon, from which two people walked out. It was a man and a woman, the man was quite handsome, and seemed to be the perfect embodiment of Jing Qi Shen. It can be instantly made out that he was someone who came from a major academy. Moreover, his cultivation was also not low, at the Soul Sculpting 2nd Level.

[TL Note: 'Jing Qi Shen 精气神' are the three energies of the Chinese medicine.]

The woman had the cultivation of Soul Essence 2nd Level, with perfect curves, enough to let any female cultivator to burn with jealousy. Not only that, even her appearance was not inferior to that of Yin Kongchan. This female cultivator held her hair in a bun, with a hair pin inserted into it at an oblique angle, which casted out a weak glow.

However, Ning Cheng actually knew both of them. For Li Lingfan to come here would not be strange, but what made Ning Cheng astonished was about how Chai Chudie could appear in the Tian Continent? He had made acquaintances with Chai Chudie in the Thunder Domain Marsh. This woman was extremely vicious; initially she had wanted to use him to deal with Lu Fei. However, in the end it resulted in Lu Fei perishing within the thunder city, while she fled from that place devoid of cloths.

Ning Cheng still remembered it clearly that this woman had a three inch long cyan coloured crescent moon tattoo on her belly. This crescent moon tattoo was faintly flashing with lights, which he found really strange at that time. Moreover, this woman also did not care about being stark naked in front of others, but one also has to remember that she had tried to use him to kill her companion Lu Fei, as such she was definitely a ruthless person.

Ning Cheng suddenly sent out a sound transmission to Shi Qionghua, "I just saw an acquaintance of mine, Li Lingfan of the Heavenly Dao Academy. I'm going to talk to him."

Shi Qionghua hurriedly held onto Ning Cheng and spoke, "Ning Cheng, the Heavenly Dao Academy and the Heaven Alliance have a great relationship while we do not. So don't exchange too many words with the disciples of the Heavenly Dao Academy."

**The Gate Of Good Fortune** 

**Chapter 338: Helping Out One Another** 

When Ning Cheng was speaking to Shi Qionghua, Li Lingfan also noticed Ning Cheng and Shi Qionghua. He was a cultivator in the Soul Sculpting Realm, so when Ning Cheng's somewhat hesitating gaze fell on him, how could he not notice it?

Moreover, although Shi Qionghua was wearing the robes of an ordinary woman, and also had a veil on her face, but that kind of peerless temperament made him feel that Shi Qionghua was definitely not an ordinary person.

Seeing that Li Lingfan had noticed them, Ning Cheng sent a sound transmission to Shi Qionghua, "Li Lingfan is still a friend enough to be friends with, besides even if he is a person who likes to bite the hand that feeds him, he simply would not be able to take us on."

Since Ning Cheng had already put it this way, so Shi Qionghua also did not continue to persuade him.

"This friend looks quite extraordinary, don't know if you could help find us a place to sit and chat around for a bit?" Ning Cheng took the initiative to approach with his fists cupped, simultaneously sending a sound transmission to Li Lingfan, "Elder Brother Li, this Ning Cheng has not thought that I would be able to meet you here aah."

Li Lingfan was still having doubts as to why a puny Profound Core Cultivator would dare to take the initiative to accost him. But when he heard Ning Cheng's sound transmission, he immediately understood and quickly spoke up, "Certainly, I have also just arrived at the North Light Town, and was just about to go look for a person to inquire about the situation here."

Chai Chudie continuously swept Ning Cheng with her spiritual consciousness; she couldn't help but feel that Ning Cheng felt somewhat familiar to her. Unfortunately, Ning Cheng was simply much more powerful than she was, even if she was at Soul Essence 2nd Level, she still could not perceive anything. Properly speaking Li Lingfan was the dazzling star of the Heavenly Dao Academy, moreover had the cultivation at second level of Soul Sculpting Realm, so how could he be this polite towards a cultivator in the Profound Core Realm?

Chai Chudie then swept her gaze towards Shi Qionghua standing behind Ning Cheng, causing her to sneer in her heart. She thought that it was definitely because of Shi Qionghua, without a doubt.

Li Lingfan and Ning Cheng behaved like old friends meeting after a long time; moreover, neither of them actually asked each other's name. Chai Chudie had also just met Li Lingfan, so she simply could not say much in this regard. Moreover, Shi Qionghua was following behind Ning Cheng, but she simply refused to speak anything.

The four people entered the North Light Town. Li Lingfan and Ning Cheng kept talking while walking in front, while Chai Chudie and Shi Qionghua followed behind them. Chai Chudie tried several times to initiate talks with Shi Qionghua; however, Shi Qionghua behaved as if she simply did not have any intention to speak.

After a stick of incense worth of time, the four people entered one of the better Spiritual Tea Buildings in the town.

Li Lingfan then turned to Chai Chudie and spoke, "Junior Apprentice Sister Chudie, I feel like old friends meeting after a long time with this friend, and would have to take a private booth to discuss somethings. You can wait for me at the ground floor's lobby."

