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#### Chapter 471: The Competitive City Master

“Lord Ning Cheng, the several of us want to defect to your banner .....” A cultivator spoke up with a face full of embarrassment standing in front of Ning Cheng. He felt greatly embarrassed even before speaking the words.

This cultivator’s name was Lan Wenbin. They had initially met each other on the day of arrival at Receiving Heaven’s Stone.

Initially, when he had met Ning Cheng at the Receiving Heaven’s Stone, he felt quite optimistic about Ning Cheng. It was only later when Ning Cheng razed the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce’s Rest Stop did a feeling of disappointment towards Ning Cheng arose. He had genuinely thought that Ning Cheng was irrational with his conduct. To not involve himself and his group with Ning Cheng, he led the rest of his trio away from Ning Cheng once they reached the Rootless Black City.

What he had never thought was that Ning Cheng destroying the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce’s Rest Stop would turn out to be an inconsequential matter in the grand scheme of things. Not only was it an insignificant matter, he even levelled the entire Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce just after reaching the city. Now that Ning Cheng returned once again to the Rootless Black City and forcibly occupied the City Master’s Mansion, Lan Wenbin realised that he had honestly misread Ning Cheng.

Since Ning Cheng dared to do such a thing, it meant that he indeed possessed the ability to do so. Now that he heard Ning Cheng needed labour, he did not hesitate to take the other three to request a meet with Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng already knew the intent behind the other party’s words; however, he did not care about it and spoke with a laugh, “Many thanks to Brother Lan for lending a hand. Shen Zimo is currently recruiting for the cultivator army. Since Brother Lan has already arrived, I will have to request Brother Lan to also provide some help to Shen Zimo. Wu Marui can stay here with me. In any case, there might be some people that might arrive at the City Master’s Mansion to cause trouble for me.”

“Good.” Lan Wenbin also did not talk any more nonsense. He quickly left the area with Mao Liangpeng and Ji Ying.

Wu Marui was someone with a significant hulking stature. Among Lan Wenbin’s quartet, Ning Cheng had the best impression of him.

“Congratulations to Brother Ning for returning to the Rootless Black City safe and sound.” An incomparably clear voice from a woman resounded, while Ning Cheng also saw a man and a woman coming over towards him with a smile over their faces.

Ning Cheng knew that middle-aged man; he was Steward Mu Cunjian of the Heaven City Chamber of Commerce. When Ning Cheng had just arrived at Receiving Heaven’s Stone, he had chosen to stay at the Heaven City Chamber of Commerce’s Rest Stop.

“So it turned out to be Brother Mu. I always thought that you resided at Receiving Heaven’s Stone. I didn’t think that Brother Mu had also returned to the Rootless Black City. Please come in.” Ning Cheng greeted them with cupped fists and a grin over his face.

Mu Cunjian felt pleased after hearing Ning Cheng’s words, “I really did not misread Brother Ning. You really are a man amongst the dragons and phoenixes, not someone who would stop amazing the world with just a single brilliant feat. Oh right, this is my Heaven City Chamber of Commerce’s Lord Gan Anran.”

“Greeting’s Lord Gan....” Ning Cheng did not think that the Heaven City Chamber of Commerce’s Lord would actually turn out to be a female cultivator; moreover, her cultivation was also not low. From what he could see, she seemed to be at least at the 2nd Level of Plundering Life Realm.

Gan Anran showed a faint smile and spoke, “I heard City Master Ning’s invitation and immediately came over. It looks like I would have to rely on City Master Ning to take care of me from now on.”

While Gan Anran spoke, she carefully scrutinised Ning Cheng’s face; however, she discovered that when she addressed Ning Cheng as City Master, Ning Cheng’s face did not change even the slightest. It immediately affirmed that the Rootless Black City’s original City Master Xu Kai indeed ended up perishing at Ning Cheng’s hands. It looks like it was right for her to come here.

This City Master Ning indeed was decisive with his actions. After killing Xu Kai, he immediately started forming a cultivator army. In a place like the Rootless Black City, once any cultivator army took root, even if all the other forces united, it would still not be enough to contend against them.

As for the other forces, Gan Anran felt it impossible for them if they wanted to form another cultivator army after the City Master’s Mansion. Ning Cheng currently was the new City Master, since he gave the order to build a cultivator army, it would just be impossible for a second cultivator army to appear within the Rootless Black City.

In case a second cultivator army could emerge within the Rootless Black City, Anran wouldn’t be standing in the City Master’s Mansion in front of Ning Cheng. Since Gan Anran affirmed this point, she did not hesitate to refuse the talks with the rest of the other forces. At the same time, she took the initiative to come to Ning Cheng at his place.

“Please come in. Come in.....” Ning Cheng naturally understood the intent behind Gan Anran’s words and actions. That is to say, her Heaven City Chamber of Commerce has chosen to abandon the alliance with other factions. At the same time, they were also the first to come to Ning Cheng’s side. Therefore, implicitly implying that he had to also support them in the future.

“The Rogue Cultivator Alliance’s Chao Jimeng comes to visit on City Master Ning’s invitation....”

“The Black City Array Formation Alliance’s Wu Yingxin comes to visit on City Master Ning’s invitation....”

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Only an hour had passed from the time that Ning Cheng easily bypassed the Extinguishing Karma Starry Sky Fleet’s Sound Isolation Array Formation and delivered his invitation. Yet, representatives of every dominant faction within the Rootless Black City had already gathered within the City Master’s Mansion.

“Although this Ning Cheng has invited you all to visit my City Master’s Mansion, it is not out of fear, but as thanks for all of you to respond to my invitation....” Although Ning Cheng was the one to send out to invite, he never thought that these people would come at all.

His intent behind that invitation was to crack down on the remaining ten significant forces within the Rootless Black City; at the same time, win over two or three of them to his side, if possible. Contrary to what he expected, there was no bond between the ten significant forces of the Rootless Black City, to the point that he easily divided them all with a single sentence.

The first to arrive were the Heaven City Chamber of Commerce, the Rogue Cultivator Alliance, and the Black City Array Formation Alliance. Showing that they were apparently standing on the side of Ning Cheng.

When Ning Cheng spoke, the more than a dozen cultivators sitting in the Discourse Hall of the City Master’s Mansion did not choose to talk. Some of them even felt a little strange. Just a few moments ago, they were all sitting together to decide on a matter. However, the difference between now and from a few moments ago was not just the change of place, but also the addition of another person, Ning Cheng.

Just as Ning Cheng wanted to continue speaking, Mao Xiuxuan of the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce suddenly spoke up, “Dao Friend Ning, the City Master of the Rootless Black City was originally Xu Kai, while this place also belongs to Xu Kai. So why would Dao Friend Ning suddenly appear here? I even heard someone call out ‘City Master Ning’ on the outside; however, we don’t know anything about it at all. It stands to reason that if a new City Master arose within the Rootless Black City, then we also have some qualifications to be made known about it.”

Seeing Ning Cheng stare at Mao Xiuxuan, Gan Anran showed a smile and spoke, “City Master Ning, this is the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce’s Deputy Chief Mao Xiuxuan.”

“Oh, I did hear about it. This Chamber of Commerce contained a degenerate called Cecile, who died by my hands.” Ning Cheng responded with a calm tone.

Mao Xiuxuan’s eyebrows pricked up, “Dao Friend Ning, as for the reason why Cecile was killed, the only reason why we haven’t pursued this matter is because the Association Head of our Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce is still in seclusion, while I did not have the qualifications to investigate it at that time. Since we are in a meeting to discuss matters about the new City Master, I hope that Dao Friend Ning could provide us with a proper answer. This is not just a personal issue for me; it is also an issue that affects the other people of the Rootless Black City.”

Ning Cheng disdainfully stared at Mao Xiuxuan, “Association Head Mao, you can’t represent others, you can only represent the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce at most. As for your question about why someone addressed me as City Master Ning, I really had not paid any attention to it. However, since you have kindly reminded me about it, then let’s just say that from now on, I am the City Master of the Rootless Black City. Oh, since you also asked about Xu Kai, well I killed him. If you want to be a City Master, it’s easy really, just come forward and kill me.”

“Humph.....” Mao Xiuxuan suddenly stood up, “Ning Cheng you must have killed City Master Xu with tricks. Did you think that you are the most formidable person within the Rootless Black City? I’m sorry, I

don't agree with you being the City Master. Not only do I disagree, but even the others also would not agree to it. You want me, Mao Xiuxuan, to challenge you, fine. I'm not afraid of a Crucible Transformation 1st Level ant."

Ning Cheng also calmly stood up; glancing around at the rest of the people, he asked, "Are there still anyone among you who do not agree with me as a City Master? If so, then please do stand-up right now."

An extremely formidable murderous intent swept out along with Ning Cheng's sweeping gaze. Even Jian Xuanming felt his heart sink in the face of it. Even if it were he, he would never be able to release a murderous intent this powerful. It also showed that Ning Cheng undoubtedly possessed a strength that could allow him to kill someone at the Late Stages of the Plundering Life Realm, without the use of any tricks.

