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Chapter 341: Shi Qionghua's Childhood

As Ning Cheng followed behind Shi Qionghua, he felt increasingly puzzled as the time passed, "Qionghua, there are raging winds everywhere wreaking havoc all along, even the light from the sun is insignificant, how are you able to tell the direction?"

"I lived in this place till I was ten years old since my birth." Shi Qionghua's tone was somewhat low as if she was thinking about something from the past.

"WHAT?" Ning Cheng stopped in shock; he had never thought that Shi Qionghua was born on the Sifting Orchid Star. If Shi Qionghua was indeed from the Sifting Orchid Star, does it not mean that Shi Qionghua's parents were also here?

Seeing Ning Cheng stop, Shi Qionghua also stopped. She and Ning Cheng were standing side by side. However, she had a faraway look in her eyes as she spoke, "From what I can remember, I lived in this place with Uncle Yu. Afterwards, Uncle Yu went out but never came back. Since that time I lived here by myself....."

Ning Cheng had a look of disbelief on his face as he looked at Shi Qionghua, although he had just arrived at the Sifting Orchid Star, he had yet to encounter any particularly dangerous place. However, there were raging winds everywhere here, and one never knew when the ground beneath the feet would turn into an abyss, making others understand that this place was not suitable for living. Shi Qionghua was only ten years old, and was even living alone here, how was she able to live here independently? Moreover, almost through her entire childhood, she was cultivating in this kind of terrifying place, it was genuinely inconceivable for him.

As if knowing what Ning Cheng was thinking, Shi Qionghua helped Ning Cheng brush off some dust on his face and spoke, "The place that I lived in was in a safe area, moreover when Uncle Yu had walked out, I was already in the Soul Sculpting Realm."

This time Ning Cheng was stunned speechless, he was well aware of the difficulties of cultivation. His own cultivation speed was extremely fast, mainly since he was already at the Soul Essence 3rd Level. However, Shi Qionghua was already at the Soul Sculpting Realm at ten years of age, just what kind of speed was this? Yin Kongchan and Xu Yingdei were also genius cultivators, yet even they could only enter the Soul Sculpting Realm after twenty or thirty years if not more. This was even after the academy pooled their resources into them. Otherwise, their progress would only be lower.

Ning Cheng knew that although he had cultivated to the Soul Essence Realm currently, the fact was that he had spent only a few years to reach that level. Nevertheless, he still felt puzzled about Shi Qionghua's cultivation speed. Ning Cheng was aware that it was because of certain unique conditions, which allowed him to advance to the Soul Essence Realm. If he did not possess the Mysterious Yellow Bead, then let alone the Soul Essence Realm, he would not even be able to arrive at the intermediate stages of the Qi Gathering Realm at this moment.

Things like the Mysterious Yellow Bead, there were probably not many in existence. Moreover, Ning Cheng had full faith in Shi Qionghua, that if she possessed such a thing, she would certainly tell him. Just like him, when he said about the origins of the Mysterious Yellow Origin to Shi Qionghua.

“I am a reincarnated person. As such, my life essence is inherently powerful. In addition to the cultivation method inheritance, there was also Uncle Yu who would try to find countless treasures every day for me. Therefore, it is only right for me to enter the Soul Sculpting Realm by ten years old. Moreover, Uncle Yu always used to say that the situation here was simply too bad, which was causing my cultivation speed to slow down drastically.....”

Listening to Shi Qionghua’s words, Ning Cheng did not know as to what he should say. How was this kind of speed too slow?

Shi Qionghua continued, “I do not know whether this speed is fast or slow, but after Uncle Yu did not return, I cultivated in this place by myself. Once, I went out to look for spiritual grasses, but I ended up meeting Xu Anzhen. Because the life essence of my soul was potent, Xu Anzhen directly decided to take me away from the Sifting Orchid Star and suppressed a wisp of my life essence. If it weren’t for you, then at this moment, I perhaps would not have been able to come here again.”

“That dead old hag, I should have burnt down her kennel.” Ning Cheng spoke bitterly.

But then he immediately remembered something, Shi Qionghua was already 33 years old at this moment, if she said that she was already at the Soul Sculpting Realm at ten years of age, then Shi Qionghua’s cultivation progress in the past 22 years compared to her first decade was merely nothing at all.

Shi Qionghua gave a slight smile, as she grasped Ning Cheng’s hand and spoke, “The truth is, I do not hate her, if not for her, I would not have met you. Not knowing you would have become my biggest regret then. This time I am able to come to the Sifting Orchid Star because of you, it was also because I wanted to find the whereabouts of Uncle Yu.”

Shi Qionghua was not one to speak about words of love, but even so, what she spoke were the words from her heart. Was there any need to talk about anything else?

“Me too.” Ning Cheng also tightened his grip on Shi Qionghua’s hands and spoke, “Can you take me to the place where you lived...”

“Ok.....” Shi Qionghua had just replied when she suddenly embraced Ning Cheng and rapidly moved away from her position.

Ning Cheng had incomparable trust in Shi Qionghua, even when Shi Qionghua suddenly embraced him and jumped away, he did not choose to resist it. Moreover, the thought of opposing did not emerge in him.

“Boom.....” A terrifying blast exploded behind Ning Cheng. Ning Cheng’s spiritual consciousness swept past, he found that the place where he and Shi Qionghua were just standing had erupted with flames dozens of feet high. Moreover, as this flame continued to rise, at the same time it was also unceasingly proliferating around at a seemingly constant speed.

Ning Cheng sucked in a cold breathe of air. He realised that if he ended up getting caught in just the outskirts of this volcanic-like eruption, then even with his Soul Essence Cultivation, turning into ash was the only conclusion, without even any bones left behind.

“These are the Sifting Orchid Star’s scattered volcanoes. This kind of volcano can erupt anytime and anywhere on this star. Once you feel that the surrounding space has turned somewhat unstable, along with a change in temperature, it would become necessary for you to pay close attention as it would lead to a volcanic eruption.”

Ning Cheng nodded, if there were no Shi Qionghua around, even if he were careful, in this kind of place, he would end up meeting the creator sooner or later.

“Then let’s leave this place now.” As Ning Cheng spoke the words, his spiritual consciousness had also dispersed out thoroughly. In this place, one needed to show utmost attention. It was as a test for one’s spiritual consciousness.

Shi Qionghua did not leave immediately, instead spoke up, “These kinds of volcanoes emerge without any warnings but also calm down quickly. Moreover, after the volcanic eruptions, there would definitely be a unique kind of crafting material emerging. This crafting material is called the Scarlet Brilliance Crystal, and is a Level 7 Crafting Material.”

Ning Cheng did not have the time to sigh, as he knew that dangers would always accompany opportunity. It was at this moment when he immediately felt two spacial fluctuations.

“Someone is coming; it seems they are aware that there was a volcanic eruption here, which means that they would be looking for the Scarlet Brilliance Crystal.” Shi Qionghua’s words had just ended, when two Taoist shadows descended not too far away from them.

Ning Cheng was also able to feel the wild and a kind of powerful aura from these two people, like a volcano about to erupt, but at the same time like a hurricane that was about to sweep past them. He did not ask Shi Qionghua, but in his heart, he already understood what was going on. These two people were like this because of their long-term cultivation in the Sifting Orchid Star. Having to live between random volcanic eruptions, hurricanes and spacial turbulence, it had ended up fostering this kind of wild and violent aura in them.

The two people who had arrived were a cultivator in the intermediate stages of Soul Sculpting Realm, and another a late stage Crucible Transformation Cultivator. The late-stage Crucible Transformation Cultivator was a middle-aged man with dark red hair, which was akin to raging fire. While the Soul Sculpting Cultivator looked delicate and wore a cultivators hat over his head.

Shi Qionghua had the cultivation of Crucible Transformation 3rd Level, while Ning Cheng possessed the cultivation of Soul Essence 3rd Level. Compared to the two people who had just arrived, Shi Qionghua and Ning Cheng were apparently at a disadvantage.

“Oh, did you just arrive?” That middle-aged late stage Crucible Transformation Cultivator looked at Ning Cheng and Shi Qionghua and spoke. Shi Qionghua and Ning Cheng did not possess the kind of wild and violent aura synonymous to the Sifting Orchid Star. From this, it was evident that they had just arrived.

After he finished talking to himself, he looked at the Soul Sculpting Realm cultivator beside him and asked, "Yan Di, didn't you say that Sifting Orchid Star did not allow Crucible Transformation Cultivators to come? How come there is a new Crucible Transformation Cultivator here?"

The man in the Soul Sculpting Realm spoke with a smile, "Elder Brother Le, it can only be explained if they had something similar to a miniature world on them. Moreover....."

This Yan De spoke without any concealment, as his eyes wantonly swept across Shi Qionghua. As for Ning Cheng, he had already completely disregarded him. Just an early stage Soul Essence Cultivator, someone that he would not even put in his eyes.

"Hahaha...." This late-stage Crucible Transformation Cultivator addressed as Elder Brother Le gave a loud laugh. After finishing his laugh, he spoke out without any regrets, "It really is a pity....."

Yan De seemed to be like a worm that latched onto the belly of this late stage Crucible Transformation Cultivator, as he immediately narrowed his eyes and spoke, "Elder Brother Le, in fact, it really is not pitiful. Where could we obtain such a pure yin woman? On this Sifting Orchid Star, to find such a stunning woman, especially one that suitable as a furnace, is already something scarce. Moreover, her cultivation is also quite high....."

Ning Cheng's eyes immediately burst with an unconcealable killing intent, however, at the same time, he was also worried that Shi Qionghua might not be able to deal with this late stage Crucible Transformation Cultivator.

"Oh, this insect dares to reveal such killing intent? Although I, Qi Le, have not returned to the Tian Continent in the past hundred years, did it cause the temperament of the ants in the Tian Continent to grow so big?" The red-haired late stage Crucible Transformation Cultivator on seeing Ning Cheng's eyes showing an intense killing desire, spoke out as if he was puzzled about something.

"Elder Brother Le, why lower yourself to the same level as those ants. Let me just kill this ant first and be done with it." This Soul Sculpting Cultivator spoke while already heading towards Ning Cheng.

Shi Qionghua was just about to begin, but Ning Cheng immediately sent a sound transmission to her and spoke, "Qionghua, just pay attention to that red-haired ghost. He will definitely not let you interfere, once I kill this guy, we can then team up to kill that red-haired ghost."

Shi Qionghua had always followed Ning Cheng's words to the letter, but she did not know if Ning Cheng understood her own ways. If Ning Cheng knew that her life essence, after becoming complete, had only become even more robust, he would never be much worried about her as he was now.

That red-haired late stage Crucible Transformation Cultivator on seeing that Shi Qionghua was not going to help Ning Cheng found it to be unexpected. Since Shi Qionghua chose not to make a move, then he naturally would also not move. In his opinion, Yan De was at the intermediate stages of Soul Sculpting Realm, as such if he wanted to kill Ning Cheng who was only at the Soul Essence 3rd Level; it would be akin to pinching an ant.

As Yan De plunged towards Ning Cheng, he simultaneously brought out his own magical weapon.

It was a pair of black and white hundred-edged wheels. As the two wheels thundered out, they immediately brought out many black and white wheel shadows, each shadow with thousands of blade

edges. These countless wheel blades made hissing like sounds as they tore through space as if they were myriad snakes in general.

These thousands of wheel blades wholly sealed off all escape routes of Ning Cheng. In his opinion, not to say Ning Cheng who was just at the Soul Essence 3rd Level, even if Ning Cheng was in the late stages of Soul Sculpting Realm, under these many black and white wheel shadows, would still feel his life threatened.

Although Shi Qionghua was nervously paying attention to Ning Cheng, she still held herself back from making a move. Although she had not personally witnessed Ning Cheng's combat effectiveness, she had some understanding regarding it. Initially, when she had rushed into the Severing Emotions Dao Sect to rescue Ning Cheng, Ning Cheng had not killed just one or two disciples of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect. Moreover, among the people whom Ning Cheng had massacred, there were even cultivators in the Soul Sculpting Realm.

Now that it was only a single Yan De attacking Ning Cheng, Shi Qionghua believed that Ning Cheng would be able to deal with it.

If there were no Everlasting Blue Thunder City, even then, Ning Cheng would be able to deal with Yan De, but at most, he would only reach the state of deadlock. Nevertheless, with the Everlasting Blue Thunder City, even if Yan De was an intermediate stage Soul Sculpting Cultivator, Ning Cheng did not fear him.

Yan De, with just the cultivation of intermediate stage Soul Sculpting Realm, wanting to use his imposing aura and spiritual consciousness to lock in Ning Cheng would indeed be just a dream.

Ning Cheng's body just flashed a few times, before he ultimately shook off the spiritual consciousness fretters from Yan De. However, Ning Cheng chose not to avoid these black-and-white wheel edges, as he directly brought out the Everlasting Blue Thunder City.

He had already exposed the Everlasting Blue Thunder City in the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, so for him to reveal it once again on the Sifting Orchid Star would not mean much anyway. Moreover, Ning Cheng also thought that as long as Shi Qionghua was able to hold away that red-haired man, he would definitely be able to finish off this person.

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Chapter 342: A Spear To Rule The Fates

"Bang pop crack boom" A series of various noises erupted, as the thousands of black and white wheel blade shadows tore through the air but were unexpectedly blocked by the flickering projection of the Thunder City.

However, although the Thunder City's flickering shadow turned slightly dim, under Ning Cheng's stimulation, it once again brightened up.

"What kind of Magical Weapon is that?" Qi Le was shocked as he stared at the flickering shadow of the Thunder City while muttering to himself. A Soul Essence Cultivator used a Magical Weapon to block an all-out attack from a Soul Sculpting Realm Cultivator. So how could such a Magical Weapon be simple? Moreover, wasn't this only a flickering shadow projection?

Thinking of these, he then focussed his gaze on the thunder lights flickering over the Thunder City's flickering shadow, causing his eyes to immediately flare up with greed. This Magical Weapon, he must definitely get his hands on it.

His insight was much stronger than Ning Cheng was so when he saw the Everlasting Blue Thunder City, he immediately understood that it was a supreme Magical Weapon. Just the shadow of this Magical Weapon was already this powerful, once he was able to actually bring out this Thunder City, he would definitely be able to control the innumerable lightning arc within it to bombard the enemy. At that time, who would even be his, Qi Le's, opponent?

One had to say that Qi Le's insight was indeed better than Ning Cheng's, Ning Cheng only was aware that this Thunder City was definitely a good thing, but he was currently limited to using the Everlasting Blue Thunder City defensively. As for the manipulating the lightning arcs of the Everlasting Blue Thunder City, he honestly did not have any idea on how to accomplish it.

Qi Le felt his heart fire up for Ning Cheng's Thunder City, at this moment why would he care about Yan De and Ning Cheng's battle. This body flashed, as he moved while raising his hand to grab Ning Cheng.

Although Shi Qionghua was paying attention to Ning Cheng, at the same time she was also keeping an eye on this Qi Le's movements. Now that Qi Le dared to take the initiative to make a move on Ning Cheng, how could she agree to it? She merely lifted her hand, causing a cyan coloured sword light to emerge; it instantly turned into a cyan coloured semi-circular sword arc.

Qi Le did not pay any attention to Shi Qionghua; it was because of his conceited pride that he chose to do such a thing, especially since he had experienced many life and death experiences during his hundreds of years on the Sifting Orchid Star. He had also obtained many inheritances and benefits in the Sifting Orchid Star. In addition to his cultivation being higher than Shi Qionghua's, why would he pay any attention to Shi Qionghua?

Qi Le's claw-like hand instantly turned into a gigantic fist-shadow. The fist-shadow did not even have the slightest intention of avoidance, as it struck Shi Qionghua's cyan coloured sword arc.

"Bang" A sound emerged, as the sword light dispersed into the four directions, causing the cyan coloured sword light to disappear. At the same time, Qi Le also was also forcibly pushed back dozens of meters away. With a face full of shock, he looked at the back of his hand and unexpectedly found a few bloodstains over it.