Chai Chudie was even more dissatisfied with this. Li Lingfan, unexpectedly for a strange Profound Core Cultivator, made her, a woman, to wait outside in the lobby for him. However, no matter how much dissatisfied she felt because of it, she still gave a smile and spoke, "Senior Apprentice Brother Li can go worry free, and I will wait for you here."

Ning Cheng had not yet spoken to Shi Qionghua, when Shi Qionghua took the initiative to speak, "Husband, I will be waiting for you here."

Her voice was crisp and pleasing, immediately attracting the attention of the entire hall. The people in the hall were obviously not fools, looking at the temperament exuding from Li Lingfan; all of them understood with a glance that he was a person that cannot be provoked. These people only shot a glance at Shi Qionghua, before they immediately retracted their gazes.

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After Li Lingfan and Ning Cheng entered a private booth, Li Lingfan immediately laid down a sound isolating restriction and anxiously spoke out, "Elder Brother Ning, you truly are very bold to dare appear in this place. I heard that Xu Yingdei had already used you to sever her emotions, causing me to be incomparably worried about you. Currently many academies are looking for you; even my Heavenly Dao Academy is looking for you. If Elder Brother Ning values my opinion, then hurry out of this place with your Dao Companion."

Ning Cheng on hearing Li Lingfan's words knew that he did not gamble wrong. Li Lingfan was worthy enough to become friends. Even these words of persuasion, he could feel that they were from the heart and not just some random talk.

"Many thanks for Elder Brother Li's concern; I will anyways be out of this place soon." Ning Cheng gave a smile and spoke, at the same time took out two jars of spirit wine brewed from Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar.

Li Lingfan sighed, "Unfortunately, I have no way of helping you at this moment. There are already a few people suspecting that the person surnamed Keng who set up that auction is you."

Ning Cheng did not reply to the following words, but rather said, "I do not want to deceive Elder Brother Li, the reason I came to find you at present is because I really need some help from you."

Li Lingfan immediately replied, "Elder Brother Ning can speak freely, as long as I am able to help Elder Brother Ning, I, Li Lingfan, will definitely not decline it even in the slightest."

"Then many thanks Elder Brother Li." After Ning Cheng thanked him, he spoke up, "I want to bring my Dao Companion to the Sifting Orchid Star. However, I fear that the Heaven Alliance would recognize me, therefore I had to come ask for your help in this matter."

Li Lingfan was quite surprised in his heart, before he hurriedly replied, "Elder Brother Ning Cheng wants to escape to the Sifting Orchid Star aah, are you really sure that you want to go to the Sifting Orchid Star?"

Ning Cheng spoke out with a helpless tone, "Elder Brother Li, you can easily see that even if we manage to disguise ourselves, I and my Dao Companions can be easily recognized by people. Other than going to the Sifting Orchid Star, I do not have any other means."

Li Lingfan also sighed, "If the Le Continent and Tian Continent's Transmission Array had not been opened, then Elder Brother Ning could have gone to the Le Continent with your Dao Companion....."

"Did the Transmission Array from the Le Continent to Tian Continent really open?" Ning Cheng asked in surprise.

Li Lingfan nodded, "Yes, many cultivators from the Le Continent want to enter the Heaven's Way. Moreover, many of their academy disciples with quite good qualifications have come to the Tian Continent. Did you look at the female cultivator with me? Her name is Chai Chudie, and she has just come from the Le Continent."

After saying that, Li Lingfan took out a black jade card and a jade strip before he handed them to Ning Cheng saying, "This jade card is something that my academy issued to me, it is the token to visit the Sifting Orchid Star. In any case, I have no plans of going to the Sifting Orchid Star currently, so I'm giving it to you. That jade strip is the star chart jade strip from Sifting Orchid Star to the Yi Xing Mainland. In the future, if you can reach the Crucible Transformation Realm, you can use this star chart jade strip to make you way back to the Yi Xing Mainland."

Pausing for a while, Li Lingfan continued with explaining, "This black jade card is only possessed by extremely few disciples among the ten major academies. With this jade card, you would not need to pay the required spirits stones to activate the Transmission Array; moreover, they would also not try to investigate your identity. So even if they are aware that you are in disguise, they would look you up."

Ning Cheng was just about to receive the jade card, but when he heard about the preciousness of this jade card, he hastily declined it and spoke, "Elder Brother Li, this is something too precious."

Li Lingfan only gave a slight smile and spoke, "Elder Brother Ning, although it might be precious, but how could it be more precious than my own life? If Elder Brother Ning treats me, Li Lingfan, as his friend, then please accept it."

Ning Cheng on hearing Li Lingfan's words, did not remain polite anymore, after he received the jade card and the jade strip, he took the initiative to take out a small and slender string before handing it to Li Lingfan and spoke, "This is Leng Yu's magical weapon, after I received it, I did not have the time to give it back to him. Elder Brother Li, I hope you can help me send it back to him."

Li Lingfan received the magical weapon from Ning Cheng's hand, before he gave a laugh and spoke, "After Junior Apprentice Brother Leng Yu's Drifting Air Mist String was lost he had come to me several times. This time if you had not taken it out before, I would have had to brazenly ask you about it. On behalf of Junior Apprentice Brother Leng Yu, please let me thank you."