Ning Cheng's gaze finally came to a stop on Jian Xuanming. Jian Xuanming also possessed the highest cultivation among the people here.

Jian Xuanming on seeing Ning Cheng's eyes stopping on him felt a chill run down his back for no reason. He immediately coughed. As the ice-cold killing intent dissipated a little, he finally spoke up, "Association Head Mao is not wrong; moreover, the City Master of the Rootless Black City is always chosen through a vote. Since the representatives of the major factions of the Rootless Black City are here, why don't we take this opportunity to elect a new City Master?"

Ning Cheng suddenly sat down and spoke up quite amiably, "Captain Jian is right. Since this is a democracy, let's take in everybody's vote."

It felt as if the man who was just overflowing with a strong killing intent from before was not the same person who sat down.

Gan Anran immediately spoke up, "I vote for Ning Cheng on behalf of the Heaven City Chamber of Commerce."

Chao Jimeng took the next lead, "I also vote for Ning Cheng on behalf of the Rogue Cultivator Alliance."

Mao Xiuxuan did not hesitate to cast a vote for Jian Xuanming, followed by the Void Sect, Gale Void Alliance, and the other Black City's forces casting their respective ballots for Jian Xuanming.

Ning Cheng received four votes, respectively, from the Heaven City Chamber of Commerce, the Rogue Cultivator Alliance, the Black City Pill Union, and the Black City Array Formation Alliance. The Void Adventure Squad abstained from voting. Jian Xuanming of the Extinguishing Karma Starry Sky Fleet also received four votes.

"Ning Cheng, it seems you can't be the City Master now." Mao Xiuxuan felt angry in his heart that four of the significant forces actually chose to vote for Ning Cheng. At the same time, he was also thinking of ways for sending Ning Cheng out of the city before getting rid of him. He already knew that he had to unite forces with Jian Xuanming before they then moved on to integrating the rest of the powers within the Rootless Black City.

Previously, when Xu Kai was in power, he did not dare to entertain any such thoughts. However, in the face of Ning Cheng, he felt no fear at all. Miao Xiuxuan had already seen the battle images of Ning Cheng

and compared it with information about Xu Kai; immediately coming to the conclusion that the difference between them was too huge. Although Ning Cheng might have killed Xu Kai, he must have used some cheap tricks.

Ning Cheng looked at Jian Xuanming with a smile on his face before asking, “Brother Jian. Would you like to vote?”

Jian Xuanming lightly spoke, “Since you and I are competing for the City Master’s position, then the two of us naturally cannot vote.”

“That would be for the best then.” Ning Cheng clapped his hands and spoke up, “Since everybody has elected me as the City Master of the Rootless Black City with such kind intentions, then I will reluctantly take up this position.”

“Who are you to recommend yourself to the position of the City Master of the Rootless Black City? The voting clearly showed that we bilaterally received four votes each. Since you did not receive an extra vote, so why should you be the City Master?” Mao Xiuxuan immediately stood up and shouted.

Ning Cheng coldly gazed at Mao Xiuxuan before speaking up without any hesitation, “Since I am competing for the position of the City Master, then I must come up with a bit of sincerity on my behalf, Shen Zimo.....”

“Subordinate reporting for orders.” Shen Zimo was just like a ghost as he suddenly materialised in the middle of the Discourse Hall.

“Report the results of your investigation.” Ning Cheng calmly spoke up.

“Yes.” Shen Zimo responded with a clear voice, before speaking in a calm tone, “The Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce, in the past 50 years, has forcefully abducted 78 female cultivators just after they exited Heaven’s Way. At the same time, they killed 191 rookie cultivators who could not afford to pay the demanded Black Coins, along with 231 people for other things. They also robbed the properties appointed to 297 cultivators, killing all the 297 people... All of these claims are substantiated; however, these are only a small part of their crimes.”

The entire venue turned silent. No one doubted what Shen Zimo said. That was because every significant faction dabbled in such acts and was not a big deal for them.

“How many people has my City Master’s Mansion recruited for the cultivator army?” Ning Cheng asked again.

“A total of 1,341 people, all of them possess Crucible Transformation Cultivation.”

“Very good. The newly formed cultivator army requires baptism by blood. You should immediately take all of them to raze down every single building, Rest Stop, Merchant Shops and any other establishments belonging to the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce... For such a garbage dump of a Chamber of Commerce, there is no need to leave behind anything.”

“Yes!”

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“You dare....” Mao Xiuxuan yelled out in anger.

Ning Cheng raised his hand, and the Nirvana Spear materialised right in front of it as he coldly spoke up, “As the Deputy Association Head of the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce, you have greater responsibility for all such acts. Since the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce is already gone, you should also stay back.”

Although he was currently the interlocutor, powerful killing intent still blasted out from Ning Cheng. The cultivators at the side of Ning Cheng immediately retreated unconsciously. The terrifying killing intent fused with the Nirvana Spear, causing people all around to feel trepidation in their hearts.

They just could not even muster the courage to voice out any questions. Since Ning Cheng declared his intention to kill Mao Xiuxuan in front of all of them, why wouldn't he dare do that to others? Not to mention this moment, even if one looked back into the past when the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce and City Master Xu Kai still existed. Didn't Ning Cheng extinguish both of them, despite their fame? For Mao Xiuxuan to actually dare challenge Ning Cheng's courage, in other's opinion, was just equivalent to inviting outsiders to see them eat shit.

“Stop.” Jian Xuanming pounded the table in outrage. Ning Cheng unexpectedly turned out extremely arrogant, to the point that he actually dared to start a fight while in a meeting with others to discuss issues.

The Nirvana Spear in Ning Cheng's hands shot out with a faint ripple, waves of killing intent immediately spread out along with this ripple, causing Mao Xiuxuan's heart to immediately turn cold.

“Jian Xuanming, if you want to fight then fight, I don't mind playing along. Not to mention that I could dare to kill Xu Kai with just the cultivation of 7th Level of Sea Opening Realm; now that I possess a Crucible Transformation Cultivation, if I really felt afraid of you, a cultivator at the 7th Level of Plundering Life Realm, then I should really bash my head in soft tofu to commit suicide.”

Ning Cheng coldly stared at Jian Xuanming; at the same time, his killing intent not only locked onto to Mao Xiuxuan, but it also swept towards Jian Xuanming.

This was his domain now, surrounded by all sides with his Entrapment and Killing Formations. If he still felt fear towards a few Plundering Life Realm Cultivators, then he should really go find a piece of tofu to bash his head in it and commit suicide.

“Ning Cheng, whether you are the City Master or not, everyone came here to discuss various issues. For you to start fighting in this place how could there be any talk about morality or justice in this kind of atmosphere?” Jian Xuanming, on feeling the powerful killing intent permeating his surroundings, couldn't help but feel his heart sinking. He no longer thought that it was a good idea to butt heads with this Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng spoke out in a calm voice, “I, as the City Master of the Rootless Black City, naturally have to consider the best interests of the countless cultivators living in the Rootless Black City. Moreover, the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce frequently indulges in killing the innocent, and even the incoming rookies face widespread bullying by this particular Chamber of Commerce. If I do not exterminate them, then I simply would have no face to compete for the position of the City Master. If

you do not want to help out, then please step away and stand aside in a corner; otherwise, I will take it as a sign of opposing this Ning.”

Such strong words caused Jian Xuanming to tremble with anger. He could see that there were Entrapment Array Formations everywhere. Although he could not wait to tear apart and eat up this Ning Cheng, he still did not dare to make any move. Ning Cheng’s words obviously ridiculed him, indirectly saying that he, Jian Xuanming, had no right and no face to compete for the position of the City Master. Unfortunately, the current situation seemed entirely in control of Ning Cheng.

Not to mention the array formations that Ning Cheng had previously arranged around the area, even if he considered the people present here; once he started fighting, he was sure that half of the people here would definitely come forward to help Ning Cheng. Thinking of all of these points, Jian Xuanming had no choice but to take a step back. He was sure that if he did not retreat at this moment, Ning Cheng would definitely activate his Killing Formations, trapping him within. Real men knew when to eat a loss; since he knew that it would not be possible for him to save Mao Xiuxuan, then he could only step aside and wait patiently to extract his revenge. However, if Ning Cheng successfully killed Mao Xiuxuan, would others help him get revenge at that time?

Seeing Jian Xuanming taking a step back, Ning Cheng felt some pity in his heart. If Jian Xuanming and Mao Xiuxuan both chose to fight with him at the same time, he could have then used his Trap and Kill Array Formations to kill both of them. Now that Jian Xuanming chose to take a step back, he would not be able to forcibly kill the opposite party.

If he wanted to take control of the Rootless Black City, then he cannot rely solely on killing. However, he must kill a few chickens to scare the monkey. Therefore, if he murdered Mao Xiuxuan with his most powerful means, it would also inadvertently help in setting up his prestige. As for allowing Mao Xiuxuan to live, Ning Cheng had never thought about it at all. He didn’t wish to turn into a Xiang Yu, only to end up delivering himself on a platter to Liu Bang for his death.