He then glanced at Shi Qionghua, who was also pushed back similarly. He had only regarded Shi Qionghua with a cultivation at Crucible Transformation 3rd Level to be completely ordinary. But it turns out that this beautiful white-robed woman in front of him was unexpectedly not weaker when compared to him.

Qi Le was well aware of himself; his present strength was a result of being tempered under the harsh and extreme environment of the Sifting Orchid Star. Moreover, with all kinds of inheritances, although he did not dare claim himself to be invincible, he definitely believed that there were not many Crucible Transformation Cultivators stronger than he was.

But now this white-robed female cultivator in front of him although was apparently inferior to him in cultivation, her strength was definitely not weaker than his current power. The only thing that could

explain this matter was that the other party's inheritance was much more potent than the cultivation method that he was cultivating.

Coupled with that Thunder City's shadow, Qi Le did not know if he would be able to encounter such a good harvest in the future. A supreme Magical Weapon and a supreme cultivation method seemed to be just waiting for him in front.

Thinking until here, Qi Le calmed down. He raised his hand and brought out a black flag.

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Ning Cheng could see that Shi Qionghua did not seem to be weaker than the red-haired man was. Causing him to immediately feel relief. As soon as he was able to get rid of this Yan De, he would then be able to help Shi Qionghua.

At the same time, Yan De was also just as shocked as the red-haired man was. He had only just sobered up from Ning Cheng having blocked his black and white wheel edges and was also aware that Qi Le had tried to make a move on Ning Cheng. He instantly was able to realise that Qi Le was coveting Ning Cheng's shadow of Thunder City; as such, this Thunder City's shadow was something good.

At this moment, not to mention Qi Le, but even he felt quite moved in his mind. However, he was aware that his cultivation was inferior to Qi Le, so although if he had such thoughts, he cannot display it openly. But now that Qi Le was unexpectedly blocked by that female cultivator, those ideas immediately once again surfaced in his heart. In the face of such kind of riches, what use was trying to hold onto honour? As long as he can kill this Soul Essence Kid, he could then grab his things and immediately escape. Moreover, it would not be easy to find him in the Sifting Orchid Star.

As Yan De's thoughts reached this point, he immediately erupted with an incomparably wild slaughter aura. His wheel blade shadows under his influence did not manifest more wheel blades, but rather condensed everything into a single wheel blade storm, while at the same time fusing with this slaughter aura.

The incomparably wild wheel blade storm immediately exploded onto Ning Cheng's Everlasting Blue Thunder City, causing Ning Cheng to feel a terrible discomfort. It was as if his organs and viscera were about to be torn apart by this kind of fearful slaughter storm. Not only that, even his mind seemed to have been filled with all sorts of sounds relating to violent killing attacks. It caused the shadow of the Everlasting Blue Thunder City to suddenly crack apart before it gradually dissipated in the twinkling of an eye.

Ning Cheng was capable of blocking the besiegement from the many Soul Essence and Soul Sculpting Cultivators in the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, but that did not represent that he undoubtedly could emerge victorious against an intermediate stage Soul Sculpting Cultivator, this was not as simple as calculating one plus one.

Although previously he was able to block so many Soul Essence Cultivators of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, it was all because he relied on the Everlasting Blue Thunder City. But Yan De's cultivation in regards to the path of slaughter, on the Sifting Orchid Star, was much stronger than ordinary intermediate stage Soul Sculpting Cultivators.

“Lord Husband, you should be careful about being sneak attacked by this person. He cultivates laws relating to the path of slaughter. Once his imposing slaughter aura invades your mind, and then life would be no different from death.....” Shi Qionghua’s voice reached Ning Cheng’s ears just in time.

Ning Cheng was immediately surprised in his heart, causing him to sober up instantly. His cultivation, when compared to Yan De, was not just one or two level worse. However, his Magical Weapon was a lot more formidable than Yan De’s, so even though his cultivation was not up to par, he would still be able to crush this bastard with his Magical Weapon.

Feeling that Ning Cheng was being suppressed by his slaughter aura, Yan De sneered in his heart as he thought that he was indeed just a small Soul Essence Realm Cultivator. He opened his mouth wide and uttered an intermittent shrill yet grating to the ears killing sound wave causing a circular wave of invisible slaughter aura burst out from his body.

If one had a weaker cultivation, this attack would easily disrupt the mind causing fear to take root.

But after Ning Cheng received the reminder from Shi Qionghua, he was already vigilant. At this moment, when Yan De sent out that killing sound wave attack, Ning Cheng was also not willing to wait for another minute. Urgently stimulating his Spiritual Consciousness and True Essence, Ning Cheng once again brought out the Everlasting Blue Thunder City’s shadow.

Yan De on seeing the shadow of the Everlasting Blue Thunder City coming out once again sneered in his heart. He was confident that it was difficult for Ning Cheng to control this Blue Thunder City. As long as his many slaughter wheel blade shadows repeatedly struck it, Ning Cheng would entirely be unable to bring out this Thunder City’s projection for the third time.

His slaughter sound wave was something that he had cultivated amongst the unpredictable hurricanes and spacial turbulences of the Sifting Orchid Star, how could a little Soul Essence Cultivator who had just arrived at the Sifting Orchid Star be able to resist it?

Yan De suddenly raised the scale of his slaughter sound wave by a notch, at the same time he also urged hundreds of wheel blade edges to go berserk simultaneously.

“Kaka....” breaking sounds emerged, as Ning Cheng’s Everlasting Blue Thunder City shadow was once again cracked apart. While at the same time, Ning Cheng also turned even paler. Seeing this, Yan De felt like he had already captured Ning Cheng.

Unfortunately, he just did not understand Ning Cheng, if replaced by Yin Kongchan then he would have already known that it was all within Ning Cheng’s calculation and prediction.

“Ka....” With a final cracking sound, Ning Cheng’s Everlasting Blue Thunder City shadow once again disappeared.

Almost in the instance that the Everlasting Blue Thunder City’s shadow disappeared, a motley-looking large copper coin emerged suspended in mid-air, this copper coin instantly expanded once again becoming even more massive. It gave the feeling that the vaults of heaven were about to fall, producing an exceptionally suppressive sense amongst those below.

But Ning Cheng's complexion turned even paler. As his cultivation kept advancing, bringing out the Five Elements Treasure Fall Copper Coin was becoming more and more difficult. But at the same time, he brought out the Five Elements Treasure Fall Coin provided him with better and more significant effects.

Every time he managed to refine one of the restrictions on the Five Elements Treasure Fall Copper Coin, it would then require several times the True Essence, and Spiritual Consciousness previously needed to bring it out, which was why Ning Cheng rarely used the Five Elements Treasure Fall Copper Coin in battle.

Yan De, at this moment, felt its suppressive effects, the next minute, he realised that this own hundred wheel blade Magical Weapon had lost its connection with him.

"Is that the Five Elements Treasure Fall Copper Coin?" The one who made the surprised shout was not Yan De, but rather Qi Le. Qi Li was being held back by Shi Qionghua's cyan sword light, even though he had many methods on him, but he was unable to deploy them at this moment.

He had never thought that Ning Cheng would not only possess that Thunder City shadow, but even the Five Elements Treasure Fall Copper Coin. The Five Elements Treasure Fall Copper Coin was an incredibly precious Magical Weapon from the ancient times. Moreover, many of the Crucible Transformation Cultivators did not know about the existence of this Magical Weapon.

Qi Le's gaze turned searing hot, while at the same time, Yan De's was also feeling an extreme shock in his mind.

When Ning Cheng brought out the Five Elements Treasure Fall Copper Coin, he had already taken into account Yan De's response. With their Magical Weapon being whirled away for no apparent reason at all, no matter who it was, they would definitely go into a brief period of shock. He was waiting for such a moment, so how could he waste such a great opportunity.

However, Ning Cheng also knew that he would only be able to stimulate the Five Elements Treasure Fall Copper Coin just once, only by taking a long rest would he be able to use it for the second time. This thing was different from the blue Thunder City, wherein he could not bring out its shadow.

Immediately bringing out his Cosmic True Devil Axe, countless Angry Axe Traces erupted like fallen leaves in the autumn wind, while completely trapping Yan De within it. At the same time, a long black spear seemed to have locked onto him from across the horizon as it bore down on him tearing through the empty air.

Although Yan De wanted to react, he no longer could control his hundred wheel blades, nor could he continue to erupt with his imposing slaughtering aura to crush Ning Cheng. At this moment, the most important thing for him was to escape from this disaster, as long as he was able to escape from this tragedy, then he could undoubtedly slaughter Ning Cheng. He had the impression that this was Ning Cheng's final trump card.

Although his surroundings were sealed up by many extremely powerful and dense Angry Axe Traces, Yan De chose not to pay any attention to them. Yan De wanted to escape from the Axe Traces surrounding him, so he curled up his body into a sphere using a sail-like cloth. Ning Cheng's Angry Axe Killing Traces immediately bombarded onto Yan De's sail-like material, causing sounds of leather being beaten to

emerge. At best, the sail was suppressed to a small extent. However, it was not enough to tear though Yan De's sails.

Yan De, with his sails, stimulated, quickly rushed out of Ning Cheng's dense killing lights of his Axe Traces. Although the Axe Intent seemed to be quite formidable, to Yan De, it only felt like a decoration, not enough to even cause half a bit of distraction in his mind.

The instant Yan De ran out of Ning Cheng's Ace Trace's killing lights, the shadow of that sky shattering long spear appeared in front of Yan De.

Just like a silent dragon, having an aura of a monarch that rules the world, this kind of character instantly made Yan De feel an intense suffocation, to the point that he had even fallen into despair. At this moment, he discovered that regardless of which direction he choose currently, he would definitely be torn asunder by that spear. This was not just a simply spear, but rather a spear that ruled over his fate. Under the influence of the spear's formidable aura, he was not even able to make a choice. Instead, the only option he could make was to be wholly suppressed by it.

"Such strong spear internet....." Yan De had of expression of utter despair on his face; he had never seen such a formidable spear intent in his life. This was not an ordinary spear intent. Instead, he felt that this was a spear intent that ruled over the fates. At this moment, he finally understood that the reason why the opposite party had chosen to take away his hundred edged wheel blade was to make him try his best to entirely avoid the killing lights of the Axe Traces, all for this one spear.

"Puff" A bloody fog erupted, as Yan De's head was turned into nothingness by this spear.

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Chapter 343: Just A Trivial Soul Essence

This one spear from Ning Cheng was just too shocking to the extreme, to the point that even Qi Le had to pay attention to it. Although Ning Cheng's magical weapon was excellent, Qi Le had never thought that Ning Cheng, who was just a cultivator at the Soul Essence 3rd Level, would be able to kill a cultivator at the Soul Sculpting 4th Level. Moreover, it was a simple spear to the head, entirely without any skill.

It was not that he had never seen any level surpassing kills before, as he had indeed seen more than a fair share of Soul Essence Cultivators managing to kill Soul Sculpting Cultivators. However, the majority of them were already at the late stages of Soul Essence Realm. Moreover, he was also very clear on the Yan De's strength, that he was not an ordinary Soul Sculpting 4th Level Cultivator.

In Qi Le's view, there was no Soul Essence 3rd Level Cultivator who could kill Yan De; however, Ning Cheng managed to just do such a thing. Now that Ning Cheng had murdered Yan De, the only explanation that could explain this would be that Ning Cheng had another magical weapon that was just too powerful. Using these two Magical Weapons, someone with the cultivation of Soul Essence Realm was able to kill someone with a Soul Sculpting Realm Cultivation. It only caused Qi Le to grow more earnest in his heart; he must definitely get his hands on both of those magical weapons.

Although he was now just a single person, he was not worried. Even if Ning Cheng were more powerful, it would not have even a shred of impact on him. The difference in power between them was not just one or two levels, if his magical weapon were more powerful, it would still not be enough to bridge the

gap. Thinking until here, Qi Li immediately unfurled the black banner in his hand causing black clouds to emerge from it, as they thundered towards Shi Qionghua.

Ning Cheng did not immediately come forward to help Shi Qionghua deal with him, he was well aware that the difference in his and Qi Le's cultivation was too vast. Plunging headfirst into the fight would just be useless. As for the fact that he killed Yan De, it was because his magical weapon's advantage was too vast. But the final strike was actually that one spear strike that he had comprehended from the Thunder City.

Qi Le once again powered up his attack, which Shi Qionghua was able to instantly feel, which caused her to transform her cyan coloured sword curtains into a whirlwind of sword winds, which stacked together like overlapping mountain peaks, which then turned once again into a single compact sheet. However, this individual sheet was still ultimately torn apart by the power behind the black cloud.

Qi Le suddenly issued a broken gong like shout, at the same time, a more massive black cloud emerged from the black banner transforming into a gigantic black dragon. The enormous black dragon opened his maw before unceremoniously swallowing Shi Qionghua's layer of cyan coloured sword curtain in its entirety.

Not waiting for Shi Qionghua to respond, the black dragon once again opened its maw, and spat out countless amounts of cyan coloured sword curtains similar to the ones it had swallowed just now. Only this time, these cyan coloured sword lights had turned into several thousand black flag edges. Each flag edge was emitting a berserk baleful aura along with having a sharp point. It not only locked the surrounding space, but it also brought forth a compelling tearing atmosphere.

Qi Le, at this moment, really wanted to kill Shi Qionghua. Even if Shi Qionghua was beautiful, and would definitely be a good thing for him to use as an accompanying furnace to cultivate in the Sifting Orchid Star. But in the face of Ning Cheng's magical weapons, even if Shi Qionghua were several times more beautiful, he would just throw it all aside.

"Boom Boom..." Shi Qionghua's cyan coloured sword curtain and the thousands of black flag blade lights immediately collided together, causing explosive sounds to blast out.

This was Qi Le's all-out attack, even if Shi Qionghua managed to hastily form a few sword curtains, but she was still thrown back by the tens of thousands of black flag blade lights.

Seeing the black flag blade lights managed to tear through Shi Qionghua's sword curtains and was about to strike her, Ning Cheng immediately came forward without any hesitation while bringing out the shadow of the Everlasting Blue Thunder City. Allowing the Everlasting Blue Thunder City's shadow to block the remaining black flag blade lights.

"Katcha" A sound emerged, the shadow had just touched the flag blade edges when the blue thunder city's shadow instantaneously collapsed. Ning Cheng and Shi Qionghua were also thrown out tumbling, while simultaneously spraying out a mouthful of blood. However, Ning Cheng was able to help Shi Qionghua block the disaster heading her way, helping Shi Qionghua avoid a severe injury.

"Are you alright." Shi Qionghua was incomparably anxious, as she hurriedly held onto to Ning Cheng to support him. She knew that it was her own carelessness that had caused this situation; otherwise, Ning Cheng would not have been injured for her sake.

Ning Cheng wiped the blood from the corners of his mouth and spoke, "I'm alright, but my strength is still too far apart from him. Qionghua you will have to hold and divert his attention for a while. I'm not asking for you to completely go all out, just as long as you are not injured."

Ning Cheng sent a sound transmission to Shi Qionghua, from what he had seen Shi Qionghua's strength was not much worse than Qi Le's. It was just that Shi Qionghua's attacks seemed a bit weak because she lacked decisiveness.

"I know. I will not let you get hurt again." Shi Qionghua spoke, while at the same time her entire body instantaneously erupted with an upsurge of imposing aura. Even the cyan sword in her hand was giving out intermittent bursts of sword hymns.

She had honestly not given her all a moment ago, but the reason why she did not go all out previously against Qi Le was due to an entirely different idea. She was, for the most part, was paying attention to Ning Cheng's situation. She was afraid that in case she went all out, and if Ning Cheng ended up in a dangerous situation, she would have no means to save him. But now that Ning Cheng had killed his opponent, and also was injured because of her negligence, how could she still hold back her strength?

Seeing Shi Qionghua's soaring imposing aura, Qi Le immediately realised that this white-robed woman had not gone all out with her strength in the previous exchange. It looks like just relying on his flag blade edges; he might not necessarily be able to kill this woman.

Trading blows once again, the grit and hard sandstone around Shi Qionghua and Qi Le instantly turned to dust. A cyan coloured sword curtain emerged which transformed into a few hundred feet long tearing blade light. But the banner dragon that Qi Le's black banner had transformed from was always able to devour these dreadful cutting sword lights.

