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#### Chapter 451: The Arrogant Newcomer

Cecile knew that Ning Cheng would retaliate. However, he never put Ning Cheng in his eyes; relatively speaking, he felt more concerned towards Ji Luoifei. However, he discovered that Ji Luoifei chose to not act at all.

Just as he felt slightly satisfied in his heart, he suddenly found his movements slowed down. Although he saw the tearing Spear Intent making its way to him, he, however, found himself unable to avoid it.

Fear instantly filled Cecile's entire consciousness. He understood in an instant that he was no match against this cultivator in the Sea Opening Realm, "Live...."

Only a single character had come out when Ning Cheng's long spear pierced through his eyebrows, followed by a trail of bloody mist. Cecile could not even beg for mercy, before Ning Cheng's spear pierced through his head. The next moment, his soul-less body dropped to the ground.

Ning Cheng unhurriedly picked up his ring and walked up to Gary.

At this moment, not only were Gary and Bian Shao stunned senseless, even the other group of three men and a woman had equally horrified looks on their faces as they looked at Ning Cheng. Wasn't he just a Sea Opening Realm Cultivator, how could he be so powerful?

A single shot to kill Cecile, while Cecile himself could not even show the slightest sign of resisting.

Seeing Ning Cheng coming over, Gary subconsciously took a few steps back, before speaking up, "You, what do you want to do?"

"Brother Gary, Cecile was just about to kill me a moment, did you see it?" As Ning Cheng spoke, formidable killing intent started gushing out from him, which caused Gary to feel as if his entire body had plunged into the ice-cold water. He suspected that if he spoke even a single word that made Ning Cheng feel dissatisfied, the next moment, the long spear in Ning Cheng's hand would pierce through his head.

He had never seen such a powerful cultivator in the Sea Opening Realm like Ning Cheng. Not to mention a cultivator in the Sea Opening Realm, even if it were a cultivator in the Plundering Life Realm, it would not be this easy to kill someone like Cecile. He affirmed that if he chose to start a feud with this Ning Cheng, he would definitely end up dead.

"I saw it. Of course, I saw it."

"Then, do you know why he wanted to kill me?"

"Cecile saw this friend's Dao Companion. Therefore, he wanted to find excuses to take her away. However, his conduct truly was improper. Rootless Black City absolutely does not allow snatching belongings of cultivators that came in through Heaven's Way. Much less Cecile trying to snatch away other female cultivators." Gary, on feeling Ning Cheng's killing intent growing more powerful by the moment, immediately spoke up without any hesitation.

Ning Cheng nodded then suddenly spoke up, "So that is the case. Many thanks to Brother Gary. Cecile had tried to kill me, so I had to retaliate in self-defence. In my heart, I really did not want to hurt Cecile. It was just an accidental injury. My name is Ning Cheng, by the way. Because I just arrived in this place, I'm not too familiar with the rules and customs here. If someone asks about this matter, I would like it if Brother Gary could help me testify."

Gary couldn't help but hurl heavy curses within his heart. How was this an 'accidental injury'? Your attack pierced through Cecile's head, this father could even feel your killing intent from that far away. Yet, this person labelled it as 'accidental injury'. However, Ning Cheng's killing intent had also wholly suppressed him by now, so he had no choice but to speak up, "Of course, of course. For Cecile to commit such an act, my Extinguishing Karma Starry Sky Fleet feels the most disgusted towards these kinds of people. Even if Brother Ning did not speak about it, I would have definitely come forward to help you testify."

"Many thanks to Brother Gary." Ning Cheng cupped his fists and spoke up with delight.

"It's just a trivial matter." Although Gary spoke those words from his own mouth; however, he had already regarded Ning Cheng as a dead man in his heart. Daring to kill the rotating cultivators on the Receiving Heaven's Stone, there was no other outcome for such a person other than death. You might be powerful; however, you are only powerful in this place. When you reach the Rootless Black City, even if you turned twice as powerful compared to now, it would still be a dead end for you.

Ning Cheng ignored this Gary. Then turning towards the other black-faced cultivator, who was still in shock, and asked, "This friend should be Bian Shao from Black City Pill Union, right? Just now, the Extinguishing Karma Starry Sky Fleet's Brother Gary showed his willingness to testify for me, I wonder if Brother Bian would also be willing to help me testify, eh?"

The formidable killing intent once again came crashing down. Bian Shao felt his entire body go cold. Hurriedly cupping his fists, he spoke up, "Of course, I am willing to... Such matters, we also hate it very much. How can we not testify for Brother Ning?"

At this time, he had already purged away any ideas he harboured towards the other female cultivator. Even if he felt bolder compared to before, he would never dare to order the woman to stay back.

"Many thanks to the two of you. It looks like there still are a few good people left in the world. Oh right, Brother Gary, I would also like to ask another thing. We would like to visit the Rootless Black City in the future; however, I don't know if we could receive a special discount for obtaining Black Coins in exchange for Spirit Stones?" Ning Cheng gave a warm smile while the killing intent overflowing from him disappeared without even a trace. It was as if he had forgotten about the promised words from Gary and Bian Shao from a moment ago; behaving as if everything was back to normal.

Gary quickly spoke up, "Of course, there can be some concessions made; in fact, a lot of concessions. In the Rootless Black City, a Black Coin has an exchange price of 100 Spirit Stones. However, it is a little more expensive in this place. As for the specific price, each Merchant House will have a different price."

Ning Cheng gave a gentle nod and spoke, "You truly gave me a little preferential benefit. Brother Gary, I'll be going inside to roam around now. Goodbye."

Ning Cheng had seen many cultivators coming out from the buildings behind as if they felt that there might be a good show to watch.

As for the group containing three men and a woman, they stood there in stunned silence. 1000 Spirit Stones for a Black Coin to 100 Spirit Stones for a Black Coin. How was this a small discount?

The four people on seeing Ning Cheng go inside quickly cupped their fists towards the Gary duo before following behind Ning Cheng. The several people had already witnessed that Ning Cheng definitely was not an ordinary person. Although his cultivation might appear inferior to them, his strength and skills, however, were definitely above them.

“Brother Ning, I’m Lan Wenbin, who also just arrived from Heaven’s Way. These are my fellow Senior Apprentice Brothers and Sister.” The skinny looking male cultivator chased after Ning Cheng before speaking up with cupped fists.

Just like Ning Cheng, they all needed to head to the Rootless Black City. If everyone could remain in a group, then they might suffer a lot less bullying.

Ning Cheng knew what the other party meant by his actions, he, however, did not care about it. In any case, the higher their combined strength, the better it might be for them. After the several of them introduced themselves to each other, Ning Cheng came to know that among the four people, the one with the highest cultivation was Wu Marui with the cultivation of Crucible Transformation 4th Level. Wu Marui was a tall man with an impressive grandeur; however, he was an inherently shy person.

Of the other two, one had the appearance of an ordinary youth, with the name Mao Liangpeng, possessing cultivation of Crucible Transformation 2nd Level. The other was the beautiful looking female cultivator, also owning the cultivation of Crucible Transformation 2nd Level, named Ji Ying.

All four of them arrived from a mainland that Ning Cheng had never heard of before, the Great Woodwind Mainland. As Ning Cheng asked about it, he found that the Great Woodwind Mainland definitely had a better environment compared to the Yi Xing Mainland; however, there was also a similarity, that is, its laws were also not complete. After cultivating to a certain degree, it was necessary to enter the Heaven’s Way, in search of a higher Realm.

“Brother Ning, you will have to remain careful from now on. I don’t think that Gary would come forward to testify on your behalf. Besides, we have only arrived at this place recently, other than making our way to the Rootless Black City; we do not have any other place to go. If it really is the case, then I suggest that we give them some Spirit Stones to see if they can look the other way in this matter.” After the few of them got familiar with each other, Lan Wenbin spoke with careful persuasion.

Ning Cheng gave a smile, “Brother Lan doesn’t have to worry about it. We still have to see if there is only one Rootless Black City, if there is really just a single Rootless Black City, then we definitely would need to leave early and reach the Rootless Black City as soon as possible.”

Seeing Ning Cheng himself speaking in such a manner Lan Wenbin also didn’t continue to persuade him.

“Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, many thanks to you. If you had not killed that Cecile, Bian Shao would also not have spared me.” As a female cultivator at the Crucible Transformation 2nd Level, Ji Ying was quite sensitive. Bian Shao’s eyes had repeatedly swept over her, which she had already perceived.

Ning Cheng smiled, "Everyone is here to look for opportunities. Since I could help you out, then I also feel a bit better."

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Watching the six people including Ning Cheng enter the Merchant House behind them, Gary and Bian Shao's faces turned gloomy. These six businesses formerly belonged to them; however, they now couldn't even dare to take a step forward. The truth is they had never encountered such arrogant newcomers in their lives.

"Killing the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce's Cecile, and even wanting to enlist our help to testify? Who did this kid think he is? Even if he was in the Plundering Life Realm, so what?" Bian Shao kept staring at the backs of Ning Cheng and others as he spoke out in a hate-filled voice.

Gary also spoke up in a cold tone, "Brother Bian, I've been going over what happened just a moment ago. How could he be sure that we would testify for him? Did he secretly record us with a crystal ball?"

"That's possible, if he recorded us using crystal balls, then it would really be bad. However, in that much haste, it shouldn't be possible for him to think that far ahead, right?" Bian Shao frowned, before suddenly speaking up.

Gary waved his hand and spoke, "Whether or not he recorded us, we should be thinking of changing our strategy from now on. This surnamed Ning's Dao Companion is beautiful. Just think about it, what if we pass on some information to the Junior City Master of the Rootless Black City, that an extremely attractive female cultivator is about to arrive at the Rootless Black City, what do you think his reaction would be?"

"I really have to admire brother, why didn't I think of it?" Bian Shao immediately laughed in a happy tone. The few of them had grown accustomed to run around arrogantly in this place; however, they ended up encountering Ning Cheng, someone who could suppress them with just his killing intent. It caused their hearts to grow uncomfortable.

"Wait a minute, someone else is coming." Gary waved his hand towards Bian Shao.

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After Ning Cheng and the several others entered a Rest Stop, they learned that there were still quite a few people staying here. However, because of the various restrictions over the Merchant Houses, none of them could make it out.

It might also be because Ning Cheng had only seen a few shops within the Makeshift Market along with a monotonous street with just a few people walking around; however, the Rest Stops unexpectedly turned out filled with people.

"Did the few of you just come out of Heaven's Way?" Just as Ning Cheng and the others stepped through the doorway of a Rest Stop, the man in charge of the Rest Stop immediately came forward to welcome them.

"That's right. Can I ask if after leaving the Receiving Heaven's Stone is the Rootless Black City the only stop for us?" Ning Cheng asked.

The man gave a smile and spoke, "Of course not, there is another place within the Void. This stone is one of the places; other than the safe zone of the Receiving Heaven's Stone, the other place would be the Rootless Black City. Aside from these two places, if there were no large ships to ferry you around, you would only encounter a dead end. However, the several people who want to go to the Rootless Black City would need to wait for three days, as the ship to take you to the Rootless Black City would arrive in three days."

"How much is the ticket?"

"Those people outside definitely would have told you a price of more than 50,000 Black Coins, right? However, the fact is that the price is not that high. Going from this place to the Black City generally costs around 50,000 Black Coins. Moreover, if you have more people with you, then you can even negotiate the prices. That is because several businesses deal with transporting people from here to the Rootless Black City." This person didn't seem to care about Gary at all, as he spoke up in direct words.

Lan Wenbin asked, "We just came in, so we don't have any Black Coins on us. Can I ask what the exchange value is for a Black Coin?"

"If the several of you decide to stay in our Rest Stop, and also decide to take up a seat on our Chamber of Commerce's Ship, then I can get you an exchange rate of 250 Spirit Stones for a Black Coin. At the same time, the admission tickets would cost you about 50,000 Black Coins and a night of stay here would be around 10,000 Black Coins. Moreover, 200 Spirit Stones in exchange for a Black Coin is the cheapest rate within the Receiving Heaven's Stone. If you want the exchange rate of 100 Spirit Stones for a Black Coin, then you can only get that in the Rootless Black City. You won't find this exchange rate anywhere around here." The man spoke up with sincerity.

Ning Cheng felt a bit better on hearing this; however, Lan Wenbin sucked in a breath of cold air. From this place to the Rootless Black City, it would still cost them more than 10 Million Spirit Stones. Moreover, on arriving in the Rootless Black City, and finding a place to live, wouldn't it need more Spirit Stones?

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#### **Chapter 452: Called Yan Ji**

"Since the price of accommodation is so high, why don't you go out and pull people in? If we chose to not enter this business establishment, wouldn't your business get dragged away by others?" Ning Cheng asked in doubt.

The man smiled, "Friend, you've just arrived here, so it's not a surprise that you do not know about the situation in this place. There are only 12 Rest Stops here belonging to 12 different factions. Every day, two to three people travel through the Heaven's Way, before those cultivators finally arrive at the Receiving Heaven's Stone. Today, it is the turn of the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce, the Extinguishing Karma Starry Sky Fleet, and the Black City Pill Union for business."

"However, there is a rule that if the cultivator, who has just arrived, did not agree to do business with those three factions, then they can enter this place. That way, anyone can choose to take up that business. You can rest assured that as long as you come to our Heaven City Chamber of Commerce's Rest Stop, they would definitely not come looking for you. This is an ironclad rule in this place."

Ning Cheng and the others felt a bit surprised, those words were tantamount to saying that this place was an excellent collection point for the cultivator's Spirit Stones. Since twelve factions could open their Merchant Houses along with Rest Stops in this place, which also meant that these 12 factions should also be the most powerful forces within the Rootless Black City. Otherwise, there would be no chance for them to open a Merchant House in this place.

Ning Cheng had glanced around a few of the other Merchant Houses along the way; however, he found that only a very few of these Merchant Houses sold goods. Most of them turned out to be pawnshops and mortgaging Merchant Houses. Apparently, many cultivators who came to this place did not possess enough Spirit Stones; in other words, they would have no choice but to take out their own things to exchange for money. When it came to cultivators who lived in this place for a long time, apparently they still did not possess enough Spirit Stones to go to the Rootless Black City. For these cultivators without Spirit Stones, Ning Cheng didn't ask them what were their sources to earn Spirit Stones.

"I intend to stay here for a while; Brother Lan, what about you four?" Ning Cheng quickly decided to stay for some time in the Heaven City Rest Stop. He believed that this man in charge would not intentionally jack up the prices, primarily because of the fierce competition in this place.