[TL Note: Xiang Yu, also known as Xiang Yu, the Conqueror was a warlord who ended up defeated at the hands of the first Han emperor. While Liu Bang was a bandit leader, who became the first Han Emperor, taking up the title of Han Gaozu. According to the legend, Xiang Yu had once spared Liu Bang’s life only to end up facing defeat and death at his hands later on in the future, allowing Liu Bang to become the first Han Emperor.]

With Jian Xuanming repressed by Ning Cheng to one side, the rest of people immediately turned silent.

Mao Xiuxuan on seeing Jian Xuanming retreat felt his heart completely sinking to the bottom. Without Jian Xuanming’s help, how could he go up against a monster like Ning Cheng? Someone who even killed Xu Kai.

“Even if you are the City Master. For the accusations that you hurled, you must have proper evidence....” Mao Xiuxuan spoke out in anger. However, to anyone who heard those words, it was equivalent to confessing his crimes. It was already enough to show weakness towards Ning Cheng.

In any case, Ning Cheng never paid any attention towards these words; spear shadows erupted one after another from his Nirvana Spear before they curled up and superimposed themselves on each other.

At this moment, the remaining cultivators in the Discourse Hall could only see a bright flash of light covering the entire area. Other than the berserk True Essence Fluctuations, they were not able to get any clear indication of the battle between Ning Cheng and Mao Xiuxuan.

The cultivators present in the hall felt secretly scared and knew what happened. Previously, they all had heard that Ning Cheng had high attainments in the field of array formations; however, they only witnessed it right now. The bright flash of light covering the area was none other than one of the array formations that Ning Cheng activated to cut off the battle scene from the prying eyes of others.

The thought of them currently sitting in the middle of Ning Cheng's Killing Formation, caused an indescribable chill to run down the backs of everyone sitting there. Half a day ago, they were still talking about ways to kill Ning Cheng and to reorganise the various interests of the Rootless Black City. However, half a day later, they could only helplessly stay in the middle of someone else's array formation, just to bolster the prestige of the other party.

Feeling the dominant True Essence Fluctuations that permeated the area, at this moment, no one felt willing enough to make any kind of movement lest they incur the displeasure of Ning Cheng. Every single one of them chose to quietly stand in a corner while waiting for the outcome.

Mao Xiuxuan, by this point, already knew that Ning Cheng did not want to let him off and no longer showed any weakness like before. With his hands stretched out, one fine thread of silk shot out one after another, quickly forming into a massive silk net in front of Ning Cheng. Wave after wave of foul smells erupted from this net; Ning Cheng on smelling this foul stench felt a wave of nausea wash over him.

Ning Cheng had also never expected that Mao Xiuxuan, who had the appearance of a refined scholar, would turn out to be a Demonic Cultivator. Moreover, even cultivated the Myriad Poison Spider's silk.

If it were an ordinary cultivator at the 1st Level of Crucible Transformation Realm, Mao Xiuxuan would have already made short work out of them, as they would not be able to escape this Myriad Poison Spider's silk. Unfortunately, he was facing Ning Cheng. Although Ning Cheng might be a novice within the Rootless Black City; however, Ning Cheng had also killed the foremost person of the Rootless Black City, inadvertently taking the title for himself.

At this time, Mao Xiuxuan immediately chose to use his unique skill by deploying his Myriad Poison Spider's Silk. His purpose was to entangle Ning Cheng, for at least a moment, and then use that moment to immediately make his escape.

However, he not only underestimated Ning Cheng's array formation, but he also underestimated Ning Cheng's Fake Domain.

Ning Cheng had not intended to use his Fake Domain against Mao Xiuxuan. For someone like Mao Xiuxuan, he was only an Early-stage Crucible Transformation Cultivator. It was also the same for him; Mao Xiuxuan was only a single cultivator at the 1st Level of Plundering Life Realm.

However, once Mao Xiuxuan displayed his Myriad Poison Spider's Silk, Ning Cheng immediately activated one of his Entrapment Formation, while simultaneously extending his control of the surrounding area to as far as it could go.



Even after he advanced to the Crucible Transformation Realm, he still possessed only a smattering knowledge regarding Domains and did not know how to use it; however, he, at least, knew how to make his Domain stronger.

Mao Xiuxuan felt his Myriad Poison Spider's Silk slow down; at the same instant, he also felt his body turning sluggish.

No, this was a Domain. After Mao Xiuxuan understood this, he immediately felt regret. He finally realised why Ning Cheng was able to kill Xu Kai. That was because Ning Cheng had actually comprehended Domains. Even if it were Xu Kai, he estimated that even Xu Kai was far from grasping even the concept of Domains.

Not good, it was impossible to fight against people who comprehended Domains. Mao Xiuxuan certainly did not know that Ning Cheng massacring Xu Kai did not have even half a relation of his using his Domain. However, his mind had already overcome with shock, and he could not even bother about focusing on his Myriad Poison Spider's Silk. He crazily moved from side to side within Ning Cheng's Fake Domain, wanting to find a way to break out of the Domain's fetters.

Unfortunately, his strength could not even match up to Xu Kai. Moreover, the difference was not just one or two levels. Even Ning Cheng felt a little speechless. Seeing the Myriad Poison Spider's Silk, he had initially thought that Mao Xiuxuan had many tricks up his sleeve. However, he never expected that it would turn out to be his most powerful move.

Ning Cheng no longer continued playing around with Mao Xiuxuan, as his Nirvana Spear loudly slammed into the Myriad Poison Spider's Silk.

The powerful Spear Intent contained within it caused the Myriad Poison Spider's silk to immediately crack apart; at the same time, a teeth-grating sound emerged from Mao Xiuxuan's mouth. Not waiting for him to initiate the self-detonation of the Myriad Poison Spider's Silk Net, Ning Cheng's long spear shot towards his glabella. Mao Xiuxuan could only watch the long spear move closer towards him; however, he just had no power to escape.

Because of the feeling of not belonging to the surrounding area, he could only wait for death at Ning Cheng's hands.

Mao Xiuxuan gave out a sigh; the last thought in his mind was the question: why did he choose to join hands with a selfish person like Jian Xuanming? At this moment, he even forgot that he had initially intended to use the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce for his own selfish reasons.

"Bang" With a dull explosive sound, the spear punctured through his skull. However, this sound was like a heavy hammer banging over the hearts of all the people within the Discourse Hall.

The bright lights of the Array Formation gradually dispersed, allowing everyone to see the sight in front of them. They found Ning Cheng still standing at the position he was initially at; however, Mao Xiuxuan sported a pole-like long spear poking through his head and pinned to the opposite wall.

"Plop, plop....." Drops of blood fell from the hole in his skull to the ground. In the utterly quiet Discourse Hall, the blood-dripping sounds rang out glaringly, one at a time.

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### **Chapter 473: Black City's New Rules**

"Everyone, please take a seat." Ning Cheng once again sat down on his seat while stretching out his hand with a smile on his face.

The rest of the cultivators also sat down one by one; however, the atmosphere was no longer casual as it was when they first come in. In front of everyone, Ning Cheng only took a quarter of an incense stick worth of time to kill Mao Xiuxuan, this fact alone showed that he did not have any dread towards them. Moreover, they also knew the fact that even Jian Xuanming could not kill Mao Xiuxuan in such a short period.

"During the City Master's selection, I received four votes. Initially, Brother Jian also received as many votes as I did; however, we now have another chance to compete again. I never thought that the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce would suddenly choose to disband at such a critical juncture. Brother Jian, what's your opinion over this?" Ning Cheng looked at Jian Xuanming with a bright smile over his face.

Today, he originally had planned to kill a person to set up his prestige. In his opinion, the best candidate to achieve this objective would have been Jian Xuanming. Unexpectedly, Mao Xiuxuan came looking for death first, while Jian Xuanming drew back. This caused Ning Cheng to feel a slight bit of regret.

Jian Xuanming spoke up in a dull tone, "Since Brother Ning has obtained a higher number of votes compared to me and is also already living in the City Master's Mansion then there is no need for Brother Ning to pass on the responsibilities of the Rootless Black City's City Master to others."

"Yes, I also agree that Brother Ning should preside over the position of the Rootless Black City's City Master." A red-haired man shouted without any hesitation. He was Dan Wenhong from the Black City Crafter's Association. A few moments ago, he had strongly sided with Jian Xuanming, and now he had immediately switched his support towards Ning Cheng. Moreover, declared it in such a manner as if it was the most natural thing in the world, without a shred of embarrassment over his face,

"I agree to it."

"Yes, I also agree with him."

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Only Mao Xiuxuan was the one to die; however, the rest of people no longer desired to compete against the position of the City Master of the Rootless Black City against Ning Cheng. Even the formerly neutral Void Adventure Squad's Captain Du Jianshu agreed with Ning Cheng taking over the position of the City Master.

In fact, for all these people, Ning Cheng taking over the position of the City Master did not mean much; in fact, they did not even care who took up the job. What they felt bothered about was what Ning Cheng would do after taking up the mantle as the City Master?