Ning Cheng also gave a warm smile and spoke, "Since Elder Brother Li considers me as his friend, then why say thanks for such a trivial matter?"

"I do not have many friends, but for me to become friends with Elder Brother Ning, it is me, Li Lingfan, being honoured." After Li Lingfan gulped down a few mouthfuls of spiritual wine, he gave a loud laugh

and spoke, "There are only a few people that are as generous as Elder Brother Ning, if in the future we meet again, please allow me the glory of being your wingman."

Ning Cheng knew that Li Lingfan already understood that the Grand Peace City's auction was all planned out by him. However, he did not expose it or even ask about it, after Li Lingfan gulped down half a pot of liquor, he asked, "Elder Brother Li...."

Li Lingfan took another swig from the jug and spoke, "Ning Cheng, just call me by my name, or just call me Lingfan. Elder Brother Li makes me look like an outsider. To be honest, in the Heavenly Dao Public Square, I should have drunk to my hearts' content with you."

"Good, Lingfan may also call me Xiaocheng, this is my other name." Ning Cheng also did not remain polite with Li Lingfan.

"Good, Xiaocheng, you can freely speak with me. What did you want to ask me a moment ago?" Li Lingfan felt that Ning Cheng's wine was really good, although they had been talking quite freely, but there were only a few mouthfuls of wine left.

Ning Cheng also did not chose to beat around the bush and directly spoke up, "Although you said that you and Chai Chudie have just met; how are you related?"

Li Lingfan laughed, as he stood up and walked to Ning Cheng's side, before he patted Ning Cheng's shoulder and spoke, "Looks like you have some insights into her. Although that Chai Chudie really looks good, however I feel that her schemes run quite deep. Otherwise, I would have definitely introduced her to you."

Ning Cheng on hearing this immediately felt relieved and gave a smile before speaking, "You misunderstood my meaning, but yes I do know Chai Chudie, this woman is vicious to the extreme. The reason I asked about her, is so that Elder Brother Li can exercise caution before trying to form a connection with this woman. With her by your side, once you stop paying attention, she will stab you from behind. I can bet my life on this that she definitely has some goals for which she is trying to get close to you."

"So that was the case." Li Lingfan's eyes immediately turned sharp, before he gave a sneer and spoke, "Wanting to take advantage of me, Li Lingfan, she is still lacking in that regard. I had already said that this woman always felt somewhat strange to me, luckily you reminded me about it in a sentence."

Ning Cheng just nodded, but did not continue to speak. Li Lingfan can become the premier disciple of the Heavenly Dao Academy; as such, he definitely would excel in discerning people.

"This time a Form Changing Tree Spirit Ginseng had been spotted near to the North Light Town, causing many people from various academies to come here. If you want to leave, then you must hurry up and leave now, don't stay in this place for too long." Li Lingfan finished and actively reminded Ning Cheng with a sentence.

Ning Cheng took out ten jars of spiritual wine brewed from Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar before handing it to Li Lingfan and spoke, "I will not speak the words of thanks, just a goodbye. We will certainly see each other again."

Li Lingfan was also not polite, as he collected Ning Cheng's spiritual wine, while simultaneously sweeping his spiritual consciousness into the hall.

"It's your Dao Companion...." Just as Li Lingfan spoke, Ning Cheng had already rushed downstairs. He also immediately rushed behind Ning Cheng to enter the hall.

"Let's go." As soon as Ning Cheng arrived at the hall, he immediately went forward and grabbed Shi Qionghua's hand before speaking. As for the two bodies that had been sprawled on the floor in front of Shi Qionghua, he acted as if he did not see them.

A cold humph came accompanying a voice, "Killing people in my North Light Town, and yet want to walk out so causally? If today I, Wo Ying, did not skin the people responsible for this, then my North Light Society can cease to exist." As the voice arrived, it was followed by the descent of a man with a formidable imposing aura. In his opinion, even if there were only cultivators drinking their tea in the hall, they were simply akin to ants in front of him.

This man with such an imposing aura had a valiant look on his face, and was just about to descend onto the Spiritual Tea Building's lobby. But not waiting for his feet to touch the ground, Shi Qionghua simply raised her hand and gently touched the air in front of her.

"Bang" A loud explosion erupted, as the man was directly thrown across the hall as if a cannon ball had been shot out of a canon, before he finally fell down.

"These two people wanted to take me away; however, they were killed by that Chudie. Someone must have passed on the news to that man...." Shi Qionghua had already sent an instantaneous sound transmission and updated Ning Cheng on the things that transpired.

Ning Cheng swept a cold yet indifferent glance at Chai Chudie. He was well aware that this was definitely Chai Chudie intentionally stirring up trouble. However, although Shi Qionghua was quite soft hearted, but Ning Cheng was not so tender. He simply lifted his hand and sent out a fireball. The cultivator, who had been sent flying away by Shi Qionghua, had not yet crawled up when he was instantly turned into flying ash by Ning Cheng's fireball.

