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Chapter 461: Junior City Master

Xu Liangzhi calmly sat in the centre of the hall on the second floor of the Rootless Black City's Trade Union; nobody knew anything about his current thoughts.

He had just received the details about the matter between Ning Cheng and the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce; moreover, he also realised that it had a direct relationship with him. Six years ago, he saw a Crucible Transformation Female Cultivator called Yan Ji at the Receiving Heaven's Stone. Yan Ji already was a kingdom-toppling beauty within an ordinary mainland, not to mention within the Void where even birds would not choose to shit. Naturally, he took an immediate fancy to Yan Ji.

Goukang Yeshan of the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce, to help him get her, had teamed up with the people from his City Master's Mansion, which ended with Yan Ji forced off the Receiving Heaven's Stone. This act was the root of all the hatred.

The battle between Ning Cheng and Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce had already concluded the moment when the two Plundering Life Realm Experts, Si Pingxuan, and the Chamber of Commerce's Association Head Pu Leng perished at his hands. At the same time, the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's base also ended up levelled to the ground by Ning Cheng soon after, who even placed a 'Plot for sale' sign over it. After knowing that news, the survivors from Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's Merchant Houses, along with the Rest Stop's caretakers within the Rootless Black City, immediately chose to abandon their posts and escape. Which ultimately led to Ning Cheng seizing all those domains for himself with the same obnoxious sign, 'Plot for sale'.

Throughout the entire process, no one dared to stop him. Although the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce's Deputy Association Head desperately asked everyone's help in dealing with Ning Cheng; however, no one responded.

The matter from six years ago resulted in the death of Goukang Yeshan as an accomplice; at the same time, Goukang Yeshan's Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce also faced annihilation because of it. However, the main culprit, him, still did not encounter anything. Xu Liangzhi was not an idiot. He absolutely did not think that Ning Cheng feared him thereby not daring enough to come looking for him.

A person who could exterminate the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce by himself obviously would not feel afraid of him, a Junior City Master. Moreover, Xu Liangzhi also was not an idiot; he would not directly go to this Ning Cheng's Immortal Cave to attack him like Pu Leng. At the same time, he knew that his own strength did not exceed that of the entire Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce. Once he dared to attack Ning Cheng's Immortal Cave, then he would most likely end up in the same state as the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce, while also giving the other party a genuine excuse for counterattacking.

For him to sit on an equal footing with someone like Pu Leng, it was not just on the virtue of his strength, but because of his father, Xu Kai's power, and also by the prestige of the City Master's mansion that he managed.

Xu Liangzhi did not know for how long he sat there in a trance, before he suddenly stood up and spoke, "Go into the Void and search for other Black Essence Stone Mines for now. I'm going to visit the City Master's mansion."

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Anyone who lived in the Rootless Black City knew that a significant event had occurred in the city. It was all because of a new cultivator by the name of Ning Cheng, who had single-handedly extinguished the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce and had even assigned the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's domains as his own. No one chose to object to it, despite the discontent over his actions.

Although the land in the Central City District was expensive and extremely difficult to purchase, no one dared to touch the domains under Ning Cheng. In the same way, no one came to find trouble with Ning Cheng. Lest they end up with 'donating' their own territories to Ning Cheng.

Talks of this matter spread throughout the city, causing everybody in the town to soon know about it.

Although a few thought that matter had come to its conclusion with Ning Cheng extinguishing the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce; however, many knew that this matter was just the beginning.

Moreover, the people who knew about the core of this matter all knew that this incident had indeed not reached its end. Ning Cheng, who apparently possessed a character that liked to extract his revenge thoroughly, would never let go of the primary culprit, Xu Liangzhi, after destroying the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce.

As long as one stayed in the Rootless Black City, no one would willingly ignore the City Master's mansion of the Rootless Black City. That was because it housed the most mysterious and the most powerful person in the Rootless Black City. None other than the City Master Xu Kai of the Rootless Black City.

According to the news circulating around, Xu Kai had gone into seclusion several hundred years ago and has not appeared since. However, forty years ago, a monk arrived at the Rootless Black City. With an unknown reason, this monk unexpectedly decided to kill Xu Liangzhi within the Rootless Black City.

As a result, Xu Kai, who had gone into seclusion several hundred years ago, finally came out for the first time; he not only managed to save Xu Liangzhi's Life Essence in the shortest possible time, he even rushed out of the Rootless Black City and killed that monk in the Void. After Xu Kai helped Xu Liangzhi reform his corporeal body, he once again went into seclusion.

Although this matter looked ordinary; however, no one dared to belittle it. That was because the monk was a Plundering Life Realm powerhouse; otherwise, he couldn't have managed to kill Xu Liangzhi. Yet such a powerhouse in the Plunder Life Realm, even after entering the Void, still couldn't escape the pursuit and the subsequent brutal massacre by Xu Kai.

Therefore, one should never look at Xu Kai being a no-show. As long as he still stayed in the Rootless Black City, the Rootless Black City's City Master Mansion remained the most influential power within the city.

Now that Xu Liangzhi of the Rootless Black City did not take any action, Ning Cheng also did not go out actively looking for Xu Liangzhi. Everyone had their gazes trained over his movements. At the very least,

he had to wait until this matter settled down somewhat; or at least until someone actually dared to come to purchase those domains from Ning Cheng.

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In the City Master's prefecture of the Rootless Black City, Xu Liangzhi summoned all the expendable powerhouses that he could to his place.

"Junior City Master, do we also need to head into the Void to seek out the Black Essence Stone Mines?" The one who spoke was a Crucible Transformation 7th Level guard standing close to Xu Liangzhi. He followed Xu Liangzhi for dozens of years and was a loyal and devoted subject of his.

"What are your views?" Xu Liangzhi shot a glance at the guard before speaking.

The guard hesitated for a moment before speaking up, "I think that Ning Cheng is too arrogant. If we head out now, maybe he might take the chance to track us."

"Do you think I'm afraid of that Ning Cheng?" Xu Liangzhi's tone and expression still were calm.

The guard quickly spoke out in a frightened voice, "No, how can the City Master's Mansion fear a puny Sea Opening Realm Cultivator? My opinion is, even if we don't fear ten thousand of them, a contingency is still needed."

"Are you perhaps looking forward to me leaving the Rootless Black City or do you really want to just dig out Black Essence Stone Mines?"

"Aah....."

Xu Liangzhi ignored the guard's reaction and tapped the table in front of him with a finger as he spoke up in an ordinary yet homely tone, "Forty years ago, a person going by the name of Monk Shen destroyed my corporeal body. My father then killed that Monk Shen....."

The guard still kept his head lowered and listened to the words of the Junior City Master in front of him.

Having said those words, Xu Liangzhi then suddenly looked up at the guard and asked, "Shen Zimo, when your master destroyed my corporeal body, I decided that I had to keep someone like you by my side. Do you know why?"

Hearing Xu Liangzhi's words, the guard's countenance immediately changed, as he subconsciously took a few steps back. However, he did not show any vacant expression. Since the opposite party already knew his name, it also meant all of his work had already gone up in smoke.

"You don't need to begin. There simply would not be any chance that you could exploit with your cultivation. If I want to kill you, I wouldn't need to even lift a single finger." Xu Liangzhi spoke out indifferently.

The guard then suddenly brought out a black lamp, before he spoke up in a cold tone, "Xu Liangzhi, I already had an inkling that you already knew that I was Monk Shen's disciple."

However, he did not immediately attack. He knew that Xu Liangzhi did not lie to him. Xu Liangzhi had guards everywhere. With just his cultivation of Crucible Transformation 7th Level, he just would not be able to stir up any waves.

Xu Liangzhi stood up and unexpectedly turned his back to Shen Zimo before speaking up, "The people I have offended in my life are more than you could even imagine. The only reason I allowed you to stay at my side is to keep me reminded of maintaining my guard up at all times. Fortunately, over all these years, I think I did quite a good job. At the very least, those people who want me dead have already turned into bones. It's all because of you; I should actually thank you for all of it."

Xu Liangzhi then looked back and spoke up very seriously while looking at Shen Zimo.

Shen Zimo's face turned pale, only at this moment did he realise that his scheming could not even compare to that of Xu Liangzhi's; moreover, it wasn't just a difference of a grade or two. For decades, he had willingly chosen to remain under the other party's foot, while patiently sharpening his blades, looking for opportunities to take revenge.

However, now that Shen Zimo realised that he now had no chance to achieve his revenge, he no longer bothered to refute. He raised the black lamp in his hands to strike at his own glabella.

However, a strand of red coloured damask silk swept over towards him and entwined itself around Shen Zimo's wrist; that way, Shen Zimo's black lamp simply fell short of striking his glabella.

"Xu Liangzhi, you bastard. Come by yourself if you want to kill me or torture me. Did you think that this grandpa Shen would even show a frown?" Shen Zimo yelled out in anger.

Xu Liangzhi sat down once again and showed a faint smile before speaking, "Why would I kill someone like you? After all these years of keeping you by my side, how could I suddenly have the heart to kill you? It's a pity though. Not only do I not want to kill you, but you will also be doing me a favour. Go to that Ning Cheng and say this to him. As long as he is willing to stop, I wouldn't care if I end up eating a small loss. He likes beautiful women, and I like beautiful women. I still have a few pretty female cultivators in this place that I haven't got my hands on; if he is willing, then I can send them to him at any time."

"Did you just say that you want me to help you reconcile?" Shen Zimo stared at Xu Liangzhi. He was sure that something was wrong; but as to what was wrong, he could not point to it at all.

"Yes, I just want you to help me convey a few things. Ning Cheng can destroy the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce by himself; it shows that he indeed possesses formidable strength. I hope that he can replace the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's base in the Rootless Black City. Also, tell him that the Black Essence Stone Mine that we found this time is full of tens of billions of Black Coin-equivalent of Black Essence Stones. As long as he wishes it, he can take claim half of the Black Essence Stone Mine for himself." Xu Liangzhi spoke out in a genial tone, without even half a shred of unwillingness in his voice.

Hearing those words, Shen Zimo couldn't help but subconsciously shiver in fright. He suddenly felt that even if his secret remained unexposed, he would always end up under this person's shadow. It was indeed a one of a kind sorrow.

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The North City District, the area around Ning Cheng's courtyard, remained incomparably peaceful since the previous explosions. Until this moment, no one dared to disturb them.

Ning Cheng and Ji Luofei had long since prepared themselves to counter any plan the Rootless Black City had for them. The only reason they had not chosen to head out of this place was that they still had no base to speak of within the Void. Moreover, Ning Cheng also knew that as long as he displayed enough strength, then destroying the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce would not count as an earth-shattering event.

At this time, Ning Cheng and Ji Luofei were discussing something while sitting in their courtyard; as for the pit created in the yard because of the explosion, Ji Luofei and Ning Cheng had already filled it back up together.

Ning Cheng had also sorted out the loot that he obtained. Combining everything from the Crucible Transformation Cultivators he killed previously, he now possessed more than 13 million Black Coins in total. Unfortunately, Pu Leng and some of the core members' rings ended up destroyed with their contents irretrievable. As for the rest of the Magical Weapons and other stuff, Ning Cheng did not find anything suitable and just stored them all aside.

"Huh, it looks like this guy truly is unafraid of death. He even willingly dared to come to me." Ning Cheng suddenly spoke with a sneer.

Ji Luofei quickly asked, "Who is it?"

"It's that Crucible Transformation 8th Level Cultivator formerly belonging to the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce that managed to escape. He just arrived under disguise. However, using a disguise in front of our Immortal Cave's Defensive Array is just a dream. Never thought that this person, who managed to escape out of those 11 people, would be so stupid." Ning Cheng spoke out calmly.

Ji Luofei was about to ask another question when they heard a voice coming from the outside, "Yan Fu comes to request a meet with Brother Ning."

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Chapter 462: Coming To Sue For Peace

"So you are called Yan Fu. Come in." Ning Cheng's voice rang next to Yan Fu's ear; immediately, the dense fog in front of Yan Fu parted revealing a path leading towards the central courtyard.

Yan Fu had just entered this passage within the Array Formation when the courtyard's Defensive Array closed up once again behind him.

Ning Cheng quickly recalled the details of this Crucible Transformation 8th Level Cultivator in front of him. The Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's group totalled 11 people, along with Pu Leng. Of these eleven individuals, two were Plundering Life Realm cultivators, whom he had killed within the Array Formation. However, this Yan Fu, who did not have high cultivation, unexpectedly managed to last until the end. With just a faint opportunity presented to him, he immediately used an Escape Talisman to escape.

Now that Yan Fu returned once again, Ning Cheng didn't think that he willingly came here to look for death. Such a person would always show extreme seriousness and caution when it came to preserving their life; as such, this kind of a person would never willingly court death without a good reason.

After Yan Fu entered the living quarters, he immediately saw Ning Cheng and Ji Luofei sitting in a leisurely manner. He quickly raised his hands and swiped at his face. His appearance instantly transformed into a middle-aged man, with small eyes, looking very ordinary. He was the type of person who could easily lose himself in a crowd.

Ning Cheng recalled that this was the real face of Yan Fu. For Yan Fu to show such an approach, it showed that he came here without any malice and full of honesty.

"Yan Fu greets Brother Ning." Yan Fu did not choose to mention even half a word regarding the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce. After coming in, he immediately offered his greetings with cupped fists and in a very genuine and respectful manner.

Ning Cheng nodded in acknowledgement and spoke, "Strictly speaking, me and Brother Yan should be enemies. Yet, I don't know why Brother Yan dared to return to this place? Aren't you afraid of dying?"

Yan Fu spoke up without even half a bit of worry; instead, his words were quite positive, "Brother Ning, I should make it clear that we are not enemies. From the beginning to the end, I never thought of Brother Ning as my enemy. Brother Ning should know that for a rogue cultivator to gain greater benefits within the Rootless Black City, they would have no choice but to join one of the main factions in this place. So I just chose to work with the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce; however, I must state it clearly that it never was my faction, just a place for me to cooperate with others for some benefits. The Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce has already vanished now, while I'm still me. This fact itself cuts me off from any association you think I have with the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce."

"I came here today to look for Brother Ning for some cooperation. Brother Ning might already have an inkling about it. When I came to your residence that day, I only came for self-preservative reasons. I never attacked with more than half of my power. If Brother Ning is not willing to cooperate, then I will leave immediately. If Brother Ning deems it necessary to kill me, then it only shows that my eyes have gone bad, and will not blame any other person but me for my failure."

Ning Cheng had to admit that Yan Fu was quite the talkative person. He didn't wish to continue beating around the bush with meaningless words, and just pointed to the seat in front of him and spoke, "Such being the case, please take a seat first Brother Yan."

After Yan Fu sat down, Ning Cheng only asked a single question, "What does Brother Yan want me to cooperate on?"

"Brother Ning should know why Pu Leng and Xu Liangzhi came back at this time, right? It's because of a giant Essence Stone Mine that we found....."