"We will also be staying here." Lan Wenbin spoke up without any hesitation.

The man in charge, on hearing that all six of them wanted to stay here, immediately felt happy. He quickly spoke up, "Do you want to exchange for some Black Coins first? Since you intend to stay here, we also have a Handbook of Survival for the Rootless Black City."

Ning Cheng redeemed 150,000 Black Coins. Collecting the Handbook of Survival, he then proceeded to the Rest Stop's room allotted to him along with Ji Luofei.

"Husband....."

Ning Cheng interrupted Ji Luofei's words with a smile, "Just call me 'Darling' from now on. It feels awkward every time you address me as 'Husband'."

[TI Note: I decided to keep the word as 'Darling' to keep the narrative even, but a more colloquial word here would be 'Hubby', which feels a little weird in the coming dialogues, between the two.]

"En." Ji Luofei didn't know what 'Darling' meant at all. However, she agreed to it without any hesitation. "Darling, I don't think those people would let us go. After going to the Rootless Black City, we have to be careful."

"There are certainly not going to let us go. However, we should wait until we understand the Rootless Black City a bit better before we make a decision." Ning Cheng took out the Handbook of Survival and opened it.

Ning Cheng quickly flipped through the Handbook before handing it to Ji Luofei.

The Rootless Black City was in all a dilapidated mainland. Among the other regions floating around in the Void, this broken mainland had only a single city, the Rootless Black City. Outside of the Rootless Black City, there was the dangerous Void all around. If one was not careless, then one might end up swallowed by the empty space.

Precisely because of this, the Rootless Black City had a large population. Although the city itself was huge, every inch within was worth in gold.

All the cultivators that gathered in the Rootless Black City wanted to get out of that place. However, the Void Ship leaving the Rootless Black City would only come once in 10 years. Moreover, it would take a considerable amount of Black Coins to exit the Rootless Black City.

To survive in the Rootless Black City, the only thing to do was to cultivate and go out to find ways to earn Black Coins. As to collecting Black Coins, many people would form teams to leave the Rootless Black City and head into the Void to search for Black Essence Stones. These Black Essence Stones were the only materials used for the manufacture of Black Coins. Only by earning Black Coins would one have the opportunity to leave the Rootless Black City on a Void Ship.

As for the dangers within the Void, Ning Cheng can only imagine it. Venturing out in this kind of place to earn a certain amount of Black Coins, and then leave the Rootless Black City, the difficulty was something unimaginable. Also, according to the introduction that he read, to live in the Rootless Black City, one must even pay a certain amount of Black Coins every day. In other words, if one did not possess a fixed source for Black Coins, then one cannot even grab onto a foothold in the Rootless Black City.

Although the Handbook of Survival stated that if one had a top-grade treasure, then you can choose to sell it at the Rootless Black City in exchange for Black Coins. No matter what method you use to earn them, you can leave the Rootless Black City as long as you made a certain amount of Black Coins. However, Ning Cheng could also imagine that the Black Coins needed to leave the Rootless Black City would undoubtedly be immense. Trivial treasures would not help in gathering the necessary Black Coins.

He had some treasures with him, like the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence and the 9-Colored Mirage Tree; however, he absolutely did not dare to take it out in this place. As for the Underworld Soul Flower, he had already placed it over Xu Hanrui's body. He also wanted to help Xun Hanrui recover; until her Life Essence recovered, he would not move it from its place.

As for the Heavenly Cusp Flower, he still had one more; however, he still had a few uses for it. As for the Essence of Wood, he definitely cannot take it out.

Ning Cheng took out a Black Coin and looked at it. The coin in his hand looked similar to a penny in size and was as thick as paper money but grey in colour. Ning Cheng tried to crush it; unexpectedly, not even a vague trace appeared. This showed that the Black Coin was tough. There was also a black palace imprinted on top of the Black Coin. However, the strangest thing that Ning Cheng found was that this Black Coin only contained a single denomination; in other words, one Black Coin was one unit.

Ji Luofei also finished reading the Handbook by this time. A faint trace of fear lingered on her face.

"Don't worry; since people can live in the Rootless Black City, then we can also survive there." Ning Cheng comforted Ji Luofei. Perhaps, the Spirit Stones he possessed would be enough for them to leave the Rootless Black City.

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During these three days, Ning Cheng did not go out of the Rest Stop. It was better than getting into trouble all around. The local forces in this place were staggered and complex. Moreover, he even ended up offending the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce before entering the Rootless Black City.

What's more, Ning Cheng discovered that although this place was just a stone within the Void, he felt that cultivating in this place was a lot better than in Tian Continent. This showed that even in this kind of place in the middle of the Void, the Laws of the Heavens were still a lot stronger compared to the ones in the Tian Continent.

On the third day, the man in charge from the Heaven City Chamber of Commerce took the initiative to come knocking at their doors. "The two guests, the ship leaving to the Rootless Black City is about to open its doors. The two of you, please follow me to the Void Ship."

Ning Cheng took out a stack of 100 Black Coins and handed it to the man, "You've worked quite hard these days."

This was tantamount to tipping. Although Ning Cheng might have been in cultivation seclusion these past three days, however, Ning Cheng had deployed his powerful Spiritual Consciousness to look at the situation when somebody came to inquire about them. However, this man in charge seemed to be quite the kind-hearted fellow, he just swung and waved around his hands a bit, and spoke up that he did not know about anything they wanted to ask.

This person honestly had not expected Ning Cheng to be so generous. He quickly received it and spoke, "Many thanks, friend...."

Maybe because of receiving money from Ning Cheng, after the man gave his thanks, he hesitated a bit before speaking up, "Friend, I have some words that might offend you; however, I really do not have any malicious intentions, nor do I want to ...."

Ning Cheng smiled and spoke, "It doesn't matter. Even if the words are offensive, you can speak freely with me."

"Ok. After you and your friends arrive at the Rootless Black City, you must pay attention to any news regarding the Rootless Black City's Junior City Master Xu Liangzhi. This person cultivates an Extreme Yang oriented cultivation method, which resulted in his sexual appetite growing unmatched. He even harmed numerous foreign female cultivators....."

As the man in charge spoke until here, he subconsciously looked at Ji Luofei standing just behind Ning Cheng. Ning Cheng on seeing his actions immediately understood what he meant. That is, since his wife was so beautiful, if he went to the Rootless Black City, and ended up encountering Xu Liangzhi, it would turn hazardous for them.

"Thank you for reminding me. I understand." Ning Cheng nodded and replied. He felt grateful to this person.

The man in charge continued on, "The person this friend killed at the front was Cecile from the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce. Therefore, you must also have a way to protect yourself from the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce. However, you must be careful about Gary from the Extinguishing Karma Starry Sky Fleet. This person is the epitome of maliciousness. Although he might not



dare to fight with you, he, however, would most likely leak some information to the Rootless Black City's Junior City Master Xu Liangzhi....."

The following words, this man in charge did not speak out. Ning Cheng, however, already understood the rest. That is, Gary might just send information about Ji Luofei's arrival at the Rootless Black City to Xu Liangzhi.

Ning Cheng frowned; he knew that the waiter had not spoken out pointlessly. In any case, the matter from before had indeed happened. If it really were the case, then it would prove troublesome for him.

"Something similar to this also happened a few years ago. At that time, a stunning female cultivator arrived at the Receiving Heaven's Stone, with an appearance comparable to senior's Dao Companion. However, this person came alone. At that time, the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce, the Void Gale Alliance, and the people from the City Master's Mansion were in charge. Goukang Yishan of the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce had only taken a glimpse of this female cultivator when he couldn't help but want to take away that female cultivator on the spot. But at that time Junior City Master Xu Liangzhi also had come here, and also had taken a fancy to this female cultivator....."

The waiter sighed, "The strength of the Rootless Black City's Junior City Master turned out a lot higher compared to the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's Goukang Yishan. According to the normal circumstances, this female cultivator should have gone to the Junior City Master Xu Liangzhi. However, no one expected that this female cultivator would turn out to be extremely fierce, and even resorted to a frenzied style of combat, refusing capture. At that time, three more people arrived at the Receiving Heaven's Stone. This was a couple with a seven or eight-year-old little girl. This couple felt very dissatisfied with the practices of Xu Liangzhi and Goukang Yishan and immediately joined the fray against them."

"What happened next?" Ning Cheng asked.

"If not for the presence of Junior City Master Xu Liangzhi, Goukang Yishan definitely was not an opponent against the couple. Even if the couple killed Goukang Yishan, no one would have come looking for them to find trouble for a period, just as this friend killed Cecile. However, that Xu Liangzhi also had a few strong people by his side. The couple and the female cultivator trio were not a match against them. In the end, they were forced out of the Receiving Heaven's Stone....."

After the waiter spoke until here, he shook his head. Apparently, according to him, forced out of the Receiving Heaven's Stone was synonymous for death. The Receiving Heaven's Stone had natural restrictions protecting it, these restrictions kept the innumerable Spatial Wind Edges and Spatial Cracks from approaching the Receiving Heaven's Stone. Moreover, going out of the Receiving Heaven's Stone was extremely easy, without costing much effort. Which led to the forcing of the couple and the stunning beauty out of the Receiving Heaven's Stone. It also echoed a sentiment that in the endless Void, having a compassionate heart was synonymous with death.

"Did you happen to catch the name of this female cultivator?" Ning Cheng thought back to the time several years ago when many cultivators from the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect had come over to this place. It caused an unexpected worry to fill up his heart. Moreover, he also knew that thirty Crucible Transformation Cultivators had come in from the Tian Continent around that time. From this, it stood

for the reason that it was impossible for a just a single person from that group appearing here by themselves.

The waiter immediately replied, "I know, her name was Yan Ji."

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#### **Chapter 453: Rage**

Hearing the two words 'Yan Ji', Ning Cheng's killing intent instantly exploded. The waiter standing near to Ning Cheng couldn't help but take a few steps back in the face of such overwhelming killing intent. At the same time, horror plastered the waiter's face as he looked at Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng took a deep breath before speaking, "Sorry, I didn't mean it. Yan Ji and the other couple, did you hear anything about them after they left the Receiving Heaven's Stone?"

The waiter immediately understood something as he quickly came forward. The female cultivator by the name of Yan Ji shared a close relationship with the person in front of him.

The waiter shook his head and spoke, "No, after leaving the Receiving Heaven's Stone, if one weren't on a Void Ship then it would be tough to return."

"Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce, Xu Liangzhi....." Ning Cheng's killing intent gathered as raging waves in his heart. He knew about his own heart better than anyone did. His heart was not something comparable to the likes of Mu Ziming and the others. Those people had a penchant for remaining calm even in dire situations. However, in the face of this kind of things, replaced by another person, they would only think of getting revenge in the case of a long relationship. However, he now just wanted to kill people. No matter what method, he would destroy the people who persecuted Yan Ji.

"What about the little girl?" Ning Cheng forcibly stifled his killing intent before he asked a question again.

"Aah....." The waiter suddenly felt as if he had talked too much. He could feel Ning Cheng's temperament, and if he spoke something out of line, then it might just end up detrimental for him. However, since this person had asked, then he also had no choice but to give a reply, "The little girl should still be here. I guess that she should be in the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's Rest Stop."

"Did you say that the little girl is still here?" Ning Cheng asked in shock.

The waiter nodded, "Friend, it's best if you did not have any hope in this matter. The Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce definitely wouldn't kill that little girl; however, they would use her to lure in the couple. Initially, the treasure that the couple used seemed to be a top-of-the-line Thunder-Type Magical Weapon, something that even surpassed Best Quality True Artefacts."

"The Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce is very sensitive and concerned about Thunder-Type Magical Weapons. Therefore, with that in mind, they would allow the little girl to live. However, whether that little girl is dead or alive after all these years, I am not too clear about it. Moreover, the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce possesses some diabolical means to their name. I fear that the little girl has already died due to the torture."

The killing intent in Ning Cheng's heart had almost taken a corporeal form, as it wrapped around his body. If not for Ji Luofei grasping his hand, he might not have remained calm enough. "I'm going to the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's Rest Stop now. I'll ask you one last question, the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce and the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce, what's the cultivation of their stronger cultivators?"

The waiter knew that he could not persuade Ning Cheng. Therefore, he helplessly spoke out, "The most powerful cultivators among the two Chambers of Commerce are in the Plundering Life Realm. I still would suggest this friend not to be too impulsive. Although this friend has killed Cecil, as long as you can provide the necessary evidence, there shouldn't be much of a problem. At most, you'd have to reimburse some Black Coins. However, if you made a move on a Chamber of Commerce's Rest Stop in this location, it definitely would be a huge deal....."

Ning Cheng behaved as if he had not heard what the waiter spoke. He merely took Ji Luofei and left the room.

"Brother Ning, let's go together to the Rootless Black City." Waiting at the entrance of the Heaven City's Rest Stop, Lan Wenbin quickly spoke up after seeing Ning Cheng and Ji Luofei.

"Brother Lan, you guys can go ahead first. I still have some accounts to settle in this place." Ning Cheng spoke. Without waiting for Lan Wenbin to answer, he hurried out of the Rest Stop with Ji Luofei.

Lan Wenbin and the others looked at Ning Cheng's back in confusion. None of them knew what Ning Cheng meant by his words, 'some accounts to settle'. Was he going to look for Gary? Didn't this mean that he did not know when to advance and when to retreat?

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The Receiving Heaven's Stone might appear quite large, but it was only a dozen square miles in area. Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness had already swept out and located the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's Rest Stop. The Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's Rest Stop turned out a lot smaller compared to the Heaven City's Rest Stop; however, the business it received was quite substantial. At least, Ning Cheng could see that this Rest Stop remained filled with people.

"This friend, aren't you staying in the Heaven City's Rest Stop? What are you doing here?" The waiter at the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's Rest Stop stopped Ning Cheng and Ji Luofei. This waiter seemed to have known that Ning Cheng killed Cecile. However, his tone of the speech was still polite.

Ning Cheng calmly asked, "I'm looking for Goukang Yeshan."

"Who's looking for me?" A rough voice came from outside the Rest Stop, followed by a man wearing brown cultivator robes showing up. This man looked extraordinarily rough and coarse and seemed to be the kind of a man who never involved himself in any scheming at all. However, with the cultivation of Crucible Transformation 7th Level, his entire body irradiated a tyrannical aura.

"Are you Goukang Yeshan?" Ning Cheng stared at this rough looking man and asked.

Goukang Yeshan ignored Ning Cheng's words. He had just arrived at the Receiving Heaven's Stone and did not know about the matter of Ning Cheng killing Cecile. What's more, Ning Cheng was only a Sea Opening 7th Level Cultivator, someone not worth any attention from him.