## **The Gate Of Good Fortune**

## **Chapter 339: Intercepted**

When Chai Chudie looked at Ning Cheng's eyes, she ended up feeling extreme dread in her heart. She obviously had the cultivation of Soul Essence 2nd Level, yet a Profound Core Cultivator was able to make her feel such fear, this was something completely unreasonable. Unless the Profound Core Cultivator was intentionally concealing his cultivation. In any case, she did not dare to continue to size up Ning Cheng.

The person that Ning Cheng's fireball had turned to ash was an expert of the North Light Society. Not to mention Chai Chudie not daring to look at Ning Cheng, even if it were the other people in the Spiritual Tea Building, they all lowered their heads. None of them dared to even look at this matchlessly fierce fellow. In this place, there were only cultivators with low level of cultivation, who among them would dare to offend the local bully, the North Light Society?

Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness swept out of the North Light Town. Sensing a few shadows descending, some that even he was familiar with, he immediately realized that he had to walk away from here.

Li Lingfan was also similarly clear that Ning Cheng must have to leave this place as early as possible, just as he reached Ning Cheng, he spoke, "Leave the matters here to me, you first go get busy yourself."

"Ok." Ning Cheng also was not impolite with Li Lingfan, leading Shi Qionghua; he immediately rushed out to leave this small town. Then bringing out a flight type magical weapon, he immediately disappeared far away.

Li Lingfan was an important personage from the Heavenly Dao Academy, not to mention the North Light Society, even if there were hundreds of North Light Societies, they would not be able to move even a hair of his.

The two people trying to take away Shi Qionghua were something Chai Chudie had arranged for, and at the same time were also killed by Chai Chudie. She had wanted to see how Shi Qionghua and Ning Cheng would deal with this kind of thing, and if Li Lingfan, for the sake of Ning Cheng, would offend the North Light Society. But she had never thought that Ning Cheng would be so decisive in his killing, moreover even Li Lingfan did not hesitate to offer his help to take care of this matter. As a result, she was not able to obtain any useful news.

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"That Li Lingfan really does know how to repay the grace." Shi Qionghua replied after hearing Ning Cheng's words.

Ning Cheng also was having some mixed feelings, "The truth is I did not help him out much. Initially when I saved him, I simply did not care about who he was. In other words, no matter who it was at that time, I ended up saving many. I've also seen many of them biting the hand that fed them. But Li Lingfan truly is a friend who is worth making."

Ning Cheng had truly not thought about such a thing. He had met Li Lingfan here out of pure accident, although he had taken the initiative to approach Li Lingfan at that time, but it was only for a temporary play. Because Shi Qionghua had already mentioned that the Heavenly Dao Academy and the Heaven Alliance shared a not so ordinary relationship, he had ended up formulating a plan on the spot. He had never thought that Li Lingfan would not only help him but also help him in such a big way.

In comparison, he had only heard Yin Kongchan, Xu Yingdei and the others repeatedly proclaiming about the repayment of their life-saving grace. But in the end, they always were scheming against him.

"Do you know Chai Chudie?" Although Shi Qionghua was a bit unhappy about inadvertently stirring up of trouble, however she was actually aware that Chai Chudie killing those two people was in order to provoke the North Light Society to go against her and Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng gave a nod and spoke, "That's right. It was when I obtained the treasure, the Thunder City. It was this woman who had initially led me to it. If it hadn't been for her, I wouldn't have known where this Thunder City was located. However, this woman is quite cruel and merciless and not anyone good.

She also has a three-inch crescent moon tattoo on her lower abdomen flashing with thunder lights. However, I do not know whether or not she has any relation to the Thunder City that I obtained."

Shi Qionghua's complexion changed, "Have you done it with her?"

"Done what?" Ning Cheng could not respond instantaneously, he never had any inklings that Shi Qionghua would think of such a thing.

"What we....." Shi Qionghua also did not know how she should explain this.

This time, Ning Cheng completely understood, he grabbed Shi Qionghua's hand and spoke, "Qionghua. I have to let you know that I only made skin contact with two women until now. One is you, and the other is Luofei. Moreover, I have only bonded like a real couple with you. Don't get me wrong; Luofei and I have known each other through adversity. And just like you, I will not leave her."

Ning Cheng's words were somewhat tactful, but he clearly stated that Luofei and Shi Qionghua shared the same status in his heart. If Shi Qionghua had any thoughts about Luofei because of the things between them, he would have been quite upset, even uncomfortable.

Shi Qionghua immediately understood Ning Cheng's meaning. It was rather Ning Cheng who misunderstood her. She had initially thought that Ning Cheng and Chai Chudie had ended up having more than just some skin contact. The reason her face changed was not because of jealousy, but rather because she was concerned about the secrets within Ning Cheng's body. Chai Chudie was definitely not a good person, once she realized Ning Cheng's secret, wouldn't she not scheme against him?

"It's not this reason, because when we were together, I was able to sense that you had a Thunder City and a Flame Spark inside of you, plus there was also that Origin Aura. If these things were leaked, then even the cultivators of the Tian Continent would not let you off......"

Shi Qionghua's words had not finished, when Ning Cheng had already completely understood the situation. Originally, Shi Qionghua had asked him to not do such a thing casually with other woman; it was actually because of such a matter. Even if Shi Qionghua had not spoken about it, he would never do such a thing anyway.