Ning Cheng stood up and cupped his fist before turning in a circle, and spoke up with a slightly embarrassed expression, "Since everyone has such kind intentions, then I will have no choice but to take up this responsibility. You might think that mixing with the City Master might be similar to a mixture of

oil and water; however, I do not think so. My Rootless Black City has been rotting for a long time. Cultivators had to go through countless hardships to walk through the Heaven's Way to reach this place. Those of them that did not die by the Spacial Wind Edges inside the Heaven's Way, most of those innocent souls would end up dead in the hands of the Rootless Black City's black-hearted cultivators...."

When Ning Cheng reached this point, except for Chao Jimeng from the Rogue Cultivator Alliance, the rest of them did not have a single expression over their faces. They all looked like statues, as none of them wanted to talk. Apparently, all of them were pretending to be dead.

"Since none of you has any major opinions to share, then I will take this opportunity to announce a few new rules for the Rootless Black City...." Ning Cheng had not expected that there were also a few people among them who were just like him, who wanted to re-establish order to the Rootless Black City. In his view, in a city without restraints, how could it be easy to go somewhere better from here?

"City Master Ning, if I can help you in any way, then my Rogue Cultivator Alliance will do everything possible to support you in your endeavours." Chao Jimeng immediately stood up and echoed his sentiments.

Chao Jimeng had short hair and a bronze face; however, his body showed the vicissitudes of life living in the Void. From his actions, it apparently revealed that he unequivocally supported Ning Cheng. It was not because of fear of death, nor because of the power and the might displayed by Ning Cheng. It was because of the reason he had established the Rogue Cultivator Alliance, which was initially to help the rogue cultivators of the Rootless Black City.

The Rootless Black City had more to its name than just 'Black'. Only the cultivators who lived perennially in this place knew how difficult it could be in this place. Chao Jimeng was not just born a rogue cultivator; he also experienced and understood this difficulty. Not to mention about suffering exploitation at any time and anywhere, there was also the possibility of meeting death at any moment in this place.

If not for the hope of providing some help to his fellow rogue cultivators, Chao Jimeng would have long since made his way into the vast starry sky of the universe. It indeed was a pity that he could not reverse the situation by himself. If he could change this situation, he would not have willingly wasted his time in the Void of the Black City.

"I also support City Master Ning." The second one to stand out was Gan Anran, followed by the Black City Array Formation Alliance's Wu Yingzhe.

Wu Yingzhe was a Tier 7 Array Formation Grand Master; as such, only he knew how terrifying Ning Cheng was. He could not even fathom Ning Cheng's array formation; against such a scary being, he absolutely did not want to create any enmity between them. It was also at the time when Ning Cheng sent out the sound invitation that Wu Yingzhe decided not to fight against Ning Cheng.

"Good. Many thanks for all of your support."

Ning Cheng once again cupped his fists and continued, "Since I already am the City master of the Rootless Black City, then the first thing to take care of is to clear up the order of the entire Rootless Black City. Everyone should already be aware that I have started to form a cultivator army. This

cultivator army will also be the only cultivator army within the Rootless Black City. There will never be a second one....”

Sure enough, people had already considered in their hearts that once Ning Cheng formed the cultivator army, he would never allow a second cultivator army to emerge.

“Henceforth, I will promulgate a few new rules for the Rootless Black City and Receiving Heaven’s Stone. Anyone who violates the rules will face repudiation in accordance. First, from now on, there will not be any Rest Stops on the Receiving Heaven’s Stone, rather there would only be a single Rest Stop and another place to exchange Black Coins. The price will remain consistent with that of the Rootless Black City.”

“The second one is for the Rootless Black City’s Identity Jade Cards, each of which will cost 1000 Black Coins from now on. However, no one will have any claim over these Black Coins; instead, it would come in use for the expenses of the Rootless Black City’s Cultivator Army. Third, regardless of any cultivator, or any Chamber of Commerce for the matter, indulging in snatching female cultivators, or robbing the newcomers of their money or materials, all of them will face death without amnesty. Anyone who dares to kill within the Rootless Black City, no matter which city district will also face death. The Rootless Black City, instead, will have a Duelling Platform. If anyone has any enmity with others then they can issue their challenge through the Duelling Platform; however, both the sides must agree to it. As for the fourth ... And the fifth point... There are still a few things to perfect before stating them. The City Master’s Mansion will publish the complete Legal Manual later.....”

When Ning Cheng gave a brief of the regulations, the entire hall remained silent.

After a while, Chao Jimeng slammed the table excitedly and shouted, “Good”.

He had long since wanted to establish some semblance of law and order within the Rootless Black City. Unfortunately, he was the only one with such thought, and only possessed cultivation at the second level of the Plundering Life Realm. In the Rootless Black City, his strength was still not enough for others to hear him.

“I do not agree. If none of us can open Rest Stops over the Receiving Heaven’s Stone, then it should also not allow the exchange of Black Coins. The Black Coins for the Identity Jade Card of the Rootless Black City and the daily pay of Black Coins of the Rootless Black City’s Cultivator Army all flow through the City Master’s Mansion. If it goes on like this, how could our Chambers of Commerce survive?” A seemingly gentle longhaired male cultivator immediately refuted.

“Who are you?” Ning Cheng shot a glance at this longhaired male cultivator.

The longhaired male cultivator spoke up in neither arrogant nor servile manner, “I’m Gale Void Alliance’s Bu Yuanmao, which has two vested interests in the Receiving Heaven’s Stone and a few good businesses in the Rootless Black City.”

Ning Cheng nodded and spoke, “Then let me ask you, is the main source of Black Coins for your Gale Void Alliance depended solely on the newly arriving cultivators?”

After Ning Cheng finished with his question, he directly stared at Bu Yuanmao. If Bu Yuanmao dared to say that the Gale Void Alliance earned their share from the newcomers, then he would not hesitate to destroy this Alliance.

A Chamber of Commerce who earned Black Coins mainly through the newcomers definitely had a lot of blood on their hands.

Bu Yuanmao spoke up in disdain, "My Gale Void Alliance's main source of Black Coins is the Void Ships for adventuring into the Void along with a few transactions with the other Chambers of Commerce. How could we earn our keep from the newcomers?"

"Since you do not earn your keep from the newcomers, then why do you oppose my decision to remove the Rest Stops and the Exchange Stations from the Receiving Heaven's Stone?" Ning Cheng asked coldly.

Bu Yuanmao felt extremely uncomfortable in his heart. He knew that Ning Cheng had massacred Mao Xiuxuan to set up his prestige. However, many newcomers poured into the Receiving Heaven's Stone almost regularly, which allowed the Gale Void Alliance to earn a considerable sum of Black Coins. If cut off from this pie, then many people within his Gale Void Alliance would feel dissatisfaction.

The only reason he managed to become the boss the Gale Void Alliance was due to the satisfaction of the people under him. As for the lives of those newcomers, to be honest, how much could they even be worth? Right now, he also believed that the reason why Ning Cheng killed Mao Xiuxuan and annihilated the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce was just for an excuse to set up his prestige. He would never believe that Ning Cheng would have such a compassionate heart to seek benefits for the ordinary rogue cultivators and the newcomers.

"City Master Ning, I have no opinion of you as the City Master, but that does not mean that I would agree to everything you say. The matters relating to my Gale Void Alliance are the matters of my Gale Void Alliance. I do not need a Ning Cheng to worry about it. City Master Ning can continue to work hard; I will be taking my leave now." Saying that Bu Yuanmao suddenly stood up and prepared to leave.

A trace of disdain crept up Ning Cheng's face, coming for the feast at Hongmen and still wanting to leave. If he had the strength of Plundering Life Realm, then he could have allowed this person to go. However, since his cultivation had not yet reached that realm, he would be an idiot to let this Bu Yuanmao leave.

[TL Note – The phrase 'Feast at Hongmen 鸿门宴' is figurative for a banquet set up with the aim of murdering a guest. It referred to a famous episode in the 206 B.C. when the future Han Emperor Liu Bang escaped an attempted murder by his rival Xiang Yu.]

"City Master, the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce no longer exists. Hereafter, there would never be an Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce in the Rootless Black City. As for the interests of the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce, just like the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce, they have been sealed up." Shen Zimo's voice arrived just at the moment when Bu Yuanmao stood up. Every single person within the hall could feel the incomparably powerful killing intent overflowing from him.

"Good, it must've been hard."

Ning Cheng had just finished this sentence when he heard Bu Yuanmao's calm voice, "City Master Ning, I need to head back to the Gale Mansion now, please open the array formation."

When Bu Yuanmao stood up, he found that there just was no exit to the hall. If he wanted to go out, then he would have to break open Ning Cheng's array formation. Thought strong, he did not dare to break through Ning Cheng's array formation in this place.

Ning Cheng did not pay attention to Bu Yuanmao. He knew that just killing a Mao Xiuxuan was not enough. To settle a few matters in the Rootless Black City, Ning Cheng must kill Bu Yuanmao. Moreover, he knew that he could not act on his personal preferences to kill Bu Yuanmao.

"Zimo, have you investigated the Gale Void Alliance's crimes?"