His eyes never wandered away from Ji Luoifei, while excitement bubbles burst within his heart. Today, he felt blessed by luck. For him to see such a stunning woman. The thought of possessing such a woman, even he couldn't help but feel sincerely excited.

There weren't many female cultivators in the Rootless Black City and even fewer female cultivators with stunning looks. What's more, when it came to those few stunners, they already possessed a sturdy backer. This place was not an ordinary True Cultivation Mainland, as long as one possessed the necessary strength, then they could go out and casually bring back a dozen or so attractive looking female cultivator. This place treated attractive female cultivators as if they were a scarce commodity.

The waiter on seeing that look on Goukang Yeshan's face sent him a sound transmission quickly, "Lord Goukang, this person is called Ning Cheng. He was the one who killed Cecile three days ago on the Receiving Heaven's Stone."

Goukang Yeshan immediately felt surprised, Cecile possessed the cultivation of Crucible Transformation 5th Level, yet unexpectedly, the person in front of him managed to kill him, was he concealing his cultivation?

Thinking of this, he no longer dared to look at Ji Luoifei with an unbridled gaze, before shifting his gaze towards Ning Cheng and speaking, "Yes, I am Goukang Yeshan. Do you know me?"

"Oh, then I have a question that I need an answer from you. Did a female cultivator by the name of Yan Ji come to the Receiving Heaven's Stone six years ago, and when you wanted to catch her, it ended in her and another couple being forced to leave this place?" Ning Cheng spoke in a genial tone; moreover, there was even a hint of gentleness within his words.

Goukang Yeshan smiled, if asked for anything else he would still feel some fear; however, asking about Yan Ji, he did not care about it for even half a cent. He was not the only one who had a hand in driving out Yan Ji; the Junior City Master Xu Liangzhi of the Rootless Black City also was involved. Who would dare to provoke the Rootless Black City's Junior City Master? Unless one specifically wanted to look for death.

"Yes, that woman didn't have eyes. The Junior City Master just wanted to invite her to talk about the Dao Laws, yet unexpectedly she possessed such a temper. She got what she deserved." Goukang Yeshan spoke out calmly.

Ning Cheng then suddenly spoke out in a clear and resonant voice, "All those staying in the Silver Thunder Rest Stop are to leave immediately. Today, I want to completely raze the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's Rest Stop on the Receiving Heaven's Stone. After ten breaths, the people who do not leave will die without mercy....."

Ning Cheng's words were like a thunderous explosion that roused everyone present there. Not just the Silver Thunder Rest Stop, even the other nearby people felt stunned. Was this person an idiot? Daring to destroy the Silver Thunder Rest Stop at the Receiving Heaven's Stone? No, would even an idiot do such a thing?

"You're looking for death....." Goukang Yeshan immediately reacted and roared, bring out a large bronze drum. However, before he could even use it, Ning Cheng had already brought out his Nirvana Spear and shot out with it.

“Boom” The Nirvana Spear collided with the bronze drum, and Goukang Yeshan instantly felt a powerful counter-force exploding onto him. He didn’t even have the time to stimulate his bronze drum when he found himself wholly suppressed by Ning Cheng’s Nirvana Spear.

Suddenly, the area around him seemed as if it were stagnating. Goukang Yeshan was an experienced person, on feeling that he seemed to not belong to this area, Goukang Yeshan immediately started to panic. He certainly had heard about Domains; moreover, Ning Cheng had not used any Magical Weapons yet, but the bindings of his Domain still had such a terrifying effect.

In the Rootless Black City, even among Plundering Life Realm experts, there were only a remarkably few who had a little understanding about Domains. However, today, he ended up encountering an expert with a Domain, causing him to feel as if a shadow of death had suddenly looked over him.

Goukang Yeshan no longer cared about consequences, as he crazily started burning his Essence Blood, with the only intent of breaking free from this space.

Fortunately, Ning Cheng’s Domain only possessed a localised Spatial Restraint; even Ning Cheng couldn’t himself control his False Domain.

After a few mouthfuls of blood, Goukang Yeshan finally managed to break free from the bondage of Ning Cheng’s Domain and crazily started to retreat. He hadn’t yet made it to a safe place when a dozen Axe Shadow swept towards him. Dense Axe Lines made up these dozen Axe Shadows, which sealed off all the paths of retreat for Goukang Yeshan.

At this time, Goukang Yeshan had not brought out his Defensive Magical Weapon; however, in this brief moment of hesitation on his part, those Axe Lines sliced past Goukang Yeshan’s body.

A blood mist erupted, while Goukang Yeshan’s body ended up torn apart from the inside out by Ning Cheng’s Axe Lines.

From the start of the fight between Ning Cheng and Goukang Yeshan until the present moment, only ten breaths of time had passed, yet Goukang Yeshan ended up dead in Ning Cheng’s hands.

After a moment of silence, the whole of Silver Thunder Rest Stop erupted in panic. The seemingly countless cultivators staying in the Silver Thunder Rest Stop started to rush out.

Several of the cultivators belonging to the Silver Thunder Rest Stop who had previously rushed out to besiege Ning Cheng, on seeing Ning Cheng kill Goukang Yeshan in practically an instant didn’t know whether to advance or to retreat. Ning Cheng was also not a person to leave things half-hearted. His Axe Lines and Nirvana Spear once again swept out. At this moment, the entirety of the Silver Thunder Rest Stop’s entrance had transformed into a bloody mist.

With the Silver Thunder Rest Stop’s Restriction broken apart by Ning Cheng, the layout of the entire Rest Stop appeared clearly within Ning Cheng’s Sea of Consciousness.

However, the next moment, Ning Cheng’s punch descended onto the Rest Stop’s entrance with full fury. With a ‘bang’, that single fist completely blew apart the entire Rest Stop to smithereens. Ning Cheng then directly smashed the several Rest Stop Stewards, who were fleeing in panic, into pulp in his rage.

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### **Chapter 454: The Pitiful Girl**

In the basement of the Silver Thunder Rest Stop, he saw a skinny little girl confined to an altar within an Array Formation; at the same time, there was also a pale yellow flame burning beneath the Array Formation.

Ning Cheng didn't have to ask, he instinctively knew that this little girl must be the little girl left behind by the couple.

Going by the waiter's narrative, this little girl had remained imprisoned here for six years. It would be reasonable to say that she should be around 12 years old by now. However, at this time, Ning Cheng still saw a seven-year-old girl. The only reason why this little girl had not died yet was that the Array Formation under the altar did not let her die. Combined with her possessing an Essence Building Cultivation, under the influence of just-enough Spiritual Qi, she barely managed to hold onto a breath,

The rage in Ning Cheng's heart exploded out to the point that even the sky showed signs of changing. Ning Cheng immediately punched the basement into nihility, smashing apart the Array Formation in the process. He then reached out and gently picked up the little girl confined within the Array Formation.

The emaciated little girl, in Ning Cheng's hands, felt like a piece of dried wood, so light that she barely registered any weight in his hands.

Ji Luoifei, standing at the side, also felt her eyes going red; treating a six or seven-year girl to such cruelty; this showed that the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce did not even have half a shred of humanity.

After Ning Cheng took away the pitiful little girl from the altar over the Array Formation, her entire body turned paralysed from the waist down, without the Array Formation keeping her soul intact, she quickly weakened.

He immediately deduced that the little girl's life would soon vanish if he did not do anything.

Ning Cheng did not think of anything else, directly cutting out a thin piece from the Essence of Wood, he then pressed it over the body of the little girl. The formidable Life Energy contained within the Essence of Wood instantly stabilised the condition of the little girl in Ning Cheng's arms.

Only at this moment did Ning Cheng felt relieved. He then put a Healing Pill into the mouth of the little girl, before finally getting a good look at her in his bosom. At this time, the little girl suffered such torture to the point that one could not even see a shadow of her original appearance. Even the few clumps of sparse hair on her head were on the verge of falling out. Her body, akin to just a dried-up bag of bones, resembled a corpse that one would find during cold winters.

Ning Cheng then stood up over the ruins of the Silver Thunder Rest Stop before looking at the numerous crowded cultivators. He then roared out, "Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce tortured a little girl of seven or eight-year-old, even going so far as to burn her with a Burning Soul Array Formation. Even calling them inhuman would be too much. I, Ning Cheng, swear in this very place, that I will not rest until I extinguish the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce; otherwise, I am not a human."

This time, Ning Cheng did not go around collecting evidence. Since it had already reached to this point, then any kind of reasoning or truth would just not work at all. Only spilling blood could clearly explain all of this.

Although some of the cultivators disapproved his actions, most of the cultivators agreed with Ning Cheng, thinking that the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce really was too excessive with their behaviour.

“Ladies and gentlemen, when I arrived yesterday, Cecile of the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce wanted to force himself on my wife. I think that if the end of Heaven’s Way remained this dirty, it would only add to the countless specks of dirt in Heaven’s Way. Today, I will say something here. From now on, anyone who dares to indulge in such conduct at the end of this Heaven’s Way will end up dead in this Ning Cheng’s hands. This slaughter shall commence from the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce.....”

As Ning Cheng spoke, his killing intent spread out without restraint. However, no one dared to underestimate Ning Cheng. A man who could kill a Crucible Transformation 7th Level Cultivator in less than 10 breaths was definitely not someone simple.

Gary and Bian Shao, in a remote corner, stood in stunned silence. Ning Cheng dared to kill Cecile, this they had personally witnessed. However, Ning Cheng was not one good at enduring patiently against people who liked bullying. Even if they were bolder, they could never think that Ning Cheng would actually dare to wipe out the entire Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce’s business from the Receiving Heaven’s Stone.

What’s more, they personally knew about this old matter. This not only involved the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce, it even included the Rootless Black City’s Junior City Master Xu Liangzhi. How much courage would it require to proclaim such a thing? On the other hand, was he feeling fearless because of his ignorance?

Ning Cheng took the little girl out of the ruins of the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce. The cultivators crowding outside immediately parted to two sides to give him space.

At the entrance to the Heaven City’s Rest Stop, that waiter had already seen Ning Cheng coming over and quickly spoke up, “Greetings to senior.”

Ning Cheng currently was a mighty figure. Regardless of the future results, in this place, addressing him as Senior would definitely not cause any problems.

Ning Cheng nodded, “I still want to stay in the Heaven City’s Rest Stop. Would it still be alright?”

“Haha, Brother Ning, despite staying in my Heaven City’s Rest Stop for a brief while, you should know that our doors are always open for business. How could we not agree? In the future, if Brother Ning Cheng wants to stay in our Rest Stop, then you would only need to pay 1000 Black Coins per night, Even if you just want to exchange Black Coins, we would still like to offer you the exchange rate of 100 Spirit Stones for a Black Coin.” A laughing voice arrived. Ning Cheng then immediately saw a middle-aged man with a moustache beard. This middle-aged man had a smile on his face and looked incomparably gentle. However, his cultivation was at the Crucible Transformation 8th Level.

“Steward Mu....” The waiter quickly came forward and offered his greetings on seeing the man come over.

The man nodded and then spoke to Ning Cheng with cupped fists, “This humble one has the name Mu Cunjian, the Steward of this Rest Stop belonging to the Heaven City’s Chamber of Commerce.”

“I’m called Ning Cheng; this is my wife, Ji Luofei. Many thanks to Steward Mu for giving me such a discounted price.” Ning Cheng also thanked him back with cupped fists. Although Ning Cheng knew that there might be conflicts between the various Chambers of Commerce, Ning Cheng still felt grateful towards Mu Cunjian’s attitude.

Ning Cheng was not willing to go to the Rootless Black City immediately. One of the reasons was that the little girl had not yet woken up as her body was still in the process of recovering. The second reason was that he felt his strength was still inadequate. This place was a lot more powerful when compared to the Tian Continent. Therefore, if he used the Spirit Stones and Pills to cultivate in this place, then it should provide him with some effect.

After offending these many people, if he did not possess the necessary strength, then it would not bode well for him.

Ning Cheng had also never been to the Rootless Black City; however, he at least knew a bit about the Receiving Heaven’s Stone. At least on the Receiving Heaven’s Stone, he had the choice to rush into the Void. That would mean that even under the case of besiegement, he would still possess a measure for escape. No matter how dangerous the Void was, at least, it was still a viable escape route.

Lan Wenbin, who kept a watch over Ning Cheng’s actions from a far corner of the Heaven City’s Rest Stop, turned utterly silent. He had always thought Ning Cheng as a competent person, especially since he killed that Cecile. However, from the looks of it, this was not just an issue of strength. If replaced by him, even if he might be competent enough, he definitely would not dive into a matter headfirst if it meant staring in the face of death.

“This man’s guts really do cover the heavens.” Ji Ying murmured to herself. Although it was her first time coming to the Receiving Heaven’s Stone, she still had an inkling of the consequences of exterminating the Silver Thunder’s Merchant House.

“Let’s go.” Lan Wenbin sighed. He had initially wanted to team up with Ning Cheng. However, after Ning Cheng created such a scene, he didn’t even dare to entertain the thought of being associated with Ning Cheng.

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Ning Cheng had many healing pills. Along with the Essence of Wood, in just two days, the little girl awoke. However, her eyes remained clouded with panic.

For a seven or eight-year-old girl to possess an Essence Building Cultivation, it definitely displayed her top-notch qualifications. Moreover, Ning Cheng also didn’t need to ask about it as he had an inkling that this little girl experienced cultivation from the moment she came into being. Otherwise, even with heaven-defying qualification, it would be impossible for a seven or eight-year-old girl to reach the Essence Building Realm.



He couldn't help but feel pity for this little girl; it looks like her parents had severely supervised her cultivation since she was born. Breaking through with great difficulties, only to suffer six years of inhumane torture in the Burning Soul Array Formation. Even if it was Ning Cheng, he couldn't help but feel uncomfortable in his heart.

"Little girl, you don't have to feel afraid. No one will burn you again. Do you know your name? Do you know where you come from?" Ji Luofei gently grabbed the little girl's hand and asked in a gentle and soothing voice.

It might have been because of Ji Luofei's soft eyes and her beautiful appearance, but the little girl felt slightly relieved. She then spoke up in a stumbling voice, "I'm called Yi Zhuzhu...."

As Ning Cheng and Ji Luofei continued conversing with Yi Zhuzhu, Yi Zhuzhu started to feel better. Just as the waiter had narrated, Yi Zhuzhu and her parents had come from the Sacred Heaven Mainland. Her father's name was Yi Jin, and her mother went by the name Chang Manyin. From her words, Yi Zhuzhu had regularly soaked in various types of medicinal liquids to boost her cultivation.