"I know ....." Ning Cheng could feel the concern of Shi Qionghua. He directly pulled over Shi Qionghua, and held her in his arms.

Shi Qionghua was just about to speak to Ning Cheng from the side, when her face immediately changed once again, as she instantly spoke, "Ning Cheng, we have been surrounded, moreover even the space has been sealed off..."

After hearing Shi Qionghua's words, Ning Cheng also felt the situation. He first put away the flight type magical weapon then simultaneously holding onto Shi Qionghua, he stimulated the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds. If not Shi Qionghua's timely reminder, then perhaps he would have flown right into the middle of the enemy's restriction.

However, he immediately felt the space around him turn incredibly viscous, to the point that he was unable to escape. Obviously, he had not completely entered the central region of the restriction arranged by the opposite party, but he was still greatly affected by it.

A dozen extremely powerful fluctuations rose up while rapidly closing in from all directions. Not to say about Ning Cheng being a Soul Essence Cultivator, even if he was a Soul Sculpting Cultivator; he would not be able to get away at present. Although Shi Qionghua's cultivation was similarly formidable, however the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds were on Ning Cheng. At the same time, he could feel that a number of powerful spiritual consciousness had already locked onto Shi Qionghua.

Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness also swept out as it simultaneously sensed several powerhouses, with none of their cultivation being below the Crucible Transformation Realm.

Shi Qionghua was also obviously able to gauge the situation, but she instead calmed herself down and spoke in a gentle voice, "If we really can't walk away from here, then we might as well die together....."

However, Ning Cheng was simply unwilling to surrender without a fight. He, without any hesitation, brought out his True Brahma Buddha Fire Wheel, then stimulated it with the Power of Hope from Imperial Jade Seal. The Buddha Fire Wheel was just like a meteor, as it instantaneously tore through the Forbidden Space Restriction and vanished into the horizon.

Shi Qionghua was completely shocked as she looked at the rapid rise of the Buddha Fire Wheel. Even with her formidable spiritual consciousness, she was not able to observe anything on the outside. This kind of speed was simply terrifying. Moreover, what level of strength would be required to break through this kind of extremely formidable Forbidden Space Restriction?

"What magical weapon is this, for it to be so unexpectedly powerful?" Shi Qionghua was not able to bear the shock and immediately asked.

Ning Cheng on feeling that the Buddha Fire Wheel had truly rushed out of the Forbidden Space Restriction, felt his heart loosen up a bit. As long as he could use the Buddha Fire Wheel to rush out, then even if there were many Crucible Transformation Cultivators, they would not be able to overtake them.

"This is a Buddhist treasure. Originally, I thought that this was a low grade true artefact, but this magical weapon might just not be as simple as a low grade true artefact. Moreover, this magical weapon is powered by the Power of Hope. Qionghua, have you ever heard of the Power of Hope?" The Power of Hope inside the Imperial Jade Seal was growing lower and lower, he was afraid that once he used up the Power of Hope inside, he would not be able to use it again.

"Power of Hope?" Shi Qionghua had a somewhat vacant look as she shook her head, but she felt that she had definitely heard about it somewhere. She then asked, "So the reason you were able to obtain the Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree, is because you dug it up with the Power of Hope? I heard that the Nine-Coloured Mirage Tree cannot be dug up by just using the power of true essence."

"Yes." Ning Cheng did not conceal anything from Shi Qionghua; however, he was feeling very uncomfortable about being almost ambushed at this moment. He knew that someone has definitely plotted against him, if not for he and Shi Qionghua being together, if he had taken a step forward, even if he managed to take out the True Brahma Buddha Fire Wheel, he most likely would not have been able to escape that place.

"It looks like we are being plotted against, if I did not have the Power of Hope to stimulate the True Brahma Buddha Fire Wheel, then we would have died this time." Ning Cheng clenched his fists as he

mumbled out those words. At this moment, he was truly unsatisfied with his strength. To him at present, if he ended up against someone in the Crucible Transformation Realm, then he simply would not even need to run away, rather he should just commit suicide.

Shi Qionghua understood Ning Cheng's thoughts; she grabbed Ning Cheng's hand and spoke, "Is it because of Li Lingfan?"

Ning Cheng was silent for a while, but then shook his head and spoke, "It's definitely not him, and we had only met Li Lingfan by accident. Moreover, we had only come to the North Light Town not long ago, at the same time the arrangement of the interception was not simple at all. To the point that we had almost entered into the core vicinity of the Forbidden Space Restriction arranged near to the North Light Town. From this it can be seen that someone knew that we had entered the North Light Town beforehand, moreover this Forbidden Space Restriction also specifically counters my Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, and even the Transfer Talismans that we had previously used to escape."

"So these people, who are plotting against us, had already recognised us before we entered the North Light Town. They could have surrounded us directly, but this group seems to be afraid that I would use my Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds. So to counteract against it, they arranged a Forbidden Space Restriction ahead of time. Unfortunately, I still have the True Brahma Buddha Fire Wheel. I have already identified several of them, so I'll definitely be giving them a visit one by one in the future."