When Ning Cheng's words came out, the entire Discourse Hall turned instantly cold. Initially, when Ning Cheng killed Mao Xiuxuan, one could still say that he had done it to set up his prestige. However, if he wanted to kill Bu Yuanmao now, it would not be for fame; instead, for eliminating a potential threat.

"City Master Ning, what do you want?" Bu Yuanmao felt his voice tremble. He honestly could not think as to why Ning Cheng was so daring. He killed Mao Xiuxuan, yet he still dared to cross hands with him. One must know that from the beginning to the end, he never acted out like Mao Xiuxuan; at least on the surface, he remained polite with Ning Cheng.

"The Gale Void Alliance has killed 194 innocent rookie cultivators in the last 30 years, snatched 41 incoming rookie female cultivators, and robbed 218 rogue cultivators within the Rootless Black City, killing 214 of them....." Shen Zimo's tone overflowed with strong murderous intent.

Ning Cheng glanced at the silent hall and softly spoke up, "Everyone, the Rootless Black City belongs to all of us. I think some affairs need the participation of everyone. Since the Gale Void Alliance is involved in such a matter, I would like to hear your views about it."

The hall turned utterly silent, Ning Cheng actually wanted to involve everyone in his plan.

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#### **Chapter 474: Establishing A Footing**

"Ning Cheng, did you think that you could hide the truth from the masses? Everybody, how long ago did Ning Cheng arrive at the Rootless Black City? He massacred City Master Xu, completely destroyed the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce, and even killed Mao Xiuxuan before utterly demolishing the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce. Now he wants to start on my Gale Void Alliance. Just think about it, will he let go of you after he finishes dealing with me?" Bu Yuanmao on seeing Ning Cheng's intent to kill him immediately called out.

However, the venue remained silent. Jian Xuanming felt overflowing regrets within his heart. He now thought that he should not have come to meet Ning Cheng in this place. He had initially thought that with so many people present in this place, coupled with Ning Cheng just returning to the City Master's Mansion, he would not cause any big waves. Unexpectedly, Ning Cheng turned out to be the opposite of what he thought. Not only did he arrange an extremely powerful Array Formation around them, he even made ample preparations to take full control of the Rootless Black City.

At this time, even Jian Xuanming chose not to stand up and speak.

Seeing that the hall remained silent in the face of his outburst, Bu Yuanmao's heart sank to the bottom. He had also thought of encountering this very situation. Because he thought of this situation, he had decided to leave this place as soon as possible.

However, what he had never taken into account was that Ning Cheng would behave in such a firm manner to not let him leave.

At this moment, Chao Jimeng from the Rogue Cultivator Alliance stood up and spoke with cupped fists, "Ladies and gentlemen, all of you are aware of the main purpose of this Chao Jimeng forming the Rogue Cultivator Alliance. Everyone knows that I never had any intention to make a profit for myself. Just as City Master Ning spoke, so many innocent cultivators die every year in the Rootless Black City. However, I only had limited means to help them. Now that City Master Ning has openly come out to help with such things, then I will be the first to pledge my support to him."

"I have no enmity with Bu Yuanmao; however, I am very much aware of the criminal deeds perpetrated by the Gale Void Alliance. City Master Ning is not crusading against Gale Void Alliance under wrong reasons; however, the investigations reported less than half of their deeds. In any case, all of us would leave the Rootless Black City in the future at some time. However, we would still have other friends, even people from the same factions, arriving at the Rootless Black City. As such, this place absolutely must not go on like this."

Chao Jimeng did not continue with his words; instead, he just brought out his own weapon and coldly stared at Bu Yuanmao.

"Although I earned a bit more under the old laws of the Rootless Black City; however, City Master Ning is doing all that he is doing for the sake of the Rootless Black City. What Brother Chao said is correct; I also have my own sect and my own friends. At the same time, I also have plans to leave the Rootless Black City in the future. At that time, I do not want my friends to feel humiliated by coming to the Rootless Black City. For this very reason, I also pledge my full support for City Master Ning." The second person to stand out was Gan Anran of the Heaven City Chamber of Commerce.

After Chao Jimeng and Gan Anran stood out, whether it was due to mutual support or the dread they felt towards Ning Cheng, the Black City Pill Union's Ji Xing and Black City Array Formation Alliance's Wu Yingzhe also simultaneously stood out in support. Followed by the representatives of the Void Adventure Squad and Black City Crafting Association who also stood up to show their support towards Ning Cheng's new rules.

Ning Cheng did not seek any opinions from Jian Xuanming of the Extinguishing Karma Starry Sky Fleet or Luqiu Kangbo of the Void Sect; instead, he turned towards Shen Zimo and spoke, "Zimo, such being the case, march the cultivator army towards the Gale Void Alliance. Just like the disappearance of the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce, the Gale Void Alliance should also completely disappear."

"Yes." Shen Zimo answered with a single word and quickly left the hall.

Bu Yuanmao's body turned cold. He knew that if he did not compromise right now, it would only end in his death.

Even if the Gale Void Alliance was about to face destruction, he could not attend to it at this moment. Just as he opened his mouth to speak, Ning Cheng brought out two Axes, followed by two Axe Traces that shot towards Bu Yuanmao.

Initially, he had not planned to take action by himself; however, Bu Yuanmao showed signs of caving in. At this time, how could he allow such a poisonous snake to escape his grasp?

Seeing Ning Cheng personally taking the field, Chao Jimeng and the others also quickly started. In just a moment, Bu Yuanmao found himself surrounded by 5 to 6 different weapon lights. Luqiu Kangbo, who had never explicitly agreed to Ning Cheng, directly brought out his weapon and rushed towards Bu Yuanmao. At the same time, he spoke up, "The practice of Ning Cheng is for the benefit of the entire Rootless Black City; how could we allow a Gale Void Alliance to oppose it?"

Bu Yuanmao knew that it would prove difficult for him to escape today; however, if they expected him to give up without a fight, then it would be impossible.

The moment Bu Yuanmao brought out his weapon; he felt the surrounding space instantaneously filled up with various fretters. It immediately made things clear in his mind. This was Ning Cheng's Entrapment Array Formation. He very much wanted to call out to Jian Xuanming for help; unfortunately, he just could not even locate Jian Xuanming at this moment. He understood that Ning Cheng not only activated his Entrapment Array Formation, he had also launched another array formation.

With all the cultivators attacking Bu Yuanmao at the same time, they all clearly felt themselves smack-dab in the middle of an array formation. However, this array formation had no effect on them, but when they saw Bu Yuanmao in the array formation, they instantly realised that Bu Yuanmao faced a great many constraints.

A few people who were still hesitating within their hearts felt even more grateful at this. If they had indeed refused Ning Cheng, then there definitely would have been more people in the same condition as Bu Yuanmao compared to a single Bu Yuanmao.

All of the people attacking Bu Yuanmao could see each other; however, only a few of them noticed that Jian Xuanming had vanished. Surrounded by the lights from the weapons and the various explosions, they just were not able to spot Jian Xuanming.

Initially, a few of them still wanted to fish in troubled waters; however, when the several of them realised that Jian Xuanming had gone missing, everyone immediately threw away the idea of trying to take advantage of the situation. They directly stimulated the weapons in their hands to their full strength and crazily attacked Bu Yuanmao. They were afraid that once even the slightest hint of their thoughts emerged, they might end up as the next one to fall in this place.

Jian Xuanming had also brought out his Weapon; however, he did not join in with others. At the same time, he also brought out a pitch-black Thunder Pearl. He wanted to create an opportunity for himself by using the Thunder Pearl to break open Ning Cheng's array formation and then leave immediately.

However, Jian Xuanming soon understood how very wrong his thoughts were. Ning Cheng had not actually begun with Bu Yuanmao; instead, he had kept his eyes over him at all times.



Jian Xuanming had no time to think about things. The moment he threw out his Thunder Pearl, he saw several Array Flags raining down over his just-about-to-explode Thunder Pearl. The several Array Flags transformed into Flag Shadows and completely wrapped themselves around the exploding Thunder Pearl.

Not good, Jian Xuanming had just thought of it when dozens of Axes transformed into vast and seemingly boundless Axe Shadows to bind him.

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Violent explosions sounded throughout the City Master Mansion's Discourse Hall along with overflowing lights from the weapons. However, no one dared to visit or even inquire about this matter.

Bu Yuanmao, even if more powerful, could not deal with seven or eight people simultaneously. Coupled with the help provided by Ning Cheng's array formation, if the cultivators attacking him did not even do their best, in merely half an incense stick worth of time, without a single exception, every light from the weapons pierced through, killing him on the spot.

The same time that Bu Yuanmao died, the surrounding area immediately cleared up. Apparently, Ning Cheng had deactivated the array formation. At this time, the people found that another person was missing apart from Bu Yuanmao, and that was Jian Xuanming.

No one spoke, Jian Xuanming's cultivation was at the later stages of the Plundering Life Realm, yet he went missing. Ning Cheng had certainly not allowed him to leave. Apparently, during their fight, Ning Cheng took the opportunity to kill Jian Xuanming trapped within the Array Formation by himself.