Ning Cheng interrupted Yan Fu and spoke, "Are you talking about the Black Essence Stone Mine?"

Yan Fu held up his cupped fists towards Ning Cheng and spoke, "If it were just a Black Essence Stone Mine, then I wouldn't need to reveal such shortcomings. What we found was not a Black Essence Stone Mine, but a Blue Essence Stone Mine."

“Blue Essence Stone?” Ning Cheng asked in doubt.

Yan Fu nodded and spoke, “That’s right, Blue Essence Stone. In the Rootless Black City, there are no Blue Coins in circulation. However, in the boundless Starry Sky, Blue Coins are worth far more than Black Coins. A Blue Coin is equivalent to 100 Black Coins.”

Ning Cheng’s complexion changed slightly. He had only recently arrived at the Rootless Black City and didn’t know much about it. However, he believed what Yan Fu spoke. Even the currency on Earth had different denominations. So initially, when he saw that every Black Coin was just a single unit, he couldn’t help but find it somewhat strange. It turned out that there was still a denomination called ‘Blue Coin’ above it.

Thinking of this, he quickly asked, “You will have to pardon me for this Brother Yan, but is there a more advanced form of currency other than Blue Coins?”

Yan Fu spoke up in an affirmative tone, “Naturally, in the endless Starry Sky, currency is the most direct means to go around. Incomparable to Spirit Stones. Especially since these objects can only be used by cultivators. I heard that in the endless Starry Sky, there are many other beings apart from cultivators. There are still Martial Artists from Technological Civilisations that are equivalent or even more powerful compared to True Cultivators and use different energies. The Starry Sky.....”

As he spoke until here, Yan Fu paused for a slight bit before continuing, “All kinds of forces exist within the Starry Sky Universe. Every force, when taken to the extreme, has the potential to break through any limitations. However, my cultivation is still too low, while these are things that I heard from others; however, I am not too clear on many of these things.”

Ning Cheng had also felt such a hunch when he first gazed at the 5-Star Battle Disc, Sifting Orchid. However, now that he heard Yan Fu’s words, he still couldn’t help but feel incomparably shocked. The vast universe of the Starry Sky was not as simple as he imagined.

Yan Fu on seeing that Ning Cheng seemed to have gone into shock after hearing his words did not choose to continue with this line of conversation. He returned to the previous topic and spoke, “I came to Brother Ning’s place this time to inform Brother Ning about this Blue Essence Stone Mine. If I’m not mistaken, the Blue Essence Stone Mine should contain Blue Coins worth at least hundreds of millions. This equates to tens of billions of Black Coins.”

Ning Cheng, by this time, had completely calmed down. He showed a faint smile before speaking, “Brother Yan, I believe what you told me, but how would it be useful for us? Moreover, can we even obtain those Blue Essence Stones with just our strengths?”

“The two of us certainly won’t be able to obtain all of it. However, Brother Ning, you are an expert in the Dao of Array Formations, you could go ahead and arrange some Array Formations in advance.” Yan Fu spoke up calmly.

Ning Cheng instantly understood Yan Fu’s intent. With the reputation of the Rootless Black City’s Junior City Master, after discovering the Blue Essence Stone Mine, most of it would anyway make it into his pockets. What Yan Fu intended was to wait for Xu Liangzhi to completely open the Blue Essence Stone Mine and enter it. Then, he could activate the Array Formation, destroying all the people trapped inside, and then gathering all the Blue Essence Stones.

This Yan Fu was a person with quite the wicked heart; to obtain a share of Blue Essence Stone Mine, he was willing to kill anyone who came in his way.

However, Ning Cheng knew that he could not work together with Yan Fu. He had his own bottom line. When it came to the people from the Rootless Black City's City Master Mansion, Ning Cheng could kill them all without any guilty heart; after all, if Ning Cheng did not kill them off, they would undoubtedly seek an opportunity to kill him. Just like the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce, which he recently extinguished. If Ning Cheng had not chosen to exterminate the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce, eventually, they would have killed him. Therefore, he did not feel even half a shred of guilt or psychological burden when extinguishing them. Just as in the case when two opposing armies fighting in a war, the soldiers who killed the opposing army's soldiers would not feel any of the psychological burden, at least not during the process.

Moreover, the cultivators who chose to team up with Xu Liangzhi had a similarity, that is, they all were struggling for survival in the Rootless Black City. Using those people to dig out the mine and then exterminate them, Ning Cheng confessed to himself that he could never do such a thing.

"Since you shared this with me, how much do you want to get out of it?" Ning Cheng's tone did not contain any excitement.

Feeling Ning Cheng's tone, Yan Fu suddenly felt a bit confused in his heart. He had initially thought that no one would remain indifferent when hearing about the opportunity to gain tens of billions of Black Coins. However, this Ning Cheng in front of him remained utterly calm, which made him not know about what Ning Cheng thought.

"I only need one-tenth of it. If you think it is high, then I can also take a smaller share." From the moment he arrived at this place until now, it was the first time Yan Fu felt that he lacked confidence.

Ning Cheng calmly spoke up, "You and I are different. I'm a person who doesn't act against those who do not offend me nor do I have any interest in taking prisoners. The Rootless Black City's Junior City Master wanted to kill my friend, driving her into the Void in the process, for that, I will definitely take his life. As for those who chose to form a team with Xu Liangzhi, I do not share a direct hatred with them; therefore, I'd rather not get my hands stained with their blood."

Yan Fu immediately turned silent; he had never encountered any cultivator like Ning Cheng. He even thought that Ning Cheng wanted to deceive him. In this place, who would still choose to cling to morality and ethics? He was sure that among the ten thousand cultivators within the Rootless Black City, as long as a sufficient pile of benefits were dangled in front of them, 9999 of them would not hesitate to kill each other to obtain that benefit.

If Ning Cheng disagreed with him, then he might not necessarily preserve his pitiful life. Ning Cheng mentioned that he would not act on those who did not offend him, nor did he have any interest in taking prisoners; however, he was a person from the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce, who had already openly offended Ning Cheng.

Yan Fu only hesitated for a short while before he took out a jade strip and passed it on to Ning Cheng before speaking, "This jade strip contains the location of the Blue Essence Mine within the Void."

Ning Cheng accepted the jade strip and swept his Spiritual Consciousness into it before speaking out calmly, "From now on we don't owe each other anything. I will go search for the Blue Essence Stone. If you want to go there, then I will also not stop you. Whoever manages to grab onto it first will be the one to keep it."

"Many thanks." Yan Fu once again cupped his fists towards Ning Cheng, before he quickly retreated from the area and walked away. Only when he reached the entrance, did he suddenly turn his head and spoke, "Brother Ning, there is one more thing that I want to tell you. Xu Liangzhi is definitely not just a mindless worm, his scheming run very deep. Also, I heard that his father, Xu Kai, is about to advance once again."

After Yan Fu finally left his courtyard, Ning Cheng once again closed up the Array Formation, while still thinking about the words left behind by Yan Fu. Whether it was the information about the various capable people within the universe of the Starry Sky or the Blue Essence Stone Mine, Ning Cheng couldn't help but feel that the last bit of information was the most important one.

"Dear, the person he reminded us just a few moments ago, surnamed Xu, should not be someone simple. His father must be a cultivator in the Plundering Life Realm, don't you think? If he advances once again....." Ji Luoifei's tone was fraught with worry.

"As long as he did not advance past the Plundering Life Realm, I do not fear him. Oh, I forgot to ask Yan Fu about the realm beyond the Plundering Life Realm, alas...." Ning Cheng gave a sigh. He wasn't actually afraid of Xu Kai advancing beyond the Plundering Life Realm; he gave out a sigh because he had too little knowledge about it.

At this moment, another voice arrived from outside his residence, "Shen Zimo from the City Master's Mansion requests a meet with Brother Ning."

Ning Cheng and Ji Luoifei glanced at each other with a strange look in their eyes. What kind of day was today? First, the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's Yan Fu came for a visit, and now people from the City Master's Mansion arrived at their doorstep. One must know these two forces shared a common hatred against him.

Ning Cheng once again opened the Array Formation, allowing this cultivator named Shen Zimo to come in.

Shen Zimo seemed to possess cultivation at the Crucible Transformation 7th Level, with a square-shaped face and big ears; however, his body gave off a hint of lifeless spirit.

This Ning Cheng felt it very clearly. Although he had not encountered any cultivators possessing a lifeless spirit aura similar to Shen Zimo, he just happened to be one of them. Because of coming in contact with Origin Aura, he found some commonalities between this lifeless spirit aura and Origin Aura, which allowed Ning Cheng to easily sense it.

"I don't have any previous contact with the City Master's Mansion, nor do I know anybody within the City Master's Mansion. So why did you come here looking for me?" After Ning Cheng hinted Shen Zimo to sit down, he immediately spoke out in a soft tone.

“I am just following orders to come here. The Junior City Master has placed substantial importance on Brother Ning’s skills. He wants to invite Brother Ning to venture into the Void to look for that Black Essence Stone Mine. He even promises to share half of it”

Shen Zimo was still in the middle of talking when Ning Cheng took a step forward and tightly grabbed onto Shen Zimo’s wrist. With Shen Zimo’s cultivation, although he might not be an opponent against Ning Cheng, he at least possessed the capability to prevent Ning Cheng from grabbing his wrist. However, he did not do any such thing and continued talking about all the conditions put forward by Xu Liangzhi.

Even if Yan Fu had not visited this place a few moments ago, Ning Cheng would still never believe that Xu Liangzhi would actually send someone to sue for peace. Not to mention about Yan Fu’s reminder, he already knew instinctively that a person like Xu Liangzhi definitely would not be as simple as he looked on the surface. Combined with the lifeless spirit aura coming from Shen Zimo, how could he believe that Xu Liangzhi would sue for peace?

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Chapter 463: Competing Against The Junior City Master

When Ning Cheng grabbed Shen Zimo’s wrist, Shen Zimo did not try to resist it at all and continued as a puppet; Ning Cheng quickly understood that something was not right with Shen Zimo.

With Ning Cheng’s cultivation of Spiritual Consciousness along with his understandings regarding Restrictions and Array Formations, just a cursory sweep of his Spiritual Consciousness past Shen Zimo’s meridians allowed him to understand what was going on.

Shen Zimo’s body unexpectedly contained a Spiritual Soul Restriction. Under this Spiritual Soul Restriction, Ning Cheng did not dare to dig deeper even if he wanted to. For people put under Spiritual Soul Restriction, their masters could easily learn all of Shen Zimo’s thoughts and get to know about every word and deed done by Shen Zimo on the outside.

This Shen Zimo definitely was not a person loyal to Junior City Master Xu Liangzhi; otherwise, the other party would never let such a vicious restriction to take root inside their body.

Ning Cheng withdrew his hand and returned to his seat; however, he chose not to put up a shield around the opposite party’s Spiritual Soul Restriction. This kind of thing, as long as he made the slightest move against it, the opposing party would immediately notice it. Unless Ning Cheng’s own strength far surpassed the person who cast this restriction.

Shen Zimo behaved as if nothing happened at all. He just took out a jade strip indicating the directional instructions for a place within the Void and passed it on to Ning Cheng with the following words, “This is what Junior City Master asked me to give you. If Brother Ning is willing to cooperate, then we can meet at this place. Whoever comes first, will have to wait for the other.”

After Shen Zimo finished his words, he stood up straight, cupped his fists for a brief moment towards Ning Cheng before turning around and walking away.

Ning Cheng frowned; since the moment his Spiritual Consciousness descended on Shen Zimo’s body, he couldn’t help but find it very strange. This Shen Zimo contained a lifeless spirit aura that seems to have

sprouted only recently, along with the Spiritual Soul Restriction. It remained expected that he wouldn't help this Junior City Master wholeheartedly. Why did he come just to leave, without mentioning even half a word against the Junior City Master? Did the Junior City Master not place the Spiritual Soul Restriction on his body? If not, then why did he let Ning Cheng probe him?

In fact, the moment since Shen Zimo realised that Xu Liangzhi had seen through him, he understood that there might be a Restriction of some kind placed on him, which he did not know about.

After he left the City Master's Mansion, and along the way to Ning Cheng's residence, he repeatedly checked himself thoroughly. However, he could not find even the slightest trace of a Restriction on him; however, the Restriction suddenly appeared when the will of death sprouted inside of him out of utter despair. It turned out to be a Spiritual Soul Restriction, which meant that all his thoughts, all his words and even all his actions, were in plain sight to the person who placed it on him.

Shen Zimo secretly let out a sigh in his heart. At the same, offered no resistance towards Ning Cheng's actions. He did not persuade Ning Cheng with any kind of words, nor did he even think of anything. Since Xu Liangzhi could learn all of his thoughts, then why should he still immerse himself in useless work? This Ning Cheng could exterminate the entire Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce inside the Rootless Black City; it proved that he indeed was not someone simple. Even if that was the case, he did not think of anything; in any case, he knew that all of his thoughts were now in the open.

What he had never thought was that the faint aura of a lifeless spirit, which had suddenly sprouted inside of him because of the crushing despair, would end up noticed by Ning Cheng. Because Ning Cheng detected this faint lifeless spirit aura from his body, it resulted in him finding the Spiritual Soul Restriction.

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After Shen Zimo left, Ning Cheng and Ji Luofei discussed for a bit, before Ji Luofei entered the Miniature World along with Yi Zhuzhu. Ning Cheng then sealed up his Array Formation, after hanging a 'Going into Cultivation Seclusion' board outside. He then activated his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds in stealth before silently leaving his Immortal Cave's courtyard with an instantaneous shift.

No matter what Xu Liangzhi planned, Ning Cheng must meet him. Moreover, the thought of killing Xu Liangzhi was a lot more urgent for Ning Cheng compared to Xu Liangzhi's thoughts of killing Ning Cheng.

As for Xu Liangzhi's summation, he just did not care for it. He was sure that the opposite party had already expected his actions; moreover, he also knew that the opposing party would not expect Ning Cheng to believe their words. He kept thinking about the location marked in the jade strip; since Xu Liangzhi dared to share the location of this place with him, it meant that there definitely was a problem with that location.

After leaving the Rootless Black City, Ning Cheng chose not to visit the location in the jade strip given to him by Xu Liangzhi. No matter what the other party thought, no matter whether the jade strip contained the truth or not, he had no plans of going there.

From Ning Cheng's point of view, his current purpose was to kill Xu Liangzhi and obtain the Blue Essence Stones; since the place pointed by Xu Liangzhi did not serve any of his intentions, why would he chose to willingly go there? If he had to kill Xu Liangzhi, then he would have to set up an ambush along the way.

Therefore, the direction, which Ning Cheng chose, was the direction of the Blue Essence Stone Mine. Xu Liangzhi might be a schemer specialist, but Ning Cheng also had his own advantages that helped him in coping with shifting events.