On the surface, it looked as if Shi Qionghua held the advantage over the fight. Although the black banner dragon was able to swallow these sword blade lights, it was not able to spit them back out in time as before. Even if it occasionally spat out some of those banner blade edges with that baleful aura, it was still not able to influence the overall situation. For a while, no one was able to kill his or her opposition.

Ning Cheng did not directly participate in the fight, he was fully aware as to what the advantages were and what the disadvantages of doing such a thing were. Compared to Qi Le, his cultivation was truly too shoddy. However, he had his own advantages as well, he was currently a Tier 7 Array Formation Grandmaster, if Ning Cheng did not utilise this superiority, then he would only be an idiot.

Ning Cheng at his fastest speed started arranging Array Formations around the two of them. Entrapment Arrays, Killing Arrays, Entangling Arrays...

As long as Ning Cheng was able to think of an Array Formation that he could arrange, he would immediately arrange it. He even arranged all kinds of Concealment Array Formations that he could think of.

Qi Le on seeing Ning Cheng arrange Array Formations sneered in his heart. Just a little Soul Essence Cultivator, and yet he still dared to surround him with array formations? Even if Qi Le stood there motionless, and allowed Ning Cheng to leisurely set up the array formations, it would still not pose a threat to him. However, even though he had such thoughts, he carefully observed Ning Cheng's array formations.

When he saw that Ning Cheng was only arranging Rank 3 Entrapment Arrays, even his interest in continuing to look at it waned off. For him, there was just one worthy opponent, which was Shi Qionghua. Do not look at the current standoff between him and Shi Qionghua; it is only because he had still not brought out his killer move. He was only waiting for his banner dragon to swallow a certain amount of sword curtains, and then he would just unleash all of it letting his opponent die without even a burial place.

The more sword curtains the opposite side could bring out, the higher would be the power of the banner dragon's final eruption. Nobody knew how terrifyingly powerful his black banner magical weapon was, once it struck out with its last burst, then it would already be too late for anything.

Ning Cheng naturally was not arranging Rank 3 Entrapment Arrays to surround Qi Le; he knew that even if he detonated Rank 3 Killing Arrays, it would be meaningless in front of Qi Le. After arranging a few Rank 3 Entrapment Arrays, he then arranged a Concealment Array Formation. Inside this Concealment Array Formation, were the real aces of array formations that he was organising. They were the Rank 6 Entrapment Arrays and Rank 6 Killing Arrays.

Arranging a Rank 7 Killing Array would take too long, and as such were not suitable for the current situation, but Rank 6 Killing Arrays, he would definitely be able to arrange them. A Rank 6 Killing Array plus a Rank 6 Entrapment Array, along with a Rank 6 Chain Linking Killing Array, he did not believe that with these three kinds of array formations he would not be able to trap this red-haired ghost for a time. Now that Qi Le was not of a mind to care about his 'Rank 3 Array Formations', it would be the best thing for him.

Ning Cheng knew that even if Shi Qionghua's strength was not worse than Qi Le's, but when it came to discussing the degree of cunningness, Shi Qionghua was not a match for Qi Le. So as he arranged the array formations, he kept a close watch on the battle between the two of them.

He soon became aware that something was not right. Properly speaking, Qi Le should be highly motivated to kill them, so it was impossible for him to always be focussing on defence. But looking at Qi Le's defensive manoeuvres currently, especially no matter how many sword curtains Shi Qionghua blasted out, they would all be swallowed by Qi Le's banner dragon. Although it would counterattack occasionally, the strength behind the counter-attack was something not enough to threaten Shi Qionghua.

This was not the real cultivation of Qi Le; thinking of this, Ning Cheng quickly sent a sound transmission to Shi Qionghua, "Qionghua, looks like there is some kind of secret to the banner dragon of the red-haired ghost. Don't attack; just go into defensive mode for now."

Shi Qionghua also felt that something was not right. However, she was not able to point to what she was not feeling right about. Now that Ning Cheng reminded her, she immediately felt sobering up. Qi Le's performance right now was too low-key if this person erupted with his full strength, then perhaps he might be slightly stronger, but then why would he choose to take beatings as if his hands were tied?

She was always the person who listened to Ning Cheng's words, so she immediately recalled her cyan sword light curtains that were sent out before she brought out a round shield. Although the cyan coloured sword curtain was still present, she did not attack with it. Instead, she used it to form a defensive wall around her.

As Shi Qionghua switched from offensive to defensive tactics, Qi Le was instantly able to perceive it. Causing him to feel slightly shocked as he thought, did the opposite party finally realise the threat from his magical weapon?

Although he could unleash his Banner Dragon at this moment, however, Qi Le was clear in his heart, that the sword curtains that his Banner Dragon had devoured until now, at most would only be sufficient to cause a severe wound to the opposite party, but would be insufficient to kill them. He needed more True Essence from devouring those sword curtains before he unleashed his attack, only then would he be able to trigger the final strike powerful enough to kill the opposite party in one blow.

His magical weapon had a strange name, called the Parasitic Dragon Banner. Facing an enemy, it would be able to incorporate the True Essence in their attacks, allowing the magical weapon to transform and use it alongside its own power to create a shadow of the black banner dragon.

This black banner dragon can devour any type of attack from the opponent, and then turn this attack into their own offence before spitting it out towards the enemies. This was merely one of its functions, the most important and the killer move was that he could induce a self-explosion within the shadow of the banner dragon. Moreover, after effecting the self-detonation, it would not produce any kind of influence on the magical weapon itself.

The only shortcoming was that for inducing the shadow of the banner dragon to detonate, it must devour a large number of attacks from the opponent. The more powerful attacks that it could swallow, the more terrifying would be the explosion produced.

Because it can only devour the True Essence of the opponent's attacks, as a prerequisite for inducing the self-detonation, therefore it was called as the Parasitic Dragon Banner. Now that Shi Qionghua was not attacking him, the banner dragon could also not devour the sword curtain, which resulted in it unable to fulfil the conditions for inducing the self-detonation.

Qi Le immediately turned anxious; he honestly did not want to induce the self-detonation right now. He thought that the opposition wanted to take a short rest before they would undoubtedly continue with the attack once again. As long as he continued to counter-attack, the other party would definitely attack him again.

Thinking until here, Qi Le immediately stimulated his black banner dragon to continuously send out those many banner blade edges emitting a fierce and wild baleful aura. These Banner Blade Edges were much more aggressive than the ones from before. However, Shi Qionghua already had experienced it back then, so she was able to resist it albeit with some difficulty.

As more and more of those black banner blade edges emitting baleful aura were being spewed out by Qi Le's black banner dragon, Qi Le was turning more and more anxious. If it continued this way, then the power he had stored up for the detonation of the banner dragon would only be getting smaller and smaller. Once the banner dragon spewed out all the True Essence it devoured from the sword light, the banner dragon would no longer be able to self-destruct.

As Qi Le was turning even more anxious, Ning Cheng suddenly rushed into the area of the battle between the two people, while at the same time also sending an axe chop towards Qi Le.

Qi Le's heart immediately overflowed with joy, he was just worrying in his heart that nobody would attack his banner dragon, but then Ning Cheng came along. As long as he killed this Soul Essence Cultivator, would he still need to be afraid if he could not finish off this white-robed female cultivator?

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Chapter 344: The Irreconcilable Crucible Transformation Cultivator

As Ning Cheng rushed in, he simultaneously brought out his Cosmic True Devil Axe and his Everlasting Blue Thunder City's shadow. At the same time, Qi Le also made the decision to first get rid of Ning Cheng under any circumstances.

The black banner dragon once again shot out many banner blade edges, at the same, an octagonally shaped copper hammer also shot out. Ning Cheng absolutely did not intend to fight against Qi Le at all. After bringing out his Everlasting Blue Thunder City, he immediately grabbed onto Shi Qionghua before stimulating his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds to cast a near-instantaneous teleport. The reason Ning Cheng was able to do such a thing, was not because of the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds that he possessed, but because of the Array Formations that he arranged.

Shi Qionghua only heard Ning Cheng say the word 'go' before she immediately understood Ning Cheng's intent. Even so, she still forced a sword curtain to manifest behind the Everlasting Blue Thunder City.

"Boom....." Innumerable banner blade edges and the octagonally shaped copper hammer descended upon Ning Cheng's Cosmic True Devil Axe and the Thunder City. The Cosmic True Devil Axe was not able to resist the incoming torrent for even a single moment before it was blown away, the Thunder City's shadow was also only able to last for a single moment before a 'snap' sound rang out and the shadow was blown to smithereens. If not for Shi Qionghua's sword curtain, then even if Ning Cheng were able to block the attack with the help of the Everlasting Blue Thunder City's shadow, he would still have lost a significant chunk of his life.

"Ka" A sound emerged, as Shi Qionghua's sword curtain was once again broken through. The instant that the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds flashed, a hammer shadow from the octagonally shaped copper hammer slammed just above Ning Cheng's vest.

Although Ning Cheng was able to move away almost instantaneously, he still got injured again.

"Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds?" Qi Le was able to clearly see how Ning Cheng was able to escape his killer attack. His eyes were almost on the brink of emitting golden light, as he thought, just how many treasures does this person even possess?

Qi Le did not wait and immediately chased after them, but at this moment, the space surrounding him seemed as if it was about to riot, while at the same time berserk cracking and exploding sounds started to ring out all around him.

Qi Le's complexion immediately turned wrathful. These were just some trivial Rank 3 Entrapment Arrays, yet this brat still dared to detonate them in front of him? How could this person be so stupid, yet was able to obtain so many good things?

Almost at the same time that the explosions started off, Qi Le had already taken a step forward to bypass it. Even if he had to pay a huge price, he must kill these two cultivators and take away all their stuff for himself.

“Boom.....” An invisible barrier blocked Qi Le. Qi Le swept out with his Spiritual Consciousness causing him to make a shocking discovery. It was only at this moment did he realise that he was already in the middle of a Rank 6 Entrapment Array. Moreover, this Rank 6 Entrapment Array was actually hidden behind a Concealment Array Formation.

A Rank 6 Entrapment Array, even if he could come out of it, it would still take him a few breaths of time to do so.

But not waiting for him to react, the space around him once again started to go berserk.

Not good, this kid was about to blow up his Array Formations. The detonations of the Rank 3 Entrapment Arrays from before would not pose any threat to him, but once a Rank 6 Entrapment Array blew up, it would genuinely cause him to suffer some severe injuries.

At this moment, he finally came face to face against Ning Cheng cunningness. He had used the Rank 3 Array Formations to thoroughly confuse him, while at the same time used them as a cover to arrange Rank 6 Array Formations.

Even if he wanted to regret, it was already too late. He knew that at this moment, it was no use blaming himself. If someone had said that a cultivator so young could arrange a Rank 6 Array Formation, he absolutely would never believe it. Not to mention the fact about how someone could even organise a Rank 6 Array Formation in such a short span of time?

Qi Le knew that it would be impossible for him to rush out immediately, so rather than choosing to rush out; he decided that he could only protect himself. All to minimise the injuries.

“Boom boom....” The terrifying explosions rolled up into a frightening wave to the point that a significant depression, radiating outwards, formed in the centre due to the frantically raging True Essence.

A short while later, an incredibly terrifying sound of something rupturing spread out, even if Qi Le wanted to protect his body, he was still injured heavily. However, this was not the end, just as it ended; more explosions rang out one after another, which made Qi Le finally feel fear for the first time. He had never thought that this little Soul Essence Cultivator had even managed to arrange a Rank 6 Explosion Array Formation. At this moment, how would Qi Le find the time to ponder over how Ning Cheng managed to arrange these killing arrays in secret? At this moment, he could only focus his entire power on protecting himself.

The second and third killing arrays exploded, the explosion of these two killing arrays was several times more potent than the detonation of the Entrapment Array.

Ning Cheng had used his Rank 6 Exploding Array Formation once before, at the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, which was sealed up by a Rank 9 Grand Defensive Array. It was shaken up by it, to the point that it was almost close to being cracked open. So Qi Le, who was just a Crucible Transformation 7th Level Cultivator, would probably not be able to withstand it casually.

A cultivator at the Crucible Transformation 7th Level could be considered as a powerhouse. But whether in power or might, they still can't be compared to the Mountain Protecting Grand Array of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect. With the three Array Formations' chain explosions, Qi Le ended up severely injured in just a moment.

Ning Cheng was well aware that this Qi Le was hell-bent on taking his life. So even though he was still injured, he once again manifested that black long spear and thrust out with it without any hesitation.

Although Shi Qionghua and Ning Cheng had only been together for a short while, she was well aware that Ning Cheng was different from her; he was a person who refrained from being bullied around. When Ning Cheng had detonated the three Rank 6 Array Formations, she was very clear that Ning Cheng would sneak attack Qi Le once the explosions from the Array Formations were about to end.

Thus, she did not need Ning Cheng to remind her, as a cyan coloured sword light immediately erupted from the sword in her hand. This was a sword strike that Shi Qionghua had poured all her power in; it was terrifying to such an extent that even the surrounding space was being directly torn apart.

Qi Le crazily spurted out several mouthfuls of blood; even his True Essence was in complete chaos. He knew that if he wanted to make a move for Ning Cheng's things once again, then he had to first escape from this place. This puny Soul Essence Cultivator was too treacherous and extremely cunning. Because of his carelessness, he unexpectedly ended up in such a miserable situation.

As long as these two were still in the Sifting Orchid Star, then he, Qi Le, would be able to massacre them. Next time, he definitely would make sure to not make such a low-level mistake.

Unfortunately, it was all a dream for him, not to mention that his and Shi Qionghua's cultivation was almost similar. Even if the difference was huge, at this moment, when Shi Qionghua's sword stabbed into him in its entirety, he was not able to resist at all.

The several tens of feet long, cyan coloured sword light had ripped apart everything in its path and had wholly focussed all its killing power in one single point. If Qi Le were still unharmed, then he definitely would have been able to do something to block this one sword strike. But at this moment, even if he were able to barely escape, even in that case, the formidable imposing aura of the sword light would have wholly sealed all of his escape routes.

"Poof" A flash of blood erupted, as a large scar emerged on Qi Le's body as he directly started to pummel down. Not waiting for him to fall to the ground, Ning Cheng's long spear immediately arrived in front of him.

The spear intent contained within it inspired an intense fear from the depths of his soul, as it brought along a must-kill slaughter aura. If Qi Le were not severely injured, then even if had to face such a spear, he would not care much about it. But at this moment, he just could not ignore it at all, not to say ignore it, even if he wanted to dodge this spear, it would be impossible for him.

"Bang" This spear directly shot through his glabella, causing a fist wide hole to blow open through his head, while at the same time, Ning Cheng also powerlessly sat down on the ground. At this moment, he was secretly horrified about the toughness of Qi Le's head. If replaced with an ordinary cultivator, his spear strike would have been able to turn their head into nothingness, yet when stuck Qi Le, it only created a big hole.

Shi Qionghua once more immediately used the cyan sword in her hand. Even if Qi Le's corporeal body was sturdy, it was not sturdy enough to block Shi Qionghua's sword.

"Thump" A sound emerged, as a head fell to the ground, while at the same time Si Qionghua flicked her hand, throwing out a flame towards it.

"I don't want to....." A tearing cry emerged from Qi Le's Life Essence, as the fireball consumed him. He really was not willing to accept this. He had been self-torturing himself on the Sifting Orchid Star for many years, it can even be said that he was a local tyrant of this place. But unexpectedly he was killed by two ants who had just arrived in this area. It would have genuinely been strange if he accepted such an outcome.

Shi Qionghua did not care about Qi Le, as she hurried and arrived at Ning Cheng's side.

Ning Cheng pointed to the things on the ground and spoke, "Qionghua, collect everything, we will leave this place right away. This area just experienced a volcanic eruption, which led to the arrival of Qi Le and Yan De. Perhaps there might even be other people on their way here.

Shi Qionghua immediately understood Ning Cheng's meaning, choosing between Qi Le and Yan De's things, or a few refining materials brought out by the volcanic eruption, the selection would not be anything unusual.