However, Ning Cheng behaved as if nothing happened in general, as he cupped his fists and spoke up, "Today, everyone acted together and took the first step for the betterment of my Rootless Black City. My City Master's Mansion will quickly promulgate the newly established regulations and the commercial laws of the Rootless Black City. I hope that I could garner the support from you all for the same."

At this time, no one would stand up and sing a different tune. All the people implicitly agreed with Ning Cheng. Ning Cheng's approach was not just stern but also practical. Unless one had a problem with their brain, none of them would stand up and oppose it at this place and at this time.

Ning Cheng continued, "As for the businesses relating to the Extinguishing Karma Starry Sky Fleet, I hope that everyone could help me deal with it....."

As Ning Cheng spoke those words, it immediately caused an uproar among the rest of the people. All of them immediately understood that during the moments that they were dealing with Bu Yuanmao, Ning Cheng had indeed used that opportunity to kill Jian Xuanming. What did this entail? However, hearing the request from him asking them to help deal with the rest of the businesses of Jian Xuanming's Extinguishing Karma Starry Sky Fleet also brought a little sweetness to everyone's tongue.

"City Master Ning's decrees, I will be the first to agree and implement them. I definitely will not allow anyone to show even half a bit of objection." The first one to stand up and speak turned out to be Dan Wenhong.

However, the rest of the people only held contempt for this person. This person was initially a hard-core supporter of Jian Xuanming. Yet, he was now supporting Ning Cheng, with even more vigour when

compared to Chao Jimeng of the Rogue Cultivator Alliance. Everyone understood with a glance that this fellow was someone who likes to turn the rudder by the wind.

“Good.” Ning Cheng clapped his hands together and took out a leather scroll, “Here is the outcome of this discussion, as well as the voting for the Rootless Black City’s new rules. You can all sign over it.”

Ning Cheng had not yet wholly formulated the regulations, yet he mandated the signature of others on the scroll. Despite such a bold act, no one objected to it and everybody came forward one by one to sign it. Whether the starting point was good or bad, strength was something that everyone respected. If one did not possess the necessary power, then one also had no right to speak. Ning Cheng’s power, everyone had already seen it with his or her own eyes.

The Rootless Black City’s forces had complex interconnections; however, at the banquet hosted by Ning Cheng, everything straightened out. Although a few people felt dissatisfaction; however, they also were helpless in this regard. Nevertheless, not everyone felt dissatisfied. At least the unified regulations within the Rootless Black City were a lot better when compared to the previous disunity.

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The Rootless Black City’s new City Master Ning Cheng had united the Heaven City Chamber of Commerce, the Rogue Cultivator Alliance, the Void Adventure Squad, the Void Sect, the Black City Pill Union, the Black City Array Formation Alliance, the Black City Crafting Association and other forces. And jointly released a new set of regulations of the Rootless Black City. There was a blanket ban on killings within the Rootless Black City, bullying the newcomers and the rogue cultivators and snatching away female cultivators along with a few other crimes.

Once found guilty, the person and the responsible faction would face the same fate as the Gale Void Alliance, the Silver Thunder Chamber of Commerce, the Auspicious Star Chamber of Commerce and the Extinguishing Karma Starry Sky Fleet.

In just a short time, the entire Rootless Black City and the Receiving Heaven’s Stone went through a few significant changes. No longer, could one see any arbitrary bullying of cultivators; one could not even see any arbitrary robbing of the newcomers from the Receiving Heaven’s Stone. Also if one had a monstrous hatred between two parties, they had no choice but to wait until they left the Rootless Black City to settle their grievances.

The Receiving Heaven’s Stone still had a few Void Ships coming and going. However, the price no longer was 50,000 Black Coins but varied from 10,000 to 30,000. Even the exchange rate of the Black Coins on the Receiving Heaven’s Stone remained the same as that of the Rootless Black City. As such, once a new person arrived at the Receiving Heaven’s Stone, as long as one possessed 3 million Spirit Stones, they would be able to reach the Rootless Black City safely. In any case, of the cultivators that manage to exit the Heaven’s Way and enter the Receiving Heaven’s Stone, only a very few could bring out several million Spirit Stones.

The City Master Mansion’s Cultivator Army also replaced all the guards patrolling the city districts of the Rootless Black City. Moreover, there were now no blind spots when it came to the patrols. At the same time, if one chose to live in a better location, then they had to pay more taxes. These taxes then

exclusively funded the Cultivator Army for guarding and smooth operations within the Rootless Black City.

Although the new regulations touched upon the interests of a few people, a more significant majority of the cultivators also supported it. In fact, more than 90% of the cultivators wholeheartedly endorsed the new regulations promulgated by the City Master's Mansion.

As the cultivator army improved day-by-day, the people in the cultivator army slowly switched on to become cultivators in support of Ning Cheng. At the same time, it also cemented Ning Cheng's status within the Rootless Black City.

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#### **Chapter 475: Black City's Crisis**

Ning Cheng, in one swift move like a rumble of thunder, took control of the Rootless Black City. He then passed on the Rootless Black City to Lan Wenbin and Shen Zimo for proper management. Since he obtained those crystals from Xu Kai, the most important thing for him was to use those crystals to improve his own cultivation.

As for the Void Golden Explosive Wasp King Egg, Ning Cheng decided to keep it sealed within a jade box. He anyway did not know any information about the development of Void Explosive Golden Wasps. Ning Cheng could not find anything about it even within Xu Liangzhi's ring. Although he very much wanted the Void Golden Explosive Wasp to recognise him as its master, he was also very helpless in this regard.

Moreover, Ning Cheng was also cautious about the Void Golden Explosive Wasp King's egg. After all, this Wasp King has yet to break out of its shell, nor has it recognised him as its master. If he were not careful, allowing the Wasp King's Aura to leak out of the egg, the consequences would not be something good.

Initially, more than a hundred cultivators had gone to the Blue Essence Stone Mine; however, no one came back except for him. This caused Ning Cheng to give up on the thought of finding the Blue Essence Stone Mine once again temporarily. Even if he had to go, he had to wait until his cultivation improved.

Without the necessary cultivation resources, he had no way to advance. However, now that he had obtained some significant cultivation resources, he immediately chose to go into seclusion with Luofei first.

After Ning Cheng went into seclusion, the Rootless Black City also grew increasingly stable. Apart from cultivators competing for the weapons and other treasures, hardly anyone would choose to fight for the sake of creaking ruckus. Relatively speaking, this city became a lot simpler to manage when compared to even an ordinary town.

Moreover, there was also strict enforcement of regulations within the Rootless Black City; at the same time, the Cultivator Army backed and enforced all the rules. As such, extremely few cultivators chose to commit a crime. If there were any such characters, the patrolling guards from the Rootless Black City's City Master Mansion would quickly take care of them.

As for the other factions, after a while, they all found that even if they had given up the part of the income they earned from the incoming new cultivators, their earnings had not decreased at all. On the contrary, they found doing business in such an environment even smoother.

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Five years later, Ning Cheng used up eight of the nine crystals along with more than a billion Spirit Stones. As for the remaining crystal, Ning Cheng left it for Ji Luofei. He was afraid that Ji Luofei might encounter some problem during an advancement, thus wanted to keep a crystal for her.

As for all the Spiritual Grasses in his ring, Ning Cheng had turned all of them into pills. At the same time, he also managed to improve his Alchemy level to that of a Tier 8 Earth Pill Grandmaster, while his cultivation rose to the Crucible Transformation 7th Level.

Compared to Ning Cheng, Ji Luofei, who he felt the most worried about, had already improved her cultivation to Crucible Transformation 8th Level. As for Yi Zhuzhu, who chose to go into seclusion within the City Master's Mansion, under the effects of the numerous pills and Spirit Stones provided by Ning Cheng, managed to become an early stage Soul Sculpting Cultivator within five years. This kind of qualifications was simply heaven-defying.

Initially, when Ning Cheng had rescued her, she was just a young child with only a layer of skin covering her; however, the current her was a slim girl almost as tall as Ji Luofei, along with a beautiful face. Although incomparable to Ji Luofei's face, it displayed her unique introverted temperament.

It was just that she rarely left the City Master's Mansion. Most of the time, apart from secluding herself, she would only leave the mansion accompanied by Ning Cheng or Ji Luofei while also using that chance to inquire from them about some of the cultivation problems she faced. The events from those years seemed to have caused great harm to her psyche. Moreover, as she grew older, the psyche damage started to show itself even more clearly. Apart from Ning Cheng and Ji Luofei, Yi Zhuzhu never talked to a third person.

After Ning Cheng advance to the Crucible Transformation 7th Level, he finally exited his seclusion. He calculated that there was still two years before the Void Ship from the nearest Starry Sky arrived. Two years later, he would surely leave this place with Ji Luofei and Yi Zhuzhu. He had heard that one had to ride the Void Ship for several years within the Void after leaving the Rootless Black City to reach the nearest stable place within the Starry Sky.