In any case, Xu Liangzhi did not know that he possessed the jade strip containing the location of the Blue Essence Stone Mine. That is unless Yan Fu and Xu Liangzhi cooperated with each other to deal with him; however, Ning Cheng believed that he did not wrongly read the person from before. Yan Fu coming to him had no relations with Xu Liangzhi, just something that had stemmed from Yan Fu's cautious personality.

The jade strip, given to him by Yan Fu, which contained the navigational directions within the Void, definitely was very explicit; moreover, it was even the safest route. Although Ning Cheng did not possess a Void Ship, he still owned the exquisite Twin Wings of the Heavenly Cloud. These nimble Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, paired with his powerful Spiritual Consciousness, it allowed him to avoid the various dangers within the Void.

In the beginning, his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds suffered accidental scratches from a few Void Blade-Light. However, it allowed him to grow more flexible and nimble with the experience. Apart from the Void Blade Lights, there were even meteorites that drifted around from one place to another, travelling back and forth with incomparably fast speeds.

Therefore, after travelling for a few days within the Void, even if he occasionally deviated from the safest route, he would not end up trapped within the murderous zones of the Void.

On the 11th day, Ning Cheng finally came to a stop. There was a large meteorite fixed in the Void, just like a small island within a sea. This island had a radius of about 100 miles; however, because of the peculiar Void Turbulences within this particular location, it ended up fettered in this specific spot in space.

Because of this place remaining fettered to a specific location in the Void, it earned the classification of 'Void Island'. There were many Void Islands within the endless Void; some of them would end up drifting away after a long period of time, while some would end up smashed apart by the meteorites; however, only a remarkably few of them will remain fixed in one place permanently.

The Receiving Heaven's Stone is a Void Island, as it typically remains fixed to its location due to a Natural Array Formation.

The reason why Ning Cheng stopped at this location was due to the precise directional instructions within Yan Fu's jade strip. The Void Ship had to stop seven times in total during its journey to the Blue Essence Stone Mine. This island was the second stop.

As long as Xu Liangzhi still wanted to go to the location of the Blue Essence Stone Mine, he must undoubtedly stop here. Because of this, Ning Cheng chose this location to arrange a few Array Formations.

This location is where Xu Liangzhi would end up buried.

Xu Liangzhi might have many cultivators at his side; however, Ning Cheng also felt that he would not face many difficulties in killing Xu Liangzhi. The group from Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce that

attacked his Immortal Cave contained only 11 cultivators; however, the reason he found it difficult was that he had decided to completely exterminate them all. This time, Ning Cheng just wanted to kill Xu Liangzhi. As for the rest of the people, whether they lived or they died, he did not care at all. What's more, Xu Liangzhi's cultivation was also a lot more powerful compared to other Crucible Transformation Cultivators.

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Rootless Black City's City Master Mansion, Junior City Master Xu Liangzhi sat inside quietly with a frown on his face. Whether or not Shen Zimo realised that there was a Restriction placed on his Spiritual Soul, he did not care, what he felt bothered was about the fact that Shen Zimo had truthfully passed on all of his words to Ning Cheng as it is, without even missing a character. However, why couldn't he spy on Shen Zimo's true motives this time? From what he knew and learned about Shen Zimo, he definitely was not a total idiot.

Seeing Shen Zimo coming in, Xu Liangzhi unexpectedly felt a cold shiver run down his spine. He immediately realised that Shen Zimo had learned about the Restriction placed on him before arriving at Ning Cheng's Immortal Cave, as a result, did not put up any resistance at all. This only showed that he achieved only half of what he planned.

"Junior City Master, Shen Zimo actually passed on the message in full honesty. Should we unite the rest of the people together and march to his residence, or do we still wait?" A man at Crucible Transformation 9th Level, sitting beside Xu Liangzhi, discretely asked after Shen Zimo took his exit.

"You don't have to attack his residence for the moment; you just keep an eye on Shen Zimo. Our team already consists of a hundred Crucible Transformation Cultivators. Immediately head into the Void and take them to the Essence Stone Mine....."

Having spoken until this point, Xu Liangzhi seemed to have thought of something important, before he urgently added onto it, "Chao Han, the only people who know about the Essence Mine are the group from the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce and the City Master's Mansion. There's one from that Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce's group who managed to escape, immediately find that person's whereabouts; we absolutely cannot let him divulge the whereabouts of the Blue Essence Stone Mine to Ning Cheng."

The Crucible Transformation 9th Level male quickly stood up and spoke, "Junior City Master, the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce shares a bitter enmity with Ning Cheng. Whoever managed to escape at that time would never even think of going back to inform Ning Cheng about it. He might not even dare to stay back in the Rootless Black City....."

Xu Liangzhi gave a grunt before speaking, "Do you know the safest place to hide at any moment? I'll tell you, it's the location deemed the most dangerous by others, which will always remain the safest place. If I were that cultivator who managed to escape at that moment, I would definitely find a way to meet Ning Cheng once again. To at least openly exchange a few words; after all, the Rootless Black City is still a huge place....."

As Xu Liangzhi spoke, he couldn't help but feel something going wrong more and more. He suddenly stood up, "Increase the surveillance around Ning Cheng's Immortal Cave in the North City District.

Immediately blockade the entire Rootless Black City. From now on, every cultivator going out of the city has to present their original identities.....”

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Chapter 464: Where To Set Up The Ambush

“That’s not right.....” Xu Liangzhi spoke those words to himself.

“Big Brother Zhi, I think what you said is correct, but why do you feel that it is not right?” A woman by his side spoke up. At first glance, she looked quite ordinary; however, when viewed closely, only the words ‘extreme perfection’ could describe this woman’s figure. As this woman stood there, it only served to enhance her exquisite curves. This woman could ignite the fire of lust in anyone before eyes could even make it to her face.

Just as she finished her words, she seemed to have thought of something once again, which revealed a trace of different colour on her face.

This woman had the name Hong Luyan; she was not only Xu Liangzhi’s favourite woman but also Xu Liangzhi’s most reliable think tank.

Xu Liangzhi spoke up in a dignified voice, “Do you really want to understand? That Ning Cheng started from killing Cecile, then moved to destroy the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce’s Rest Stop on the Receiving Heaven’s Stone, before moving onto completely exterminating the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce. Which of these matters did not involve careful planning and scheming? After he killed off Cecile, why did the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce not go out looking for him? If he had not exterminated the Silver Thunder Rest Stop, then perhaps the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce would most likely be the first to go looking for him. However, he balanced out the situation, wanting to let the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce feel more than just despair.”

“Now that he eliminated the entire Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce, it equated to Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce suffering the same fate, if they had involved themselves. Seeing that the people from the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce would not dare to come out and preach, the only outcome left for them was to swallow the fly and keep quiet. However, I also estimate that some people think that this person possesses a wild nature to actually dare to extinguish the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce in the Rootless Black City, which in their opinion is nothing more than courting death.”

“But, was he really courting death? The major forces of the Rootless Black City will always remain intertwined with each other in some way or the other while at each other’s throats. Unless my father exits his seclusion, only at that time will everyone actually start behaving obediently. Otherwise, everyone will just focus on self-shovelling the snow in front of them, which in turn would mean that this kind of an incident would definitely not turn into something major.”

“So I don’t think this person is reckless at all. If he were reckless, the first thing that he should have done after coming to this place would be to look for me, Xu Liangzhi, instead of waiting for the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce coming to his doorstep. The hate between him and I is the deepest; however, he never came to find me, nor did he even kill Shen Zimo. Just from this point alone, who would dare to say that he acted in naively and recklessness?”

Seeing all the people looking at him with blank faces, Xu Liangzhi coldly spoke up, "This person would never wait for an opportunity to just present itself. I underestimated him before. If I'm not mistaken, he should have already left the Rootless Black City; maybe he is hiding in some place waiting for me to come out."

"Then we should go and tear down his Immortal Cave." Another cultivator spoke out.

Hong Luyan silently looked at the cultivator who suggested that idea before speaking, "If this person really left his Immortal Cave, then the moment we went to his Immortal Cave, he would immediately realise that his plan for an ambush has failed. How can we then find a chance to thwart him?"

"Luyan, since you already guessed that Ning Cheng might have planned it all out, where do you think he would set up the ambush?" Xu Liangzhi felt very satisfied with this woman.

Hong Luyan showed a flirtatious smile. "Big Brother Zhi gave him a jade strip. Let him go to that place and wait. If he really wants to lay an ambush, it would definitely be along this path."

Xu Liangzhi nodded, "That's right. There is a 60% chance that he would be on this path. However, there are also two other small possibilities. One of which involves the fellow from the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce, who escaped; he might have gone to visit Ning Cheng. That fellow knows the path that we must take to reach the Blue Essence Stone Mine. Giving it a somewhat higher chance that we might encounter him on that path. Of course, there is also the possibility of him not leaving the Rootless Black City at all."

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With the help of Ji Luofei, Ning Cheng quickly laid down a few Array Formations. In just one day, he arranged an Entrapment Formation. Next, he wanted to organise a few Killing Formations within this Entrapment Formation.

Ning Cheng meant to use the Entrapment Formation to trap the rest of the cultivators while he use the Killing Formations in tandem to kill Xu Liangzhi. As long as the Entrapment Formation could hinder the rest of the cultivators for just a few moments, Ning Cheng felt confident enough to get rid of Xu Liangzhi. As to whether killing Xu Liangzhi would cause Xu Kai to erupt in anger, Ning Cheng simply chose not to consider it within the scope of his calculations.

"Dear, would that Junior City Master come knocking on our Immortal Cave? Yan Fu said that his father is about to advance to the next realm, so with the real strength of the City Master's Mansion, if he wants to attack our Immortal Cave, then he wouldn't even need an excuse." Ji Luofei spoke up while she helped Ning Cheng put down the Array Flags.

Ning Cheng smiled, "If he made any move on our Immortal Cave, I would immediately know about it; moreover, I already calculated that he would not dare to make a move on our Immortal Cave....."

"What's the matter?" Seeing Ning Cheng suddenly stop in mid-sentence, Ji Luofei asked in confusion.

Ji Luofei suddenly felt her heart thump in anxiety before she spoke up, "We have to be careful of that Xu Liangzhi. From Yan Fu's words, this person is extremely cunning and full of deceit."

"It's not good. We can't arrange the Array Formation ambush in this place." Ning Cheng started collecting the recently arranged Array Formation without hesitation; he already found himself delayed by a full day.

Ji Luofei also immediately started collecting the Array Flags along with Ning Cheng while she simultaneously asked another question "Is there a problem with this location?"

"That's right. No matter whether Yan Fu chose to collaborate with Xu Liangzhi, I cannot put all my hopes onto Xu Liangzhi for following through. I definitely cannot arrange an Array Formation ambush in this place, despite knowing that he must pass through this location. Moreover, I have never met this person named Xu Liangzhi. Other than the news about him being a lustful sex maniac, we do not know anything reliable about him. Yet, this person is no doubt very familiar with all the things that I did recently; it proves that I already lost the initiative. If the other person already predicted that I would appear on this path, death would be the only thing that greets us."

Ning Cheng, under the reminder from Ji Luofei, turned even soberer. He suddenly felt that Shen Zimo had invariably affected his thought process. Although Shen Zimo said nothing, Ning Cheng had already ended up arranging things based on the jade strip given to him by Shen Zimo.

Since this Xu Liangzhi is not a simple character, who could be sure that the other party did not realise that he had already left his Immortal Cave, and even set up an ambush along the path towards the Blue Essence Stone Mine?

In just a short period, Ning Cheng collected all the Array Formations he set up and tidied up the place.

"Where are we going now?" Ji Luofei asked.

Ning Cheng gave out a sigh, "I already missed the best place to lay down an ambush; if only I could have thought of it earlier, I would have arranged the ambush in the Void, just outside the city. No matter if this Xu Liangzhi had an even more cautious personality, he would never think that I would remain close to or inside the Rootless Black City and even arrange an ambush not far from the city in the Void. Unfortunately, it is too late for that now. I am sure that Xu Liangzhi has already left the Rootless Black City by now. However, I still have two more places that I can use to set up the ambush. I don't believe it that I can't take out this fellow."

"Where?"

"According to the directions in the jade strip given to us by Yan Fu, there are a total of seven Void Islands in between the Rootless Black City and the location of the Blue Essence Stone Mine. According to my previous thoughts, one of my options was to lay down an ambush on one of the seven Void Islands. If I were to replace Xu Liangzhi, I would have thought that my opponent would also do the same thing. However, I'm not going to do this at all. Instead, we have an option of setting up the ambush just after the seventh Void Island or somewhere close to the Blue Essence Stone Mine."

Ning Cheng showed a sneer at this point; for others, it might prove difficult to arrange a Trap and Kill Array Formation within the Void; however, for him, decorating a Trap and Kill Array Formation in the Void did not pose much difficulty. During the time inside the Blue Hole, he, to find a way to survive, specifically immersed himself for a few dozen years in the study of arranging Array Formation that could stand on their own within the Void.

The only thing that worried Ning Cheng was that once his Array Formation trapped the Void Ship, he would have to quickly rush into the Void Ship and take down Xu Liangzhi in the shortest possible time. That was because, if he tried to drag it out, he might end up losing the initiative altogether.

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In the Void just outside of the Rootless Black City, the Junior City Master Xu Liangzhi from the City Master's Mansion sat at the most prominent position in the Void Ship. In front of him stood a late stage Crucible Transformation Cultivator, whom he had sent out to scout.

"Junior City Master, from the Rootless Black City to the location mentioned in the jade strip that we sent to Ning Cheng, we did not find any Entrapment Formations or any form of ambush." The late-stage Crucible Transformation Cultivator respectfully relayed all of the findings of his scouting to Xu Liangzhi.

Xu Liangzhi frowned; only after a good while did he speak up, "Don't worry about that path. For the moment, arrange for a few people to scout out the path in the Void leading to the Blue Essence Stone Mine. Thoroughly check the seven Void Islands in our path to see if there are any concealed Array Formations. This time, send a few Array Formation Masters ahead to help in the scouting. If you find something, do not under any circumstances alert the other party. Immediately return and report to me directly. If you do end alerting the opposite party, then be sure to keep an eye on him and do not, under any circumstances, let him leave."

For Ning Cheng to blatantly extinguish the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce, it showed that he definitely was a vindictive cultivator who would seek out revenge for the slightest grievance. Of this, Xu Liangzhi felt quite sure about; as such, such a person would not choose to escape for no reason at all. In other words, in his heart, Ning Cheng only showed a tiny chance to willingly run away from the Rootless Black City with his tails tucked between his legs. However, he also believed that Ning Cheng had definitely left the Rootless Black City.

The Void Ship had a speed that remained just slightly faster compared to Ning Cheng's Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds. This was because of the lower rank of Ning Cheng's Twin Wings of the Heavenly Cloud. At the same time, Ning Cheng also was not very much used to using the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds within the Void, making his journey forward less than smooth compared to using a Void Ship.