Ning Cheng and Ji Luofei both gave out a sad sigh; this little girl did not seem to have experienced a single happy day in her life.

"Uncle.... Did the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce kill my father?" Yi Zhuzhu finally asked her first question. Despite asking the question, she still seemed shy and felt as if she wanted to shrink away as if fearing that Ning Cheng would reproach and scold her.

"No, your father has only left temporarily. You will meet him later." Ning Cheng could only try to comfort the little girl in front of him. Even he did not know how to answer her question.

Yi Zhuzhu lowered her head. Although she was young, that did not mean she was not sensible. After suffering too many hardships over these past few years, although her body might look like that of a seven or eight-year-old girl, her mentality no longer was that of a child.

"Uncle, I want to cultivate." Yi Zhuzhu spoke with a slight flinch in her voice. She did not know if she could voice such a request, or if this uncle and elder sister who just rescued her would turn angry at her words. Cultivation required cultivation resources. When she travelled around with her parents, she never knew how many heavenly treasures had she consumed.

Ning Cheng gently fluffed Yi Zhuzhu's head. After the nourishment from the Essence of Wood, in just two days, her old hair had already fallen, replaced by a head full of short hair.

"Zhuzhu, you don't have to worry about cultivation. You can stay with big sister Luofei. Just wait for your body to turn healthy once again before you resume cultivation. Cultivation is not something achievable in a day or two, and you certainly cannot spend all your time in cultivation. Sometimes you need to also do something else to keep your mind from straying." Although the actual age of Yi Zhuzhu was about 13 or 14 years old, Ning Cheng still felt reluctant to let her spend almost all her time on cultivation.

"You can go into seclusion. I will take care of Zhuzhu." Ji Luofei could sense Ning Cheng's thoughts. Ning Cheng had deliberately stayed back to not just help Yi Zhuzhu recover but also to raise his own cultivation.

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The Rootless Black City, for countless years no one could say as to how many cultivators had gathered in this place. However, most of the cultivators end up dying of old age in this place or just fall into the Void. However, a small portion of cultivators would always manage to leave the Rootless Black City and enter a more energetic Starry Sky.

However, whatever the place, there would always be rivers and lakes of blood paving the way, and the Rootless Black City was no exception to it.

In the Rootless Black City, there were many forces of different sizes; however, only 12 of them could actually speak in the Rootless Black City.

The Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce was undoubtedly one of them. Although they did not possess the ability to leave the Rootless Black City by themselves, they traded with many merchant ships from the distant planet-sized mainlands, which allowed them to gain the ability to partially move out of the Rootless Black City.

At this moment, within the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce's Merchant House in the Rootless Black City, several men and women could be sitting in the Discourse Hall. All because of a very arrogant newcomer that arrived at the Receiving Heaven's Stone. This newcomer had unexpectedly killed Cecile, the Crucible Transformation Cultivator belonging to the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce and stationed at the Receiving Heaven's Stone.

"There is no need to go to the Receiving Heaven's Stone. In any case, there is nowhere else to go from the Receiving Heaven's Stone. This person must definitely come to the Rootless Black City. When he arrives at the Rootless Black City, we can then act on him. Even if he turns out to be more powerful, he definitely would not be an expert at Plundering Life Realm. There is nothing worth caring about." Said an old woman with dark red hair.

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#### **Chapter 455: Rootless Black City**

"What I want to say is that we don't have to stop this person. Why don't we pretend unawareness to what happened." Another male cultivator at the Crucible Transformation 9th Level, sitting next to the old woman, spoke up lightly.

The old woman gave a sneer and spoke, "Xian Yingqiu, I didn't expect you to have such puny courage. It's just a trivial rookie cultivator, yet you are frightened to the point of not even breathing loudly."

The Crucible Transformation 9th Level Cultivator, named Xian Yingqiu, replied coldly, "If you knew what this rookie did recently, you would not have said that."

"What did he do?" The old woman asked subconsciously, at the same time, the rest of the people in the room shifted their focus to this man.

Xing Yingqiu spoke up lightly, "He levelled the Silver Thunder Rest Stop and almost instantly killed Goukang Yeshan. Among the people belonging to the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's Silver Thunder Rest Stop, none of them managed to escape alive. All of them met their makers at the hands of this person."

The people in the room instantly quieted down, looking at Xian Yingqiu with shock plastered all over their faces. The Receiving Heaven's Stone had seen a few arrogant newcomers occasionally. One could even say that there were several such incidents in their long history. However, someone daring enough to flatten the Silver Thunder Rest Stop, they really had never encountered such an entity. Not to mention a rookie, even a person from the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce would not dare to completely level the Rest Stop belonging to the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce on the Receiving Heaven's Stone.

"That is not all. After this person eradicated the Silver Thunder Merchant House, he put down the words that the day he stepped foot in the Rootless Black City would be the day the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce met their makers."

After hearing the words of Xian Yingqiu, the old woman's mouth remained open. She spoke up only after a good long while, "And the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce has not yet started on him yet?"

"The Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's Association Head Pu Leng is not in the Rootless Black City. For fighting such a person, hehe, without the support from two Plundering Life Realm experts, do you think it would be possible? My courage is indeed very small; since Senior Apprentice Sister is more courageous than me, why doesn't Senior Apprentice Sister Fei go catch that guy called Ning Cheng, what do you say?"

Yingqiu did not let go of the opportunity when the old woman remained speechless and unforgivingly reversed the sentence of her.

The white-haired old man seated in the place of honour waved his hand and spoke, "Enough. This person can instantly kill Goukang Yeshan; it means that he absolutely is not a Crucible Transformation Cultivator. Even if he were a Crucible Transformation Cultivator, he definitely would not be an ordinary Crucible Transformation Cultivator. Cecile has always acted arrogantly on the Receiving Heaven's Stone. Eventually, it would have definitely brought trouble to my Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce. Since someone took the liberty to eliminate him, then it is only what he deserved."

"Since the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce must deal with this person, then my Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce would not make a move for the time being. If the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce manages to kill this man, then we can use this incident to poke them with a knife. If the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce wants to look for us to cooperate, then we can also take this opportunity to speak our part."

This white-haired old man was the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce's Deputy Association Head Mao Xiuxuan. All the people present in the room quickly realised the intent behind those words. That is, Cecile, although not very good-natured, was in the end still a person from the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce. Since the opposite party killed Cecile, then the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce would surely take its revenge. However, now that this person also offended the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce, then the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce can use this opportunity to profit from the side. However, they had to first take a careful look at the actions of the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce.

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Ning Cheng felt somewhat strange with all the happenings. He ended up staying back and cultivating within the Heaven City Merchant House at the Receiving Heaven's Stone for almost two months. Moreover, his cultivation had also approached the peak of 7th Level of Sea Opening Realm; however, the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce had still not come to settle accounts with him.

During these two months, Yi Zhuzhu also managed to recover very well. With the aid of various pills and good food, Yi Zhuzhu not only managed to grow a crop of short hair over her head but she also no longer looked like a bag of skin and bones. Moreover, Yi Zhuzhu was still at the early stages of Essence Building Realm, and could technically suppress her hunger; however, Ji Luofei would think of ways to get her to eat some food along with the medicinal tonics.

Although a pair of big eyes on a somewhat emaciated face might make other people feel a bit distressed, at least her vitality had risen to new heights compared to when they found her.

She also no longer looked like she was seven or eight years old, and appeared slightly older.

Ning Cheng didn't continue with his cultivation. His cultivation anyway costed too many Spirit Stones. He had an inkling that Spirit Stones would prove vital to them in the Rootless Black City. Without any Spirit Stones, they would not accomplish anything. Moreover, even after the discounted price, living in the Heaven City's Rest Stop was also proving to be too expensive. Although Mu Cunjian had already pushed the price down to the bare minimum, even if Yi Zhuzhu was exempt from the accommodation fees, he knew that he would not be able to go on like this.

He originally wanted to wait until the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce came to the Receiving Heaven's Stone. After he killed off that group, he could then head off to the Rootless Black City to kill off the other group. However, now that the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce chose not to come here, he also did not need to wait any longer. In any case, once he reached the Rootless Black City, he had already decided to wipe off the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce.

"Luofei, we're leaving. We need to head to the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce." Two months later, Ning Cheng finally made a decision.

Hearing that Ning Cheng decided to leave, Steward Mu Cunjian of the Heaven City Rest Stop specifically came to see off Ning Cheng at the Void Ship departing for the Rootless Black City. He also passed along the message that the reason why the people of the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce had not come was that Association Head Pu Leng had left the Rootless Black City along with many experts from the Chamber of Commerce due to an urgent matter.

There were also people from the Black City Pill Union and the City Master's Mansion with him; even Junior City Master Xu Liangzhi went together with them. They've been gone for over half a year.

This news made Ning Cheng feel much relieved. Since there were no experts from the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce remaining behind, then it would be the best opportunity for him. As for the Junior City Master Xu Liangzhi, he felt even more determined to kill him. However, he knew that a meal cannot be eaten in one go, one had to take one bite after another before eventually cleaning the plate.

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When Ning Cheng and Ji Luofei boarded along with Yi Zhuzhu, some of the cultivators took the initiative to say hello. Ning Cheng was a famous person within the Receiving Heaven's Stone, and no one who stayed there did not know him. Although they might not have seen Ning Cheng fight personally; however, Ning Cheng's battle crystal ball sold everywhere.

Even the Steward responsible for the Void Ship arranged the most comfortable room for Ning Cheng and company. As for the many other cultivators, they could only stay in the big cabin.

Ning Cheng's heart remained silent in such a matter. This world was just like this. He levelled the Silver Thunder Rest Stop, all because the people of this Rest Stop were beyond shameless. However, now these people seemed to regard him as an unreasonably ruthless person. Wasn't it similar to the saying 'others take advantage of a good person, but a ruthless person only receives blessings from others'?

[TL Note: This saying '人善被人欺' originated from the phrase, '人善被人欺 马善被人骑。' whose closest English equivalent I found was 'If you make yourself an ass, don't complain if people ride you']

The Rootless Black City was not very far from the Receiving Heaven's Stone. However, the Void Ship had to travel on a predetermined route for three days. Even if the Void Ship was massive, in this place, it must follow a predetermined path. Otherwise, it would risk disintegration within the Void.

The Void Ships also had a specific grading system. It helped Ning Cheng in determining that this Void Ship from the Receiving Heaven's Stone to the Rootless Black City was of the lowest grade.

Three days later, the Void Ship stopped outside of a sprawling yet bleak city. A white road about two or three feet wide materialised from the position where the Void Ship came to a halt, stretching all the way towards the far edge of the distant city walls.

Ning Cheng guessed that this sprawling city should be the Rootless Black City. Moreover, the Rootless Black City was not black like its name, but a dull greyish colour. Endless Restrictions and Array Formations crowded the outside walls of the city. Some of these restrictions were artificial while most of them were natural. With such dense Restrictions covering up the place, one's Spiritual Consciousness could not sweep in.

Outside of this Rootless Black City, there was the endless Void surrounding it on all sides. Even if one could sweep out with their Spiritual Consciousness, it would only give them a feeling of uneasiness. Ning Cheng knew about this because of his own experiences in the Void. Apart from the periphery of the Rootless Black City, Ning Cheng simply could not sweep around with his Spiritual Consciousness.

Numerous cultivators took the white road to the Rootless Black City. Ji Luofei held onto Yi Zhuzhu and along with Ning Cheng, followed the rest of the cultivators to enter the Rootless Black City.

The restriction on the entrance of the Rootless Black City was currently open, and two early-stage Crucible Transformation Cultivators stood at the gate. Every cultivator who entered the Rootless Black City had to purchase an Identity Jade Card from this place. It contained a description of your appearance and your name; without these, one would never gain entry into the Rootless Black City.

Each Identity Jade Card was worth 10,000 Black Coins; Ning Cheng purchased three of those Identity Jade Cards, along with three small handbooks.

These handbooks were similar to the Handbook of Survival given to him at the Heaven City's Rest Stop. However, it had slightly more content, along with the area divisions within the Rootless Black City. He also found that the Rootless Black City had five different city districts altogether.

The East City District and South City District was the place of residence for rich cultivators; generally, some powerful cultivators also had a choice to live in these regions. In these regions, the rent or purchase of land for land and Immortal Caves was also the second highest. Ordinary cultivators simply would not be able to afford to live in these regions.

North City District was a place where the middle-class cultivators lived, along with some of the rogue cultivators who managed to form their own Void Adventure Squads, who would regularly enter the Void to search for Black Essence Stones. While the West City District was where the most impoverished cultivators lived, and where the Spiritual Qi was the weakest. In general, if the Rootless Black City ended up besieged by Void Beasts, the attacks would always originate from the side of West City District.

At the same time, the Central City District was the centre of the entire Rootless Black City, where the real rulers of the Rootless Black City lived, along with some large-scale Chambers of Commerce, Starry Sky Fleets and others. In this place, the land and Immortal Caves' pricing were even higher; in fact, it was the highest in the entire Rootless Black City. Moreover, just possessing the required Black Coins would not entitle you to buy property in this place, you also had to maintain a particular status.

The handbooks were quite straightforward. There was nothing concealed within the books that Ning Cheng felt surprised about. Moreover, the guide also contained some introductions to some of the major Chambers of Commerce and the street distributions of the Rootless Black City.

Ning Cheng easily found the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce from it. The Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce had its headquarters within the Central City District of the Rootless Black City. In the handbook, it also showed a prominent area that dealt with the sale and leasing of Immortal Caves.

A large number of cultivators who entered the Rootless Black City had already dispersed towards this area. These people either wanted to purchase Immortal Caves by themselves or wanted to rent one. There were also many Rest Stops in the Rootless Black City; however, rarely would anyone choose to stay in there. If one wanted to live in the Rootless Black City for a long time, then you just wouldn't be able to afford a staying in a Rest Stop.

Ji Luofei always followed Ning Cheng, and whatever Ning Cheng chose to do, she would always follow it. Yi Zhuzhu was even less likely to make any decisions by herself and carefully held onto Ji Luofei's hand. At the same time, a pair of bright eyes took in everything going around her. From time to time, she also touched the ring on her finger. Ning Cheng had bestowed it upon her. There were not only various Pills and Spirit Stones inside it for her cultivation; it also contained many Talismans and Magical Weapons for her personal use.