The reason for him coming out now was to spend some time in the Void to let his body get accustomed to it. If the Void Ship encountered any problems within the Void, then at least he would have some preparation to face it.

People without foresight would only face sorrows when in need. Since Ning Cheng had lived in the True Cultivation environment for many years, he had thoroughly understood this truth a long time ago.

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Within the Spiritual Gathering Array of an Immortal Cave in the deepest part of the City Master's Mansion, Ji Luofei finally stood up after breaking through to the Crucible Transformation 9th Level, which honestly made her happy. Ning Cheng had left the Rootless Black City half a year ago while she used this time to advance once again. Maybe by the time that Ning Cheng returned, she might end up reaching the Great Circle of the Crucible Transformation Realm.

“Big Sister Luofei, did you break through again?” Yi Zhuzhu’s delighted voice rang out. Apparently, she had been waiting outside for a while.

Ji Luofei finally walked out. Pulling Yi Zhuzhu’s hand, she softly spoke up “Did you wait here for me for a long time? Is there anything that you want to ask of me?”

“Um, I saw the fierce Spiritual Qi Fluctuations coming from Big Sister’s room, so I thought that Big Sister was about to make a breakthrough. So I just came over and thought... that maybe Big Sister wants to go out with me.” As Yi Zhuzhu finished speaking, she appeared somewhat embarrassed and coy.

Ji Luofei gave a smile, “I was just about to head out to buy something. In any case, we would be leaving the Rootless Black City in about a year. Therefore, we need to prepare a few things in advance. I heard that we would have to fly through the Void for a long time so we might end up spending a long time over the Void Ship.”

Yi Zhuzhu was just about to speak when she saw a red flying sword fall into Ji Luofei’s hands. Ji Luofei grabbed the sword and glanced at it. A surprised look immediately flashed over her face before she spoke up, “Zhuzhu, the Rootless Black City seems to have met with some sort of crisis, just follow me out.”

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When Ji Luofei and Yi Zhuzhu came out and into the City Master Mansion’s Main Hall, Shen Zimo was already pacing back and forth anxiously within the Main Hall. Even the rest of the people waiting in the Main Hall showed anxiousness over their faces.

“Deacon Shen, the matter relating to the Monstrous Beasts Invasion from the Void, please explain it fully. You don’t have to show such anxiety for it.” After Ji Luofei arrived at the Main Hall, the atmosphere finally calmed down. Although Ning Cheng was the City Master of the Rootless Black City; however, in general, Ning Cheng did not oversee most of the things within the Rootless Black City. Instead, Shen Zimo and Lan Wenbin, as well as Gan Anran and Chao Jimeng and the others looked over most of the matters within the Rootless Black City.

However, Gan Anran and Chao Jimeng were not in here, only Shen Zimo remained in this place waiting for her anxiously. Shen Zimo usually stayed very calm; however, today he really felt anxious. From this, she gleaned that things this time were not necessarily a Monstrous Beast Invasion as mentioned on the Messenger Flying Sword.

“Senior Apprentice Sister Ji, a Void Battleship had suddenly appeared near to the Rootless Black City today. This Void Battleship ignored the Rootless Black City’s Forbidden Space Restrictions and forced itself into the Rootless Black City’s domain. As a result, the Rootless Black City’s Cultivator Army immediately moved to intercept them. However, I did not expect that this Battleship would possess such astonishing combat capabilities. In half an incense stick worth of time, it managed to kill over a hundred of our Rootless Black City’s Crucible Transformation Guards....”

“Ah...” As Shen Zimo spoke until here, even Ji Luofei could not help but feel shocked. Since Ning Cheng had enforced the Rootless Black City’s new regulations, never had there been more than ten deaths within the city. However, currently over a hundred cultivators died, while the casualties apparently were still increasing, this indeed was quite terrible.

After Shen Zimo spoke those words, he finally calmed down a lot. “Senior Apprentice Sister Ji, this not the worst. The worst thing is that while we used our Rootless Black City’s Array Formations to trap the Void Battleship, a dense cluster of Void Explosive Golden Wasps also arrived at its heels. From the looks of it, these Void Explosive Golden Wasps’ target is the Void Battleship. However, because the Void Battleship had rushed into the Rootless Black City, it resulted in those Void Explosive Golden Wasps to also start attacking the Array Formations of the Rootless Black City.”

As Ji Luofei heard the report, her heart started to sink to the bottom. She was too clear about the violent natures of the Void Explosive Golden Wasps. When she and Ning Cheng had initially ambushed Xu Liangzhi, it ended up with the Void Explosive Golden Wasps surrounding Xu Liangzhi and company. Even to this date, the cultivators surrounded by those Void Explosive Golden Wasps had not managed to return. They could also find no traces or news about the Void Ship, which they used for the trip.

Moreover, Ning Cheng also possessed a Void Explosive Golden Wasp’s Wasp King Egg. Such a thing in a besieged city, would it not cause even more trouble?

“What is the status of the Void Battleship?” Ji Luofei could not help but ask about it.

“The Void Battleship is currently contained within the Array Formation arranged by the Array Formation Alliance’s Association Head Wu Yingzhe and cannot break out for a while. However, those Void Explosive Golden Wasps are truly frightening. Once the Defensive Array surrounding the Rootless Black City is breached, the consequences would be unimaginable.” Shen Zimo’s eyes showed his endless worry.

In his opinion, if those Void Explosive Golden Wasps broke into the Rootless Black City, the Rootless Black City would end up becoming a hive for them, while the Rootless Black City’s original cultivators would disappear without even a trace left behind.

Ji Luofei very much wanted Ning Cheng to return at this moment; however, when she thought of Ning Cheng coming back only to face countless Void Explosive Golden Wasps, her heart could not stop trembling.

“I have already sent the message to Ning Cheng, and the City Master should have also received the message by now.” Shen Zimo did not have the same thoughts as Ji Luofei. The moment those seemingly countless Void Explosive Golden Wasps attacked the Rootless Black City, he immediately sent out a message to Ning Cheng.

Ji Luofei sighed and spoke, “In that case, let’s head to the Rootless Black City’s City Walls.”

Shen Zimo also nodded, then immediately gathered over a hundred guards before following behind Ji Luofei towards the Rootless Black City’s city walls.

This was not the first time for the Rootless Black City to suffer attacks from the Monstrous Beast from the Void. In fact, Shen Zimo had actually encountered such things several times during his stay in this city. However, no matter which Monstrous Beast attack he recalled, none of them was as terrible as the one they were facing right now.

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Ji Luofei had just arrived at the Rootless Black City's City Walls when she immediately realised how grave the situation was. She had heard Ning Cheng say that only a hundred Void Explosive Golden Wasps were more than enough to wipe off hundreds of cultivators.

However, the number of Void Explosive Golden Wasps that she saw here neared many times more; just the Void Explosive Golden Wasps outside the Rootless Black City numbered in tens of thousands. One could feel the murderous intent coming from them even when separated by the Array Formations. There were also the seemingly countless cultivators within the Rootless Black City that were using their own Array Formations to constantly counter-attack the incoming Void Explosive Golden Wasps.

The Array Formation Alliance's Wu Yingzhe led a group of Array Formation Masters to gain a better understanding of the current situations of the Array Formations and continually helped them with maintaining the Array Formations protecting the Rootless Black City. Gan Anran, Chao Jimeng, Du Jianshu and the others led different teams of the cultivators from the Cultivator Army and stood out in the Void right outside and above the Rootless Black City, while continually working to intercept and block the countless Void Explosive Golden Wasps.

"Junior Apprentice Sister Luofei, this time it's proving difficult to resist them. There are simply too many Void Explosive Golden Wasps; moreover, they are also desperately attacking the Rootless Black City. I truly have no idea if these Golden Wasps took the wrong medicine." Gan Anran, on seeing Ji Luofei come over, quickly reported the situation.

"If it wasn't for City Master Ning arranging the new Array Formations to protect the Rootless Black City, perhaps Rootless Black City might have no longer existed right now." Wu Yingzhe spoke up with a solemn face. Although Ning Cheng might not currently be inside the Rootless Black City, the Rootless Black City remained protected under his City Guarding Array Formation. In short, everyone here had no choice but to rely on him for protection.

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#### **Chapter 476: The Terrifying Explosive Golden Wasps**

Ning Cheng currently was near the Blue Essence Stone Mine that Xu Liangzhi and company had initially discovered. His cultivation had reached the peak of Crucible Transformation 7th Level at this moment. Combined with possessing the Twin Wings of the Radiant Heavenly Clouds and the experience of roaming in the Void for over several months, he honestly did not want to give up on the Blue Essence Stone Mine. Therefore, he finally decided to go look.

However, as soon as he arrived there, he found that someone had already dug out most of the Blue Essence Stone Mine. The blue shimmer to it was much fainter compared to before. At the same time, the terrifying Void Explosive Golden Wasps had also disappeared.

Although fully excavated, Ning Cheng still felt satisfied with what he obtained from the remaining Blue Essence Stone Mine. At least, there was still some ore left. Moreover, Blue Essence Ore theoretically was a hundred times more valuable compared to Black Essence Ore. In other words, if he managed to obtain ores to the value of 10 million Blue Coins, it would mean an equivalent of 1 billion Black Coins in exchange.