If Ning Cheng managed to upgrade his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds and obtained more familiarity with the usage of the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, an average Void Ship definitely would not be able to keep up with his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds. However, even if the current Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds had slower speeds compared to Void Ships, Void Ships were inferior in flexibility and manoeuvrability compared to the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds.

However, because of Ning Cheng's change of thoughts, Xu Liangzhi ended up spending more than a month to travel from the first to the seventh Void Islands. Naturally, they did not obtain a single bit of harvest.

"Big Brother Zhi, I guess that Ning Cheng should have already left; maybe he felt wary of Lord City Master." After leaving the seventh Void Island, the enchanting woman beside Xu Liangzhi spoke up.

Xu Liangzhi also nodded, "I didn't think that I would end up thinking this highly of him. Since he escaped, he would end up dead eventually. Without returning to the Rootless Black City, he would never be able to enter the other worlds within the universe of the Starry Sky. After my father comes out of his seclusion, hehe, even if his strength grows by ten times, he will end up dead."

After stating out those words, Xu Liangzhi finally let out a sigh of relief within his heart. In fact, he felt quite wary and felt somewhat fearful towards Ning Cheng, who had managed to completely obliterate the entire Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce all by himself.

After the Void Ship left the seventh Void Island, they found themselves quite close to the location of the Blue Essence Stone Mine. In just three more days, a dark and colossal mountain range appeared in front of the Void Ship, suspended in the Void. This mountain range gave off a faint blue lustre from time to time.

"Stop. We cannot move forward from this position. The Blue Essence Stone Mine is right in front of us." With a shout, the Void Ship stopped at a distance from this suspended mountain range.

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Chapter 465: Void Explosive Golden Wasps

"Everyone, you did not hear me wrong. This is not a 'Black' Essence Stone Mine but a 'Blue' Essence Stone Mine. However, it is somewhat challenging to stake claim over this Blue Essence Stone Mine, as a swarm of Void Explosive Golden Wasps protects it. As Void Explosive Golden Wasps, I do not have to say anything about it, since everybody already is very clear about these wasps. Fortunately, this swarm of Void Explosive Golden Wasps has only just moved in. They haven't lived in this location for a long time, so their numbers are not that high. We have more than a hundred people here; as long as we pay attention and work methodically, we can definitely destroy these Void Explosive Golden Wasps....." Xu Liangzhi stood up and spoke out with cupped fists.

Some of the unaware cultivators, on hearing the words Blue Essence Stone Mine, almost shook with excitement. Blue Essence Stone Mine aah, one had to know that there was not a single Blue Coin in circulation within the Rootless Black City; however, once one left the Rootless Black City, one would have to depend heavily upon Blue Coins.

These unaware cultivators ignored the warning about the Void Explosive Golden Wasps; however, not every cultivator within the group could ignore the Void Explosive Golden Wasp.

There was not a single cultivator living in the Void who did not fear the Void Explosive Golden Wasps. A single wasp did not pose much threat, but these wasps always moved around in a swarm, with the largest among them growing up to a few feet long. These wasps possessed two main methods to attack, one of them was 'Absorption', and the other was 'Golden Explosion'.

Once the wasp's mouthpiece attached itself to a cultivator, even a powerful cultivator would not escape getting sucked dry, turning into dry debris. However, these wasps had an even more frightening move, the Golden Explosion.

The tail-needle of the Void Explosive Golden Wasps can also self-detonate. After the tail-needle explodes, it would disintegrate into a dense and terrifying cluster of Golden Awns. These Golden Awns

not only contained powerful toxins, once they stabbed into the body they would immediately dissipate into one's Essence Blood, something complicated to treat and often times incurable.

Because of this, the Void Explosive Golden Wasps earned a fearful reputation; ordinary cultivators, after encountering Void Explosive Golden Wasps, would immediately choose to escape. Nobody would willingly come forward to fight these Void Explosive Golden Wasps.

Moreover, none of the cultivators that came here was below the Crucible Transformation Realm. Since they could survive within the Rootless Black City, it also proved that they were not simple characters. Therefore, after the initial surprise, these cultivators quickly realised the dangers involved in this matter.

Void Explosive Golden Wasps aah, if this place contained too many Void Explosive Golden Wasps, then not to mention a hundred Crucible Transformation Cultivators, even if they brought along a thousand Crucible Transformation Cultivators, it would not be enough.

The shock and surprise that the information brought made them feel as if the air itself had solidified.

Xu Liangzhi had already guessed such an outcome. So he coldly spoke out, "Everyone. What do you think is the purpose of cultivation? Of course, it is to stand at a higher peak. However, can anyone reach a higher peak by secluding oneself in an Immortal Cave? Did you think that cultivation resources would just drop into your laps from the sky? Not to mention about others, even me, Xu Liangzhi, the Junior City Master of the Rootless Black City, has to look for my own cultivation resources."

"That's right, the Void Explosive Golden Wasps might be powerful; however, we do not need to feel afraid of them. We have Array Formation Grand Masters with us. They can work together to arrange walls of Defensive Array Formations around us, which we can use to catch and eliminate them one by one. As long as we completely eradicate these Void Explosive Golden Wasps, we would obtain the opportunity to claim the Blue Essence Stone Mine as our own."

"Did you ever think about the total value of Blue Coins in there? Moreover, I assure you that I will definitely kill more than ten times the number of Void Explosive Golden Wasps compared to the other collaborators, and will only take a 20% share. If you still want to leave, then I will also not force you at all, you can all leave by yourself."

Because of the words of the Junior City Master, these Crucible Transformation Cultivators turned quiet immediately. 'Leave'? Wasn't it equivalent to courting death? Without the Void Ship, from this location to the Rootless Black City, other than courting death, was there any other different path?

Xu Liangzhi waited for a while. Before speaking up with satisfaction, "Good, since everyone is unwilling to leave, let's start now. Since I am the person who organised this team, I should also be the one to take up most of the responsibility. Wait for me and a few others as we set up the methods to cope with the hive, the others can then rely on the Array Formations and prevent the Void Explosive Golden Wasps from returning to rescue the others...."

Hearing that Xu Liangzhi wanted to head to the front lines to deal with the hive, while the others were only responsible for the stray Void Explosive Golden Wasps, the surroundings turned even more silent.

The forces concentrated within the Void Explosive Golden Wasp's Wasp Nest definitely would be the strongest; since Xu Liangzhi put it like that, then it wouldn't pose many problems to the rest of the

people. A small part of the cultivators within the team couldn't help but think that Xu Liangzhi had selfish motives; something inside the Wasp's Nest must have attracted his attention. Unfortunately, none of them had the strength to actually compete against Xu Liangzhi.

"Do it....." Xu Liangzhi immediately issued the command; several Array Formation Masters then immediately rushed out and started arranging many Defensive Array Formations.

Hiding in the distance, Ning Cheng kept his eyes trained on Xu Liangzhi and his actions. He knew that this was the best moment for a sneak attack. He was sure that if he were to sneak attack at this moment, there was a 90% chance that he could successfully kill Xu Liangzhi while his mind remained focused on dealing with the Void Explosive Golden Wasps.

However, no matter how many times Ning Cheng simulated the sneak attack in his mind; he did not actually act upon it. He also had not arranged any Entrapment Formations ahead of time, nor did he arrange any form of Killing Formation; at the same time, he even did not think himself lucky enough that Xu Liangzhi would not perceive the fluctuations of the Array Formations arranged by him.

Facts proved that Ning Cheng choosing not to act was the correct decision. The Array Formation Grandmaster in Xu Liangzhi's team was already arranging an Array Formation that was exceptionally close to a Rank 7 one. Moreover, Xu Liangzhi also remained extremely careful. On his ship, these Array Formation Masters had already checked everything around their immediate periphery.

This person was definitely not the kind who would just relax and laze around after arriving.

Despite knowing that it was the best time to act, Ning Cheng chose not to do anything, as he gleaned a few insights into Xu Liangzhi's thought process while observing him. Xu Liangzhi's focus was not the Blue Essence Stone Mine, but on the Void Explosive Golden Wasps in the distance.

Ning Cheng also knew about some information regarding the Void Explosive Golden Wasps, something that he learned from the handbook; that is, this insect was a first-grade killer within the Void. Moreover, there was only a handful of Void Explosive Golden Wasps in this place, this point alone made a few things clear to him. Ning Cheng realised that this signified the possible birth of the Void Explosive Golden Wasp's new Wasp King.

The most powerful member of the Void Explosive Golden Wasps was the Wasp King, somewhat similar to the Insect Queen that he encountered back on Earth. However, the Wasp King differed from the Insect Queen in that it was not responsible for the giving birth to offspring. They had only one task, which was to dominate the entire Void Explosive Golden Wasp swarm. No matter how many Void Explosive Golden Wasps the colony contained, it would only have a single Wasp King; moreover, apart from the Wasp King, it would also include single Queen Wasp.

Only when the Wasp King grew old and realised that it is on the brink of death would it then search for a safe place to give birth to a new Wasp King. This newly birthed Wasp King would then devour the old Wasp King's aura to strengthen itself. Regardless of any Void Explosive Golden Wasps, as long as they encountered the Wasp King, they would immediately surrender themselves. However, if two Wasp Kings met, it would always result in a life and death duel between them. The one left alive would become the new Wasp King of the combined colony.

There were not many Void Explosive Golden Wasps. This indicated the impending death of the current Wasp King. It would only keep the most trusted of the Void Explosive Golden Wasp Swarm around it in such a moment while searching for a place to give birth to its descendant.

The primary purpose of Xu Liangzhi definitely was not the Blue Essence Stone Mine but the posterity of the Void Explosive Golden Wasp King. Once he managed to obtain the posterity of the Void Explosive Golden Wasp King, his strength would increase exponentially. Once recognised as the master by the Void Explosive Golden Wasp's Wasp King, its value would increase exponentially compared to the Blue Essence Stone Mine.

Now that he realised that Xu Liangzhi was going after the Void Explosive Golden Wasp's Wasp King, how could Ning Cheng choose to kill Xu Liangzhi at this moment? His mind immediately shifted gears towards the Void Explosive Golden Wasp's Wasp King. As long as he obtained the Wasp King Egg of the Void Explosive Golden Wasp's Wasp King, what else would he feel afraid of in the future while traversing the Void?

Just as the several Array Formation Grandmasters finished throwing out the Array Flags, a buzzing noise immediately erupted. The next moment, a massive swarm of Void Explosive Golden Wasps swarmed out of nowhere. A cultivator at the Crucible Transformation 4th Level had not yet brought out any weapon, when a Void Explosive Golden Wasp pinned its mouthpiece onto him, turning him into a dried-up husk at speed visible to the naked eye.

Ning Cheng couldn't help but shiver in fright at such a sight, was this Xu Liangzhi out of his mind? The Void Explosive Golden Wasps present in this place were at least a thousand years old, while none of them seemed low-levelled. Did this fellow really think that just bringing around a hundred people would allow him to walk away from this place with the Wasp King's egg?

Xu Liangzhi's expression instantly changed. He shouted out anxiously, "Hurry up and bring out your defensive weapons. The number of Void Explosive Golden Wasps here has increased tenfold. There were only a few hundred the last time around."

Ning Cheng immediately understood something; it looks like most of these Void Explosive Golden Wasps came in later.

The just-arranged Array Formation immediately burst open under the assault from thousands of Void Explosive Golden Wasps. The more than 100 Crucible Transformation Cultivators, along with a Plundering Life Realm Cultivator ended up surrounded on all sides by the Void Explosive Golden Wasps. Even Xu Liangzhi, who had prepared himself to enter the Wasp Nest, could not leave the encirclement of the Void Explosive Golden Wasps. At this moment, not to mention rushing into the Wasp's Nest, it would be lucky if they could even escape this encirclement.

Ning Cheng carefully spread out his Spiritual Consciousness around him and started moving towards the nest; the role of his Origin Cultivation Method and Origin Aura fully manifested at this moment.

His Spiritual Consciousness blended into the surrounding Void; so even with so many powerful cultivators coming here, nobody noticed him.

Ning Cheng quickly found out that what he guessed was genuinely correct; in the midst of a vast Wasp's Nest, there were two giant eggs, the size of basketballs, lying side by side.

A dispirited yet colossal Void Explosive Golden Wasp also sat beside it inside the Wasp's Nest. This Void Explosive Golden Wasp had not died yet. From its aura, this Void Explosive Golden Wasp should be the Wasp King. Only a few dozen meters away from the Wasp's Nest, a dozen Void Explosive Golden Wasps stood motionless. Apparently, they were the Guardian Wasps.

Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness then swept towards the scene where the swarm of the Void Explosive Golden Wasps clashed with the cultivator group before carefully moving past them.

After a stick of incense worth of time, more than 50 of the cultivators died, while only one to two hundred Void Explosive Golden Wasps perished. The sole Plundering Life Realm Cultivator trapped along with the others definitely was an extraordinarily powerful cultivator. However, although he could occasionally kill a few Void Explosive Golden Wasps, there were just too many Void Explosive Golden Wasps in this place.

Ning Cheng remained extremely careful. However, just as he entered the Wasp's Nest, the wretched and weary-looking Wasp King immediately noticed it. Instantly, the hair on the Wasp King stood up straight, before a low and deep roar echoed out.

Ning Cheng knew that this call entailed something terrible. He immediately brought out his Nirvana Spear and shot towards one of the Wasp King's eggs.

The Wasp King instantly stood up, intending to block Ning Cheng's Nirvana Spear with its mouthpiece. At the same time, the dozen Guarding Wasps also rushed towards Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng had no intentions to break a Wasp King's egg; his goal was just to carry off one of the Wasp King's Egg.

Ning Cheng's strategy showed its effects immediately. He attacked one of the Wasp King's eggs knowing that the Void Explosive Golden Wasp King would move to save it; however, at the same exact moment, he used his Spiritual Consciousness to wrap around and instantly take away the other Wasp King's Egg, while simultaneously retreating with his Nirvana Spear. This entire process took not even a single breath before the dozens of Void Explosive Golden Wasps started rushing inside towards him.

He could kill the Void Explosive Golden Wasp King if he wanted to; however, Ning Cheng did not do it. Not because the rest of the Void Explosive Golden Wasps returned, but because he just did not want to kill this Wasp King.

Within the Wasp Nest, apart from the Void Explosive Golden Wasp King, and the Guardian Wasps, there were now hundreds of Void Explosive Golden Wasps swarming in. The trapped Crucible Transformation Cultivators immediately felt the pressure ease up. Some of the cultivators immediately took the opportunity to escape; Xu Liangzhi also quickly made his escape amongst them. He knew better than anyone did that his plan to capture the Wasp King's Egg had ended in utter failure.

Just as Xu Liangzhi crazily rushed towards the Void Ship, a long spear suddenly descended straight for him from the Void. In just a twinkling of an eye, this long spear arrived right in front of him. The horrifying killing intent emanating from it immediately sent chills down his body.