On hearing Ning Cheng's words, she at her fastest speed, collected all the things, then holding onto Ning Cheng, they quickly disappeared from that place.

Ning Cheng had indeed not spoken incorrectly. Shortly after he and Shi Qionghua had left, a person arrived at that place. This cultivator wore a grey robe, when he saw Qi Le's corpse, he immediately issued a surprised cry "Some people can still kill Qi Le?"

Then, he merely turned around and walked away, without even caring about the Scarlet Brilliance Crystals brought up by the volcanic eruption.

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Ning Cheng's injury was not light at all, but for a Soul Essence Cultivator, as long as they were not injured on a fundamental level, they would be able to recover quickly.

An hour later, Shi Qionghua stopped. In front of her and Ning Cheng was a vast basin filled with flashing thunder lights. This made Ning Cheng think back to the Thunder Domain Marsh he had seen inside the Law's Way. But the flashing thunder lights in front of them were much more potent than the thunder lights inside the Thunder Domain Marsh.

"After crossing this Thunder Domain Basin, space would turn turbulent to the point that you will find spacial turbulences almost everywhere. Just stay as close to me as possible, don't stray away from me too far." Shi Qionghua deliberately stopped and warned Ning Cheng specifically.

"Can this Thunder Domain Basin even be traversed? How about we take a detour?" Ning Cheng looked at the many thunder lights crisscrossing in the Thunder Domain Basin, and couldn't help but feel a slight fear in his heart.

“Don’t worry, the lightning arcs inside the basin are very orderly, as long as we walk according to a certain path, there would be nothing to be afraid of. Besides, we also would not be able to bypass this place, as both sides of it are blocked off by mountain peaks that even Crucible Transformation Cultivators would not be able to tread. Moreover, just beyond the mountain peaks is a vast and almost endless volcanic lake. Even if we somehow manage to cross that volcanic lake, we would encounter another vast sea that simply knows no end. So in short, there is no way for us to take a detour. So for the moment, you just need to follow me tightly.” Just as Shi Qionghua finished, she flew into this basin filled with thunder lights.

Ning Cheng also hurriedly followed Shi Qionghua, and soon found out that the place Shi Qionghua stopped over each time was where the strength of the thunder lights was at the weakest. Even if there were a few traces of thunder lights that fell on her body, it was treated as irrelevant.

Shi Qionghua’s speed was also quite fast, merely in just half an hour, the two people had already crossed the Thunder Light Basin.

After crossing the Thunder Light Basin, Ning Cheng immediately felt a tearing force over his body. It was as if the area, where he was standing at, wanted to directly slice him apart, tearing his body into pieces. At this point, he could only focus his entire attention on himself and not ignore the situation.

“Space here is turbulent, so you must be careful, once you feel the turbulence turning berserk, you must hurry and move away to avoid it, but at the same time you cannot rush out randomly. When I was very young, I had once encountered a powerful body forging cultivator, but because of a major spacial turbulence, was immediately torn apart into nihility.” After arriving at this place, Shi Qionghua’s tone became somewhat cautious.

Ning Cheng also nodded showing he understood it. But as he looked at how Shi Qionghua was comfortably switching directions among the spacial turbulence, he somewhat suspected that Shi Qionghua might have also undergone some form of body forging. However, now was not the time to ask about it, once the two of them found a safe place to rest, only then would Ning Cheng ask about this matter to Shi Qionghua.

Shi Qionghua’s speed was quite fast while simultaneously helping Ning Cheng through the wear and tear of the spacial turbulences. In just a single day’s time, they arrived at the entrance to a narrow canyon. Intermittent bursts of hot air emerged from the mouth of the canyon, tinged with the smell of sulphur. It made people wonder if it was the beginning signs of a massive volcanic eruption.

If a person entered through the entrance of the narrow canyon, and once the volcano erupted, then they just would not even have enough time to escape.

But to the amazement of Ning Cheng, Shi Qionghua unexpectedly jumped down this canyon, and even called out to him, “We need to go down together.”

Although he suspected that it was hazardous in there, since Shi Qionghua chose to jump down, then Ning Cheng also did not hesitate, before he too dropped in following her.

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Chapter 345: The 9 Ranks Of Body Forging

At the bottom of the canyon, the smell of sulphur grew even stronger. As Ning Cheng swept out with his Spiritual Consciousness, he found that the range of his Spiritual Consciousness was also quite restricted. Shi Qionghua turned around seven or eight corners before the topography widened up. After another incense stick worth of time, Shi Qionghua along with Ning Cheng arrived next to a volcanic lake filled with bubbling lava. Even if Ning Cheng were more tolerant than a Soul Essence Cultivator, he would not be able to stand in this place for long.

“Oh, looks like some people have come here before.” Shi Qionghua spoke with astonishment, as she stroked a huge rock by the side of the volcanic lake.

Ning Cheng spoke with a smile, “Many people have come to the Sifting Orchid Star in the past, and it would not be uncommon for a few to arrive here.”

Shi Qionghua shook her head and spoke, “That should not be the case. Ordinary Crucible Transformation Cultivators would not dare to come to this place casually. There are many natural restrictions in this place. Moreover, the volcano in front can also erupt at any time, once the volcano erupts, the Crucible Transformation Cultivators who entered here simply would never be able to leave.”

“How do you know that the volcano here would not erupt?” Ning Cheng asked in doubt.

Shi Qionghua spoke up casually, “I do not know, perhaps the next moment the volcano might erupt or perhaps it would not erupt for countless years.”

“And you still dared to come here?” Ning Cheng was shocked; he just was not able to think of anything. The possibility that the volcano erupting at any time was higher in this place. Moreover, he and Shi Qionghua also encountered a sudden volcanic eruption previously, so how could it not occur in this kind of situation where the smell of sulphur was so thick?

Shi Qionghua held Ning Cheng’s hand and spoke, “Uncle Yu had mentioned it to me that only if one had a strong heart can one have the capacity to become strong. If someone were afraid of just a volcano, then growing strong would be extremely difficult. When I was very young, a person used to come in and out of this place as he wished, and had never cared about volcanic eruptions.”

Ning Cheng retorted back in a somewhat angry manner, “Your Uncle Yu was just an idiot, even if one had a strong ass heart, having a strong heart is just fart especially when they are brain-dead.”

Letting a little girl live in this place was already too much, yet he was also teaching her about ‘possessing a strong heart to become grow powerful’. Was this Uncle Yu an idiot? How could not fearing death make someone strong? Ning Cheng had thought that this was the most retarded argument that he had heard until now. Cultivating a ‘strong’ heart would not be of any use in here. Instead, it would be better to turn into an ostrich, and hope that the volcano doesn’t erupt.

Hearing Ning Cheng scolding Uncle Yu, Shi Qionghua hurriedly spoke up, “My husband, Uncle Yu’s kindness is as heavy as a mountain for me.....”

“Well, I don’t actually blame him. Let’s hurry out of this place, this place is completely unpredictable, if the volcano truly erupts, then even if we want to leave at that moment, we would not be able to leave.” Ning Cheng helplessly spoke; he thought that if he and Uncle Yu ended up meeting each other, there just would not be any common language between them.

Wanting to rush out of this place did not mean that Ning Cheng was afraid of death, but it was because he absolutely did not feel the necessity of doing such a thing.

Shi Qionghua showed a faint smile and spoke, "When I was ten years old, I already achieved a Rank 5 Imperial Body in Body-Forging. So even if the volcano does erupt, it would not be able to injure me. Moreover, the volcanic lake that you see in front of you, I used to often come here to bathe in it and to quench my body....."

"What?" Ning Cheng blankly stared at Shi Qionghua. Shi Qionghua had a very delicate, soft and fragrant body. Yet she even took baths in the volcanic lake? Were Body-Forging cultivators really this powerful?

Then he recalled the issues that he wanted to inquire before, and immediately asked, "Qionghua, are you a Body-Forging Cultivator?"

Shi Qionghua did not answer Ning Cheng's words. Instead, she just held Ning Cheng's hand and spoke, "Just come with me, I will explain it to you slowly."

Ning Cheng followed Shi Qionghua around the volcanic lake. Before they arrived in front of an inconspicuous cliff. He saw Shi Qionghua come to a stop before this cliff and did not continue moving forward, so he immediately started paying attention to the cliff in front of him. Ning Cheng looked at it for a good long while but did not find anything strange about it. He also could not see any Concealment Array Formations around it. But then Shi Qionghua took out a jade card inlaid into the cliff itself, the next moment, the cliff suddenly issued a light 'creak' sound. The next moment, a cave entrance was revealed.

"I couldn't even perceive that there was a concealed entrance here, just what is the rank of the Array Formation arranged here?" Ning Cheng spoke with complete astonishment.

"I don't know, it was always here since as long as I remember." Shi Qionghua spoke before she entered the cave. Ning Cheng also hurried in behind her. Once Shi Qionghua put away the jade card, the cliff wall once again closed up, without any difference from before.

After walking on the stony path for about ten meters, Ning Cheng then saw a very ordinary wooden door. Shi Qionghua shoved open the wooden door, causing a stone room of nearly thirty square meters to open up in front of Ning Cheng. The four walls of the stone room were embedded with a few Clear Light Stones. Ning Cheng had just entered this stone room when he immediately felt the dense Spiritual Qi. No, instead it was the thick Spiritual Qi that was not even one whit inferior to the Spiritual Qi he had felt when he cultivated inside the Small Spiritual Domain.

The stone room was elegant and straightforward, there was a jade table placed in the middle with a few chairs. In addition to it, there were also two more doors on either side of the room they were in. Ning Cheng swept out with his Spiritual Consciousness and found that there were two more rooms behind each door. Not only that, but the rooms had a cultivation futon laid out, as well as a bed and some simple daily necessities.

"No wonder you were able to cultivate so quickly, to be able to cultivate in this place, is simply a blessing." Ning Cheng sighed and spoke. He immediately fell in love with this place.

Shi Qionghua seeing Ning Cheng became very fond of this place, felt even more happy in her heart, "Uncle Yu said that this is one of the safest places in the Sifting Orchid Star, even if the volcano outside erupts, one would be safe and sound in here....."

Shi Qionghua's words suddenly came to a pause, at the same time, she also took a few steps forward, as she anxiously picked up a jade strip and a piece of talisman from a corner. After she looked at the jade strip, her face immediately changed.

"What happened?" Ning Cheng quickly asked.

Shi Qionghua did not give Ning Cheng the jade strip to take a look, but hesitated a bit before she finally spoke up, "Uncle Yu came back, and this jade talisman and the jade strip were left behind by him. After he came here, he immediately left on a trip....."

Ning Cheng also did not continue to ask about, since Shi Qionghua felt reluctant to speak, so why should he ask again?

Seemingly, under the influence of the message from the jade strip, Shi Qionghua turned silent. Ning Cheng frowned, he was about to speak, when Shi Qionghua suddenly took out two rings and handed it to Ning Cheng and talked, "These are Qi Le's and Yan De's rings, you can take a look at what is inside."

Ning Cheng just nodded but did not say anything. If Shi Qionghua thought that matter was important enough to tell him, then she would eventually tell him. With their relationship between the two of them being that of a husband and wife, was there anything to hide from each other?

He quickly opened Yan De's ring, causing Ning Cheng to go into shock on seeing piles of various precious materials and advanced level Spiritual-Grasses. There were at least a thousand Level 5 and Level 6 Spiritual Grasses each, and more than ten Level 7 Spiritual Grasses. As for precious materials, there were piles after piles of them. Although there were only a small amount of Spirit Stones inside, these other things were much more valuable than Spirit Stones.

Ning Cheng then impatiently opened up Qi Le's ring, which caused rich astonishment to flash across Ning Cheng's face. Qi Le's ring had the highest amount of Spirit Stones that he had ever seen in his life; just the piles of Spirit Stones visible to him amounted to at least two to three hundred million in number. This made Ning Cheng suspect that this fellow might have dug up a Spirit Stone Mine sometime in the past, otherwise, where would one even find these many Spirit Stones?

He had worked his ass off to sell a barrel of Spiritual Enhancement True Nectar, only to raise around 80 million Spirit Stones. Currently, those eighty million Spirit Stones were almost entirely used up by him, leaving behind only a scant few.

What was even more surprising for Ning Cheng was that there were also 23 best quality Spirit Stones in Qi Le's ring. In addition to the black banner Magical Weapon that was still outside, Qi Le's ring also contained seven or eight attack type Magical Weapons and even a few defensive Magical Weapons. There was also a flight type Magical Weapon that was an incredibly high-quality airship on the level of a low-grade True Artefact.

There were several times more Level 6 and below Spiritual Grasses in his ring compared to Yan De's ring, even Level 7 Spiritual Grasses numbered in dozens. In addition to those items, Ning Cheng also saw a

Spiritual Grass that was kept preserved separately from the others. This Spiritual-Grass was held in a high-quality jade box with heavy restrictions over it and was also covered by a thin layer of frost.

This unexpectedly turned out to be a Level 9 Spiritual Grass known as the Frost Sprout. Initially, to save him, Xu Yingdei had burned her own life, so Ning Cheng had planned to look for the Frost Sprout to help Xu Yingdei. He had never thought that the first thing he would find on arriving at the Sifting Orchid Star would be the Frost Sprout rather than the Heavenly Cusp Flower. This was indeed a happy surprise.

Of course, Ning Cheng certainly would never give this only strain of Frost Sprout to Xu Yingdei. The Frost Sprout was something precious; its value was not much lower than the Underworld Soul Flower.

“Qionghua, we ended up raking in a huge harvest, this Qi Le was really too rich.” Ning Cheng could not help but call out in joy.

Shi Qionghua also felt the joy from Ning Cheng, causing a gentle smile to emerge on her face, before she spoke, “Just wait.”

Finished speaking, Shi Qionghua entered one of the rooms, a moment later, Shi Qionghua came out with a jade strip in her hand. She gave Ning Cheng the jade strip and spoke, “Take a look at this first.”

Ning Cheng received the jade strip, and swept it with his Spiritual Consciousness, before he quickly looked up at Shi Qionghua in shock, “Qionghua, is this the complete Body-Forging Cultivation Method that you use?”

Shi Qionghua nodded and replied, “This was left behind by Uncle Yu, but I heard that it had been revised a few times before, so it might not necessarily be exactly the same as the original one. But in the Yi Xing Mainland, this is definitely one of the most complete Body-Forging Cultivation Method. The ways of Body-Forging is also divided into nine different ranks, the first three are for the Spiritual Body, and next three are for the Imperial Body, while the latter three ranks are for God Body.”

Ordinary cultivators who have never undergone Body-Forging can only be considered as having a mortal body. Although many cultivators do not undergo Body-Forging, as their cultivation increases to a certain degree, their corporeal body would also grow stronger. However, even if they turned stronger, they would be unable to contend against cultivators specialising in Body-Forging.

“So you are already at the 5th Rank of Body-Forging?” Ning Cheng immediately remembered Shi Qionghua saying that she was already at Rank 5 Imperial Body, asking instantly.

Shi Qionghua gave an ‘um’ sound and continued on, “When I was ten years old, I already possessed a Rank 5 Imperial Body, but for almost two decades after that, I was only able to improve upon it only a bit. I planned to come here with you to continue with Body-Forging. It’s just.....”

Ning Cheng frowned; it looks like the enumerations from the jade strip were still weighing on Shi Qionghua’s mind. He did not have a considerable male chauvinistic ego, but this Uncle Yu seemed to have a substantial influence on Shi Qionghua and was also able to sense Shi Qionghua’s intent to leave, causing him to feel uncomfortable in his heart.

Shi Qionghua, as if feeling Ning Cheng’s thoughts, immediately arrived at Ning Cheng’s side, and sat down right next to Ning Cheng, then grabbing Ning Cheng’s hand, she spoke, “My husband, I will come back quickly. Uncle Yu had left behind a Void Cleaving Talisman for me. Once I take care of some

matters, I will immediately come back here to accompany you. Then we can return to Jiangzhou to see sister Ruolan.”

“Let’s work together, one more person would mean one more addition to our strength.” Ning Cheng spoke without hesitation. Although Shi Qionghua’s cultivation was far higher than his own was, she was someone who was inherently kind natured. If he did not accompany her, then he would always be worried about her and would never be able to feel at ease.