As he reached until the end of his words, Ning Cheng directly erupted with an undisguised killing intent, "If we go to the Transmission Array controlled by the Heaven Alliance now, it would only be diving head first into danger. Perhaps by the time we arrive, there would already be someone blocking our path."

Shi Qionghua couldn't help but ask her doubts, "Did you not just say that Li Lingfan had not schemed against us? We want to go to the Sifting Orchid Star; shouldn't he be the only one who knows about it?"

Ning Cheng answered, "Li Lingfan is already in the North Light Town, even if he does not want to speak about it, but he would not be able to stymie so many Crucible Transformation Cultivators ganging up on him. If we are able to reach the location of the Transmission Array in the shortest time, then we should still have enough time, however I'm afraid that even if we rush out now, this group of bastards would already know about it in advance."

If not for the insufficient Power of Hope for the True Brahma Buddha Fire Wheel, Ning Cheng would have already controlled the Buddha Fire Wheel to go to the Sifting Orchid Star.

Shi Qionghua was silent for a moment before she replied, "At our present speed, if we arrived at the location of the Transmission Array, they might not have enough time to react. But it would all depend on how long Li Lingfan would hold out. As long as he is able to persist for at least an hour, there should not be much of a problem."

Ning Cheng also knew that what Shi Qionghua spoke was right; he quickly controlled the True Brahma Buddha Fire Wheel to move quickly towards the location of the Transmission Array. With his current cultivation several times stronger than what it was previously, his control over the True Brahma Buddha Fire Wheel was a lot more flexible.

The people who were aware that he possessed the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds were not many. The Severing Emotions Dao Sect, where Xu Yingdei was located, had already closed off their mountains,

so it was highly likely that it was Yin Kongchan who had disclosed his information. It was also possible that an expert might have detected it during his performance at the competition in the Heavenly Dao Public Square.

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"Truly a powerful flight type magical weapon, otherwise how could it unexpectedly break through the Forbidden Space Restriction?" A Crucible Transformation Cultivator started at the rapidly diminishing and distant True Brahma Buddha Fire Wheel, as he spoke out in shock.

"This person talked with Li Lingfan in the North Light Town, we should immediately inquire about him from Li Lingfan. I do not believe that he would be able to escape from the Tian Continent." The person talking had an expression full of almost corporeal killing intent. If Ning Cheng were here, he would be able to recognize this person at the first glance. It was none other than the sickly looking person from the Red Star Sword Faction, Tang Gongxi.

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## **Chapter 340: Going To Sifting Orchid Star**

An hour later, Ning Cheng and Shi Qionghua appeared outside a mountain range surrounded by faint spiritual qi fluctuations, in the far north of the Tian Continent. Not only was the spiritual qi sparse in this place, but there was also an array of tornadoes whirling around it without any origin or end. If the cultivation of a person was worse, then it was highly likely that they would be whisked away by these tornados.

"We are a bit off from the location of the Transmission Array aah." Ning Cheng gave out a sigh.

Shi Qionghua was also aware of it and spoke, "I heard that there was originally a not-so-small academy here, but after cultivators foreign to this place settled here, they felt that arranging a Transmission Array in this place would be quite beneficial. So they ended up setting up a one-way Transmission Array to the Sifting Orchid Star in this place."

"Let's go and check it out." Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness had already swept towards the distant mountain range. He was aware that the location of the Transmission Array to the Sifting Orchid Star was in the deepest parts of the mountain range.

"Would you be able to advance once I enter the miniature world?" Shi Qionghua quickly spoke.

Ning Cheng only gave the nod, "Now is the only chance we have. With so many Crucible Transformation Cultivators pressing for an answer, Li Lingfan would certainly not be able to hold on for long. I can only hope that Li Lingfan was able to hide our whereabouts till now."

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At the same time, in the North Light Town, Li Lingfan was bowing out of courtesy towards the several Crucible Transformation Cultivators in front of him.

"Virtuous nephew Lingfan, I will not beat around the bush, it's about the cultivator that you met just now. Do you know where he went?" Tang Gongxi thought that his words alone would be more than

enough to give Li Lingfan some face. At the very least, he was very vague with his words and did not directly ask Li Lingfan about where Ning Cheng went.

Li Lingfan frowned as if he was thinking of something before asking a question, "Who is Senior Tang referring? Since the moment I arrived here, I have met quite a few of my friends; moreover, I talked heartily with at least a dozen of them..."

Tang Gongxi impatiently interrupted Li Lingfan's words and spoke, "I did not want to beat around the bush with you. Very well, just tell me where exactly did Ning Cheng go?"

"Ning Cheng?" Li Lingfan suddenly laughed, "Senior Tang, how would I know where Ning Cheng went? Moreover, I am a disciple of the Heavenly Dao Academy. Could it be that Senior Tang here thinks that the Red Star Sword Faction can gobble up my Heavenly Dao Academy? Doesn't your words imply that you are trying to threaten me?"