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Chapter 466: Who Dares Kill My Son

This feeling felt very familiar to Xu Liangzhi. Several decades ago, he felt the same facing a Monk's Staff, which led him to taste the flavour of death the first time. It resulted in the destruction of his corporeal body; if not for his father's timely intervention, this world would not have a Xu Liangzhi.

Living such a blissful life, how could Xu Liangzhi be willing to die? He immediately twisted his body as quickly as possible to get out of the path of this horrifying killing intent. However, Xu Liangzhi promptly found that his current situation was ten times more frightening than that year's; he found that the opposite party had complete control of the space around him.

He no longer felt himself a part of the surroundings; whether it was Escape Talismans or his other life-saving measures, he found himself unable to activate any of them at this moment.

"Ning Cheng, if you dare to kill me, my father will surely turn your bones to ashes....." At this moment, Xu Liangzhi felt incomparable regret within his heart; he should never have let down his vigilance towards Ning Cheng. Would someone, who dared to extinguish the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce, dread him when his father was already in seclusion?

He had no idea that this person was this dead-set on killing him, to the point that he would even sneak-attack him the moment he managed to escape from the Void Explosive Golden Wasps. At this moment, he could not rely on anyone else; he had to rely on his own abilities.

"Then I allow me to also turn your father's bones to ashes to accompany you....." When Ning Cheng's cold voice reached Xu Liangzhi's ears, his Nirvana Spear had already pierced through Xu Liangzhi's glabella.

"Poof....." A bloody light erupted, and Xu Liangzhi's head, surrounding his glabella, exploded into a bloody mist. Even his Life Essence did not have the chance to escape. Under the rampage of Ning Cheng's Nirvana Spear, even his Spiritual Soul faced complete destruction. At the same moment that Xu Liangzhi died, an invisible mark attached itself to Ning Cheng's body.

Ning Cheng did not notice this mark. He raised his hand and grabbed a ring, while simultaneously activated his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds before disappearing from the place. The moment that Ning Cheng vanished from his location, the rest of the surviving Crucible Transformation Cultivators and the Plundering Life Realm Cultivator finally managed to rush in.

From the start to the end, only a single moment had passed by; however, this brief instant was more than enough for Ning Cheng to calmly make his escape.

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From inside the City Master's Mansion in the Rootless Black City, a powerful and incomparably monstrous aura shot into the sky.

"Who dares kill my son...?" A furious roar accompanied this murderous aura as it echoed throughout the Rootless Black City. The next instant, a grey shadow shot across the Rootless Black City before disappearing into the endless Void.

Although the grey shadow disappeared, the horrifying grandeur and the aura of tyrannical cultivation caused the entire Rootless Black City to tremble with fear. Even the few Plundering Life Realm

Cultivators turned pale. This aura was definitely beyond that of the Plundering Life Realm. Even without actual advancement, there was only a hair's worth of distance to the next promotion.

All the cultivators residing within the Rootless Black City understood who this person was; this definitely was none other than City Master Xu Kai from the City Master's Mansion, the foremost person within the Rootless Black City. As for his son, he was none other than the Rootless Black City's Junior City Master Xu Liangzhi.

At this moment, people did not need to guess as to what happened; all of them instinctively knew as to who killed Xu Liangzhi. Other than that person, Ning Cheng, with heaven-defying courage, who exterminated the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce recently, who else would dare to kill Xu Liangzhi?

Some of the people felt fortunate that they didn't take the initiative to find trouble with Ning Cheng. Someone who even dared to kill the City Master Mansion's Junior City Master, who else would dare to even think of making a move against him? If they had willingly come forward to find trouble with Ning Cheng, they might just end up heading the same way as the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce.

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In the endless Void, Ning Cheng was still in a frantic hurry. After he killed Xu Liangzhi, he felt a lot more comfortable. However, he knew that Xu Kai, who managed to become the foremost person within the Rootless Black City, definitely would not be a pushover nor would he have reached that position in a fluke. Which faction among the Rootless Black City was not arrogant? How could it be easy to dominate all these factions?

Moreover, this Xu Kai had gone into seclusion for several hundred years; yet, the prestige of the Rootless Black City's City Master Mansion had not dropped the slightest. From this single point alone, it showed that Xu Kai was quite strong.

Without a safe path, Ning Cheng found it even more difficult to traverse the Void by himself. The Void Blade Lights and the Void Turbulences, along with the occasional meteorites that would suddenly pop out without any rhyme or reason, made Ning Cheng feel very uncomfortable. In just a short day, his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds suffered several more injuries.

Feeling the path turning more dangerous as time passed by, Ning Cheng finally stopped. This definitely was not the right way to continue. Moreover, he also felt a perilous premonition that Xu Kai could find him at any time. This premonition came without any reason.

Ning Cheng found a Void Island and decided to temporarily make a stop there to see if there was anything wrong with him. At the same time, he also arranged several Killing Formations around him in case of any emergencies.

Even if Xu Kai was more powerful, he still was a cultivator in the Plundering Life Realm. He has not advanced from the Plundering Life Realm yet. Since he arranged these many Array Formations, who could affirm if he certainly would be able to kill the opposite party?

Just as Ning Cheng dropped a few dozen Array Flags, he suddenly felt that something was wrong. Silhouettes of cyan coloured Lightning Arcs appeared within the range of his Spiritual Consciousness. Even within the Void, it shone brightly.

Was someone attempting to cross a tribulation? Soon Ning Cheng became sure; someone definitely was trying to pass a trial within the Void.

Those lightning arcs did not feel as dominant on the surface when compared to the time when Ning Cheng crossed his tribulations; however, Ning Cheng could sense that the intensity of this Thunder Tribulation definitely was a lot higher when compared to the Thunder Tribulation he faced when advancing to the Sea Opening Realm.

Ning Cheng, when comparing his own Thunder Tribulation to other person's Thunder Tribulation, realised that this person's Thunder Tribulation was a lot stronger than the Thunder Tribulations faced by any other cultivator on the same level as him. From this, he also inferred that since this person's Thunder Tribulation was this powerful, then this Thunder Tribulation definitely was not for an ordinary advancement. Not even a Crucible Transformation Cultivator wouldn't face this kind of a Thunder Tribulation when advancing to the Plundering Life Realm.

The thought of this Thunder Tribulation not belonging to a Crucible Transformation Cultivator advancing to the Plundering Life Realm caused Ning Cheng to feel a sharp surprise. If that were indeed the case, then wouldn't it mean that this Thunder Tribulation was for someone attempting to advance from the Plundering Life Realm to a higher realm?

In this Void, the nearest place was the Rootless Black City. Within this area, who would even choose to cross their Thunder Tribulation, besides the Rootless Black City's foremost person, Xu Kai?

Xu Kai appeared in this place, thinking of this Ning Cheng's heart immediately sank. With the help of his Spiritual Consciousness, he could glean that the location of where that person was crossing his tribulation was only a maximum of one to two thousand miles away from him.

He killed Xu Liangzhi only a day ago. Even if Xu Kai was stronger, how was he able to find him in just a day? One had to know that he personally had to fly for a month from the Rootless Black City to the location of the Blue Essence Stone Mine.

However, that was not important; the most important point was about how Xu Kai came to know his location? Ning Cheng did not believe that Xu Kai had arrived here purely out of luck.

Ning Cheng's expression turned solemn, he knew that there was no use for anxiety at this moment. Immediately scanning his own body with his Spiritual Consciousness several times, he finally found a vague Spiritual Consciousness Tag on his body.

Ning Cheng immediately understood; this Spiritual Consciousness Tag should have attached to him when he killed Xu Liangzhi. At that time, his thoughts mainly focused on escaping, which caused him to have not realised it.

At this moment, Ning Cheng turned even calmer. No matter how Xu Kai found out about it, no matter why Xu Kai was here to cross his tribulation, he had no choice but to come up with a solution to his

predicament. If Xu Kai successfully passed his trial; at that point, even if he chose to run away with all his might, the only road in front of him would be death.

With this thought in mind, Ning Cheng immediately stripped off the Spiritual Consciousness Tag on his body before conjuring a clump of flames and completely obliterating the Spiritual Consciousness Tag.

While incinerating the Spiritual Consciousness Tag, Ning Cheng felt a powerful Spiritual Sense sweep over him, which allowed him to instantly realise that it belonged to Xu Kai. Xu Kai was in the midst of crossing his tribulation; however, he was also worried that Ning Cheng would end up escaping.

At this moment, an impulsive thought crept into Ning Cheng's mind, that this would be the best time to make his escape. Since Xu Kai was in the midst of crossing his tribulation, there was no way that he could divert his attention to kill him. Once he escaped, and without Xu Kai's Spiritual Consciousness Tag on him, that Xu Kai would not necessarily be able to overtake him.

However, Ning Cheng quickly dismissed the idea; not only did he reject the thought, his Spiritual Consciousness even extended towards the place where Xu Kai was attempting to cross his tribulation.

This allowed him to clarify one matter; Xu Kai wasn't voluntarily trying to cross his tribulation. Most likely, Xu Kai was about to break through from the Plundering Life Realm and advance to a more powerful realm and was in the midst of searching for a place that would help him cross the tribulation when he learned about the death of his son, Xu Liangzhi, at Ning Cheng's hands. When Xu Kai learned of this matter, he immediately rushed out here.

As a result, with his cultivation already at a critical point, and under the eruption of his True Essence, he did not have to actively initiate the descent of his tribulation; instead, the Thunder Tribulation itself came to find him on its own initiative. Otherwise, he would have never taken action to waste time in crossing the tribulation before killing Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng increasingly felt that his guess was correct. Just as his Spiritual Consciousness felt the furious and wild Thunder Tribulation Arcs descending, an excited expression immediately flashed through his eyes. At this time, he not only did not choose to run away; instead, he actually shot towards Xu Kai.

Xu Kai felt incomparably depressed in his heart. He did not need any pills to aid him in advancement; the only reason he had gone into seclusion several hundred years ago was to finally come out and face the tribulation with a sturdy and robust foundation. However, Xu Kai never imagined that his son would end up dying at the hands of others at such a critical juncture. How could he endure such a matter?

Because of his overflowing anger, it made him ignore all the costs of killing Ning Cheng and then face his tribulation. Otherwise, if it ended up creating a Heart Devil, he might never be able to overcome it. However, his overflowing anger ended up unconsciously stimulating his True Essence. At once, his True Essence completely broke through the shackles he had placed on it, which immediately attracted the descent of the Thunder Tribulation.

When the Thunder Tribulation, Xu Kai did not worry much about it because he believed that he could get through the Thunder Tribulation. Even if Ning Cheng managed to take this chance to escape, after crossing the Thunder Tribulation, he could still kill that person because of his Spiritual Consciousness Tag. However, Xu Kai had never imagined that just as this Thunder Tribulation descended, Ning Cheng

would also end up finding his Spiritual Consciousness Tag. Not only did he locate it, he even managed to peel it off.

This made Xu Kai incomparably anxious. If Ning Cheng chose to escape now, then once outside of his Spiritual Consciousness range, it would prove difficult to locate this person.

However, what he found even more inconceivable was the stupidity shown by Ning Cheng after he purged the Spiritual Consciousness Tag. Not only did he not flee, but he also made his way towards him.

Xu Kai sneered in his heart. This person indeed was quite arrogant. Since he was currently in the midst of facing his tribulation, even if he did not do anything, as long as Ning Cheng came within the range of the descending Thunder Tribulation, he would end up in ashes.

Facing a Thunder Tribulation relating to the advancement of a cultivator at the Great Circle of the Plundering Life Realm, how could the opposite party, just a puny cultivator at the Sea Opening Realm, dare to approach? Xu Kai couldn't help but think if this person honestly did not know the immensity of the heavens.

At this moment, he couldn't help but feel his son's worthlessness, to end up dead at the hands of such a person.

"You're that Xu Kai, that Junior City Master Xu Liangzhi's cheap old man? Are you here to kill me?" Ning Cheng stood not far away from Xu Kai and watched Xu Kai try to resist the wave after wave of the descending Thunder Tribulation. Even his tone remained calm as if he was chatting with a friend.

Xu Kai looked much older compared to Xu Liangzhi, with long fluttering hair; however, similar to Xu Liangzhi, he had the same natural and unrestrained quality to him.

"Little beast, did you really think that this father would not be able to do anything to you just because of the descending tribulation? Die for me." Xu Kai suddenly moved towards Ning Cheng, who was not far away, while he simultaneously raised his hand to grab Ning Cheng.

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Chapter 467: Fighting Under The Thunder Tribulation

However, before he could even catch Ning Cheng, a bunch of Lightning Arcs shot towards Ning Cheng.

Any life that meandered in during the descent of Thunder Tribulation, as long as it arrived within its range, the Thunder Tribulation would strike it down to death without mercy. This was equivalent to challenging the dignity of the Thunder Tribulation. Since Ning Cheng stood under the scope of the descending Thunder Tribulation, it would also strike him down without exception.

Ning Cheng immediately brought out his Everlasting Blue Thunder City; even the Nirvana Spear appeared in his hands. At the same time he coldly spoke out a few words, "Xu Kai, you should care about yourself, idiot."

Since he dared to come here, he naturally did not feel much fear towards the Thunder Tribulation Arcs. Therefore, when he started, despite seeing the Lightning Arcs shooting towards him, he did not feel too flustered about it.

Xu Kai's hand paused slightly. He did not expect that Ning Cheng not only dared to attack him in such a situation, not even about the Lightning Arc shooting towards him. Did this fellow not fear death? These were Tribulation Thunder Arcs originating from a cultivator trying to cross the tribulation at the Great Circle of the Plundering Life Realm; how could a cultivator in the Sea Opening Realm not care about it?

"Boom-Boom-Boom...." Several Lightning Arcs struck the Everlasting Blue Thunder City and Ning Cheng; at the same time, several more Lightning Arcs descended onto Xu Kai's body.

"Bang-Bang, Ka-Ka....." Several explosive and rupturing sounds erupted; Ning Cheng's robes also turned into rags while flesh and blood exploded out under the residual impacts from the Lightning Arcs.

However, when the Lightning Arcs descended onto the Everlasting Blue Thunder City, they all disappeared without a trace.

However, what made Xu Kai stunned, with his mouth agape, was that although Ning Cheng looked bruised and lacerated, he actually did not look much affected at all. In fact, Ning Cheng behaved as if he did not care about it. Not just that, he even felt that Ning Cheng's strength had risen.

However, the Lightning Arcs descending over him prevented him from continuing to observe. The Lightning Arcs he had to face were a lot denser compared to the Lightning Arcs shooting towards Ning Cheng.

As several more Lightning Arcs descended, Xu Kai's armour exploded into green smoke that scattered in four directions. Even the shield protecting him gave off 'Ka-Ka' sounds, while copious amounts of blood mist erupted from his body. The Lightning Arcs would not allow anyone to pass, even if one's cultivation were even higher, one could only rely on one's self to trudge through the adversity and pain.