Shi Qionghua handed Ning Cheng the jade strip in her hand and spoke, “This is what Uncle Yu had left behind for me. Take a look at it first, and then you’ll come to know.”

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Chapter 346: Shi Qionghua’s Parents

“Little Shi, this old slave was able to find a Natural Divinatory Porcelain in the Sifting Orchid Star and was able to divine the position of the City Master and the Principal Wife. You were not here when I came back, but this old slave knows that Little Shi would remain unharmed. Therefore, this old slave went ahead to look for City Master and the Principal Wife first. If Little Shi comes back, then you can use this Void Cleaving Talisman to head back, it would immediately bring you to the Qin Wu City. The sooner you can come the better it would be, your old slave Yu Xin.”

Ning Cheng put down the jade strip and asked in doubt, “Qionghua, is your father a city’s City master? On which continent is the Qin Wu City located in?”

Shi Qionghua gripped Ning Cheng’s hand and spoke, “I have not heard of Qin Wu City, but since it is something that can only be reached by using the Void Cleaving Talisman, then it should definitely not be in the Yi Xing Mainland. Because I only have a single Void Cleaving Talisman, I do not have any means to bring you together with me. Moreover, your cultivation is too low at this moment. Stay here and cultivate for a bit, I will certainly come back.”

Ning Cheng smiled and spoke, “Qionghua, did you forget that I have a Miniature World Ring? It can definitely bring people along.”

Shi Qionghua shook her head and spoke, “The Miniature World Ring contains a living space. Moreover, there is also the possibility that the grade of Void Cleaving Talisman that Uncle Yu left behind might be too low, as such it would be of no use in sustaining and even carrying a living space. If one tries to forcibly carry it, then it might even cause it to break open due to the interference and be permanently damaged by the Laws of Space. In that event, any kind of living space would be twisted into nihility.”

The smile on Ning Cheng’s face immediately froze, from the bottom of his heart, he honestly did not want Shi Qionghua to leave.

“My husband, when my parents were attacked in the past, I was just born. My parents had left me to the care of Uncle Yu, and it was Uncle Yu who had taken me and escaped. Over the years that I have been with Uncle Yu, he has been trying to extrapolate my parents’ location. Now that Uncle Yu had gone back, then it means he undoubtedly must have obtained some concrete evidence. My husband, you currently possess a Rank 2 Spiritual Body in regards to Body-Forging, when I come back, presumably you would also have cultivated to Rank 5.” Shi Qionghua continued to explain gently.

Ning Cheng wanted to speak a few words, but he forcibly swallowed them down, how could he not allow Shi Qionghua to look for her parents?

After a short while, he spoke up with some unwillingness, "Qionghua, how did your Uncle Yu bring you here?"

"Uncle Yu burned thousands of years of his life, and with the help of my parents was able to tear apart a rip in space. Then utilising innumerable Void Escaping Talismans and a High-Grade Flight Type True Artefact, it took nearly three years before we are able to reach this place." Shi Qionghua explained.

Ning Cheng frowned, "Qionghua. Since there was a Void Cleaving Talisman, why didn't your Uncle Yu use the Void Cleaving Talisman to take you away? Moreover, why didn't your parents use the Void Cleaving Talisman to escape?"

Shi Qionghua also had never thought of these questions, but now that Ning Cheng asked them, she could only reply in doubt, "I really don't know why."

"Can you show me that Void Cleaving Talisman?" Ning Cheng's tone was dignified, if the jade strip left behind by Uncle Yu were real, then Shi Qionghua would definitely want to find her parents. Moreover, even Ning Cheng would also not feel right in preventing such a thing. However, this matter was apparently somewhat strange, so he had to turn more cautious.

Shi Qionghua completely trusted Ning Cheng, and without any hesitation took out the talisman and placed it in Ning Cheng's hands.

Ning Cheng was also a Tier 5 Talisman Grand Master, although he was not qualified to refine Void Cleaving Talismans yet, that did not mean that he was unable to sense any problems with the talisman. Just like a distinguished grandmaster, who might not be able to draw a masterpiece, but that would not mean that he could not appreciate a masterpiece of a painting.

Seeing Ning Cheng was carefully looking over the Void Cleaving Talisman in hand, Shi Qionghua asked with a somewhat worried voice, "My husband, this Void Cleaving Talisman....."

Ning Cheng placed the Void Cleaving Talisman back into Shi Qionghua's hand and spoke, "Qionghua, this Void Clearing Talisman contains strong spatial fluctuations. I guess that the Talisman itself does not have an issue with it, either that or I am not able to sense if it has any issues with it."

Although he said that, Ning Cheng still had a nagging feeling that there was something strange with this Uncle Yu's words. But as to where this issue lied, he was not able to figure out.

Shi Qionghua sighed and spoke, "Without Uncle Yu, I would have perished a long time ago. Uncle Yu is like my grandfather, he will not hurt me. Moreover, there is also the aura of Uncle Yu's spiritual sense on this talisman, it is something that I can feel extremely clearly, even that jade strip is something that was definitely left behind by Uncle Yu."

Seeing Ning Cheng silent, Shi Qionghua suddenly took the initiative to hug Ning Cheng into her bosom. Even she felt that although she and Ning Cheng were considered to be newly married, her leaving Ning Cheng in such an abrupt manner was also unfair towards him, her husband.

Ning Cheng could feel the heat rising in Shi Qionghua's body, he was well aware that Shi Qionghua had to go back, otherwise, if she always stayed with him in the same place with this knowledge, it would never be happy for either of them.

Ning Cheng tightly hugged Shi Qionghua, before he took out a rusty copper coin and placed it in her hand and said, "Qionghua, I see that you do not have any special treasures of your own. This is my Five Elements Treasure Fall Copper Coin, you can keep it with you."

Shi Qionghua hurriedly pushed it back and spoke, "My cultivation is higher than you, you can keep it with you I do not need it."

Ning Cheng gave a smile and spoke, "I have many more things on me, things that you still do not know about. Plus, I also have the Thunder City, and the banner we obtained from Qi Le, this banner is also a good thing. For me, this copper coin is still a bit difficult for use currently."

If not for Ning Cheng unable to pass on the Everlasting Blue Thunder City, he would have definitely given the Everlasting Blue Thunder City to Shi Qionghua. However, he also knew that even if he chose to provide the Everlasting Blue Thunder City to Shi Qionghua, Shi Qionghua would not take it, so he might as well give the Treasure Fall Copper Coin to Shi Qionghua.

Seeing that Shi Qionghua was about to refuse, Ning Cheng clenched his hand tightly and spoke, "If you push it back again, then I will not allow you to walk out of this place."

Shi Qionghua's eyes immediately turned red, she was aware of what level of treasure was Ning Cheng's Five Elements Treasure Fall Copper Coin. If she possessed the Five Elements Treasure Fall Copper Coin, then her strength would definitely increase by a considerable level. Yet this kind of treasure Ning Cheng still chose to give to her, from this it could be seen that Ning Cheng really cared about her very much.

This time she did not push it back, instead she once again tightly hugged Ning Cheng as she covered Ning Cheng's lips with her own. This was the first time for her to take the initiative, as it was always Ning Cheng who had been active in this regard.

Ning Cheng found himself instantly lost under this kind of fiery tenderness, he did not even remember if he was the one who held Shi Qionghua as they made their way to the bed, or if Shi Qionghua had carried him to the bed.

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Shi Qionghua carefully sat from Ning Cheng's side, she lowered her head and once again gently kissed Ning Cheng's face repeatedly. From the bottom of her heart, she honestly did not want to and even hated the idea of leaving Ning Cheng. But because of the matter at hand, she had to put Ning Cheng into a deep sleep. Otherwise, she would never be able to decide or even become determined to leave Ning Cheng temporarily.

With every moment she spent with Ning Cheng, it made her satisfied and content. From the depths of her heart, no one could or would replace Ning Cheng. However, it was clear that her parents had their own difficulties, if she did not go back, then she would never be able to feel at ease. At this moment, she already made up her mind, that as long as she found that her parents were all right, she would

immediately come back, forever accompanying Ning Cheng. She loved this kind of peace, love and the pleasant feelings that came from being together with Ning Cheng.

After Ning Cheng woke up, he did not move away from the bed. There was still the fragrance of Shi Qionghua from his side, with a bitter and astringent taste lingering at the corners of his mouth. He realised that these were tears left behind by Shi Qionghua. Even that soft feeling in the palm of his hand was still there, but Shi Qionghua was already gone.

Before Shi Qionghua put him into a deep sleep, Ning Cheng was already aware of it, but he chose not to resist. If he was sober, then perhaps he might have changed his mind about it and would not have let Shi Qionghua go. He understood Shi Qionghua, if Shi Qionghua was replaced by him, then matters relating to his own parents, he most probably would have done the same thing.

Out of the hundreds of millions of spirit stones, Shi Qionghua only took away 10 million with her. From this Ning Cheng speculated that Shi Qionghua had taken them to stimulate the Void Cleaving Talisman. The Void Cleaving Talisman was entirely different from ordinary talismans. Not only would the Talisman need to be activated as usual, but at the same time, it would also require the assistance of massive quantities of Spiritual Qi.

When he realised that Shi Qionghua had indeed walked away, Ning Cheng suddenly felt utterly empty.

Before having not met Shi Qionghua, he still was able to live a good life by himself. But now, he was actually unable to adapt to such a feeling of loss, to the impression that Shi Qionghua was not by his side.

For a long time, Ning Cheng just sat there in a daze. He discovered that he had forgotten to ask Shi Qionghua about a matter. In the jade strip, her Uncle Yu had mentioned that he had divined the location of Shi Qionghua's parents through a Natural Divinatory Porcelain. But what was this Natural Divinatory Porcelain? Moreover, just how heaven-defying was this Uncle Yu, to be able to divine the location? Even though he was also aware that Shi Qionghua would have also been able to figure it out eventually with her abilities, but wasn't this kind of accurate prediction something that went too far?

Another thing that he suddenly remembered was that Shi Qionghua's parents and this Uncle Yu had collaborated to tear open a rip in space, so why would they not let Shi Qionghua's mother escape along with Shi Qionghua, instead why did they allow Uncle Yu to leave with Shi Qionghua?

Ning Cheng was coming up with countless questions, but he just had no way to answer any of them.

He could only wait for Shi Qionghua to come back, so for the time being, he decided to cultivate for a bit in here as per her wishes. Moreover, whether it was for cultivation or for Body-Forging, this place was definitely an excellent place.

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Only after Ning Cheng experienced cultivating on the inside, did he finally realise as to why Shi Qionghua's cultivation was so fast. The Spiritual Qi inside this place was more abundant than that found in the Small Spiritual Domain. Moreover, it did not even have half a shred of toxins in it like the Yang Qi poison. With Shi Qionghua's inheritance, coupled with the vibrant Spiritual Qi in here, it would genuinely be strange if her cultivation was not able to rise quickly.

With the rapid absorption of the Spiritual Qi and the rapid progress, it made Ning Cheng forget about Body-Forging, as he immersed himself wholeheartedly in the middle of this pleasurable cultivation.

Two months later, Ning Cheng broke through from the Soul Essence 3rd Level and advanced to the Soul Essence 4th Level. After another four months, Ning Cheng once again advanced to the Soul Essence 5th Level.

But at this moment, Ning Cheng's cultivation speed once again slowed down. But Ning Cheng was actually not willing to stop, he took out that broken crystal stone, and continued his crazy cultivation.

The Spiritual Qi in this place was already very rich, now that Ning Cheng pulled out that perverted crystal stone, his cultivation speed once again started to soar again. Two months later, Ning Cheng broke through from the Soul Essence 6th Level and advanced to the Soul Essence 7th Level.

After feeling he had almost entirely used up the broken crystal stone, the Mysterious Yellow Origin Aura automatically began flowing but in a much smoother manner, causing Ning Cheng to once again think of the Mysterious Yellow Bead.

If he entered the Mysterious Yellow Bead in this kind of place, then nobody would know about it, as such he did not think much about it and immediately dived into the Mysterious Yellow Bead.

This was the first time for Ning Cheng to enter the Mysterious Yellow Bead in the most real sense. Inside the Mysterious Yellow Bead, in addition to that desolate yellowish scenery, there was also a thin layer of moisture. However, there was nothing else inside. He threw in a few things inside as an experiment before, but everything disappeared inside without even a trace.

Ning Cheng swept out with his Spiritual Consciousness, causing large clumps of yellow light to emerge as if they were suspended in the middle of a room. It caused Ning Cheng to become scared and quickly rush out from the Mysterious Yellow Bead. This was the Mysterious Yellow Aura, once it leaked out, it would not be a good thing.

According to what that skeleton had said, this Mysterious Yellow Bead was an Origin Treasure. If he wanted to transform it into an actual independent world, then he needed to gather the five most essential Origins. Among the diverse worldly Origins available, the most basic of Origins was obviously the Origins of the five elements. Currently, he has already found the Water Origin; as such, he had to continue to look for the remaining four Origins.

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Chapter 347: Rank 4 Imperial Body

Time flies quickly for someone in the middle of cultivation.

When Ning Cheng saw that the broken crystal stone had turned even dimmer, he did not continue using it. At this moment, he had already cultivated to the Soul Essence 8th Level; if he ultimately consumed this crystal stone, at max, he would only reach the Soul Essence 9th Level in his cultivation.

Shi Qionghua had still not come back, so Ning Cheng could only continue with his Body-Forging.

Body-Forging not only needed rich amounts of Spiritual Qi, but one also had to find a place suitable for Body-Forging. However, in the Sifting Orchid Star, there was no shortage of places ideal for Body-Forging.

Ning Cheng collected the jade card for the immortal cave that Shi Qionghua had left behind and temporarily left the place he was staying. He knew that his cultivation currently was still too low; at least in regards to the cultivators staying in the Sifting Orchid Star, his current Cultivation Level was indeed quite small.

The first place that Ning Cheng reached was a place filled with Spacial Turbulences. Although this site that he was at was only at the periphery of the Spacial Turbulences and was not very serious; but after Ning Cheng entered, his clothes were utterly shredded apart revealing his bare naked body. Fortunately, there was no one in this place; as such, he did not feel too much uncomfortable with his current predicament.

The Body-Forging Cultivation Method left behind by Shi Qionghua had only completed a single heavenly cycle, when the flesh on Ning Cheng's entire body started bleeding under the effects of the shearing powers of the Spacial Turbulences.

Although he could feel his body strengthening up slowly, Ning Cheng still thought that it was too slow. He then began to integrate the Embracing Yang God Tactic with the Body-Forging Cultivation Method left behind by Shi Qionghua. With the help of the Mysterious Yellow Formless Cultivation Method, fusing the two Body-Forging Cultivation Methods was not very difficult for Ning Cheng.

With the new Body-Forging Cultivation Method being improvised continuously, Ning Cheng also slowly began to move deeper into this place rich in Spacial Turbulences. This kind of movement, even he was unaware of it.

He had only moved forward a single foot when Ning Cheng's entire body was once again covered with many bloodstains. But even with a bloodstained body, he still entered a kind of Body-Forging state of mind, as if he was gaining an epiphany.

Body-Forging Cultivators rarely had any kind of sudden enlightenment, especially since Body-Forging and Cultivation were two entirely separate concepts. Once one encounters an epiphany in Body-Forging, it was very much possible to lose their lives. Moreover, Body-Forging was a process that just did not need any insights, as it entirely relied on the harsh nature of the inferior environment to quench the corporeal body.

"Katcha" A crisp snap immediately sobered up Ning Cheng from his current enlightenment. Not waiting for him to understand his current environment, a poof sound emerged, as a Spacial Blade Light swept across his waist, carving out a long, bloodstained mouth; causing blood to instantly spray out in the form of mist.

Ning Cheng immediately was shocked in his heart, as he hastily backtracked his steps. At this moment, he discovered that he had unknowingly arrived at an area densely packed with Spacial Turbulences. In this place, there were not only the usual Spacial Turbulences, but there were even Spacial Wind Blades. If Ning Cheng chose to move further ahead, he might end up encountering much denser and even more powerful Spacial Wind Blades. At that point, he would not know how he would end up dead.