As Li Lingfan finished, he merely raised his hand to take out a messenger flying sword, posing as if he was about to shoot out a distress signal with it. Tang Gongxi's complexion immediately turned ugly. He did not know if he should step in or not to stop him. If he did not step in, then it would mean that he feared the Heavenly Dao Academy. At the same time, he also wanted to step in. The Heavenly Dao Academy's strength was obviously far above the Red Star Sword Faction. This time, when they chose to make their move, they deliberately did not include the Heavenly Dao Academy. Once the Heavenly Dao Academy decided to act, then the things on Ning Cheng's body, there would be the lion's share less of it for them.

Moreover, the Heavenly Dao Academy was extremely two-faced. Previously, when they all had intercepted the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, almost all the academies suffered repercussions. Only the Heavenly Dao Academy did not experience anything, not even a minor injury. It was more than evident that the Heavenly Dao Academy chose not to go all out along with them. Therefore, this time, when they planned to intercept Ning Cheng, they decided not to involve the Heavenly Dao Academy.

The reason why Tang Gongxi had spoken to Li Lingfan in such a dull tone was that Li Lingfan had always been very polite in his behaviour towards the elders. In this regard, his reputation was quite good and even seen as a good role model of how an obedient disciple should be. He had initially wanted to use his cultivation to suppress Li Lingfan so that Li Lingfan would give him an honest account of things, but he had never thought that he would end up encountering such a sturdy nail.

A white-faced man from the Yin Yang Dao Sect quickly stepped forward and spoke up, "Virtuous Nephew Lingfan, you misunderstood the words just spoke. Elder Brother Tang did not mean what you heard; he is just simply inquiring about the whereabouts of Ning Cheng."

"So it was originally like this aah, I get it now." Li Lingfan chuckled as he put away the signalling flying sword in his hand.

Seeing Li Lingfan showing such an understanding expression, the several Crucible Transformation Cultivators present there felt relieved. They all thought that they should have used this method from the start. Tang Gongxi acted like a senior bullying a junior, but as a result, ended up biting a hard nail.

"Yes, do you know where Ning Cheng went?" The Crucible Transformation Cultivator from the Yin Yang Dao Sect anxiously asked.

Li Lingfan gave a smile, as he unhurriedly spoke up, "I don't know."

It immediately caused the several Crucible Transformation Cultivators to look at each other helplessly, as they knew that they could not persecute Li Lingfan. After all, harassing Li Lingfan would mean that they would have to face the wrath of the behemoth that was the Heavenly Dao Academy. None of them wanted to stick their heads in this kind of endeavour.

Just as these Crucible Transformation Cultivators were discussing among themselves, Li Lingfan also received a messenger flying sword. Li Lingfan immediately realised from this that a Crucible Transformation Elder from his Heavenly Dao Academy was about to arrive. At this moment, he could only hope that Ning Cheng had not gone to the Transmission Array. Once his Heavenly Dao Academy's Crucible Transformation Elder arrived, then Lingfan would have no choice but to divulge the whereabouts of Ning Cheng. At that moment, he honestly would not be able to hide it for long.

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Going through the rolling mountain range, Ning Cheng finally saw a grey building surrounded by restrictions. Ning Cheng had just entered this grey building when a cultivator in the Soul Sculpting Realm stopped him.

"I want to go to the Sifting Orchid Star, here is my identification." Ning Cheng unemotionally handed out the black jade card.

He was ready, once the person in front of him recognised him, he would immediately call out Shi Qionghua, and the two of them would kill their way out.

Ning Cheng had just taken out the black jade card when a few intrepid spiritual consciousnesses swept at his body. There were a few Crucible Transformation Cultivators here; Ning Cheng was immediately surprised, as he tried to maintain his calm.

These intrepid spiritual consciousnesses swept his body but did not leave. Instead, they surrounded Ning Cheng before one of the spiritual consciousnesses fell onto Ning Cheng's miniature world ring.

Ning Cheng felt somewhat nervous in his heart, at this moment he was reasonably sure that Li Lingfan had not divulged the news of him wanting to go to the Sifting Orchid Star. However, such a thing would not remain hidden for long, once the people here received the news, it would become challenging for him to walk out of this situation, and moreover, he was also not able to do anything to the spiritual consciousness probing him.

What's more, Ning Cheng was more worried about the miniature world right now. There were two rings on his hand; one was public, while the other one had a concealment restriction engraved on it, the one that contained the miniature world.

Ordinary people would not be able to see his concealed ring, but now that a strand of spiritual consciousness had paused on his miniature world ring, it showed that this person was an expert in the field of arrays. It looks like this person sensed that his concealed ring was somewhat different.

However, Ning Cheng believed that even if the opposite party were an expert in the field of arrays, if they wanted to use their spiritual consciousness to decipher the concealment on his miniature world

ring, then it would be impossible. His attainments in the field of arrays were vastly superior to his actual cultivation.

The cultivator in the Soul Sculpting Realm took Ning Cheng's jade card and entered inside. After a while, he once again came out and spoke to Ning Cheng, "The identity has been verified, however even with your status, if you want to go to the Sifting Orchid Star, then you need to pay three million spirit stones and two best quality spirit stones."