However, this was not the end of it. While these Lightning Arcs descended, Ning Cheng's Nirvana Spear also shot out and unexpectedly helped the descending Tribulation Thunder Arcs in dealing with Xu Kai.

The powerful killing intent radiating out from the Nirvana Spear caused even the Void Blade Lights and meteorites streaking around in the Void around their periphery to split apart in the face of Ning Cheng's powerful Spear Intent.

"Such formidable spear intent....." Xu Kai had already withdrawn his hand shooting towards Ning Cheng and brought out a pair of Heaven Terminating Dual Needles.

The Heaven Terminating Dual Needles shot out two white lights that quickly entwined around Ning Cheng's Spear Intent. Ning Cheng's originally boundless Spear Intent, entwined by the two white lights rapidly turned weak before it started to fade away. In just a few breaths, this Spear Intent disappeared without even a trace left behind.

Ning Cheng felt shocked in his heart at this sight, he knew exactly how powerful his own Spear Intent was, yet Xu Kai dealt with his Spear Intent in such a simple manner, which immediately put him at a disadvantage. What was even more frightening was that because he inserted himself within the range of this descending Thunder Tribulation, it did not increase the danger towards Xu Kai. On the contrary, the injuries suffered by Xu Kai under this descending Thunder Tribulation actually reduced because of his involvement. He ended up helping Xu Kai in sharing the might the descending Thunder Tribulation;

moreover, with this help, Xu Kai also would not need to draw support from the Thunder Tribulation to kill him.

Thinking of this, Ning Cheng immediately made a quick retreat.

“Little beast, did you think that you could actually walk away from this place alive?” When the third wave of the Thunder Tribulation Arcs descended, Xu Kai not only chose to ignore this descending Thunder Tribulation, even his Heaven Termination Dual Needles transformed into a seemingly boundless ocean of white light. The killing power within it was like the wind and waves of a ferocious storm that lashed out at Ning Cheng. Even if Ning Cheng had not inserted himself into the situation, the descending Thunder Tribulation did not pose much threat towards him. However, now that Ning Cheng shared a portion of the descending Thunder Tribulation Arcs, Xu Kai definitely had a lesser share of Lightning Arcs to face.

A fierce glint flashed through Ning Cheng’s eyes, he knew that if he did not find a way to cope up with the Thunder Tribulation, he would definitely die today. He had never imagined that Xu Kai would turn out this strong. Even if he used his False Domain, in the face of Xu Kai’s imposing momentum, it would not be of much use at all.

On the contrary, under Xu Kai’s imposing momentum, he would be the one to end up suppressed systematically. Initially, he had intended to absorb the descending Lightning Arcs using the Everlasting Blue Thunder City and then try using the Everlasting Blue Thunder City to erupt with even more Lightning Arcs, which he could then use to attack Xu Kai in tandem with the descending Thunder Tribulation. However, after gauging Xu Kai’s strength, Ning Cheng immediately gave up the idea.

His Nirvana Spear once again rumbled forth; however, this time he did not shoot towards Xu Kai. Instead, he used it to pull headfirst into the descending Tribulation Thunder Arcs.

Every Thunder Tribulation possessed a spirit, this Ning Cheng already knew about. When he faced his tribulations, he knew that the angrier the Thunder Tribulation became, the more powerful would the descending Thunder Tribulation be.

“You’re looking for death.....” Xu Kai immediately understood Ning Cheng’s idea. Under his monstrous anger, the murderous aura contained within the Heaven Terminating Dual Needles’ white ripple-ly waves became even more violent.

Since Ning Cheng could survive under his Thunder Tribulation for so long, he realised that it should be because of Ning Cheng possessing a Thunder Spiritual Root; at the same time, there was also that strange shadow of the Thunder City. That shadow of the Thunder City, he had already regarded as his own thing.

Ning Cheng turned indifferent towards the berserk fury of the Heaven Terminating Dual Needles’ waves; he gathered his True Essence and unleashed crazy attacks over the descending Thunder Tribulation Arcs. Despite the furious ripple-like assaults from the Heaven Terminating Dual Needles directed at him, which were more than sufficient to claim his life, he still dared to attack the descending Thunder Tribulation Arcs.

“Boom-Boom-Boom-Boom.....” The Thunder Tribulation finally turned berserk from anger; the already powerful descending Lightning Arcs no longer remained nine, but instead turned into 36.

The wave of descending Lightning Arcs was like the raging sea, which fell from the Void in the form of a Thunder Waterfall.

Ning Cheng did not feel any sadness or happiness in the face of it; he knew that the Lightning Arcs had already targeted him. Since it already had its aim on him, then that was it. He would let this Rootless Black City's City Master taste his, Ning Cheng's, Tribulation Thunder. At this point, he did not feel fear; instead, he even happily attacked the descending Thunder Waterfall.

Xu Kai experienced a dramatic change of expression. He had never seen such a terrifying Thunder Tribulation. In the face of such a Thunder Tribulation, how could he dare to distract himself by even half a bit? His Heaven Terminating Dual Needles' white light ripples, which were initially heading towards Ning Cheng, instantly retracted before shooting towards the descending Thunder Waterfall.

"Boom-Boom-Boom...."

"Ka-Ka-Ka...."

All kinds of tearing explosion sounds rang out within this piece of the Void. There were no more Spatial Wind Edges or even meteorites streaking anywhere near to this location; in any case, in the face of these kinds of terrifying explosions, anything and everything would turn to dust within its fury.

"Kacha...." Xu Kai's secondary armour finally cracked open, while his shield also turned into flying ash.

The wild Thunder Waterfall and the Thunder Tribulation Arcs that descended onto Xu Kai's Heaven Terminating Dual Needles' ripples caused them to curl up into dim lights one after another. It looked just like the water vapour on the surface of a lake in the early morning, enveloping them in its entirety.

"Poof-Poof...." A few mouthfuls of blood gushed out, while Xu Kai no longer had a single unfazed area over his body. Even if it were he, trying to block such a terrifying Thunder Waterfall on top of the Tribulation Arcs, was something he found extremely dangerous.

"That crafty bastard....." Xu Kai cursed angrily in his heart while he once again coughed up a mouthful of blood.

Ning Cheng fared much better compared to him; that was because Ning Cheng possessed an Everlasting Blue Thunder City. Along with his Thunder Spiritual Root, he could actually absorb the Thunder Source to improve upon his cultivation.

When the 36 Lightning Arcs along with the Thunder Waterfall finally weakened, Xu Kai's imposing momentum once again rose.

Seeing that the next wave of the Thunder Tribulation has not yet descended, Xu Kai's eyes flashed with extreme ferociousness; his Heaven Terminating Dual Needles merged into the Void, while he gave out a crazy shout, "Little beast, give me death....."

"Boom-Boom-Boom...." Just as Xu Kai's Heaven Terminating Dual Needles were about to strike Ning Cheng, numerous Thunder Tribulation Arcs along with another Thunder Waterfall once again descended.

Ning Cheng shot out with the Nirvana Spear in his hand and spoke to Xu Kai with disdain, "You haven't seen this grandpa facing his tribulation. Did you really think that the two waves of these Thunder Tribulation Arcs would be as far apart as when you faced your tribulations before? Idiot...."

"Bang...." Ning Cheng's Nirvana Spear struck just above the white rippling lights of the Heaven Terminating Dual Needles; using the powerful counterforce generated, Ning Cheng instantly pulled away.

Only, he moved towards the centre of the Lightning Arcs, causing the wild and violent Lightning Arcs to once again descend onto Ning Cheng's back.

"Ka-Ka...." Xu Kai felt as if his five viscera and six bowels had blasted open under the impact over those explosive Thunder Tribulation Arcs; even his second more-powerful shield had turned into ashes. Under the fury of this terrifying Thunder Tribulation, he had no means to block it. Moreover, his Heaven Terminating Dual Needles were still in the midst of attacking Ning Cheng.

By the time he recalled his Heaven Terminating Dual Needles, he had also noticed that Ning Cheng's strength had once again soared. The next moment, the long spear in Ning Cheng's hand thundered towards his glabella along with another wave of Thunder Waterfall.

This little beast unexpectedly advanced to the 8th Level of Sea Opening Realm under his Thunder Tribulation. This caused Xu Kai's heart to quake with extreme anger. Although there were still numerous dense Thunder Tribulation Arcs shooting towards Ning Cheng, he could not feel the slightest joy within his heart.

"Kacha...." The Heaven Terminating Dual Needles, under the furious onslaught of the Thunder Tribulation Arcs and the Thunder Waterfall, finally cracked apart. This caused a thick swath of Thunder Waterfall to land directly upon Xu Kai's body, causing half of Xu Kai's body to disintegrate.

At the same time, Xu Kai also saw a swath of Thunder Waterfall descending onto Ning Cheng's shoulder. However, Ning Cheng did not experience a similar outcome to him. All he saw were some exposed white bones.

This fellow not only possessed a Thunder Spiritual Root and that Thunder City's shadow to resist the descending Tribulation Arcs, he even was a Body Forging Cultivator.

Xu Kai's heart sank; at this moment, he regretted coming out to seek revenge against Ning Cheng. He should have first advanced, before heading out to kill Ning Cheng.

"Bang, Ka...." Several more Thunder Tribulation Arcs and another Thunder Waterfall descended. Xu Kai crazily stimulated his cracked Heaven Terminating Dual Needles to try to block this wave of attack. He could feel the shackles over his body were about to break. As long as he could get through this wave of Thunder Tribulation, he would advance directly. At that time, even if there were several Ning Chengs, it would not be enough to kill him.

"Bang...." Just as the Lightning Arcs and Thunder Waterfall descended onto Xu Kai's weapon, Xu Kai felt his entire body shake. The cultivation shackles over his body suddenly shattered while a powerful force crazily started to manifest in him.

This kind of feeling could not be described with words; Xu Kai's eyes flashed with a hot light, he knew that he finally succeeded in advancing just in time. He also unexpectedly did not have to face any Heart Devils.

As long as he had three breaths of time to recover, he could then easily breeze through the rest of this Thunder Tribulation and then kill Ning Cheng.

However, not to mention three breaths, he could not even enjoy a single breath of time. At the very moment of his advancement, when his True Essence had not yet fully transformed, the Nirvana Spear arrived right in front of his glabella.

What he saw was a matchlessly terrifying Spear Intent with a nearly skeletal-body covered in blood behind it. At this moment, the barely skeletal-body was holding the rod-shaped Nirvana Spear while shooting towards his glabella. Xu Kai's will reached an all-time low. He had just advanced, only to find himself at death's door. This level of despair caused an incomparable hatred to manifest within his heart.

"Poof....." Xu Kai clearly heard the sound of his head bursting open and even saw the eruption of the bloody mist.

In the end, he actually died at the hands of an ant in the Sea Opening Realm; it was something that made him feel irreconcilable.

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Chapter 468: Achieving Crucible Transformation

Ji Luofei held onto Ning Cheng, who seemed almost on the verge of dying while looking around for a Void Island. Even with the help provided from the Thunder Tribulation, the price Ning Cheng had to pay for killing Xu Kai was just too huge. She had never seen Ning Cheng with such severe injuries.

Fortunately, there was still Ji Luofei by his side. Moreover, Ji Luofei was also a Crucible Transformation Cultivator. Although she couldn't traverse the Void as quickly as Ning Cheng could; however, she did not face many problems while saving Ning Cheng.

It took the entirety of ten days for Ning Cheng to make a full recovery. Although he was not afraid of the Thunder Tribulation, that Thunder Tribulation was indeed quite frightening. Even after advancing to the 8th Level of the Sea Opening Realm, he still suffered substantial injuries.

"You were a bit reckless this time." Ji Luofei chose not to focus on her cultivation during this time and decided to accompany by Ning Cheng's side. However, she still felt scared when she thought back to Ning Cheng's injuries.

Ning Cheng smiled, "Fortunately, I chose to attack at that moment. Otherwise, if we waited for Xu Kai to finish crossing his tribulation, perhaps it might have turned out more unfortunate for us than fortunate. This person indeed was quite powerful. Ordinary cultivators at the Plundering Life Realm definitely can't match up to him. It was no wonder that he possessed the title of 'Foremost Expert' within the Rootless Black City."

"What should we do now? Are we going back to the Rootless Black City? Although the Laws of the Void are formidable in this area, the area itself is quite unstable." Ji Luofei had patrolled the surrounding Void

for a good while, while Ning Cheng recovered. This allowed her to obtain a more thorough understanding of the dangers within the Void.

Ning Cheng nodded and spoke, "It is necessary to head back to the Rootless Black City. It's just that my current cultivation is still too low. First, let's see if there are any good things in the storage rings of that father and son pair."

Ning Cheng then took out Xu Liangzhi's ring and opened it. Seeing the tens of millions of Black Coins inside, Ning Cheng gave out a sigh filled with emotions. He counted them all and found that there was just a little more than 100 million Black Coins. While there were also vast and numerous piles of Spirit Stones, even heaps of Black Essence Ores along with stacks of different Refining Materials and Spirit Grasses for Alchemy inside this ring.

A True Artefact was something rare for an ordinary Crucible Transformation Cultivator. However, there were at least a dozen True Artefacts in Xu Liangzhi's ring.

However, Ning Cheng's sights were set very high. None among the artefacts caught Ning Cheng's eyes. He put away some of the relatively useful alchemy materials and handed the rest to Ji Luofei. However, since Ji Luofei obtained her weapon from Meng Jingxiu, whose quality was a full grade higher than Ning Cheng's Cosmic True Devil Axes, it was quite apparent that she also did not take a liking to any of the True Artefacts inside.

What Ning Cheng cared the most about was Xu Kai's storage ring. Xu Kai was the foremost expert of the Rootless Black City; therefore, he should possess many good things.

Ning Cheng quickly ground out the restrictions over the storage ring; however, what made Ning Cheng a little doubtful was that he did not see even a single Black Coin within Xu Kai's storage ring. It did not also have many weapons. However, Ning Cheng had an idea as to what might have happened to his weapons. He had seen Xu Kai wasting many of his weapons to resist his Thunder Tribulation.

In Xu Kai's ring, in addition to a few bottles of pills and a sizable pile of Spirit Stones, the most eye-catching object was a pile of blue coloured ore.

Was this the Blue Essence Ore? Ning Cheng felt the waves of energy spilling out of these ores and immediately made a conclusion that these were indeed Blue Essence Ores.

How many Blue Coins could one exchange for this much of Blue Essence Ore? This Xu Kai really turned out to be quite wealthy. His wealth was something that others could not even imagine.

This allowed Ning Cheng to feel somewhat satisfied with the harvest this time. His Spiritual Consciousness then grabbed several jade boxes and brought them out. Raising his hand to open one of the jade boxes, he found a glittering crystal overflowing with mighty Spiritual Qi.

Ning Cheng almost called out in surprise. This crystal stone was exactly what he wanted. Meng Jingxiu had given him three of such stones that helped him in advancing in the shortest possible time. Initially, he felt that these crystal stones were difficult to obtain; he never expected that he would actually end up with these many of them once again.