"I want to completely level the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce first; do you have any good ideas?" When it came to destroying the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce, Ning Cheng had not given up on it. In any case, he and the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce were already akin to fire and water. Even if Ning Cheng did not go to it, the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce would definitely send people after him. At that time, he would have no choice but to fight against them.

What's more, if he did not extinguish the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce, he would always feel uncomfortable.

However, Ning Cheng was also very clear about a few facts. He had only just arrived in this place; if he immediately began his hunt to completely eradicate the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce, it would definitely turn into a dangerous thing for him. It would be best to first find a path of retreat before commencing the eradication. Otherwise, even the guards of the Rootless Black City would not let him go. Unless his strength reached a level that induced fear in others, only at that time would no one dare to stand out and utter nonsense to his face.

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#### **Chapter 456: Purchasing An Immortal Cave**

Ji Luofei rarely expressed her opinion. Now that Ning Cheng asked her, she hesitated for a bit before speaking up, "The Rootless Black City has many guards, and there are also a few people tracking us. I'm afraid that they belong to the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce. I think we should first find a place to stay in the North City District, and then work on finding out the specific situation of this city. It would be the best if we could find a foothold outside the Rootless Black City; otherwise, we would have nowhere to escape in case things go wrong."

"Ok, let's go and see if there are any Immortal Caves for sale within the North City District." Ning Cheng immediately agreed to Ji Luofei's words. Ning Cheng had already detected that a few people had started to discretely follow them since the moment they entered. However, he was sure that the people following them were not from the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce but the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce.

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The Rootless Black City Trade Union. This was the largest cultivator agglomeration within the Rootless Black City. As long as a cultivator wanted to stay in the Rootless Black City, they would have to come here.

This trade union also was the most massive public gathering place within the entire Rootless Black City; although not a public square, the area it occupied was not much smaller when compared to an ordinary public square. Such a large area, of course, would never come up in the centre of the city; instead, it was located on the edge of the Central City District.

The Ning Cheng trio head straight for the trade union before entering an extremely eye-catching hall. The first floor of the building contained multiple Array Formation Displays. Numerous messages scrolled slowly across these displays, about Immortal Cave leasing, selling, and transfers.

There was also a sign over the stairs to the side that led to the floor above; the sign for the second floor contained the words 'Missions and Team Formations'.

All kinds of information flowed through this place. After Ning Cheng asked a few questions, he finally understood that there was only one way to leave the Rootless Black City. That Gary from before had not lied to them; to leave this Rootless Black City, one must rely on the local forces of the Rootless Black City.

Every 10 years, a Void Ship from a Starry Sky Mainland would arrive at the Rootless Black City; these ships would purchase a variety of ores and other materials from this place. The Rootless Black City's surrounding Void was rich in Black Essence Stones, so every time these Void Ships arrived, they would leave fully loaded with it.

Because these Void Ships end up acquiring materials like the Black Essence Stone and few other things, it allowed the local forces within the Rootless Black City to forge inextricable links with them. If one wanted to leave the Rootless Black City on these ships and reach a real Starry Sky Mainland, then you would have no choice but to contact these forces. Paying them a considerable amount of Black Coins would give you a chance to acquire such an opportunity for walking away from this place. Otherwise, even if these Void Ships had many empty seats, they would not allow you to ride.

The last ship arrived and departed just over two years ago. This showed that even if the Ning Cheng trio wanted to leave this place, it would still take at least another eight years.

Ning Cheng knew that now was not the time to consider leaving. He had to find a place to live in any case; eight years were not eight days. In the Rootless Black City, there were many Immortal Caves, but too few buyers, especially since cultivators capable of shelling out the necessary Black Coins to buy an Immortal Cave were quite rare.

Ning Cheng quickly found the information he needed over an Array Formation Screen. It listed all the information about the Rootless Black City's Immortal Caves, both for sale and for lease.

An Immortal Cave with a small courtyard needed a million Black Coins. A million Black Coins translated to 100 million Spirit Stones. For an ordinary cultivator, this sum alone would make it very difficult for them to purchase such a property. Moreover, this was just the starting price of an Immortal Cave in the North City District. When it came to Immortal Caves in the East City District and the South City District, it exceeded even several hundred million Spirit Stones; in other words, several million Black Coins. As for the Immortal Caves in the West City District, their prices were the cheapest. However, that area was quite chaotic, as most of the people who could afford the cost of relative safety would generally go to the North City District.

"We'll buy an Immortal Cave in the North City District." Ning Cheng selected an Immortal Cave costing 1.08 million Black Coins in the North City District. 1 Million Black Coins, for him, did not cost too much.

Ning Cheng did not change all of his Spirit Stones into Black Coins. He only exchanged 200 Million Spirit Coins for a total of 2 Million Black Coins. For Ning Cheng, Spirit Stones still had some uses for cultivation along with driving some of his Magical Artefacts. It also had applications in arranging Spiritual Gathering Arrays and other areas. Black Coins were just a unit of currency used in the Rootless Black City. Who knows if they still had any value after leaving the Rootless Black City?

For a newly arrived cultivator like Ning Cheng to spend 1 million Black Coins to buy an Immortal Cave, the people from the Trade Union did not feel too surprised about it. A few cultivators who had just arrived in this place could afford this kind of Immortal Caves. Some wealthy cultivators would even buy Immortal Caves in the South City District and the East City District. However, these cultivators would once again sell off their Immortal Caves after a while. However, re-selling did not mean they would get a reasonable price; more often than not, it would bring only a bad price.



The Rootless Black City did not allow private flights. Therefore, after Ning Cheng purchased the Immortal Cave, under the guidance of the seller, he rode a small airship. This Airship flew along a specific route within the Rootless Black City. An hour later, he then arrived at the location of his purchased Immortal Cave in the North City District.

Along the way, Ning Cheng felt the trenchant grades of the Rootless Black City. The middle of the city contained a variety of Rest Stops belonging to the various Merchant Houses. However, as they approached the North City District, the numbers significantly declined. Even if there were a few Merchant Houses, they all appeared simple, with not many people haunting them. Upon their arrival at the location of the Immortal Cave, it was impossible to see any Merchant Houses around.

The cultivator in-charge of selling the Immortal Cave, after delivering Ning Cheng to the location, helped Ning Cheng open the Array Formation of the Immortal Cave, before immediately leaving. The area of the Immortal Cave purchased by Ning Cheng was not very good; it was near to the edge of the Rootless Black City. In general, the closer was an Immortal Cave to the corner, the less secured would it be.

Ning Cheng and Ji Luofei had just arrived at the entrance of the Immortal Cave when a dozen or so Spiritual Consciousness swept towards them. A few of the Spiritual Consciousness' lingered around Ning Cheng for a long time without withdrawing. Obviously, the owners realised that Ning Cheng's cultivation was too low, only at the late stages of the Sea Opening Realm. It did not matter how many Spiritual Consciousnesses swept towards Ji Luofei, none of them dared to linger around her. After all, Ji Luofei was a genuine Crucible Transformation Cultivator.

However, Yi Zhuzhu trembled under the oppression of these many Spiritual Consciousnesses. Ning Cheng estimated that even if they just moved in today, and disappeared from this place tomorrow, no one would even bother to ask about them.

In this place, Ning Cheng finally felt another difference between the Central City District and the North City District. That is, in the North City District, there were only occasional patrolling guards, while in the Central City Area, patrol guards were almost everywhere.

If this were the case within the North City District, the situation within the West City District would be even more chaotic. Perhaps there might not be a single patrolling guard in that area.

Ning Cheng did not feel disheartened in the light of this, as he burst out with his powerful Spiritual Consciousness and killing intent. A few of the Spiritual Consciousness still circling around him instantly collapsed under his powerful burst. A cultivator in just the Sea Opening Realm who could erupt with such a mighty Imposing Manner immediately scared away the other cultivators from daring to sweep their Spiritual Consciousness in their direction. The several Crucible Transformation Cultivators, who were trying to inspect them with their Spiritual Consciousness, immediately understood that this newly arrived Sea Opening Cultivator was not a simple figure.

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After Ning Cheng blew those unsavoury Spiritual Consciousnesses away, Yi Zhuzhu finally calmed down.

Ning Cheng did not seek out those people who tried to probe them; to live in this place, it would always involve a life and death struggle. Wishing for people in the world of cultivation to follow the rules of

even the basic courtesy would just be a dream. In this place, there was only a single rule, 'if you had the strength, then you would live; if you didn't have the strength, then you would just die.'

The survival laws of the jungle; this place reflected it vividly.

The Ning Cheng trio entered the courtyard and found themselves somewhat satisfied with the arrangement. The yard had four rooms, while also containing a Spiritual Medicine Garden in the middle along with a Light Disbursing Array Formation.

The Rootless Black City did not contain any sunlight of its own; all the light came through an Array Formation. Even the sun hovering above the Rootless Black City was just a manifestation of an Array Formation; however, the materials needed to keep it in operation came from everyone living in the Rootless Black City.

Do not look at Ning Cheng managing to purchase an Immortal Cave in the North City District. Although the three of them could live in this place; however, they had to shell out a certain amount of Black Coins every day.

Except some cultivators living within the West City District, who could not provide the necessary Black Coins to survive, the number of Black Coins supplied by the other four City Districts was the same. It was not that those living in the Central City Area or the Eastern or Southern City Area had preferential treatment; instead, the public security was better in those areas. As such, the people living there would have to pay a higher amount of Black Coins.

Ning Cheng let Luofei and Yi Zhuzhu find a place to rest by themselves. He then removed the Array Formation outside the courtyard of the Immortal Cave. Some of the Spiritual Consciousness' still peeping on Ning Cheng on seeing Ning Cheng remove all the Immortal Cave's Restrictions felt a considerable surprise.

Surviving in this place, the Array Formations and Restrictions of the Immortal Caves were the most crucial things. If an Immortal Cave were without any Array Formations and Restrictions, then even if gifted to others, nobody would dare to live in it. Moreover, if one wanted to invite an Array Formation Grand Master to arrange new ones on their Immortal Caves, it would still require a sizable heap of Black Coins.

Only an idiot would willingly remove the Protective Array Formations on their own residence.

However, these people soon understood what was going on. This person was an Array Formation Grand Master himself. They realised it as soon as a new Array Formation quickly sprung up after a short pause around the Immortal Cave. Moreover, this Array Formation was definitely a Rank 6 Array Formation. Seeing Ning Cheng successfully deploy a Rank 6 Array Formation, they also realised that Ning Cheng was a high-level Array Formation Grand Master. This caused the peeping Spiritual Consciousness' to disappear completely without a trace.

If one did not share a bitter hatred, no one would be stupid enough to come looking for trouble against a Tier 6 Array Formation Grandmaster. Knowing that Ning Cheng was a cultivator, who also possessed the abilities of a Tier 6 Array Formation Grand Master, they couldn't help but despise him a little in their mind. Since this person was a Tier 6 Array Formation Grandmaster, then why was he living in this place?

Ning Cheng was not just a Tier 6 Array Formation Grandmaster; he was actually a Tier 8 Array Formation Grandmaster. With the materials in his possession, he could easily arrange one or two Rank 8 Array Formations. However, Ning Cheng did not choose to organise the Rank 8 Array Formations outside. Under the protection of the Rank 6 Array, he quietly laid out a concealed Rank 7 Entrapment and Killing Array Formation along with a Rank 7 Defensive Array.

Then after arranging all these, he decorated a Rank 8 Concealed Killing Formation around the three people's residence. Then he finally connected all the Array Formations together to form a Chain-linked Killing Formation.

Under these methods displayed by Ning Cheng, even if a Plundering Life Realm Cultivator arrived here, they could forget about leaving this place alive, or at least unscathed.

After completing the arrangement of these Array Formations, Ning Cheng finally laid out a Spiritual Gathering Array.

"Luofei, you and Zhuzhu should cultivate. I am going to the Trade Union to find any news about Ruolan and the others." Ning Cheng passed on the Control Array Flag to Luofei and Yi Zhuzhu. With the Array Formations in place here, even against an existence in the Plundering Life Realm, Luofei would still be able to hold her ground. What's more, he was also not going too far.

"You go on; we can take care of things here." Ji Luofei knew that Ning Cheng would remain in a worried state if he could not find any news regarding Ruolan.

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#### **Chapter 457: The Junior City Master Returns**

The Rootless Black City had countless Restrictions that shielded it from Spiritual Consciousness probes; thus, wanting to use his Spiritual Consciousness to search for Ning Ruolan was radically an impossible matter. If he had to see if Ruolan reached the Rootless Black City, then the best place to start would be the Rootless Black City's Trade Union.

The ground floor of the Rootless Black City's Trade Union was for leasing and sale of Immortal Caves, while the 2nd level was for information regarding the various team assignments, or some messages about the treasures from the Void.

The 3rd Level was for obtaining certifications for the various professions, such as Alchemy Master, Crafting Master, Talisman Refining Master.....

The 4th Level was for information enquiry, this was something Ning Cheng found by asking around.

"Excuse me Senior; can I help you with something?" Ning Cheng had just walked out through the entrance of the 4th Level when a young female cultivator took the initiative to come forward and welcome him.

This woman was in the Profound Core Realm. Ning Cheng guessed that she might have been born and raised in the Rootless Black City, or others had brought her here.

"I would like to inquire about a person who arrived at the Rootless Black City in the recent years. Did I come to the right place for it? If not, then where do I need to go to find it?" Ning Cheng asked politely.

“You can definitely find the information you are looking for in this place; however, the cost of each enquiry is 100,000 Black Coins.” The female cultivator replied with a smile.

Ning Cheng gave out a deep sigh in his heart. This city was too black-hearted. Just checking some information required a 100,000 Black Coins. Although he knew that the price might be too steep, Ning Cheng still took out the 100,000 Black Coins.

The female cultivator received the Ning Cheng’s Black Coins in surprise. Many people would come here every day to look for some information or the other. Out of which, many of them wanted to inquire if their acquaintances, who passed through the Heaven’s Way before them, came to the Rootless Black City. However, there were not many among them who would willingly part with tens of thousands of Black Coins for just an enquiry. Most of the cultivators would just dismiss those thoughts after hearing the price.

One could do many things with 100,000 Black Coins in the Rootless Black City. Do not look at the ticket price of 50,000 Black Coins from the Receiving Heaven’s Stone to the Rootless Black City. The Receiving Heaven’s Stone is an ordinary place to earn some Spirit Stones from the incoming rookies. Once these newcomers arrived at the Rootless Black City, they would all end up living frugally due to the living conditions in this place. Not everyone would squander around money like Ning Cheng.