Ning Cheng guessed that Li Lingfan had not enquired about these things; moreover, he also had no objections to taking out the three million spirit stones. Although there was some hesitation as he took out the two best quality spirit stones, it was still within his tolerance limit. He initially had five best quality spirit stones on him, so bringing out two of them did not affect him in a big way.

Seeing Ning Cheng take out the three million high-grade spirit stones without hesitation, along with two best quality spirit stones, the Soul Sculpting Cultivator couldn't help but glance at Ning Cheng a few more times. Even if Ning Cheng came from the Heavenly Dao Academy, for a cultivator in the Soul Essence Realm to fork out this much wealth, it was indeed something quite rare.

Fortunately, the cultivator chose not to ask anything, as he directly brought Ning Cheng to the transmission altar. Even the intrepid spiritual consciousnesses surrounding Ning Cheng had been recalled back, causing Ning Cheng to sigh secretly.

After half-an-incense worth of time passed, a blinding white light flashed throughout the transmission altar. Then Ning Cheng, who was standing in the centre of this transmission altar, disappeared in an instant along with the white light.

Just a few moments after Ning Cheng's departure, a red coloured flying sword rushed into the grey building, before falling into the hands of a long-haired man.

"An arch-enemy of the Heaven Alliance wants to go to the Sifting Orchid Star, be sure to stop....." There were only a few words on the messaging flying sword, but the long-haired man immediately realised that the flying sword had come in a few moments late.

The arch-enemy mentioned on the flying sword must surely have been the Soul Essence Cultivator with the concealed ring from a few moment ago. It indeed was a pity that he managed to escape.

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The instant that Ning Cheng was transported elsewhere by the transmission array, he felt a wave of searing pain throughout his body. At this time, not to mention bringing out his spiritual consciousness, even staying conscious was not easy. However, Ning Cheng forcefully kept himself alert. He knew that once he fainted, then even if he reached the Sifting Orchid Star successfully, he would not be aware of what would happen.

Time and space, for Ning Cheng's consciousness, was shattered to nihility, he was not even aware of the passage of time, nor was he aware of any spacial distortions. He just stubbornly kept his mind awake, while at the same time also admired the person who had set up this Transmission Array. This person's skill was simply heaven-defying. Even if it were a Tier 9 Array Formation Grand Master, they absolutely would not be able to construct this kind of terrifying Transmission Array.

"Bang...." Not knowing for how long, Ning Cheng felt himself flung over a rocky surface. The pain flowing through his entire body immediately sobered him up.

It was not until this moment he realised that even though he had forced himself to stay awake; he had unknowingly lost consciousness at some point. Fortunately, he had ended up falling on something solid, causing him to sober up immediately.

Ning Cheng had just opened his eyes when a fishy smelling wind arrived. Ning Cheng did not have the time to carefully examine what was going on before he immediately blasted out with a punch.

"Boom...." Ning Cheng felt as if his fist had struck a hard plate of steel to the point that the strength of the backlash even caused a slight ache in his fist.

Ning Cheng hurriedly took out a long shiny spear, while simultaneously told Shi Qionghua to come up.

Shi Qionghua had just come out from the miniature world when that same fishy smelling wind once again pounced on them. But Shi Qionghua only raised her hand and sent out a sword light, causing a painful cry to emerge from the fishy smelling wind, followed by a spurt of blood, before it escaped in the twinkling of an eye. From the beginning to the end, Ning Cheng could not even clearly make out what kind of monstrous beast had attacked them.

"This is a Fishy Wind Beast and is known for being able to come and go without a trace. The level of this Fishy Wind Beast is still shallow; as such there is not much to worry about." Shi Qionghua explained.

All kinds if terrifying howling sounds reached Ning Cheng's ears, as he looked at the endless wilderness in front of him, he couldn't help but speak up, "Qionghua, fortunately, you were accompanying me here. Otherwise, even that low levelled Fishy Wind Beast was capable enough almost to kill me. If I ended up encountering an advanced level monstrous beast, other than trying to run away, what else would I be able to do?"

Shi Qionghua knew that Ning Cheng had intentionally spoken in such a manner. She gave a smile and talked, "Actually, the monstrous beasts here have their own characteristics. As long as you know these characteristics, you would be able to kill them easily."

Pausing for a while, Shi Qionghua continued speaking, "At the Sifting Orchid Star, although it might not be suitable for cultivation, but it is the most suitable place for body forging. Using your Embracing Yang God Tactic to quench your corporeal body in this place would also bring you the best benefit."

Ning Cheng spoke with a bitter face, "The Embracing Yang God Tactic has already been modified by me and is now called the Formless God Tactic. Although using it to quench the corporeal body would be good, but I simply do not understand anything about body forging. Moreover, I have also never been in contact with any body forging cultivation method."

Shi Qionghua showed a mysterious smile and spoke, "Then let me take you to a place."

When Ning Cheng saw Shi Qionghua's smile, he was almost left stunned. It was the first time that he had seen Shi Qionghua show such a smart-alecky smile. Even so, at this moment, he felt that this playfully smiling Shi Qionghua was the most beautiful piece of scenery bequeathed to him by God himself.