As Ning Cheng counted, he found that there were 12 intact crystal stones inside.

No wonder Xu Kai possessed such dominant cultivation; moreover, could break through from the Plundering Life Realm this early. That was because this fellow actually owned this kind of Crystal Stones; however, he just did not know from where this fellow obtained these Crystal Stones.

In addition to this, there were also several jade strips containing different Cultivation Methods and Magical Skills. There were even a dozen Transmission Array Talismans, this allowed Ning Cheng to understand how Xu Kai had arrived near to him this quickly. This fellow had actually laid out a few concealed Transmission Arrays within the Void. Once he encountered something urgent, he could use them to reach an approximate position near to his destination in the shortest possible time.

Teleportation within the Void was extremely dangerous; however, for an expert on the level of Xu Kai, he could still block the dangers from a distance.

However, in Ning Cheng's eyes, these Crystal Stone were the most precious objects.

"Luofei, prepare to go into seclusion. After I advance to the Crucible Transformation Realm, we will then return to the Rootless Black City." Ning Cheng made a decision instantly.

If he returned to the Rootless Black City now, no one would dare to speak half a word against him. However, his strength was still a limitation. Once there was a conflict of interest, people would always come to find trouble with him. As such, he might as well wait until his cultivation advanced once again before heading back to the Rootless Black City.

Besides, Ning Cheng also had some other plans that he wanted to accomplish. However, without possessing the necessary strength, he would not be able to achieve it.

Ji Luofei could still use Spirit Stones for her cultivation, while Ning Cheng chose to use the Crystal Stones for his cultivation during the seclusion. Spirit Stones to him had a minimal effect anyway and took a long time.

After cultivation with the help of Spirit Stones for a brief period, Ning Cheng switched to the Crystal Stones to aid in his cultivation once again. The process of rapidly absorbing and transmuting the Spirit Qi caused Ning Cheng to feel extreme comfort. This level of cultivation speed was what he was looking for.

In just a month's time, Ning Cheng advanced from the 8th Level of the Sea Opening Realm to the 9th Level of Sea Opening Realm. Three months later, Ning Cheng's cultivation had finally reached the Great Circle of the 9th Level of Sea Opening Realm.

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The Rootless Black City, by now, had sunk into a strange atmosphere. Four months ago, the Junior City Master teamed up with more than a hundred people along with a cultivator in the Plundering Life Realm to go out and look for the Black Essence Mine. However, there was no news from them since then.

Three months ago, the Rootless Black City's City Master Xu Kai suddenly turned furious and rushed out of the Rootless Black City. From the words left behind by him, many people judged that Junior City Master Xu Liangzhi had perished. They even speculated that it was the arrogant newcomer, Ning Cheng, who killed Xu Liangzhi. The very same person who demolished the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce.

Now four months have passed by, while there was not a single new movement from the City Master's Mansion. Not to mention about Ning Cheng or the Junior City Master returning, there was also no news about the City Master Xu Kai after he went out.

The places Ning Cheng secured were still there, while Ning Cheng's Immortal Cave also remained untouched. Nobody dared to go there anyway. Even if there were all kinds of speculations running rampant all around, no one would speak them out in the open.

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"Boom-Boom...." The thunderbolts roared, while Ning Cheng stood unarmed within the Void, allowing the innumerable Lightning Arcs and the Thunder Waterfall to descend onto him.

Not only did he not bring out his Everlasting Blue Thunder City's shadow, he even chose not to bring out his Nirvana Spear or his 36 Cosmic True Devil Axes.

Almost 60% of the descending violent Lightning Arcs ended up absorbed by him, while the rest of the Lightning Arcs, besides being used for quenching his corporeal body, could not bring about even half a bit of injury to him.

Ning Cheng knew why such a thing was happening. When he and Xu Kai were fighting under the Thunder Tribulation, the descending Thunder Tribulation was a lot stronger compared to the one he was facing right now. If he could pass through that kind of a mighty Thunder Tribulation, then he could definitely overcome this tribulation. Moreover, at this time, his cultivation had also improved; therefore, this level of Thunder Tribulation felt somewhat insignificant to him.

"Ka-Ka..." Intermittent crackling and popping sounds emerged as if his skeleton had reached a critical point before an advancement.

Ning Cheng felt pleasantly surprised. Currently submerged within the Thunder Tribulation to advance to the Crucible Transformation Realm; never had he imagined that before he advanced to the Crucible Transformation Realm, it would be his Body Forging that would experience a breakthrough. As long as the descending Thunder Tribulation remained strong, he would directly advance to having a Rank 6 Imperial Body.

After feeling that his Thunder Tribulation's intensity might not be strong enough, Ning Cheng brought out his Nirvana Spear without any hesitation before shooting towards the descending Thunder Tribulation. At the same time, his powerful Spear Intent shot towards a Thunder Tribulation Arc aimed at him.

"Boom... Ka....." The Thunder Tribulation was once again enraged. Violent Thunder Waterfalls, mixed with some Thunder Spheres started to descend, causing Ning Cheng to instantly find himself submerged within a bluish flash. Ji Luofei, who was watching the descending Thunder Tribulation from a distance, felt even more frightened as she unconsciously took a step back. She knew that nothing she did would help Ning Cheng. Despite anxiety filling her heart, it was useless at this moment.

"Poof-Poof...." Ning Cheng's armour finally shattered under the Thunder Tribulation. Dense Lightning Arcs then descended onto Ning Cheng's body, causing Ning Cheng's flesh and blood to splash out in all directions. Even his skeleton was breaking apart inch by inch.

However, the next moment, his cracking skeleton quickly reorganised itself, allowing them to sublimate and condense at a much faster rate.

A powerful feeling welled up in his heart, causing Ning Cheng to feel ecstatic. He knew that at this moment, he finally achieved a Rank 6 Imperial Body. The Thunder Tribulation might be a deadly thing for others, but it was entirely different for someone like him.

I hope the Thunder Tribulation could turn even more violent, Ning Cheng prayed within his heart while shooting out with his Nirvana Spear. At the exact same moment, the True Essence surging within his meridians immediately imploded before exploding out. It seemed as if he had broken through some sort of a cultivation barrier.

“Bang...” It felt as if something covering his mouth and nose, preventing him from breathing, suddenly tore open, caused a unique and matchless aura to emerge. The Nirvana Spear in Ning Cheng’s hands suddenly transformed into a Spear Trace, which directly split apart the descending Thunder Tribulation into two halves.

Only after his Spear Trace shot off into the Void did this Thunder Tribulation Arc finally close up. However, that mighty Thunder Tribulation Arc also turned incomparably weak. With this wave of Thunder Tribulation ending, the following streams of Thunder Tribulation could not cause even half an injury to Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng stood in the Void, letting the Lightning Arcs to descend onto his body, without showing even the slightest of movement. After many years of hard struggle, he finally reached the Crucible Transformation Realm and became a genuine Crucible Transformation Cultivator. After settling his matters in the Rootless Black City and the Receiving Heaven’s Stone, he could then head into the starry sky of the universe to find his own way.

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Chapter 469: Shaking The Black City

“I ran out of Black Coins, I truly do not have the 10,000 Black Coins. Can’t we stretch the rules a bit, let us live in the Rootless Black City for some time, we’ll definitely pay you back after we earn some Black Coins?” A male cultivator with a somewhat embarrassed expression stood at the entrance of the city, trying to plead to the two cultivators who were in charge of issuing the Identity Jade Cards.

Behind this male cultivator stood a female cultivator. However, this woman stood there with a closed mouth, not uttering even a single word.

“Don’t you see the other people standing here? Or is your ass whiter than the others?” The male cultivator standing at the city gates, handling the proceedings for the Identity Jade Card, spoke out in a cold voice, “Without Black Coins, better roll to the side and let the others pass. You can choose to go into the Void to dig up some Black Essence Stones while the others go in. Come to us after you obtain enough Black Coins.”

The male cultivator’s expression slightly changed, “This friend, we just arrived at the Rootless Black City and practically have no experience at all. If we head into the Void to dig out ores, wouldn’t it only result in our deaths?”

“Does it matter to me if you live or die?” The cultivator guarding the city entrance spoke up with an even more disdain-filled tone.

The male cultivator was just about to continue to speak a few more words, when he suddenly called out in surprise, “Sect Master Ning....”

When Ning Cheng saw the long line of cultivators queued up outside the Rootless Black City, he instantly realised that these people should have just arrived from Heaven’s Way.

Suddenly hearing someone calling out to him, he quickly honed in on a cultivator he did not know, someone at the Crucible Transformation 2nd Level. A female cultivator stood behind this cultivator at the Crucible Transformation 2nd Level; Ning Cheng, however, knew her. This female cultivator went by the name, Bu Mei. When he went to the Great Liang True Country and the Northern Shang True Country’s battlefield during a Sect Mission, this female cultivator and Xin Hai from the Star Gathering Mansion had to team up with him.

“Sect Master Ning.” Bu Mei on seeing Ning Cheng quickly came forward and greeted him with a respectful bow. Today’s meeting was completely different from when they met for the first time. The first time that Bu Mei and Ning Cheng met, she had not deemed it necessary to even glance at him.

Moreover, Ning Cheng had an open hatred towards the Severing Emotions Dao Sect and vice-versa; what she didn’t know, however, was that Ning Cheng’s hatred mainly focussed over Xu Anzhen. He honestly did not care much about Bu Mei even if she came from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect.

“Lord Ning....” The Crucible Transformation Cultivators who stood guard at the entrance to the Rootless Black City on seeing Ning Cheng also arriving quickly came forward and gave him their most respectful greetings.

What kind of person was Ning Cheng; they were much clearer of it than anyone else in this place was. This person had demolished the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce and had even killed Junior City Master Xu Liangzhi. The Rootless Black City’s City Master Xu Kai had pursued him because of this, yet unexpectedly, Xu Kai had never returned, while Ning Cheng actually took the initiative to come back. Although they had never imagined such a result, the facts were still in front of them. Moreover, none of them dared to offend this Ning Cheng with their strength.

“You are?” Ning Cheng looked at the Crucible Transformation 2nd Level Male Cultivator, the one who had initially called out to him as ‘Sect Master Ning’. As for the two Crucible Transformation Guards at the entrance, Ning Cheng just did not pay any attention to them.

“Sect Master Ning, I am Shu Xing from the Star Gathering Mansion. Because of the advantage provided by Sect Master Ning in arranging the array formation at the entrance of Heaven’s Way, I finally managed to pass through Heaven’s Way with my Dao Companion Bu Mei.” The male cultivator quickly replied with a respectful tone.

Ning Cheng had transformed into a legend within the Tian Continent. Not a single faction could afford to look down on this person by the name of Ning Cheng. He was someone who had single-handedly destroyed the Red Star Sword Faction. Because he returned in time, the Yin Yang Dao Sect who wanted to once again launch a strike at the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect had to take the initiative to come to his sect to make a public apology. What the two of them had never thought of was that Sect Master Ning would

also become a formidable character within the Rootless Black City. Did they not see the two Crucible Transformation Guards address Sect Master Ning with their most respectful tone?

Looking at everything, Shu Xing had no choice but to behave respectfully and prudently in this particular situation; primarily because of his worry that Ning Cheng would hold Bu Mei accountable. After all, Bu Mei was from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect. At the same time, who in the Tian Continent did not know about the enmity between Ning Cheng and the Severing Emotions Dao Sect?

Ning Cheng then took a glance at Bu Mei, while questions appeared in his mind. Treating a person from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect as their Dao Companion, were these two people like Chao He and Ban Miaolei? Alternatively, was this Bu Mei trying to use Shu Xing to sever her emotions?

However, Ning Cheng did not choose to inquire about this matter. Instead, he said, "I am acquainted with the Star Gathering Mansion's Xin Hai, is he all right?"

"Junior Apprentice Brother Xin chose to go into seclusion. When I decided to enter Heaven's Way, he had not yet come out." Shu Xing quickly replied.

"Oh, ok. So, why are you not going in?" Ning Cheng asked again.

Shu Xing quickly asked, "Because of the heavy expenses incurred during the trip here from the Receiving Heaven's Stone, I'm left with not enough Spirit Stones. Therefore, I do not have any way of entering the Rootless Black City."

"Since this is the case, you two can come along with me."

Ning Cheng arbitrarily spoke out and then looked at the two guards at the entrance to the city, "These two will be coming with me. Help them obtain their Identity Jade Cards."

"But...." The two Crucible Transformation Guards showed some hesitation.

Identity Jade Cards were 10,000 Black Coins each; however, Ning Cheng did not speak anything about the Black Coins. How were they supposed to take care of it? This was one of the sources of earning Black Coins for the 12 factions. Despite Ning Cheng exterminating one of them, there were still 11 more factions.

Ning Cheng gave a sneer and said, "If anyone has any questions, then let them come to the City Master's Prefecture to find me. From now, I will be staying at the City Master's Mansion."

After saying that, Ning Cheng simply ignored the two guards and spoke to Shu Xing, "You can come in with me now."

"Yes, yes ..." Shu Xing was not the one to answer. Instead, the two Crucible Transformation Guards, who had initially stopped the Shu Xing duo, were the ones who responded.

The meaning of Ning Cheng's words was too obvious; that is, Ning Cheng has already taken care of City Master Xu Kai of the Rootless Black City. In front of this kind of powerhouse, if anyone dared to speak any sort of nonsense, Ning Cheng could just exterminate him or her with a casual wave of a hand. For them, right now, the most important thing was to quickly provide positive feedback and reassurance in light of this.

Ning Cheng's blatant assertion with such arrogant words was obviously premeditated. His primary purpose of returning to the Rootless Black City was to take care of these forces for the last time.

Of course, it didn't mean that he wanted to completely eradicate all the forces; such a move would not make any sense anyway. What he wanted was to eliminate the nauseous Black Coin extortion system on the Receiving Heaven's Stone, while also scrapping the policy of needing 1 million Spirit Stones for an Identity Jade Card. Both of these practices were tantamount to robbery anyway.

Apart from those who could rely on their own strength and connections, the other cultivators simply had extremely little ability to travel between the Receiving Heaven's Stone and the Rootless Black City. In light of this, he decided to destroy this absurd practice.

Whether it was the Array Formation set up at the entrance of Heaven's Way in the Tian Continent, or the path that led all the way to the Receiving Heaven's Stone. He wanted to create something so that, once anyone in the Tian Continent reached a certain level in their cultivation, they could then safely reach the Rootless Black City after reaching the Receiving Heaven's Stone right after passing through Heaven's Way.

He had a few acquaintances and friends within the Tian Continent. In the future, when he no longer stayed in the Rootless Black City, wouldn't it only result in the death of those people after they arrived in this place? Because of this, Ning Cheng decided to overhaul the main problems prevailing within the Rootless Black City and the Receiving Heaven's Stone.