Moreover, even if one wanted to spend some, they positively would not behave like Ning Cheng, who did not even hesitate to take out 100,000 Black Coins just for some information. Such kinds of incidents were quite rare in this place.

Finally putting away the haul from Ning Cheng, the young cultivator turned even more enthusiastic.

Ning Cheng quickly discovered that a few Rainbow Fall Sword Sect’s Cultivators that had arrived at the Rootless Black City six years ago. There were eight people in total, including Ning Ruolan and Meng Jingxiu.

When Ning Cheng saw the information, he immediately breathed a sigh of relief. Six years ago, the cultivators from the Tian Continent finally reached the Rootless Black City. Apart from that, he also found that a few of them managed to leave the Rootless Black City two years ago.

Ning Cheng also learned that Ning Ruolan was among the ones who managed to leave. Two years ago, Ning Ruolan and a few others followed two Plundering Life Realm Cultivators and left the city permanently, the two Plundering Life Realm Cultivators were Rui Baishan and Meng Jingxiu respectively.

Rui Baishan and Meng Jingxiu advanced to the Plundering Life Realm; this Ning Cheng did not feel strange about it. Rui Baishan’s cultivation should have already surpassed Crucible Transformation Realm before departing from the sect; however, he ended up constrained by the Tian Continent’s Worldly Laws. Meng Jingxiu inherited an Immortal Mansion, and even her qualifications were quite outstanding. Her cultivation speed would also be the fastest among the rest.

However, what puzzled Ning Cheng was that there was no information about Xu Anzhen. It was reasonable that an expert like Xu Anzhen definitely had the capabilities to come out of Heaven’s Way. Unless that woman chose to change her name. Maybe she had even changed her appearance to register in this place.

After coming down from the 4th Level, Ning Cheng felt a bit more comfortable in his heart. At least he found some news about Ning Ruolan.

When Ning Cheng came down to the 2nd Level, he wandered around aimlessly for a bit and found that more than 90% of the cultivators who chose to team up would immediately head into the Void to search for Black Essence Stones.

Ning Cheng currently had no interest in going out searching for the Black Essence Stone Mines; however, he definitely had some intentions to learn more about the Black Essence Stones. At the same time, he was also not in a hurry to head out for those Black Essence Stones, at least not for now. Since he wanted to eliminate the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce, he must find a way out in case things go south.

“Since you already know that you don’t possess enough Black Essence Stones, then why are you unwilling to take such risks? How can you set up a base in the Rootless Black City like this? Besides, there are not just two of us, but at least 50 people. So what are you worried about?”

Two cultivators softly conversed with each other about heading into the Void to search for Black Essence Stones; however, Ning Cheng could easily overhear them. These words jolted Ning Cheng within his mind.

That’s right. Since Ning Cheng knew that he had already provoked the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce the moment he entered the Rootless Black City, then it definitely was not a trivial matter. As long as he proceeded with this objective, he along with Ji Luoifei and Yi Zhuzhu would have nowhere to hide inside the Rootless Black City, let alone leaving the Rootless Black City in the future. If that was the case, why should he take the initiative to knock on the doors of the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce?

He knew that the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce would not coexist under the same sky as him; since that was the case, then it would be better for them to come looking for him unlike him going to look for them. He had already pissed off the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce after levelling the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce’s Rest Stop at the Receiving Heaven’s Stone. Once the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce’s Association Head returned along with the pack of experts who followed him out, how could he not take the initiative to find trouble with him?

As long as the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce’s people took the initiative to come to his place to cause trouble, everything would then be a lot easier. With his Array Formation accomplishments, along with those powerful Array Formations that he laid out, even if ten Crucible Transformation Cultivators arrived, along with one or two Plundering Life Realm Cultivators, it still would not be enough to take him down.

What made Ning Cheng slightly worried, however, was that he did not know when the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce’ people would return. If they did not return even after another six months, what should he do then?

Ning Cheng did not consider himself a ‘gentleman’. For him, the faster he could obtain his revenge, the better would it be. The Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce and the Rootless Black City’s Junior City Master had forced Yan Ji into the Void. With her life and death unknown, why would he choose to remain patient?

At this time, another cultivator replied, "But it's too far away, and many of them haven't come back."

The cultivator persuading him spoke up in a slightly disdainful voice, "That place was found by Junior City Master Xu. Also, Junior City Master Xu was the one who requested to form the teams. At the same time, Junior City Master Xu was also the last to leave the Rootless Black City half a year ago before returning recently. I estimate that he would only remain in the Rootless Black City for a few days before heading out once again. Otherwise, they would not have announced about forming such a large group before even physically returning to the city."

When Ning Cheng heard this, he felt his heart move. He quickly asked them, "The two friends, I just overheard you saying something about forming a team, is Junior City Master really back?"

"Of course, you can take a look at the information on the third Array Formation Display. Junior City Master Xu, along with the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's Association Head Pu Leng and the others who left half a year ago, finally returned. The reason for their return is because of the emergence of a massive Black Essence Stone Mine....." The cultivator glanced at Ning Cheng. Finding that Ning Cheng was just a late stage Sea Opening Realm Cultivator, he spoke out in a not very polite but detailed voice.

Ning Cheng then immediately looked up and saw an announcement on the third Array Formation Display. Not only was Junior City Master Xu Liangzhi looking for a team, but even the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's Association Head Pu Leng was also looking for people to form a group.

According to the information displayed, they seemed to have found a vast Black Essence Stone Mine in the Void. These warranted the need of many cultivators working together to dig out the Black Essence Stones. All of the registered cultivators can keep 50% of the share of what they dug out with them while the rest of the 50% would go to the person who initiated the formation of the team.

The information on the Array Formation Display also showed that Pu Leng and Xu Liangzhi have only recently entered the Rootless Black City.

"Junior City Master Xu has just entered the city. This time, to team up with many others Junior City Master Xu definitely will be coming to the Trade Union." A cultivator looked at the Communication Pearl in his hands and spoke from the side. Hearing this, several other cultivators who were still hesitating immediately expressed their intentions to sign themselves up and participate in this team.

Ning Cheng felt considerably startled in his heart and quickly rushed out of the Trade Union. Since this Junior City Master Xu Liangzhi returned, then the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's Association Head Pu Leng would have also returned. With Pu Leng's abilities, he should have already realised that he had extinguished the Silver Thunder Rest Stop at the Receiving Heaven's Stone.

Since the other party knew about this matter and still chose to form a team, it showed that this person did not take him seriously. In other words, Pu Leng's first thing on returning to the Rootless Black City would not be to go to the headquarters of the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce but to come to his residence to destroy him.

Because his opponent thought that it would be easy to kill him, he went ahead to continue assembling a team to head out.

Thinking of this, Ning Cheng immediately increased his pace.

In just half an hour, Ning Cheng returned to his residence. Ji Luofei was not in cultivation. Apparently, she was waiting for him; as for Yi Zhuzhu, she also was not in cultivation.

“What about Ruolan?” As soon as Ning Cheng returned, Ji Luofei asked out eagerly.

“We can talk about Ruolan later. I just received news that the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce’s Association Head Pu Leng is back. Since I razed the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce’s Rest Stop at the Receiving Heaven’s Stone, I’m sure that once that Association Head comes back, the first thing he would do would be to head straight for us.” Ning Cheng explained.

Ji Luofei did not speak anything. Since Ning Cheng had already said that he had no plans of escaping, it explained that Ning Cheng has his own means to deal with the situation. However, after Yi Zhuzhu heard Ning Cheng’s words, her face turned pale white, while her body trembled. The Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce not only left injuries to her body and soul, but those tortures also left deep scars on the deepest parts of her Spiritual Soul that were extremely hard to erase. Therefore, when Ning Cheng spoke about this matter, Yi Zhuzhu’s heart immediately filled with panic.

“Zhuzhu, you don’t have to be scared of them. This is my domain. I promise that if he comes here, he would never be able to return alive.” Ning Cheng gently ruffled Yi Zhuzhu’s head and tried to comfort her with soft words.

Initially, he was still wondering when the Association Head and his accompanying experts from the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce would return; however, he never expected that they would appear this early. Since the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce’s experts returned early, then it was even better than what he had planned initially. He stayed inside his residence without leaving, waiting for the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce’s Association Head and others to visit him to make his move.

As long as the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce’s people took the initiative, he would be able to counter-kill those people who had the intention to kill him. Once he had enough reason, then combined with the strength he displayed, even the Rootless Black City’s City Master wouldn’t dare to reprimand him publicly.

His Array Formations covered every inch of his courtyard, so he was not afraid of anyone trying to barge into this place unnoticed. What’s more, as long as he took the higher moral ground, even the Rootless Black City’s City Master would not dare to act on him, unless the other side really could erase him at any time.

“Luofei, I’ll be the one to lure those people into our Array Formation. When it’s time for battle, I’ll keep them occupied. You intuitively activate the Killing Formation to lend a hand. I’m going to arrange a Killing Formation now.”

Ning Cheng had just dropped a few Array Flags after speaking those words when several powerful Spiritual Consciousnesses swept over. Among them, Ning Cheng felt two Spiritual Consciousnesses that exceeded his own. Ning Cheng himself was very clear about the strength of his Spiritual Consciousness. Even a cultivator at the Crucible Transformation 9th Level might not surpass him regarding his Spiritual Consciousness’ power.

Now that he encountered two cultivators whose Spiritual Consciousness exceeded him, Ning Cheng didn't even need to ask but instinctively knew that these two were within the Plundering Life Realm. Moreover, one of them probably belonged to Pu Leng.

"Luofei, those people came. Prepare to cut off the enemy's retreat and annihilate them." Although the opposite party had two cultivators in the Plundering Life Realm, Ning Cheng did not fear them. As long as those people entered this place, he felt confident enough to eliminate them. After that, he could then proceed to completely decimate the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce in an above-board manner.

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#### **Chapter 458: Ning Cheng's Chain Killing Array Formation**

Eleven powerful auras rushed into the North City District, before arriving at the location of Ning Cheng's Immortal Cave. The cultivators living in the vicinity, on sensing the incoming cultivators' aura, withdrew every scrap of their Spiritual Consciousnesses. They did not dare to sweep out lest it offended them.

At this time, every cultivator in the vicinity couldn't help but wonder why there were so many powerful cultivators coming to this corner of the North City District? This place was one of the most unremarkable areas of the Rootless Black City. Under normal circumstances, it was impossible for any person of status to waste their time in this place. What's more, there were even two Plundering Life Realm experts among the incoming strong ones.

The reason soon came out. The 11 strong auras surrounded an Immortal Cave with a courtyard; moreover, everyone also knew that someone had just recently moved into this Immortal Cave. The other residents gave out a sigh at the new resident's lousy luck. Although these experts were not targeting them, no one wanted to be patronised by such strong entities. Even if they were just visiting their neighbours, it made them feel insecure.

With so many experts coming to this place, the patrolling guards in this location not only did not increase, if fact, even the occasional patrolling guard had also disappeared without a trace. Apparently, these patrolling guards knew who these incoming people were and were not willing to offend them.

Ning Cheng on finding these many experts coming for him felt somewhat puzzled; it was reasonable to say that the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce would not attach so much importance to him.

This kind of line-up would almost be enough to wipe out the entire Yi Xing Mainland. As 9 of the 11 experts were at the late stages of the Crucible Transformation Realm while the other two were cultivators in the Plundering Life Realm.

Ning Cheng quickly understood why this was the case. After these cultivators arrived, they did not immediately attack his Immortal Cave; instead, they started to arrange an Array Formation. In just a short time, a Concealment Array Formation sprang up around them.

Seeing the other party's actions, Ning Cheng secretly sneered in his heart. These people were just helping him bury their heads in the sand. The entire world knew that they came to this place to extinguish him, yet these fellows decided to try to cover up their act. To others, using this kind of cover up would be meaningless; however, to the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce, this covering up still had some use. That is, it would prevent investigative eyes.



Ning Cheng took out a crystal ball and recorded everything these people did. Thinking that these 11 people would soon end up dead in the coming future, he also did not intend to block them from arranging a Concealment Array Formation. Ning Cheng, anyway, also needed this Array Formation. That way, he could covertly kill these people away from prying eyes.

Among the Array Formation Masters that came here, the highest one was only at the Tier 6 Array Formation Grand Master. This showed that it was impossible for the other party to see the Concealed Array Formation that he had laid out previously.

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“Association Head, I can easily go in and get out. It’s just a cultivator at the trivial Sea Opening Realm.” Among the cultivators standing outside the courtyard of Ning Cheng’s Immortal Cave, a longhaired man with a bizarre appearance spoke up.

The man addressed as ‘Association Head’ was none other than Pu Leng of the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce. Pu Leng possessed a very tall stature, with a height upwards of two meters. On hearing the words of this longhaired man, he gave a smile before speaking up, “No, let’s go in together. This little Sea Opening Realm Cultivator is not simple at all. He levelled out my Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce’s Rest Stop on the Receiving Heaven’s Stone and even dared to enter the Rootless Black City. I don’t know if he is fearless or ignorant, or does he intend to depend on the skills of a Tier 6 Array Formation Grand Master. It really makes me want to meet him and see if he really has three heads and six arms as the people say.”

Pu Leng gave the surroundings a cursory glance; he could clearly see that the outside of Ning Cheng’s Immortal Cave contained a Rank 6 Defensive Array.

“Boom.....” After Pu Leng spoke those words, his fist immediately shot out.

His already massive fist rolled into a barely visible Fist Shadow as it descended onto the Rank 6 Defensive Array Formation arranged by Ning Cheng, immediately shaking up this Rank 6 Defensive Array. With a ‘Ka’ sound, this Rank 6 Defensive Array started cracking apart. It could not even block a single punch from Pu Leng.

Not waiting for Pu Leng to continue, another Crucible Transformation 9th Level Cultivator kicked out with his leg. With a resounding crash, the Rank 6 Defensive Array finally could not endure the onslaught against the kick and punch before finally exploding apart.

With that, Pu Leng and the other walked into Ning Cheng’s courtyard within the Immortal Cave. They found Ning Cheng and Ji Luofei calmly staring at them from the middle of the yard.

“Your courage truly is not small at all; not only did you kill my Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce’s Goukang Yeshan, you even razed my Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce’s Rest Stop at the Receiving Heaven’s Stone. Yet, you even dared to stay inside the Rootless Black City.” Pu Leng spoke as his cold gaze fell on Ning Cheng. He did not expect Ning Cheng to be so young. Not only that, Ning Cheng indeed was a Sea Opening Realm Cultivator. He had previously suspected that Ning Cheng actually was not a Sea Opening Cultivator but a Crucible Transformation Cultivator under concealment.