Ning Cheng sucked in a mouthful of cold air; he had been immersed in Body-Forging for a full month. In addition to a slight consolidation of his body under the Body-Forging Cultivation Method, he was not able to discover any progress. He was still stuck with a Rank 2 Spiritual Body. Other than his Spiritual Body growing slightly more condensed, he had not achieved anything.

The jade strip left behind by Shi Qionghua contained a clear introduction, that is, if one chose to undergo Body-Forging, then they would have to withstand loneliness and endure a lot of pain. However, Ning Cheng was not too resistant when it came to facing such pain levels. Moreover, he also felt that the speed of this kind of Body-Forging was too slow.

After swallowing a few pills, Ning Cheng decided that he could not continue to go on like this, as such he returned to the immortal cave under the cliff. He decided to first focus on alchemy; he already had piles of Spiritual Grasses from Rank 5 to Rank 7, once transforming all of it into pills, he would then continue with his Body-Forging. He was aware that there was a Rank 6 Profound Pill called the Cleansing Earth Pill, which could provide him with a massive help during Body-Forging.

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One month later, Ning Cheng was able to refine Supreme Grade Rank 5 Profound Pills with ease. Four months later, Ning Cheng was able to produce Supreme Grade Rank 6 Profound Pills, the 'Clean Lotus Pills', officially advancing to a Tier 6 Profound Pill Master. Six months later, Ning Cheng was successfully able to refine a cauldron full of medium grade 'Clear Jade Pills.'

'Clear Jade Pills' was Rank 7 Pills, although it was just a batch of Medium Grade Rank 7 Obstruction Resisting Pill, the restorative True Essence contained within it was simply not something a Rank 6 Pill could compare to. The appearance of 'Clear Jade Pills' also meant that Ning Cheng had finally become a genuine Tier 7 Pill Grand Master.

But at this moment, Ning Cheng was feeling quite regretful. He just had no more Rank 7 Spiritual Grasses on his body to continue experimenting. Otherwise, he was sure that he could become a Supreme Grade Tier 7 Pill Grand Master within a month.

Six months later, other than the Spiritual Grasses that were wasted, the rest of the Spiritual Grasses were turned into piles of pills by Ning Cheng. Profound Replenishment Pills, Rapid Essence Pills, Clean Lotus Pills, Cleansing Rain Pills, Profound Life Pills, Cleansing Earth Pills.....

Amongst the twenty kinds of pills, the most important to Ning Cheng were the three pills, the Clean Lotus Pills, the Cleansing Rain Pills, and the Cleansing Earth Pills. Moreover, all these three were Rank 6 Profound Pills.

Cleansing Rain Pill was a top quality healing pill since Ning Cheng was to undergo Body-Forging. Thus he absolutely needed healing pills. The Cleansing Earth Pill was a Body-Forging Pill that could help accelerate the process of solidifying the cultivator's corporeal body. As for the Clean Lotus Pill, it was used to wash away the pill poisons from the pills consumed and also to remove other impurities from the body.

With the three pills mutually reinforcing each other, Ning Cheng thought that he was almost ready to begin. If even after using all these supplements, he was still unable to speed up his process of Body-Forging, then he just had no other alternatives that he could use.

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Arriving at the last place he cultivated, the place filled with Spacial Turbulences; to avoid his clothes being torn off once again by the Spacial Turbulences, Ning Cheng just took off all his clothes in advance before stepping in.

The tearing Spacial Turbulences once again swept over. If it was because of a psychological effect or if it was because of his usage of the Mysterious Yellow Formless to fuse the Body-Forging Cultivation Methods to make it even more powerful, Ning Cheng felt his body's quenching speed had turned significantly faster.

Ning Cheng slowly moved forward into the Spacial Turbulence, although his body's quenching speed has increased a lot, as he approached the place where he was previously severely injured, it still caused his body to erupt with several blood-stained gashes because of the Wind Blades. Ning Cheng did not dare to continue moving forward, he swallowed a Cleansing Rain Pill, then crazily operated the Formless Body-Forging Cultivation Method in that place, while simultaneously resisting the surrounding disorderly Spacial Wind Blades.

"Chi" Sounds of blood splashing resounded unceasingly, as these small Spacial Blade Lights continued to slide across Ning Cheng's skin, although they were able to bring out a bloody trail, they were unable to rip into Ning Cheng's body.

However, as Ning Cheng's corporeal body was being increasingly enhanced over time, it caused many light 'Ka-Ka' sounds to suddenly emerge. When those tiny Spacial Blade Lights grazed past Ning Cheng's body, these few small Spacial Blade Lights were simply not able to lacerate Ning Cheng's flesh. This caused Ning Cheng to become overjoyed, he knew in his heart what those several light 'Ka-Ka' sounds meant. It was an indication of the partial reorganisation of his bones, at this moment; he became aware that he had finally advanced to a Rank 3 Spiritual Body.

He had only just started practising Body-Forging, yet was already able to advance to possessing a Rank 3 Spiritual Body, which for Ning Cheng was an enormous encouragement. He continued to make his way forward very carefully; the places filled with Spacial Turbulences were the best places for Ning Cheng to practice Body-Forging. The turbulence on the periphery was quite weak, but it became more powerful the more inside one went, even the strength of crisscrossing Spacial Blade Lights increased exponentially the deeper one went.

After carefully making his way forward for about ten feet, a sense of extreme danger washed over him. Ning Cheng subconsciously moved his body, but a 'Puff' still emerged as a bloody arrow sprayed out of him; half of Ning Cheng's shoulder was almost cut off. If he had not advanced to a Rank 3 Spiritual Body, then at this moment he would have completely lost his arm. But with half of his shoulder almost cut off, it resulted in an incredibly terrifying pain to erupt within him.

Ning Cheng immediately became aware of the danger in this location, here there were crisscrossing Spacial Blade Lights in all directions, having a shoulder split off would be considered a light injury; if severe, then one might even end up having their waist split open.

Even if that was the case, Ning Cheng still did not back down. He realised at this moment that those words from Uncle Yu were not without merit. For one to undergo Body-Forging, they can entirely not be

timid, if at such a moment they turned fearful, then they would forever be unable to advance to possessing an Imperial Body.

Fortunately, Ning Cheng had made adequate preparations; after he swallowed a Cleansing Rain Pill, he then took two Cleansing Earth Pills one after another. Operating the Formless Body-Forging Cultivation Method to the extreme, the ingested Cleansing Earth Pills started to fuse into his essence blood, allowing Ning Cheng to feel that his corporeal body was growing more and more condensed.

The continually crisscrossing Spacial Wind Blades appeared and disappeared at random, although the first Spacial Wind Blade had almost cut off Ning Cheng's shoulder and arm, the subsequent Wind Edges were still causing Ning Cheng some injuries, at least they were not as dangerous as before. Moreover, Ning Cheng was also getting more and more comfortable in being able to deal with them.

On the surface, Ning Cheng looked covered entirely in blood to the point that anyone would think that he was seriously injured, but the fact was that only Ning Cheng was apparent that the injuries inflicted on him were not fatal at all. Instead, they were just some fleshy wounds. The only time when the pain felt unbearable for him was when those Wind Edges managed to touch his bones that kind of pain felt genuinely excruciating.

As one month passed by, Ning Cheng grudgingly passed it through the slow process of Body-Forging. At the start of the second month, although Ning Cheng had still not yet advanced to an Imperial Body, he could now wholly ignore the Spacial Wind Blades flashing around him. The surface of his body even began to scab over, showing that there were only some fleshy wounds; even the scars created by the Wind Edges that reached to the bones were starting to heal up.

Ning Cheng once again chose to head deeper into the Spacial Turbulence, all the while thinking if he could combine the Body-Forging Cultivation Method with the usual Cultivation Method that he was cultivating. Otherwise, if he ended up spending time on Body-Forging and then utilise a separate amount of time over regular cultivation, it would only end up being a waste of precious time for him.

As Ning Cheng walked deeper into the Spacial Turbulence, he once again began to be injured.

Ning Cheng would get injured, cultivate, then get hurt once again, before going into cultivation once again, this kind of process repeated day after day as a dull routine.

Three months later, Ning Cheng no longer felt that he was progressing, at the same time he also did not feel as if he reached the threshold to the Rank 4 Imperial Body. Ning Cheng knew that he had no choice but to go in deeper. Only then would he have the opportunity to advance to a Rank 4 Imperial Body.

But after moving a few feet forward, several Wind Edges struck onto Ning Cheng's body without any warning, piercing deep into his body and reaching his bones; causing bone cracking sounds to emerge, resulting in Ning Cheng coming to an immediate stop. If he suffered a more substantial injury than this, would he still be able to survive? Not to mention, could he even move after crazily operating the Body-Forging Cultivation Method?

The area already had incredibly dense Spacial Wind Edges, while Ning Cheng's flesh and blood was already flying in all direction; even his skeleton was fracturing inch by inch. Ning Cheng's complexion was turning paler; it felt as if the next moment his body would not belong to him anymore. He

immediately grabbed a Cleansing Earth Pill and a Cleansing Rain Pill, before swallowing both of them simultaneously, but at the same time crazily operated his Body-Forging Cultivation Method.

At this moment, Ning Cheng chose to not act frugally with the pills he had, nor did he think about the repercussions of overusing the Cleansing Rain Pills. If he was unable to advance in this place, then he could only retreat from here.

The terrifying medicinal nature of the pills quickly repaired and reorganised his skeleton, as the Cleansing Rain Pill promptly healed his injuries. “Kacha” a sound emerged, Ning Cheng felt as if the first fracture that he had suffered over his skeleton had automatically reverted, at the same time the rest of his fractured bones were also quickly restructuring themselves and healing at an incredibly rapid pace.

His flesh that was dripping with blood also healed up in a flash, moreover with a speed that could be visibly observed with the naked eye, as it turned back to what it looked initially. His body was still being swept by the Spacial Wind Edges, but these Spacial Wind Blades other than leaving a faint trail over Ning Cheng’s smooth and robust body quickly disappeared; unable to cause even the slightest bit of injury to Ning Cheng.

Finally was able to advance to a Rank 4 Imperial Body. However, Ning Cheng did not feel much joy. He had used a modified Cultivation Method, used a lot of Cleansing Earth Pills and Cleansing Rain Pills, yet advancing to the Rank 4 Imperial Body was still so painful. If he wanted to proceed to a Rank 5 Imperial Body, then it would only be a lot harder. It would honestly be a difficult struggle to improve, at least without the help of foreign objects or even more advanced level pills like the Cleansing Earth Pill, it would be challenging.

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Chapter 348: Another encounter with Severing Emotions Disciple

Ning Cheng came out from the interiors of the area riddled with Spacial Turbulences, before cleaning himself up and changing into a fresh set of clothes. Possessing the cultivation of Soul Essence 8th Level along with a Rank 4 Imperial Body, even if he met a cultivator on par with Yan De, Ning Cheng would not need to use the Treasure Fall Copper Coin, and still would be able to kill them with ease.

It had only been a year since he had arrived at the Sifting Orchid Star, yet his strength had progressed by leaps and bounds. He had even risen to the level of a Pill Grand Master in regards to Alchemy, causing Ning Cheng to feel a slight bit of satisfaction in his heart. His only regret was that in the past one year, Shi Qionghua had not yet returned.

Ning Cheng did not plan on going back to that cave below the cliff just yet, he had already reached the Soul Essence 8th Level. As such, he must make preparations for advancing to the Soul Sculpting Realm. To proceed to the Soul Sculpting Realm, in addition to needing a massive amount of cultivation resources, he also must have a breakthrough in his spiritual source in order to possess the cultivation of Soul Sculpting Realm.

In the Yi Xing Mainland, the majority of the cultivators, to break through to the Soul Sculpting Realm, would use the ‘Void Cleaving Pill’. The Void Cleaving Pill, although was a Rank 7 Pill, but was something challenging to refine. Moreover, it also needed several top quality Spiritual Grasses like the Fate Birthing Flower, the Silver Buddha Fruit and other precious Rank 7 Spiritual Grasses.

Not to say that Ning Cheng was currently unable to refine the Void Cleaving Pill, even if Ning Cheng could produce the Void Cleaving Pill, he did not have the necessary Spiritual Grasses. Do not look at the piles of Rank 5 and above Spiritual Grasses that he obtained from Yan De and Qi Le's rings, the fact was, there were not many precious Spiritual Grasses among them. Besides the single Frost Sprout, there were not many of them.

Ning Cheng was also aware that secluding himself in the cave would not help him in his growth. As such, he planned to temporarily stay away from that place and seek more opportunities for advancing. Although there were all kinds of dangers in the Sifting Orchid Star, at the same time, it was also riddled with all sorts of opportunities.

"Oh, there is still someone here?" A startled voice arrived. A moment later, Ning Cheng saw two Taoist shadows descend not far from him.

The Spacial Turbulences in this place was still quite chaotic, as such he was not immediately able to perceive the arrival of these people.

However, the two of them who had just arrived had their cultivations in the Soul Sculpting Realm. One of them was a female cultivator with Soul Sculpting 5th Level Cultivation, possessing a very flirtatious appearance on top of owning a stunning figure. The other person was a male cultivator with his cultivation at Soul Sculpting 9th Level, having a medium grade stature with average looks. His looks can even be described as being somewhat coarse.

Ning Cheng's first thought was that these two people also came here to undergo Body-Forging. After all, although this place was riddled with Spacial Turbulences, the Spiritual Qi in this area could not be described as being dense. Therefore, he immediately wanted to leave. If the female cultivator here had indeed come here for undergoing Body-Forging, then him staying here would not be appropriate. Besides, he was anyway going to leave this place.

"Is this friend also here for undergoing Body-Forging?" The male cultivator took the initiative to ask Ning Cheng. His cultivation was much higher than Ning Cheng, as such this kind of question along with his tone showed that he was quite friendly and casual.

Ning Cheng nodded and spoke, "Yes, I had indeed come here to undergo Body-Forging, but the Spacial Turbulences in this place is still too wild for me to handle, so I was about to change locations with a moderate environment to make it a bit easier for me."

"My friend, please wait....." Seeing Ning Cheng about to leave, this male cultivator hastily stopped Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng asked out in a light tone, "Is there anything I can help you with?"

As if feeling that Ning Cheng was on guard against them, the male cultivator gave a smile and spoke, "Friend, you do not need to be worried about us, my wife and I have been cultivating in the Sifting Orchid Star for many years. We are not the sort to recklessly gang up on some random person."

Ning Cheng laughed in his heart, even if these words were nonsense, he was not afraid of these two people.

"Let me introduce us first, I am called Chao He, and this is my Dao Companion, Ban Miaolei."

The male cultivator on hearing that Ning Cheng was a Body-Forging Cultivator, turned his tone to a more polite one, "The truth is, if this friend had already achieved a Rank 3 Spiritual Body, then we would like to invite this friend to come to a place with us. It is the Sifting Orchid Star's Fiery Wind Cliff....."

"Sorry, I do not have much interest in it." Ning Cheng refused without hesitation.

These two people were already cultivators in the Soul Sculpting Realm, so why should he form a team with these Soul Sculpting Cultivators? If they were able to obtain some good things, they would just turn on him in a heartbeat. Having trudged through the Yi Xing Mainland for many years, Ning Cheng had already started to hold a firm belief that no good stuff would drop from the sky for no reason.

"Don't reject it so fast, doesn't this friend need to prepare to advance to the Soul Sculpting Realm? You need to know this beforehand that there is simply no Void Cleaving Pill in the Sifting Orchid Star. But the place that we invited you will not only help you in advancing to the Soul Sculpting Realm, but it would also help you in taking your Body-Forging a step further. It is only because it is a place where only a few people can go because of which we chose to invite this friend." Chao He on seeing that Ning Cheng still refused, spoke out in a leisurely manner.

Ning Cheng on hearing this immediately felt moved in his heart. If it were any other reason, he would have not cared a whit about it, but in the face of cultivation resources that could help him advance to the Soul Sculpting Realm, he had no alternative but to care. Whether the other party spoke the truth or if it was utterly false, at least it would not hurt him to take a look at it first.