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"Sect Master Ning, do you live in the City Master's Mansion?" Shu Xing carefully asked. He had only arrived here recently and hadn't heard about Ning Cheng's exploits in this place. However, he did know that the City Master's Mansion in the Rootless Black City represented the most powerful faction. Did it mean that Sect Master Ning was currently serving the City Master's Mansion?

"That's right; however, things are not what you think. I killed the previous City Master, so I now live in the City Master's Mansion." Ning Cheng knew what Shu Xing was thinking and stated it out directly.

Shu Xing's mouth remained opened wide in shock, he could not even say a single character. He honestly felt shaken to the core. How long ago did Ning Cheng arrive at the Rootless Black City, yet he killed the City Master? Just how strong was he? It was no wonder that the Crucible Transformation Cultivators guarding the city entrance trembled in fear and could not utter even a half word of nonsense in front of him.

"Shu Xing, I will be taking control of the Rootless Black City in a while. Do you want to help me?" Ning Cheng knew that to accomplish his plan, he would have to take control of the entire Rootless Black City. For that, he would have to put his full strength on display.

"Sect Master Ning, I definitely would like to follow you... No, I will follow Lord Ning Cheng....." Since Shu Xing could cultivate to the Crucible Transformation 2nd Level, it showed that he apparently was not an idiot. Therefore, when Ning Cheng spoke those words, he immediately understood what it entailed.

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Ning Cheng had not yet reached the entrance to the City Master's Mansion of the Rootless Black City when the news of his return as well as the part about him moving into the City Master's Mansion quickly spread throughout the Rootless Black City like wildfire.

The streets leading to the City Master's Mansion in the Central District of the Rootless Black City quickly filled up with cultivators pouring in from all corners of the Rootless Black City. If the Rootless Black City were to experience a change in leadership, it would inadvertently affect all of them. As such, there was nobody who did not care about such a matter.

"Bang...." An explosion resounded. Ning Cheng stood in the sky over the City Master's Mansion of the Rootless Black City. Just a single strike from his spear was enough to break apart the Defensive Array protecting the City Master's Mansion of the Rootless Black City.

The cultivators residing within the City Master's Mansion already knew about the demise of the previous City Master for a long time and had already chosen to flee secretly. No cultivator felt willing enough to stay and fight against Ning Cheng. Ning Cheng also did not decide to pursue those cultivators who escaped and were still escaping from the City Master's Mansion. He knew that these cultivators were just like him, people who had arrived at this location from different Planar Locations. Moreover, if he killed every person from the City Master's Mansion, who would dare to revolt against him at that time?

However, there were still a handful of cultivators associated with the City Master's Mansion. The Junior City Master died, while the City Master Xu Kai did not return for many months. The cultivators with even the slightest of mind had already long guessed that the City Master should have met with an accident.

However, these cultivators did not abandon the City Master's Mansion on an excuse; instead, they deliberately took up assignments beforehand and quickly left. Now that Ning Cheng returned the already not-many cultivators staying behind in the City Master's Mansion immediately choose to flee.

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At the same time, dozens of powerful cultivators sat in an emergency meeting in another luxurious building within the Rootless Black City.

This building belonged to the Rootless Black City's Extinguishing Karma Starry Sky Fleet. The Extinguishing Karma Starry Sky Fleet had a place among the Rootless Black City's 12 significant powers. In fact, it was a faction ranked 2nd, just after the City Master's Mansion.

The Rootless Black City's City Master Xu Kai had supposedly perished at the hands of Ning Cheng, while they also found out that Ning Cheng had strong-armed his way into occupying the City Master's Mansion. At the same time, he blatantly broke the first rule of entry into the Rootless Black City, that is, the law of purchasing the Identity Jade Card. It had touched the bottom-line of everyone's interests, causing public outrage among many of the factions.

The Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce faced complete destruction at his hands, and even if the City Master of the City Master's Mansion met annihilation at Ning Cheng's hands, no one would have cared much about it. However, now that Ning Cheng touched upon their organisations' income source of Black Coins, nobody felt willing enough to come to a compromise over it.

“Initially, I had proposed that we should join up to kill this person. Now, this person shows clear intentions to expand his reach; he even advanced to the Crucible Transformation Realm this quickly. It must be because of a few good things he obtained from that old ghost, Xu Kai.” The speaker was a white-haired old man. He was Mao Xiuxuan of the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce. At the same time, everyone also understood what he meant.

“What you said before has no meaning now. Ning Cheng is daring enough to take over the City Master’s Mansion. It would just be a matter of time before he extends his hand towards our heads. However, my thoughts are similar to that of Brother Xiuxuan, which is to take advantage of this moment when he has not yet established his foothold and eliminate him; otherwise, with his cultivation speed.....” This time it was a middle-aged man who spoke. His meaning clearly understood by everyone present there.

Although this man looked very mild tempered and gentle; however, no one dared to underestimate him even in the slightest. He was Bu Yuanmao from the Gale Void Coalition and a cultivator in the Plundering Life Realm.

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Chapter 470: Setting Up A Cultivator Army

Ning Cheng set up a simple Defensive Array outside the Rootless Black City’s City Master Mansion, leaving Shu Xing and Bu Mei near the periphery to keep watch around it.

Standing in front of a prison cell sealed by an array formation, this was Ning Cheng’s second time meeting Shen Zimo.

Shen Zimo on seeing Ning Cheng appear in front of him felt astonished. He really could not understand how Ning Cheng came here.

Ning Cheng gave a nod to Shen Zimo before kicking open the array formation that sealed his cell. At the same time, he raised a hand and placed it on Shen Zimo’s shoulder. In just a few breaths of time, Ning Cheng quickly cornered the Spiritual Soul Restriction on Shen Zimo before extracting and burning it into nihility.

“How are you here?” Feeling the Spiritual Soul Restriction dissolving at the hands of Ning Cheng, Shen Zimo did not feel much surprised about it; instead, he felt more shocked towards Ning Cheng’s appearance in this location.

Ning Cheng gave a light smile, “I killed Xu Kai and Xu Liangzhi, which naturally allows me to come here. I had already sensed the Spiritual Soul Restriction on you when we met, so I did not ask you any questions that time. However, you can answer me freely now, since you are a person from the City Master’s Mansion, why did Xu Liangzhi put a Spiritual Soul Restriction on you?”

“Did you really kill Xu Kai?” Shen Zimo repeated the words in shock. He did not think that the things kept hidden and remained unaccomplished for decades would end up resolved this easily with Ning Cheng killing Xu Kai.

“That’s right. Tell me something about yourself though.” Ning Cheng affirmed with a nod.

Shen Zimo took a deep breath, before calming himself and slowly spoke, “My master came to the Rootless Black City forty years ago but died at the hands of Xu Kai. I wanted to take revenge to help my

master, so I chose to hide in the Rootless Black City and, in fact, hid amongst Xu Liangzhi's men. However, I never knew that he already knew who I was; moreover, he even used me as an experience to temper his heart...."

After hearing Shen Zimo's words, Ning Cheng spoke with a sneer, "Placing a Spiritual Soul Restriction on you, and letting you to stay by his side, how something like this could even be called tempering one's heart? Shen Zimo, I have a few plans to execute within the Rootless Black City, would you like to help me?"

"Brother Ning. You saved my life; you even helped get revenge for my deceased master with your own hands. From today onwards, the life of this Shen Zimo belongs to Brother Ning." Shen Zimo initially had embraced the thought of dying whole-heartedly. However, at present, Ning Cheng not only helped him obtain revenge, he even saved his life.

Almost without any consideration, Shen Zimo immediately agreed to Ning Cheng's words.

"Good. You've spent considerable time within the Rootless Black City. Currently, I have a few plans to set up a cultivator army within the Rootless Black City. I also have tens of millions of Black Coins that we can use as initial funds; you can freely use it to set up the cultivator army. As for the rest of the things within the ring, you can keep them if you want. How about it?" Ning Cheng took out a ring and handed it to Shen Zimo before asking.

"Yes." Shen Zimo answered directly with just a word. Although he lived in the Rootless Black City for a few decades, his mood today was the most enjoyable out of all the time spent in this city.

Ning Cheng also very much appreciated such an attitude from Shen Zimo. After handing the ring to Shen Zimo, he spoke up, "Within the Rootless Black City, I have already demolished two of the major factions. However, there are still ten main factions remaining. While recruiting for the cultivator army, you will also have to investigate and collect evidence of the misdeeds conducted by these forces."

This time, Shen Zimo's response was even more spontaneous, nothing could surpass the exultation he felt after going through his life's greatest sorrow.

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"The Rootless Black City is forming a cultivator army. After entering the Rootless Black City's Cultivator army, you will not have to pay any Black Coins as taxes. Not only that, but they also pay a certain amount of Black Coins every year as salary. As for a place of residence, there would be no worries in that department. I heard that Ning Cheng would mainly focus his development plans in the Western City District. That's where he will also set up the barracks....."

Ning Cheng forming the cultivator army in the Rootless Black City immediately promulgated throughout the Rootless Black City at the fastest speed. Whether it was the Rootless Black City's Trade Union or the Rootless Black City's Rest Stops belonging to the main factions, every place buzzed with this news.

For a time, countless cultivators rushed to the Rootless Black City's City Master Mansion to register. Within the Rootless Black City, Black Coins were similar to treasures. Moreover, the cultivators living within the Western City District who could actually afford a bit of it were only a minority. Therefore,

when this news spread out, it was just like a holy scripture from a gospel for these impoverished cultivators.

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“Humph, that Ning Cheng is just an Early-stage Crucible Transformation Cultivator. Even if his strength is slightly stronger than on the surface, what qualifications does he have to become the City Master of the Rootless Black City? He even dared to proclaim that one would not need to pay their share of Black Coins as long as one joined the Rootless Black City’s Cultivator Army. Did he really think that he is the foremost person within the Rootless Black City?”

Learning that Ning Cheng, on returning to the Black City, began to form the cultivator army, the remaining ten main factions, who were still in a meeting, were unable to sit still. They had not even chartered their plans while the other party had already begun to form the cultivator army.

“I suggest that we gather all of our forces and move in to kill that person as soon as possible. We can then elect a person amongst us to take up the position of the City master.” A wild-haired man spoke up with a stern voice. He was also a person belonging to the Void Sect. The Void Sect was also the only sect within the Rootless Black City; moreover, most of this sect’s disciples came from just one place.

“This person could kill Xu Kai, could destroy the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce by himself, how do you propose we fight against him? Besides, would all of us really band together?”

“This person is an Array Formation Grandmaster and has already arranged a formidable Array Formation around the City Master Mansion. Moreover, he is also recruiting many cultivators.....”

“Why don’t you send someone to invite Ning Cheng here; if worse comes to worst, we can at least let him have a share of the original benefits enjoyed by the City Master’s Mansion..”

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Hearing that Ning Cheng was forming a cultivator army in the Rootless Black City, all the people in the meeting immediately started chattering about it; an uneasy mood instantly spread throughout them.

“Everyone, please listen to this one sentence from me.” A deep voice rang out.

Hearing this voice, all the people immediately stopped talking. That was because this voice belonged to the Rootless Black City’s second expert Jian Xuanming, who was also the Fleet Captain of the Exterminating Karma Starry Sky Fleet. At the same time, he also was the only 7th Level of Plundering Life Cultivator. Within the Rootless Black City, there were only two cultivators at the late stages of the Plundering Life Realm. One was the rumoured-to-be deceased Rootless Black City’s City Master, and the other one was Jian Xuanming.

“Ning Cheng could kill Pu Leng and Si Pingxuan; it shows that he is not to be trifled with. As for the whereabouts of City Master Xu Kai, we are still not clear about it. However, since this person dared to stay in the City Master Mansion then presumably he also managed to kill Xu Kai or at least witnessed him die. My original idea was to have a discussion with him and share some of the benefits that originally belonged to the City Master’s Mansion. However, since he has already begun forming the cultivator army, there is nothing more left to discuss.....”

As Jian Xuanming spoke until here, his gaze swept over the other cultivators present there. He believed that with his words, everyone here could understand what he meant.

In the Rootless Black City, to maintain the balance of power between the main factions, they all had agreed to not form a cultivator army of their own. Even the previous City Master, Xu Kai, agreed to it. However, Ning Cheng broke the norm and started forming a cultivator army. Once Ning Cheng fully established his cultivator army, who else could even oppose him?

“My Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce will listen to Brother Jian. I believe that what Brother Jian said definitely makes sense.” Mao Xiuxuan was the first one to speak out.

Then two more stood up and expressed their desire to support his words. In any case, everyone already knew what Jian Xuanming meant. That is since Ning Cheng broke the rules by forming the cultivator army; it made it necessary for them to kill Ning Cheng before his cultivator army was fully established.

However, not all the people were willing to stand up and side with Jian Xuanming. Seeing that there were still people in all four directions that have not stood up to side with him, Jian Xuanming gave a frown.

Just as Jiang Xuanming wanted to continue intimidating them, everyone heard a clear and unmistakable voice ring out within the hall. “Fellow friends, this is quite the auspicious day. I, Ning Cheng, invite everybody here to come to visit the Rootless Black City’s City Master Mansion. If you like to become friends with me, Ning Cheng, then please accept this invite.....”

This voice had rung out abruptly. Not only did Jian Xuanming’s face change, but even the rest of the cultivators in the hall also stood up in shock. They were in a secret meeting in this place and protected by layers of array formations. Yet someone was still able to directly send their voice inside; in other words, these layers of array formations were nothing in the eyes of the other party.

“I’ll be taking my leave to discuss it with others.” The first person to stand up and back out was a short-haired man with a bronze coloured face. A trace of vicissitude belonging to those that perennially traversed the Void was clearly discernible over his face.

When the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce’s Mao Xiuxuan heard this, his expression immediately sank, “Chao Jimeng, you are the head of the Rogue Cultivator Alliance. Do you really need to go back and discuss this kind of thing?”

The bronze-faced man showed a sneer and spoke, “Mao Xiuxuan, since when did my Rogue Cultivator Alliance’s discussion of things and dealing with matters become a concern of your Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce? You should take care of your own house first. If you want to show off your power and prestige, fuck off to your Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce; do not chirp around with a crooked mouth in front of me.”

After saying that, this person then cupped his fists towards Jian Xuanming before turning around and walking away without any more words.

Jian Xuanming’s face also turned hard to look at. Just as he was thinking about whether or not to forcibly detain the departing Chao Jimeng, a female cultivator stood up and spoke, “My Heaven City Chamber of Commerce also feels it necessary to go back and discuss it among ourselves.”

“Black City Pill Union’s Ji Xing also cannot provide an immediate answer and will have to go back to the Pill Union to discuss.....”

In just a short time, of the ten representatives of the major factions, four had chosen to leave.

Seeing that there were still a few more people about to stand up, Jian Xuanming quietly spoke up, “In that case, let’s go to the City Master’s Mansion, and meet this new City Master. Since my Rootless Black City has such a capable person, then it would truly be disrespectful for me, Jian Xuanming, to set a bad example by not visiting him.”