Ning Cheng did not speak. He immersed himself in calculating the best time to activate his Rank 7 Trap Kill Array Formation and the Rank 8 Killing Formation, and if he had to use his Maximal Flame Spiritual Technique. He had anyway decided to kill all the 11 people who entered his premises in one go.

“Let me see what are you capable of, daring to look down on my Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce....”

Pu Leng had not yet finished his words when Ning Cheng instantly sent Ji Luofei a sound transmission, “Start. At the ‘Heaven’ position.....”

Ji Luofei had long since prepared herself. The moment Ning Cheng’s sound transmission arrived she immediately stimulated the Array Flag in her hand. The Rank 7 Trap Kill Formation was a full rank higher compared to a Rank 6 Array Formation; didn’t that also mean that its superiority was also a whole level higher?

Almost at the same time as Ji Luofei started, Ning Cheng also raised both his hands. Suddenly, the brightly lit central courtyard turned dark as many killing lights materialised out of thin air from all sides before shooting forward arbitrarily. This time, not to mention normal vision, even when using one’s Spiritual Consciousness, everything appeared vague. The ones trapped inside could not make out the surrounding scenery, nor could they hear even the slightest sound.

“Not good, it a Rank 7 Trap Kill Array. Don’t panic and follow my actions.....” The Tier 6 Array Formation Grand Master with them spoke only a few words before his words abruptly cut off. He understood that this was not just a Rank 7 Trap Kill Array, but it even included many Illusionary Array Formations, forming into a chained Rank 7 Trap Kill Formation.

Pu Leng turned surprised when his surroundings turned vague; however, he also soon realised that he had stepped into a Rank 7 Trap Kill Formation.

If a Rank 7 Trap Kill Formation had no one presiding over it, he could eventually break through it with his strength. However, currently not only did it possess a controller, but there was also an auxiliary support person.

Despite this, Pu Leng still did not feel afraid. He was someone who had experienced many storms and waves in his life. Not to say about a Rank 7 Trap Kill Formation, even if it was a Rank 8 Trap Kill Formation, so what? Besides, he did not come to this place alone today. He immediately gathered his True Essence and shouted, “Before everyone starts, make sure that there are no one around; if not, then do your best.....”

Pu Leng’s words suddenly paused. He discovered that there was no way to transmit his voice. There was even an Audio Masking Array Formation in this place.

If it were just an Audio Masking Array Formation, Pu Leng would not have felt worried in his heart. However, he was inside a Rank 7 Trap Kill Formation, with countless Blade Lights attacking him from all the sides. These attacks could not harm him for the time being, but they also prevented him from quickly breaking apart this Array Formation.

“I didn’t expect that I would really end up underestimating you. Just a trivial Sea Opening Realm Cultivator yet actually a Tier 7 Array Formation Grand Master. Interesting.....” Pu Leng knew that even if

the other cultivators from his Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce could not hear him, Ning Cheng should be able to listen to his words.

However, Pu Leng could not finish his words, because while he tried to find a way to at least escape this Rank 7 Trap Kill Formation, several more terrifying and murderous attacks shot towards him. These Killing Lights even distorted the surrounding space somewhat and contained a hint of killing intent. The Blade Lights no longer were the primary means of attack, while those traces of Killing Intent and Spatial Constraints were the ones becoming more and more frightening.

Not good, Pu Leng immediately felt cold sweat dripping down his head. This was not a Rank 7 Trap Kill Formation, but a Rank 8 Killing Formation.

However, what scared him the most was not this. The most frightening aspect was that the moment he brought out his Magical Weapon, it felt as if Pu Leng no longer belonged to the area he was standing in. This was not a simple Spatial Constraint. It felt as if he had entered someone else's Domain; moreover, he also felt as if he no longer had any control over his actions under the influence of this Domain.

A threat of death finally made its way into his heart. Pu Leng knew that this matter did not solely involve the Rank 7 Trap Kill Array and the Rank 8 Killing Formations; instead, a few other Array Formations linked up with the Rank 7 Trap Kill Array and the Rank 8 Killing Formation to form a Chain Linked Array Formation.

If it was just a Chain Linked Array Formation, Pu Leng still felt confident that he could rush out. However, what cast the shadow of death in his heart was the person presiding over the Grand Array, who was also the one who arranged this Array Formation.

Even if it was just all that, Pu Leng could still escape by paying a considerable price. However, the last thing that broke Pu Leng's confidence was that the Grand Master, who arranged this Array Formation, also had a comprehension of a Domain, something only reserved to the powerhouses.

Domain, this one thing was what any cultivator yearned for the most. Even if he was Pu Leng, he still couldn't touch the boundary of a Domain until now. However, he unluckily ended up fighting against an expert who had already comprehended the Domain. If he knew that Ning Cheng understood Domains, he would have never come to this place at all. Even if he identified with full clarity that Ning Cheng was the one to demolish the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's Rest Stop, he would never come here.

At this moment, he finally understood why Ning Cheng possessed such a great deal of confidence in himself. Courage large enough to not only destroy the Silver Thunder Rest Stop on the Receiving Heaven's Stone but also daring enough to live in the Rootless Black City.

At the same time, Pu Leng also knew that if he were facing this high level of difficulty in breaking through or even defending against this Chain Linked Killing Formation, the others who accompanied him would find it even more difficult. He must break through this Array Formation in the shortest possible time; at the very least, he had to find a flaw in this Array Formation. Otherwise, once someone dies, it would prove even harder for him to break apart this Array Formation.

"Aah....." Screams erupted one after another, Pu Leng, just like his name, felt his heart go ice-cold. These were not just a single scream, but six consecutive screams in a row.

This also showed that six of the Crucible Transformation Cultivators from the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce had already met their makers; moreover, the opposite party had intentionally allowed him to hear those screams; otherwise, he would have never heard them even if he wanted to. There was also a very high possibility that the number of cultivators from the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce who met their makers might even be more than six.

“Stop, I pledge that the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce.....” Pu Leng roared out, while simultaneously violently burning his True Essence. The ring in his hand immediately enlarged transforming into a colossal Ring Blade. This Ring Blade was several times more potent than usual. Under this mighty Ring Blade, a huge rip opened up in the area in which he did not belong.

Pu Leng had just relaxed for a moment when 12 Axes shot towards him. These 12 Axes each transformed into an Axe Trace, which overflowed with dense, murderous Axe Intent. Pu Leng had just managed to free himself from the fretters when he once again felt that he no longer belonged to the area around him.

Pu Leng’s face immediately drained of blood; forced by a cultivator in the Sea Opening Realm to such an extent, such a thing had never happened before. He was sure that these 12 Axe Traces did not belong to the Killing Formation. The Killing Formation was already powerful enough; but it still couldn’t compare to these 12 Axe Traces overflowing with killing intent, which fused into a single Axe Trace right in front of his eyes.

He could imagine that since Ning Cheng chose to attack him with such a terrifying Axe Intent, then the rest of his men apparently also fell victim to Ning Cheng’s methods in the same way.

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

#### **Chapter 459: After Going In, They Never Came Out**

A flash of regret passed through Pu Leng’s heart. He investigated Ning Cheng before coming here and knew that only three people lived here. Ning Cheng was just a cultivator in the Sea Opening Realm, while the woman accompanying Ning Cheng possessed the cultivation of Crucible Transformation 2nd Level. This level of cultivation was utterly negligible in front of him. As for the young girl, in the eyes of the experts from the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce, she was nothing more than air.

How could he have thought that the situation would turn out completely different to what he initially imagined?

Pu Leng rarely regretted things he did in his life. However, this time, he really regretted his impulsive actions sincerely. He definitely knew that Ning Cheng’s cultivation had not yet reached the Crucible Transformation Realm, yet Ning Cheng was such a terrifying cultivator in the Sea Opening Realm. In his 500-600 years of cultivation, Pu Leng had never seen anyone like Ning Cheng. Not only had he not seen anyone like him, he had never even heard of anyone remotely powerful like Ning Cheng. If he took into consideration the foremost expert of the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce, Xue Yiren, he found that even someone like him was not this terrifying compared to Ning Cheng in the Sea Opening Realm.

Even if he took into account the rumours of geniuses within the Starry Sky, he believed that even the most potent talent among them would not be this terrifying within the Sea Opening Realm.

Once again, a few more screams rang out; Ning Cheng's face also paled as he continuously threw out Array Flags while controlling the 36 Cosmic True Devil Axes at the same time.

Even though Ning Cheng killed 8 people, he knew it very well in his heart that he has not clinched victory yet. At the same time, he also knew that he could not persevere on in such a manner.

Ji Luoifei could not provide him with any more help, so Ning Cheng had already sent her into his Miniature World. Ning Cheng knew that once his Array Formation broke, and he did not launch his Maximal Flame Spiritual Technique, he then would not have another opportunity to end this matter.

Don't look at him using the Chain Linked Killing Formation to gain the upper hand in this exchange; in fact, there were still three people left alive, whom he could not kill right away. If a gap appeared in his Array Formation, then the result would turn out exactly the opposite of what he hoped and wished.

In his present condition, blocking the combined collaboration of two Plundering Life Realm Cultivator and the other Crucible Transformation Cultivator head-on would be impossible.

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At this time, the cultivators around Ning Cheng's Immortal Cave could only feel the shaking of the surrounding space. However, just the slight overflow of the murderous intent frightened those cultivators to not dare to even look in that direction.

All the people felt shocked at Ning Cheng's toughness, even if this person was an expert in Array Formations, how was he able to block those 11 people for such a long time? Despite knowing of the strange happenings, no one dared to use their Spiritual Consciousness to look around.

"Poof....." When Ning Cheng's 12 Axes split apart the longhaired demonic looking person, the surrounding area around Pu Leng, locked down by the axe, weakened for a moment. The ring in Pu Leng's hand immediately erupted with a brilliant radiance. Several Ring Blades immediately then rushed into the surrounding area.

"Kacha...." Ning Cheng's Chain Linked Killing Formation finally blew open under his attacks, while the surroundings also cleared up around him. Allowing him to see the final fate of Si Pingxuan.

At this moment, Si Pingxuan had already turned into a dozen pieces of flesh and blood. At this sight, Pu Leng's mind immediately blacked-out, he never imagined that Si Pingxuan's life would end right in front of him.

Si Pingxuan was the only Plundering Life Realm Cultivator in the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce besides him. Although not as powerful compared to him, he, however, was very crucial to him and the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce.

"Beast, I'm going to swallow you....." Pu Leng screamed out. The ring in his hands once again erupted with a Ring Light in the shape of a crescent moon before it swept out. He did not possess a domain; however, his ring actually could curl up and resist the fretters of a Domain.

Even in the midst of fury, Pu Leng still did not lose his senses. He knew that his crescent-shaped ring light most likely would not show much effect against Ning Cheng. However, because the other person

was more proficient in Domain applications, he could only use his own Magical Skills to counter the Spatial Shackles, while the opposite party could control the surrounding space anytime and anywhere.

It was precisely this fear towards Ning Cheng that caused Pu Leng to hide half a step behind his ring's killer attack to deal the fatal blow.

Staying half a step behind his ring, whether Ning Cheng chose to evade or block it, he could change his attack accordingly. With his True Essence and Essence Blood raging, his ring would rupture eventually, exploding into countless Ring Lights. These Ring Lights would help him in controlling the surrounding Killing Power before blasting it all towards Ning Cheng. Even if the Ring Lights could not kill Ning Cheng, at least the two of them would suffer serious injuries. What's more, he still had a Yan Fu. Moreover, he believed that if he staked everything on his desperate attack with his ring, he could definitely kill Ning Cheng.

Yan Fu was just a cultivator at the Crucible Transformation 8th Level; relative to Ning Cheng and the 11 people here, his cultivation simply was unremarkable. With such cultivation, he actually managed to stick to the end with Pu Leng; it showed that even Ning Cheng felt afraid of him.

However, Pu Leng not only overestimated Ning Cheng, he even had an exaggerated opinion of his Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's dominance. As he broke through Ning Cheng's Chain Linked Trap Kill Formation, while simultaneously staking everything on a single strike, Yan Fu had also brought out something.

What Yan Fu brought out was not a Magical Weapon to attack Ning Cheng, but an Escaping Talisman. When his ring rumbled out, the Escape Talisman also activated at the same time. A burst of blinding white light erupted, and in just a twinkling of an eye, Yan Fu broke through the area.

Seeing Yan Fu escaping at this time, Pu Leng turned extremely angry.

In just one moment, the ring slashed through Ning Cheng's waist, drawing a long line of blood.

Pu Leng immediately sobered up from the anger of Yan Fu's escape, feeling completely surprised. He could feel that Ning Cheng was just as spent as he was, he could not even evade his phoney Crescent Ring attack. He just could not believe that the opposite party could not escape his attack.

On seeing this, Pu Leng did not hesitate at all, and directly took control of the ring, wanting to kill him instantly. His Spiritual Consciousness had just surged into his Magical Weapon when he suddenly felt intermittent waves of collapse all around him. It seemed as if the area around him had something missing from it, this kind of state felt very similar to that of a Domain; however, it prevented him from making the correct choice within the shortest possible time.

With the interruption of the just-stimulated ring, the threat of death immediately loomed over him, causing Pu Leng to subconsciously shiver in fright.

"Boom...." Suddenly raging flames broke out all around him, followed by a deluge of fire that encompassed Pu Leng from all four sides. These horrifying flames made Pu Leng feel despair. He finally understood what this collapse actually was; a fire that burned everything in its path created by a False Collapse.

It was a pity that by the time he understood this point it was already too late. As the crazy fiery waves squeezed up on him, Pu Leng couldn't help but scream out in utter despair. As a cultivator in the Plundering Life Realm, he was too explicit about his own situation.

He knew that he was finished. At this point, there was only a single thought in his mind, and that was regret. He did not regret coming here to deal with Ning Cheng; he regretted that he should not have used his Crescent Ring feint. If he had chosen to rush out of the Array Formation, he would not be the one facing death, but Ning Cheng.

Just because he overestimated Ning Cheng's condition, he ended up choosing to use the Crescent Ring feint; with the result, he was the one to end up dead. After the thought of regret passed through his mind, he immediately started hating someone. The person he hated was not Ning Cheng, but Yan Fu who just fled.

If only...

The most despair-inducing thing about this world was that one was free to make whatever choices one wanted, but one was never free from the consequences of those choices.

The 'most worthless' thing of this world was if you had the power to change something and you did not do anything to achieve it then you would never be able to change that thing again.