Seeing Ning Cheng halt his footsteps, Chao He did not find it strange. If a cultivator, who would soon reach the Great Circle of the Soul Essence Realm, did not care about things that could help them qualify to the Soul Sculpting Realm, then there could only be two possibilities. One was that this cultivator already possessed pills or treasures that could help him advance to the Soul Sculpting Realm, or that the cultivator was very timid, and did not dare to undertake such a risk.

How can any cultivator, who chose to come to the Sifting Orchid Star, be timid?

Chao He leisurely spoke, "The Fiery Wind Cliff has a one-of-a-kind Spiritual Object called the True Polar Bamboo Sprout....."

Seeing Chao He look at him, Ning Cheng just shook his head and spoke, "I have never heard of such a thing."

Smiling, Chao He spoke up, "The reason you have never heard of this is that these things do not exist in the Yi Xing Mainland. Don't tell me that you have only spent a short time on the Sifting Orchid Star? I don't know if you have any companions with you, but if you do have companions, we can then band up together to go there. In any case, the more people, the better it would be."

At the same time, Ban Miaolei, who had not spoken till now, suddenly spoke up, "Although the True Polar Bamboo Sprout is a Rank 7 Spiritual Object, it is actually the king of all the Rank 7 Spiritual Objects. This Spiritual Object can not only replace the function of the Void Cleaving Pill, in other words, help a cultivator breakthrough the bottleneck of the Soul Essence Realm, it also possesses the effect of quenching the corporeal body, allowing a more effective breakthrough to the next rank in Body-Forging."

Ning Cheng asked with a voice full of doubt, "Since it is a top grade Rank 7 Spiritual Object, why hasn't anyone in the Yi Xing Mainland heard about it?"

"Although the True Polar Bamboo Sprout can help a Soul Essence Cultivator to break through bottlenecks, and is also a Spiritual Object that is most suitable for advancing to the Soul Sculpting Realm. However, it cannot be consumed by ordinary Soul Essence Cultivators, rather it could only be consumed with the assistance of many miracle panaceas. Especially since the True Polar Bamboo Sprout's backlash is potent to the point that its destructive powers are almost entirely fatal. If you directly consume the True Polar Bamboo Sprout to use as an impacting force in the Soul Essence Realm, then it would be highly likely that it would result in your meridians being torn, followed by your body simultaneously combusting before you finally die. But the most important reason is that this kind of Spiritual Object is rare." Answered Chao He

"Such being the case, then whether I obtain this Spiritual Object or not, it would not affect me much." Ning Cheng answered in a light tone.

"That's not the case, which is because the True Polar Bamboo Sprout can be safely used with the Thoughtless Ice Flower. And I happened to know where the Thoughtless Ice Flower is located." Replied Chao He.

The reason why Ning Cheng felt somewhat tempted on hearing about the True Polar Bamboo Sprout was not that the True Polar Bamboo Sprout could help him advance to the Soul Sculpting Realm, but because this was a Spiritual Object that could actually help him in Body-Forging. But when Chao He spoke about the Thoughtless Ice Flower, Ning Cheng decided to finally go along with them.

Ning Cheng had heard about the Thoughtless Ice Flower, it was a rare Spiritual Grass with an ice attribute. It can be refined into the Thoughtless Pill, which could be used to curb and contain Heart Devils. It can even help cultivators in suppressing cultivators who had already undergone devil transformation and prevent them from escaping.

Ning Cheng was well aware that because he possessed the Mysterious Yellow Origin of the Mysterious Yellow Bead, as such he would not need to be worried about his Soul Essence being invaded by Heart Devils. But then again, would he still remain immune to the invasions of Heart Devils once his cultivation increased? It was always good to be prepared for it beforehand. According to Chao He's statement, the Thoughtless Ice Flower could also help in neutralising the explosive nature of the True Polar Bamboo Sprout, but those words were only a touch on the surface for him.

"Well then, I guess I can agree with it. I'm called Ning Cheng. Are the three of us the only ones going?" Since Ning Cheng had already agreed, then he would also not hesitate for even half a moment.

Feeling very pleased, Chao He spoke up, "There is another friend we are waiting for, and we were actually looking for him initially. With the four of us together, we can also have an additional level of insurance. If Brother Ning has anything to take care of or need time to prepare, then we can definitely wait for you."

"I have nothing to prepare, so we can depart immediately." Ning Cheng replied.

Seeing Ning Cheng, a Soul Essence Cultivator, not only agreeing to form a team with a few Soul Sculpting Cultivators to search for treasures yet able to put up such a calm performance, without a shred of worry

or even surprise; Ban Miaolei couldn't help but once again size up Ning Cheng in doubt. But even after carefully observing him, she could not discover any abnormalities.

"Brother Ning, did you just arrive at the Sifting Orchid Star?" Ban Miaolei asked by her own initiative.

"That's right, I heard that this place was quite suitable for Body-Forging. Moreover, I had also just recently obtained a Body-Forging Cultivation Method, and so I chose to immediately come here." Ning Cheng gave a simple answer.

Ban Miaolei seemed to have also agreed to it and spoke, "That's right, the Sifting Orchid Star is really the best place to undergo Body-Forging. After we came here, we also quickly started to undergo Body-Forging. Pardon me for asking this at this moment, but we haven't asked from which academy is Brother Ning Cheng from?" Ban Miaolei asked intentionally, making it look like it was unintentional.

"I'm just a rogue cultivator who was fortunate enough to save up a little wealth, which I then traded away to obtain the opportunity to arrive at the Sifting Orchid Star. Seeing that Senior Apprentice Sister Ban is asking about this, it looks like Senior Apprentice Sister Ban is also someone from a major academy." Ning Cheng also casually replied.

Giving a chuckle from the side, Chao He spoke, "Brother Ning, you have not spoken incorrectly. My Miaolei is from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, one of the top ten major academies of the Tian Continent."

"Severing Emotions Dao Sect?" This time Ning Cheng was genuinely surprised as he stared at Ban Miaolei and repeated the words.

Ning Cheng was too familiar with the Severing Emotions Dao Sect. Before he had come to this place, he had caused the Severing Emotions Dao Sect to suffer massive losses. To the point that it could be said that Ning Cheng had utterly overturned the entire Severing Emotions Dao Sect on its heels. His words from a moment ago were just a shot in the dark, but he had never thought that this Ban Miaolei was from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect.

Don't the people from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect want nothing other than to sever their emotions? This Chao He is together with this Ban Miaolei, is it all for Ban Miaolei to sever her feelings? Thinking of this, Ning Cheng subconsciously sized up this Chao He.

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Chapter 349: To Avoid Being Chased Down

Seeing Ning Cheng sizing him up, Chao He still gave a carefree smile and spoke, "Brother Ning must have thought that Miaolei is together with me to sever her emotions, right? But the truth is, Miaolei and I, to avoid being hunted down by the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, ended up escaping to the Sifting Orchid Star. This matter is already known to many people, so there is no need to conceal it."

"Hunted down? Isn't Senior Apprentice Sister Ban a person from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect? Why would they want to chase her down?" Ning Cheng asked a genuine doubt.

Seeing Ning Cheng showing a bit of unusual interest towards the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, Chao He, wanting to use this chance to strike up a friendship with Ning Cheng, explained in a deliberately lengthy manner, "Miaolei and I are sincerely in love. After we became husband and wife, Miaolei not only did

not sever her emotions but had even raised a daughter, our daughter. Severing Emotions Dao Sect absolutely does not allow its disciples to lose their chastity, and more so does not permit their disciples from falling sincerely in love. But because Miaolei and I had a daughter, they turned completely determined and bent upon killing Miaolei and me.”

“So to avoid being hunted down by the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, you chose to escape to the Sifting Orchid Star?” Ning Cheng immediately understood, moreover one of the reasons he had decided to come to the Sifting Orchid Star was also to avoid being chased all over.

Chao He’s face turned gloomy, “That’s right, we tried to escape, but we still ended up with our daughter dying at the hands of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect. The feud between this couple and the Severing Emotions Dao Sect is irreconcilable. This is one inhumane academy; even the first ancestor who set up this academy was a crazy woman.”

Ning Cheng also spoke with a strong approval in his voice, “That’s right, this academy is truly not something good, just a place filled with old spinsters, all of them filled with only perverted thoughts.”

He couldn’t help but look at Ning Cheng in doubt; from his words, he could see that Ning Cheng did not have any kind of reasonably good impression about the Severing Emotions Dao Sect. However, he still continued explaining, “Brother Ning seems to be mistaken on one point. There are not many genuine old spinsters in the Severing Emotions Dao Sect.”

This time it was Ning Cheng’s turn to be puzzled, “I heard that once a woman from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect enters dual cultivation with another man, they would then be unable to sever their emotions. One has to know that this is a form of real affection. If that’s really the case, then wouldn’t they be the most virtuous of husbands and wives?”

“Elder Brother Ning, you simply do not know about the perverseness of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect. Although they all look like otherworldly fairies that have simply no interest in the opposite sex, the truth is that matters between men and women are carried out in a very discreet manner. In fact, that is actually not the case, after the women from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect successfully sever their emotions, and even successfully advanced in their cultivations, those bitches would then start searching high and low looking for opportunities for copulation.” With a sneer, Chao He spoke out.

“They would never copulate with the person who they used for severing their emotions, but rather would find unrelated men to have sex with. Moreover, after copulating, the men would be brutally killed off by that same disciple of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect. Because of which this matter is only known to an extremely few people. Because of this, all the people who betray the Severing Emotions Dao Sect would be viciously hunted down by the Severing Emotions Dao Sect. Miaolei and I, if not for a chance coincidence, would absolutely not have been able to escape from their pursuit and reach the Sifting Orchid Star.”

After Ning Cheng heard Chao He’s words, he gave out a sigh and spoke, “Why do people still let such a perverted academy to exist?”

“That’s right, it really is perverted. Brother Ning’s description is completely spot on. To them, being pure and chaste is not important at all, rather after severing their emotions they would turn into whores revelling in being mounted just to get some seed. Before it was the Severing Emotions Dao Sect’s

Founding Headmaster Xu Binglan, and now there is that Xu Anzhen, who among them did not have innumerable gigolos.....”

“Senior Apprentice Brother. Don’t say any more of such matters, I am still regarded a disciple who came from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect.....” Seeing Chao He’s face and words turning even coarser, Ban Miaolei immediately pulled on Chao He.

At this moment, Chao He was overflowing with anger, but being pulled on by Ban Miaolei, he immediately turned gentle, before he gave a sigh and spoke, “Miaolei, you are no longer a disciple of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, nor do you cultivate the Severing Emotions Cultivation Method. Those bastards from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect have killed our daughter; I will definitely go back there to get our revenge eventually.”

Not knowing whether it was for considering the face of his Dao Companion, or if he was feeling that there was no significance in discussing these things any further. After Chao He spoke those words, he did not continue to talk about it. Instead, he actively changed the topic and spoke, “Once we get through this place, we would then arrive at Yu Zheng’s residence. Yu Zheng possesses a Rank 4 Imperial Body, which would be a great help to our operation. By the way, Brother Ning seems to be walking not slower than we are in this area of Spacial Turbulences. Presumably, you also possess at least a Rank 3 Spiritual Body, right?”

Ning Cheng did not conceal it, and just gave the nod, but did not explain that he actually possessed a Rank 4 Imperial Body.

“Then that is the best, I and Miaolei both possess Rank 3 Spiritual Bodies, adding Yu Zheng with a Rank 4 Imperial Body, this operation should have a much higher chance of success.” With a delighted tone, Chao He spoke out. He knew that he had not judged wrong. Ning Cheng only had the cultivation of Soul Essence 8th Level, yet was able to withstand the Spacial Turbulences here to undergo Body-Forging, as such, he definitely would have achieved a Rank 3 Spiritual Body.

“Brother Chao, can you talk about the situation in the Fiery Wind Cliff? So that I can at least be ready for it.” Ning Cheng casually asked. He really was not afraid of Chao He and Ban Miaolei cheating him, but if he added on an unknown Yu Zheng, Ning Cheng couldn’t help but turn a bit more cautious in his heart.

“Brother Ning doesn’t need to worry about it. The entrance to the Fiery Wind Cliff is through the Fiery Wind Lava Mist. The more people we have, the more convenient it would be for us. This place was something that I had stumbled onto by accident, otherwise, even if you were standing right next to the Fiery Wind Cliff, you still would not be able to find the entrance.” Replied Chao He, in a somewhat negligent manner.

Ning Cheng carefully sized this Chao He up, but no longer asked about the matter relating to the Fiery Wind Cliff. However, even if this Chao He was one slippery customer in the Sifting Orchid Star, there were still some matters that he must ask, “Brother Chao, I heard that Sifting Orchid Star possessed a lot of top-level treasures. I even heard people say that there were Heavenly Cusp Flowers and Frost Sprouts available here, is that true?”

“This place definitely has Frost Sprouts. Moreover, the Sifting Orchid Star also contains more than one or two strains of Frost Sprout. As for the Heavenly Cusp Flower, I heard people say that it does exist

here. But with regards to such things, even if we are aware of their locations, we simply cannot obtain them.” With a chuckle, Chao He spoke out.

“So Brother Chao has really heard of such treasures aah?” Ning Cheng suppressed the excitement in his heart and asked again.

Ban Miaolei who had spoken very little from the start, gave a meaningful glance at Ning Cheng before she took the initiative to talk, “I heard that the Heavenly Cusp Flower can be found among the most terrifying locations on the Sifting Orchid Star, the Poison Mist Thistles. However, nobody can say if this information is true or false. Even if a Crucible Transformation Cultivator wandered into those Poison Mist Thistles, it would only result in their deaths. As to the location of the Frost Sprout, I do not know about it. However, if something like the Frost Sprout appears, then it would definitely appear in the extreme northern regions of the Sifting Orchid Star.”

Ning Cheng on hearing about the Poison Mist Thistles immediately wanted to ask where these Poison Mist Thistles were located, but he actually did not know as to how to go about speaking about it.

Ban Miaolei seemed to have read what was on Ning Cheng’s mind, as she took out a jade strip, gave it to Ning Cheng by her own, and spoke, “Brother Ning, this contains a few maps of the Sifting Orchid Star. I had purchased this from others; see if it can be of some help to you.”

Ning Cheng’s Spiritual Consciousness immediately swept into the jade strip, allowing him to quickly find the location of the Poison Mist Thistles. However, although this map was not a schematic one, for Ning Cheng, this jade strip can be counted as a reasonably precious treasure. Not only did this include many places and locations, but also it even had a few areas that contained possible Spiritual Objects.

“Many thanks, Senior Apprentice Sister Ban; this jade strip is quite handy for me.” Ning Cheng put away the jade strip, as he offered his heartfelt thanks.

“Haha, Elder Brother Ning, you don’t have to be so polite. In the Sifting Orchid Star, once in a while, there would be a few information exchanges taking place. To be able to live in the Sifting Orchid Star, most of the cultivators would often exchange their experiences and things with each other. The next exchange would be a year from now at the Coiling Reef Summit, if Brother Ning is interested, you can go there and have a look.” With a chuckle, Chao He beckoned with his hand.

“Many thanks to the both of you; I will certainly go visit the Coiling Reef Summit if I have the time.” Ning Cheng felt happy in his heart, being cultivating till this point, of course, he knew at heart that the effects of a person choosing to go into closed-door cultivation by themselves, and the effect of discussing things with others frequently would be completely different.

“Brother Chao, Senior Apprentice Sister Ban, how come you did not come to visit me if you had the free time?” A fresh and refreshing voice interrupted Ning Cheng’s words.

Immediately, Ning Cheng saw a male cultivator with a greyish robe descending near to them. This male cultivator looked similar to the others in age and had the cultivation of Soul Sculpting 6th Level. He had long hair that he kept tied behind him, giving him an appearance of extreme calm and ease. Compared to the ordinary looks of Chao He, this grey robed cultivator was much better looking.

“This is?” The grey-robed cultivator on seeing Ning Cheng couldn’t help but ask in doubt. He and Chao He can be considered as old friends, but Yu Zhen had never seen Ning Cheng.