Raging flames rose up within Ning Cheng's courtyard; at the same time, the entire North City District also heard the barely audible sound of an explosion. However, no one came to investigate, no one even brought out his or her Spiritual Consciousness to probe around.

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Rootless Black City Trade Union's Second Floor.

A young man wearing black robes sat in the middle of the hall on the Second Floor, and on his side stood two beautiful and comely female cultivators.

This young man's face looked slightly longer than ordinary, but his young, energetic and robust looking body, compensated for his long face and did not make him look obtrusive at all.

"Why hasn't Association Head Pu come yet? If he is going to be late, then I don't have the time to continue waiting for him." The young man with a long face spoke with a greatly unsatisfied tone while raising a glass of Spiritual Wine from the table in front of him.

Suddenly, he stood up and looked at the sky outside the window, before frowning and speaking up after a moment, "Who in the Rootless Black City used such a top-class Escaping Talisman? Check it out."

"Yes, Junior City Master." Two cultivators answered, and then both of them vanished from the hall on the Second Floor after acknowledging the commands from this Junior City Master.

This black robed youth was none other than Junior City Master Xu Liangzhi of the Rootless Black City. His father was Xu Kai, the foremost expert in the Rootless Black City; at the same time, this Xu Kai was also the City Master of the Rootless Black City.

Although Xu Kai could leave the Rootless Black City at any moment, he just did not want to go. Not only was he unwilling to go, even his only son, Xu Liangzhi, also did not want to permanently leave the Rootless Black City.

Xu Liangzhi already had more than 50 cultivators in his team, with the worst cultivation among them at the Crucible Transformation 4th Level. For Xu Liangzhi, what he wanted at present was to pick out 50 more people who did not need to return.

Do not look at Xu Liangzhi as a sex maniac; he was also an extraordinarily sinister and malicious person. In the Rootless Black City, as long as he took a fancy to any female cultivator, if he could get his hands on them, then he would get his hands on them. If they could not satisfy his demands, then he entirely had the capabilities to make the life of that female cultivator even worse than death. As for those who offended him, they would eventually die without even an intact body.

However, he was still a man of his words. At least, he always honoured his promises. It was only because of this characteristic that so many people signed up after receiving the news of him forming a team.

The cultivators sent by Xu Liangzhi soon returned. That was because, just as the two of them reached the entrance of the Trade Union, they had already obtained the news.

“What happened?” Xu Liangzhi put down the cup of Spiritual Win in his hand.

“Reporting to Junior City Master, Association Head Pu Leng of the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce took ten people to the North City District to catch someone named Ning Cheng. However, after they went in, they never came out. The people around only heard constant explosive sounds coming from the inside, along with strong fluctuations in the surrounding space. As for what went on inside, it is still not clear. We returned to ask if Junior City Master wants to go visit the other party’s Immortal Cave or not?”

After this cultivator finished his report, not only did Xu Liangzhi’s face change drastically, even the cultivators all around him felt extremely shocked.

The Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce, including Pu Leng, had two Plundering Life Realm Cultivators in their group. Moreover, all of them went together. However, not even one of them came out. How couldn’t they treat it as an urgent matter?

“Don’t go to that place, immediately look up information about this cultivator called Ning Cheng. Find out why he flattened the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce’s Rest Stop at the Receiving Heaven’s Stone.” The first sentence Xu Liangzhi spoke out after standing up was to order his people to look into the cause of all this.

Pu Leng and the others accompanying him did not come out after entering. This kind of matter, he did not need to ask. They were all dead. Otherwise, Pu Leng would have definitely come to the Trade Union’s Hall long ago.

### **[The Gate Of Good Fortune](#)**

#### **Chapter 460: Plot For Sale**

Ning Cheng and Ji Luoifei currently sat in the small courtyard facing each other. For a cultivator like Ning Cheng, who was also an Alchemy Grand Master, his severe wounds did not affect him adversely.



Under the effects of True Essence operation and Ning Cheng's pills, his wounds recovered quickly. However, Ji Luofei still tended to Ning Cheng's wounds with her hands to help alleviate Ning Cheng's healing process.

Merely in just an hour, the cut on Ning Cheng's waist, which spanned almost half of it, closed up with only a faint scar left behind.

"Luofei, I'm going to level the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce now. This is definitely the best time. Otherwise, it would be difficult to find the right excuse later." After Ning Cheng's injuries recovered significantly, he immediately spoke out about levelling the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce.

"I'll come with you." Ji Luofei also stood up. Although she felt complete confidence in Ning Cheng, especially about his ability to level a Chamber of Commerce by himself, she still felt somewhat disturbed by the thought of him leaving her sight.

Ning Cheng held Ji Luofei in his arms and spoke up softly, "The experts of Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce have already done most of the work for me. By this time, the rest of the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce should have already received the news and must be preparing for escape. You don't have to worry about me; however, you should remain careful. Remember, when I am away, remain within the Array Formation. I'm going to clean up the place with my Maximal Flame Spiritual Technique, so I should be back in a short while."

The rings of those 11 strong experts definitely contained a fortune. Unfortunately, under the Maximal Flame Spiritual Technique, most of them ended up destroyed, while Ning Cheng managed to only collect a few of them.

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As one of 12 great factions of the Rootless Black City, Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's prestige and position always remained at a high level. Because of this, the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce had its headquarters located in the most prosperous urban district of the Rootless Black City.

Perennial lightning covered the headquarters of the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce, a huge high-rise building left behind by the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's most influential expert, Xue Yiren. If the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce suffered an attack, this perennial lightning, under the control of the current Association Head, would transform into Lightning Arrays to counterattack. Its working principle was quite similar to the Chain Linked Killing Formation that Ning Cheng arranged back at his residence.

Xue Yiren had a Thunder-Type Spiritual Root as his main Spiritual Root; as such, it directly correlated to his strong cultivation. This also translated into him being the foremost expert within the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce. However, because he dedicated himself to the pursuit of higher cultivation, he decided to head towards the distant worlds within the Starry Sky.

Since 11 people, along with Pu Leng, ended up annihilated at the hands of Ning Cheng, the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce was the first entity to realise it. However, no one dared to venture into the North City District to find Ning Cheng. Pu Leng himself was a mighty person and had the support of the top 11 experts within the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce, yet most of them still met their

makers at the hands of Ning Cheng. If any of them decided to go confront Ning Cheng, it would be no different from delivering vegetables to him.

At this time, in the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce, dozens of people nervously sat in the hall looking at each other. Everyone's face had a grim look plastered over it, with worry oozing out of every pore. Do not look at their large numbers, as the highest cultivation among the gathered was only at the Crucible Transformation 5th Level. Even if many more cultivators of this calibre banded together, a cultivator in the Plundering Life Realm could easily slaughter them all.

"This Ning Cheng is truly bold; if I didn't guess wrong, he surely would make his way here eventually." A female cultivator stood up and expressed her intentions to escape. With the top experts of the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce annihilated, the rest of the people did not want to stay back, even for a little while.

"That shouldn't be possible, right? Isn't Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's Headquarter located in the Central City District? Even if my Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce does not act, the patrol guards will not let him begin. Also, no one could withstand the bombardment from the perineal lightning protecting our Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's base." Another Crucible Transformation Cultivator immediately spoke out in rebuttal. Apparently, although he felt concerned about the fate of the Association Head, he still felt that Ning Cheng would not dare to come to this place.

The female cultivator from before spoke out coldly, "Do you think it is a question of courage for someone like him? If he were timid, would he dare to flatten the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's Rest Stop at the Receiving Heaven's Stone? If the Association Head and others could not do anything to him, do you think anyone else would feel willing enough to help speak on behalf of our Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce? You tell me. If my Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce went to the North City District, would anyone dare to block us? It's only because of the strength we possess or at least possessed. If the other party came here without anyone to stop him, that itself would also be a completely normal thing. After all, only strength matters in the end."

After the female cultivator said her piece, she turned around and walked away before finally leaving the hall a moment later.

All the people turned silent. Although there were many cultivators in the Rootless Black City's patrol, it also belonged to only one of the 12 great factions in the end. If the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce didn't have the strength to protect itself, then it definitely had no right to call itself as one of the 12 primary forces of the city. Of course, it also meant that no one would choose to help them in their present condition. The reality of living in this place painfully stabbed at everyone in the face.

Several of the cultivators also stood up, and it seemed as if they had already made up their minds to leave in the same way as the female cultivator. They all showed intentions to escape from the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's headquarters.

"Boom....." All the cultivators in the hall felt a powerful tremor as if the entire Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's base would collapse any moment.

Endless thunder and lightning overflowed down from the top of the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's base and formed a dense Silver Thunder Rainline. Even those inside the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's buildings could feel the might of the descending lightning.

"He came...." A cultivator in the Sea Opening Realm spoke out in a quivering voice.

Almost at the same time, another boom arrived; this time, the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's base shook violently.

The people in the hall quickly stood up while several more started rushing out as soon as possible. Looking at the fear on their faces, none of them had any intentions to stop the person, who had forcefully came barging in the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's building. Instead, they all wanted to escape from this place just like the female cultivator from before.

The few that remained in the hall looked at each other in dismay and despair; however, none of them took the initiative to go out and fight. At this time, everyone understood that since the other party could attack for the second time, it meant that the protection offered by the perineal lightning at the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's roof did not affect him at all.

As for the several others cultivators that rushed out of the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's hall, and those cultivators who chose to depart even earlier, none of them acted to stop the attack on the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce. At this moment, all of them had only a single thought in their minds, to escape.

The one who came to deal with the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce naturally was none other than Ning Cheng. To act against the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce, Ning Cheng did not hesitate at all. He directly struck the headquarters of the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce with full force. Once he flattened the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's lair, the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce would also end up delisted from the list of great factions within the Rootless Black City.

The Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's base had a perineal lightning source on its roof. Under Ning Cheng's attack, it automatically shot out numerous Lightning Arcs. These Lightning Arcs wrapped around the entire Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's headquarters. However, Ning Cheng possessed a Thunder Spiritual Root; not only that, but he also owned the Everlasting Blue Thunder City.

Even if Ning Cheng did not think of bringing out the Everlasting Blue Thunder City, these lightning arcs could barely cause any damage to him.

However, although these endless lightning arcs could not injure Ning Cheng, those cultivators who wanted to escape from the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's building ended up suffering heavy casualties under it. Nearly a seventh of those cultivators perished under the direct bombardment of those lightning arcs, while 20% of the cultivators suffered severe injuries. Only 10% of the cultivators managed to rush out just to end up facing Ning Cheng's wrath. These cultivators, who managed to rush out, just could not last for even a single mover against Ning Cheng's attacks, falling right in front of the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's headquarters.

Ning Cheng had already decided to attack the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's base in the Central District and used the excuse of Pu Leng bringing his people to attack Ning Cheng's Immortal Cave. Moreover, just like that time, nobody came out to speak nor did anyone come to provide help.

With the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's base suffering an attack, it caused a large number of Lightning Arcs to shoot out; however, this stretch of the street remained quiet. At this moment, all the cultivators choose to hide within their residences. At the same time, they all used their Spiritual Consciousness to watch the process of Ning Cheng attacking the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce; however, none of them dared to come out to provide any help.

Even the numerous patrol guards within the Central City District chose to disappear from the area. The guards finally decided to record the actions of Ning Cheng attacking the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce with their crystal balls only after retreating far away to a relatively safe distance.

In a Discourse Main Hall not far from the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce, one could see more than a dozen cultivators seated around a table discussing something. When Pu Leng attacked Ning Cheng's Immortal Cave, nobody asked about it. However, currently, they were all talking about whether they should unite with other factions to deal with Ning Cheng. Ning Cheng's attacks were just too powerful, ordinary city guards just could not cope with someone like him.

"We must deal with him. Otherwise, if any random person arrived at the Central City District and destroyed a Chamber of Commerce, would order still exist within the Rootless Black City? This newcomer dared to show such arrogance after just arriving here; if we do not kill him, then it would reflect poorly on the prestige of our Rootless Black City." A white-haired old man stood up and spoke out angrily.

However, no one stood up to join and echo his sentiments. This person was none other than the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce's Mao Xiuxuan. The Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce and Ning Cheng also shared an enmity, which came into existence when Ning Cheng chose to kill Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce's Cecile. As for what Mao Xiuxuan spoke, about reflecting poorly on the prestige of the Rootless Black City, everyone knew that it was utter nonsense.

As to why Ning Cheng wanted to destroy the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce, the reason for it had already made its way into the ears of everyone. Which Chamber of Commerce would willingly take an initiative to offend such a powerful existence? As for the enmity between the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce and Ning Cheng, no one wanted to dip their feet into those muddy waters.

However, all the people definitely thought that at least a part of what Mao Xiuxuan spoke was definitely the truth. That is, this new cultivator, Ning Cheng, definitely was too arrogant. How long ago did he arrive in this place? Yet, he successfully managed to offend the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce and the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce together. If he chose to live in the Rootless Black City for eight or ten years, how many forces would he end up fighting?

Some of the people who were not as strong as the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce were already wondering if they should restrain their own people and warn them to not clash with this Ning Cheng under any circumstances.

"Boom....." A loud blast resounded in the area, even the people sitting there could feel the ground shaking under their feet.

Still struggling to persuade the crowds to join forces against Ning Cheng, Mao Xiuxuan suddenly halted with his words. He knew that at this moment, any kind of persuasion would be useless. That massive

tremor from before indicated that Ning Cheng must have successfully levelled the headquarters of the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce, which meant that the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce no longer existed from now on.

The Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce indeed met its demise. Moreover, over 90% of the elites of the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce ended up meeting their makers at the hands of Ning Cheng. If one talked about who survived, other than the Crucible Transformation 8th Level Cultivator who escaped using the Escape Talisman a long time ago, the rest were only some small fries, not even worth mentioning.

Standing on the ruins of the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce, Ning Cheng chose to not leave. He finally managed to exterminate the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce; even the Chamber of Commerce's headquarters met its destruction under his hands.

In the Central City District where every inch of land was worth its price in gold, he did not feel willing enough to allow his spoils of battle to fall into other's hands. Not knowing if the other Association Head would make a move on him as revenge for the destruction of Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce, Ning Cheng still chose to arrange an Array Formation at that location.

He arranged the simplest of Enclosure Arrays, circling the entire plot of the razed Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's base. He then used the Array Formation to project a giant screen over the ruins of the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce. There were only four characters on display over the screen, that is, 'Plot for sale'.