“Allow me to make the introductions. Ning Cheng, this is Yu Zheng that I had just mentioned. Yu Zheng and I have a brotherly relation. Yu Zheng, this is Ning Cheng, a good friend that we just made.” With a smile, Chao He spoke up.

Yu Zheng quickly spoke up politely, “Let’s go to my place and have a chat, I also happen to have a friend waiting there. If Brother Chao doesn’t mind waiting for a while, we can then leave immediately.”

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After Yu Zhen met Chao He, a few more people arrived, after taking the initiative to greet Ning Cheng, the few people then left. Then the three of them followed Yu Zhen through a monitoring array formation, before arriving at Yu Zhen’s immortal cave.

Yu Zhen’s immortal cave was built strangely and was located inside a huge rock. Moreover, the surrounding space was not very stable; Ning Cheng suspected that a sudden volcanic eruption could happen at any time here. However, thinking that Yu Zhen was a Body-Forging Cultivator with a Rank 4 Imperial Body, so even if the volcanoes here erupted suddenly, it was estimated that it would be unable to bring any harm to Yu Zhen.

Just as Yu Zhen spoke, a guest was waiting in his residence. It was a Soul Sculpting 7th Level Cultivator. However, there was not much of a difference between his and Yu Zhen’s cultivation. He had a long face with short whiskers for moustache and slender eyes. But was covered from top to bottom in a strong yet violent aura, causing Ning Cheng to think of Qi Le and Yan De.

From this it could be seen that this cultivator had not been on the Sifting Orchid Star for a short time, moreover was also a newly promoted Body-Forging cultivator. Otherwise, he would not have possessed such a powerful aura.

“So it was originally fellow cultivator Gongye Yingxiu.” The Chao He couple obviously knew this slender eyed and tall Soul Sculpting Cultivator.

Yu Zhen knew that the Chao He couple already knew Gongye Yingxiu, so he only introduced Ning Cheng and Gongye Yingxiu to each other.

Gongye Yingxiu on seeing that Ning Cheng only had the cultivation of Soul Essence 8th Level just gave a light glance at Ning Cheng and did not show any other gesture. It was evident that he did not put Ning Cheng in his eyes.

Ning Cheng was brought along by Chao He, yet Gongye Yingxiu was giving the cold treatment to Ning Cheng. It caused Yu Zheng to feel embarrassed about it, so he quickly spoke up, “Brother Chao, if you had not come, I would have immediately departed to the Moon Creek Pond together with Brother Gongye. Now that Brother Chao is here let’s all go together.”

Gongye Yingxiu frowned but did not speak. Ning Cheng could make it out clearly that this person did not want to collaborate with him.

“This time I came here with a good thing. We can go to the Moon Creek Pond sometime later. The truth is, I was able to discover the location of the True Polar Bamboo Sprout and wanted to find you to team up and go to that place.....” With a chuckle, Chao He spoke up.

“WHAT? True Polar Bamboo Sprout?” Gongye Yingxiu and Yu Zheng almost simultaneously spoke out in shock. They were genuinely shocked by Chao He’s words.

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Chapter 350: Those Who Have Too Much

“That’s right; it is indeed the True Polar Bamboo Sprout. When we, husband and wife, tried to enter that area at that time, we were able to identify it clearly. It is just that our strength is limited; as such, we were unable to rush into the innermost regions. Even if we were able to rush in, it seems that a Natural Fiery Wind Array protects the innermost region. If the two of you are interested, then we can team up to go together.” Chao Hei spoke out positively.

Yu Zheng did not hesitate before agreeing, “Then I certainly would want to make a trip to that place. I have long since arrived at the peak of Rank 4 Imperial Body in Body-Forging, but I am still not able to break past it. This kind of object is definitely crucial for me.”

“Then I will also accompany you all.” Gongye Yingxiu also did not hesitate for even half a bit.

Everyone always treasured this kind of objects. In the Sifting Orchid Star, who did not want to undergo Body Forging? If one was not a Body-Forging Cultivator in this place, then there was just no way to survive in this kind of environment.

“Good, I was originally worried about being short-handed, but now there is enough. We can depart immediately.” Chao Hei spoke enthusiastically with a clap of his hands.

He had never expected that he would be able to form a team. In the Sifting Orchid Star, if you were not accustomed to assessing other people, then it would not do any good to them in revealing the location of their residence. It was also because of this that Chao Hei chose to include Ning Cheng into their team with only the cultivation of Soul Essence Realm. Of course, if he had known earlier that Gongye Yingxiu would be here, even if he did meet Ning Cheng, he would have never take the initiative to invite Ning Cheng.

Gongye Yingxiu spoke up, “We four cultivators in the Soul Sculpting Realm should already be enough.....”

Ning Cheng on hearing this person’s words immediately became angry in his heart, Chao Hei had not even finished speaking, and yet this person actually took the initiative to oust him. Moreover, the True Polar Bamboo Sprout was also not discovered by this person, from this it could be seen that this Gongye Yingxiu was apparently not a magnanimous person.

Chao Hei gave a slight smile and spoke, “We are collectively more powerful with a lot of people. Moreover, I had already promised to bring along Brother Ning when we first met, as such all of us will be going together.”

Although this Chao Hei had not stated it clearly, everyone was clear of the meaning of his words. That was, he was not a person who would dismantle the bridge after crossing it. Previously, he had indeed

wanted to borrow Ning Cheng's strength, but now that he was able to obtain the same from his peers, if he genuinely went ahead and kicked him out, then it would indeed be taking things too far.

Not knowing what Gongye Yingxiu was thinking about, he gave a sudden slight smile and spoke, "Good, since we are stronger as a group, then it's settled."

Hearing Gongye Yingxiu agreeing to partner up with Ning Cheng, Chao Hei let out a sigh of relief. They all were well aware of Gongye Yingxiu's abilities, as such if he genuinely joined their team, then their chances of success would improve a lot.

Saying that Gongye Yingxiu then immediately turned towards Ning Cheng and spoke, "This friend, in the Sifting Orchid Star, everyone in a team is generally on an equal footing. Since Brother Ning only possesses the cultivation of Soul Essence Realm, and yet can still manage an entry amongst a circle of cultivators in the Soul Sculpting Realm, then it must be because you have an amazing bodily cultivation. I hope that you would not let us down when the time comes."

However, everyone could quickly make out the undercurrents of sarcasm in his words.

Ning Cheng just at this moment understood why other people were more familiar with Chao Hei and his cultivation in the Soul Sculpting Realm, it turned out that they all considered each other among their friend circle. Even if a place looked dangerous, as long as there were people, then there would also be rivers and lakes.

However, Ning Cheng did not care at all about Gongye Yingxiu's harsh words, and lightly spoke up, "Gongye Yingxiu, you just keep an eye on yourself. I have never regarded you as my friend. Moreover, Brother Chao and I were the ones to form a team initially. You do not have to affix gold onto your face. Whether or not I possess an amazing cultivation, that's none of your business?"

"You....." Gongye Yingxiu on seeing Ning Cheng unexpectedly dare to ridicule him immediately wanted to pounce on him.

Chao Hei also never thought that even though Ning Cheng's cultivation was not that high, yet he would possess such a temper. As such, he hastily came forward to calm down the fires, "We have only formed a temporary team with each other, yet it looks like the team is about to dissolve. This friend, everyone just wants to look out for everyone, there is no need to break out into a fight."

Gongye Yingxiu gave a cold humph, while his eyes flashed with killing intent before it calmed down, but he did not continue to speak.

Yu Zheng and Chao Hei secretly let out a sigh, these two people were aware that this Gongye Yingxiu had already fostered a killing intent towards Ning Cheng. However, there was also no way around this matter. They could only think that Ning Cheng was not too much aware of his own cultivation. These kinds of people, regardless of any place, would eventually become stepping-stones for others.

Ning Cheng had already clearly perceived Gongye Yingxiu's killing intent, but he did not care at all about it. Even if his current cultivation was inferior to the opposite party, but he could still easily show them as to who the grandson was and who the grandfather among them was. Gongye Yingxiu only had the cultivation of Soul Sculpting 7th Level; as such, Ning Cheng was also not even half-point afraid because of it, so why would he even try to behave like a grandson to others?

He had even killed an intermediate stage Soul Sculpting Cultivator, Yan De when he was only at the early stages of the Soul Essence Realm. Now that he was already a late stage Soul Essence Cultivator, why would he still need to be afraid of a Late-Stage Soul Sculpting Cultivator like Gongye Yingxiu?

“Such being the case, then let’s depart early.” Ban Miaolei spoke from the side. All the people immediately understood that she did not want this matter to escalate any further.

Although the few of them were Body-Forging Cultivators, their cultivations were not at the Crucible Transformation Realm; as such they could only choose to move quickly over the ground. In a place like the Sifting Orchid Star, ordinary cultivators still did not dare to bring out flight type Magical Weapons to fly.

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A whole day later, the five people arrived outside of a burning hot stone forest. This stretch of the stone forest was rugged and had strange shapes; however, these weirdly shaped stones intermingled with each other in such a manner that people just would not be able to make out the internal situation. Waves after waves of heat were emanating from it to the point that it even affected one’s Spiritual Consciousness. There was also a high probability that there was a volcano slumbering underneath.

Ning Cheng had chosen not to speak all the way until here; he merely followed the rest of the people for the past one day, finding that his familiarity of the terrain was vastly different from the others.

By the looks of it, whether it was this Chao Hei couple or Yu Zheng and Gongye Yingxiu, they were much more familiar with the terrain than even Shi Qionghua was.

“Brother Chao, is this really the place? I have been here a few times before, so how come I haven’t found anything strange about this place?” Yu Zheng looked around the place and asked his doubts about this patch of the intermingling stone forest.

Chao Hei paused, while his expression also turned serious, and spoke out, “The place I discovered was tough to find. It was more than ten years ago when I ended up finding a fragment of a high-grade Defensive True Artefact around this place, causing me to think that this place might have contained an immortal cave of a cultivator from the past. Unfortunately, even after carefully looking around for a long time, the cave still eluded us. Later, every time I passed by this place, I would try to test out my luck and look around this place for a bit....”

“Where was it?” Gongye Yingxiu eagerly spoke. It was apparent that even for cultivator like him; the allure of a high-grade Defensive True Artefact would be something tremendous.

Chao Hei gave a helpless reply, “I had almost completely searched all around the place countless times, yet was not able to find anything. Then one month ago, under anger and exasperation, I threw down my blade. However, I had never thought this angry outburst with my blade would actually end up striking something. It was a heavily concealed Natural Concealment Array that I ended up discovering.”

“Miaolei and I had spent almost half a month, before we were barely able to enter into the Concealment Restriction, causing us to actually discover a huge Fiery Wind Lava Mist behind it. Unfortunately, this huge Fiery Wing Lava Mist was simply too terrifying. Barely able to take a step forward, I almost ended up losing my life. However, I was able to vaguely make out that there seemed to be several strains of

True Polar Bamboo Sprouts; however, these True Polar Bamboo Sprouts were somewhat deep inside the Fiery Wing Array.....”

After hearing Chao Hei’s words, not only Yu Zheng, but even Gongye Yingxiu’s eyes glowed with a fiery light. Ning Cheng also felt quite eager in his heart. Once he was able to obtain the True Polar Bamboo Sprout, he would not only be able to advance to the Soul Sculpting Realm, perhaps he might also be able to take a step further in regards to his Body-Forging.

Yu Zheng seemed to be a lot more composed than Gongye Yingxiu. But he still spoke up directly, “This place was found by Brother Chao Hei, as such with regards to how to obtain and split the True Polar Bamboo Sprouts, whatever Brother Chao proposes, we will definitely provide our cooperation for it.”

Gongye Yingxiu also chimed in from the side, “Yes, Brother Chao, moreover this place was not only found by you, but even your cultivation is the highest among us.”

Ning Cheng could perceive the disdain in Gongye Yingxiu’s eyes, but he still did not bother to spare even a glance in his direction.

Chao Hei also nodded and spoke, “Since that is the case, then I will also not be polite about it. Although I was the one who discovered this place, I can definitely say that it would not be easy to obtain the things inside. As such, I think that we should first discuss the plans for allocations beforehand. Although everybody here is friends, it is better to clear this out first.”

“Then let’s follow it according to the Cultivation Levels when the time comes, we can divide the spoils according to our cultivations.” Gongye Yingxiu immediately replied. His cultivation was only second to Chao Hei, as such going by the allocations according to the Cultivation Levels; he would not suffer even the least bit of a loss.

Ning Cheng also spoke up in a ridiculing manner from the side, “Gongye Yingxiu, doesn’t that mean that even if you did not step in, and only waited for us to get the things, wouldn’t you still be getting the second largest share?”

“When did I say that I would not be going in? You are just a trivial Soul Essence Cultivator; as such you absolutely don’t even have the qualifications to participate in this treasure hunt.” Gongye Yingxiu bluntly spoke out in his fury. Since he had come here, it was solely because of the attraction of the True Polar Bamboo Sprout. Why in the right mind would he even care about someone insignificant like Ning Cheng? He absolutely did not want to divide the True Polar Bamboo Sprout with Ning Cheng, if he did not already end up dead inside.

Ban Miaolei suddenly spoke up, “Brother Ning’s argument is also quite reasonable, from what it looks like, it would be better for us to distribute the spoils according to the contributions of each individual on this hunt.”

Seeing Ban Miaolei speak in such a manner, Gongye Yingxiu was also not able to come up with a good retort.

Ning Cheng clapped his hands together and spoke, “I also very much agree with the allocation plan suggested by Senior Apprentice Sister Ban, it simply depends on how much we can contribute to the output. With such a thing in place, we can also be able to use our full strength, not only in going in but

even at the time when we encounter the True Polar Bamboo Sprout. At that moment, everyone can use his or her full strength to try to obtain it. Regardless of what we find inside, it would belong to whoever is able to obtain it first. But because Brother Chao was the one to discover this place and is also the one who lead us here, I suggest that regardless of however many strains we obtain, everyone should bring out one-tenth of the True Polar Bamboo Sprouts they obtained to give it to Brother Chao."

Yu Zheng immediately spoke, "I agree with Brother Ning's words, this kind of plan is definitely perfect. Brother Chao, what do you say about it?"

Chao Hei was also very satisfied with it and spoke, "I also agree to it."

Saying that he then looked at Ning Cheng, although Ning Cheng brought up this idea, the fact was that if they genuinely went by this kind of plan, then Ning Cheng would be the one who would suffer the most significant loss. After all his cultivation was indeed the lowest among them.

Gongye Yingxiu once again spoke from the side, "But what if there are other things inside, besides the True Polar Bamboo Sprouts?"

Chao Hei immediately spoke up, "No matter what is inside, each person gets to keep whatever opportunities they are fortunate enough to obtain. As for the True Polar Bamboo Sprout, we will be referring to what Brother Ning Cheng proposed."

The words of Chao Hei immediately set the foundation of the entire operation; as such, nobody chose to refute it. Ning Cheng also quite appreciated the words of Chao Hei, it looks this person was indeed very magnanimous.

Seeing everybody agree with his words, Chao Hei immediately chose to head into the scorching hot stone forest, while simultaneously spoke up, "Everyone just follows my lead."

Chao Hei carefully made his way through the stone forest for over an hour, before he finally came to a stop before two incomparably gigantic stone columns. These two stone columns appeared as if they were embracing each other, while at the same time gave the feeling that they would break apart at any moment.

Ning Cheng was already a Tier 7 Array Formation Grand Master; as such, he was immediately able to feel the fluctuations coming from the Natural Array Formation.

"This is the place. Once we attack this location, it would immediately reveal the entrance to the Array Formation. After going in, we would immediately encounter the Fiery Wind Lava Mist."

As Chao Hei spoke, Ning Cheng had already discovered the entrance. This was indeed a naturally concealed entrance; however, outside this gate were a few artificial traces that he was able to make out. Moreover, Ning Cheng felt that these man-made vestiges were somewhat familiar to him.

"Everybody attack." As Ning Cheng was pondering over it, Chao Hei had immediately brought out his Magical Weapon while simultaneously rushing forward.