Ning Cheng had still not come up with a method to obtain the remaining ore in the shortest possible time when his Communications Pearl lit up with an urgent message. After Ning Cheng read the news, he immediately started rushing back as quickly as possible.

Shen Zimo sent the message stating that countless Void Explosive Golden Wasps had surrounded the Rootless Black City. It was precisely this message that made Ning Cheng shift his attention from half-heartedly trying to dig out the remaining Blue Essence Ore.

He had already experienced the ferocity of Void Explosive Golden Wasps with his own eyes. Once the quantity of these wasps crossed a certain limit then even if the Rootless Black City contained more Crucible Transformation Cultivators, the Explosive Golden Wasps would wipe them all. As for the array formations that he had laid out previously, it would only help them last a little longer. It could not block the horde of Explosive Golden Wasps for eternity.

He had to return to the Rootless Black City as soon as possible; he cannot put Luofei and Zhuzhu in danger. Even if the Rootless Black City had the cultivator army, the moment the City Protecting Array Formation cracked open, the cultivator army would not be in a position to attend to the safety of Luofei and Zhuzhu.

Although Ning Cheng almost reached the threshold of the Great Circle of the Crucible Transformation 7th Level, just relying on his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds would still cost him half a month to reach the Rootless Black City from the Blue Essence Stone Mine. If a meteorite stream or some other twists and turns showed up along the way, then it might even take a full month.

Therefore, if Ning Cheng wanted to return to the Rootless Black City as soon as possible, then he had no choice but to rely on Xu Kai's Transmission Array Flags.

If it were an ordinary instance, Ning Cheng would never use the Transmission Array Flags left by Xu Kai. The Transmission Array Flags from Xu Kai used static points to traverse the Void, which was susceptible to Void Dislocations and Void Collapses. In the midst of a transmission, if he managed to escape from one of those Void Dislocations or Void Collapses, it would be equivalent to nine deaths and still alive.

[TL Note – The idiom 'nine deaths and still alive' can also be interpreted as 'a narrow escape' or 'a new lease of life'.]

Unfortunately, Ning Cheng currently had no choice in this matter. In fact, Ning Cheng simply did not think about it too much. After learning that the city was under siege of Explosive Golden Wasps, he immediately took out the Transmission Array Flags.

From this location to the Rootless Black City, even with the fastest delivery method, it would still require most of a day.

During this period, he must find the Void Islands that Xu Kai used as anchors for the Transmission Arrays and then use those Void Islands one by one to make his way back.

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The outermost layer of array formations protecting the Rootless Black City gave out a 'groan' sound before it cracked open. Not to mention Wu Yingzhe, who was a Tier 7 Array Formation Grandmaster and



the rest of the Array Formation Masters helping him, even if Ning Cheng himself were here, facing such a dense cluster of Void Explosive Golden Wasps, resisting them all would not be possible.

As the outermost array formation cracked open, over a thousand cultivators almost immediately found themselves surrounded by a seemingly inexhaustible number of wasps. They then vanished in just a dozen breaths of time, as if those cultivators never existed in the first place.

In the face of such a terrifying scene, the faces of the cultivators from the Rootless Black City still trying to resist the Void Explosive Golden Wasps turned extremely pale. Once the Rootless Black City's inner Defensive Array Formations cracked open, it would mark the death of every cultivator within the Rootless Black City.

In the end, even if a few cultivators managed to escape the onslaught by pure chance, there definitely would not be too many of them. Once caught up in the sweep of Void Explosive Golden Wasps' horde, the entire Rootless Black City might just cease to exist.

The seemingly endless jaws coupled with the golden light from the Explosive Golden Wasps' exploding stingers bombarded the inner Defensive Array like cold wind howling through the broken window. It felt as if it would tear apart at any time and at any point. At this moment, every single person was crazily attacking the Void Explosive Golden Wasps using every method that one could think of while flitting in and out of the Defensive Array.

It was just that the numbers of the Void Explosive Golden Wasps were too high. At the same time, the defensive abilities of the Void Explosive Golden Wasps also were too formidable. For a late-stage Crucible Transformation Cultivator, to kill an Explosive Golden Wasp, they must strike it several times consecutively at full force just to expose its weak point and then use that chance to attack that weak point revealed by the Void Explosive Golden Wasps.

Under such dropping variance, the fighting spirit and the morale of the Rootless Black City started to plummet. At this moment, more and more cultivators were thinking of ways to make their escape once the Void Explosive Golden Wasps breached through to the Rootless Black City. Even Ji Luofei readied herself to rush into the Void to escape with Yi Zhuzhu at a moment's notice.

"Kacha...." The inner Defensive Array of the Rootless Black City finally could no longer hold it together as it issued a thunderous cracking sound. Followed by a horrifyingly large crack appearing on the inner Defensive Array of the Rootless Black City.

Even Chao Jimeng, who was rushing to the forefront to help, screamed, "Everyone, once the Inner Defensive Array breaks open, pick a random direction to escape. Don't concentrate in one direction....."

A one of a kind death kneel spread out; every cultivator was now looking and preparing for any chance that presented itself to escape. In any case, all of them knew that in the face of the Explosive Golden Wasps that had surrounded the Rootless Black City like an iron cage, trying to break out of the siege had a high chance of encountering death. Everyone was waiting for that moment of those wasps breaching into the Rootless Black City. The moment it broke open, they could then potentially use that moment to escape.

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Just when Ning Cheng rushed into the Rootless Black City, the only thing that he could see was the endless horde of Void Explosive Golden Wasps, which caused a cold shiver to run down his spine. The Void Explosive Golden Wasps had already broken through the Outer Defensive Array of the Rootless Black City; even the Inner Defensive Array seemed on the verge of collapse.

His Spiritual Consciousness swept out immediate and quickly located the anxious-looking Ji Luofei, and Yi Zhuzhu standing on the side of Ji Luofei, causing his anxiety-filled heart slowly calm down.

Ning Cheng was the one who had rearranged the Rootless Black City's Array Formations, as such even if those Void Explosive Golden Wasps had not broken through the Array Formation, it would not impede his Spiritual Consciousness. Now that the Void Explosive Golden Wasps breached the outer Defensive Array Formations, he immediately obtained a more precise picture through his Spiritual Consciousness.

He saw a massive black warship in the middle of the Black City's Inner Defensive Array and the Outer Defensive Array. It looked as if the Array Flags had completely wrapped covered the warship. Ning Cheng immediately knew at a glance that Wu Yingzhe was the one who arranged those Array Flags. However, with Ning Cheng's attainments in the Array Formations, he could also make out that the Void Explosive Golden Wasps were not attacking the black warship. It was definitely not due to Wu Yingzhe's arrangement of Array Flags. Instead, it looked as if this Void Battleship contained an Aura Concealing Array Disc, which was a lot more powerful compared to Wu Yingzhe's Array Flags.

Since the seemingly infinite Void Explosive Golden Wasps were utterly ignoring the Black Battleship, Ning Cheng immediately understood that it definitely must not be normal.

According to Shen Zimo's message, this battleship brought these Void Explosive Golden Wasps along. However, this warship actually contained a top-tier Aura Concealment Array Disc, while none of the Explosive Golden Wasps attacked it. Instead, all the Explosive Golden Wasps were collectively attacking the Rootless Black City, how was such a thing normal?

Ning Cheng did not pull back; instead, a red flame shot out. The Void Explosive Golden Wasps besieging the Rootless Black City immediately detected it. However, because Ning Cheng had appeared so suddenly, the sudden burst of flame directly resulted in opening up a huge gap within the dense encirclement of the Explosive Golden Wasps.

Ning Cheng took advantage of this opportunity, rushed in through the gap using his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, and soon arrived at the interiors of the Rootless Black City.

Although his Celestial River Flame was incredibly powerful, he still had to unleash his Maximal Flame Spiritual Technique to form that line of fire; however, he only managed to kill a few Explosive Golden Wasps. At least, compared to the seemingly endless Void Explosive Golden Wasps, the amount he killed was merely negligible.

[TL Note – Changing 'Star River Flame' to 'Celestial River Flame' from now.]

Only after rushing into the Rootless Black City did Ning Cheng suck in a breath of cold air. He realised that wanting to rely on his Celestial River Flame to kill off the dense cluster of Void Explosive Golden Wasps was something impossible. Just now, he had to use his Maximal Flame Spiritual Technique to force a path inside for himself. Moreover, the True Essence and Spiritual Consciousness consumption for the technique was just too high. If he continued to use this Spiritual Technique, he would not have to

wait for the Void Explosive Golden Wasps to come and kill him, since he might just end up exhausting himself to death.

“The City Master is back.....”

“City Master.....”

As Ning Cheng landed in the city, it immediately attracted the attention of all people. Many people knew that Ning Cheng returning by himself might not be able to solve their current predicament; however, since Ning Cheng returned, it provided a lot of stability for the trepidation-filled hearts of the cultivators trapped within the Rootless Black City.

Ji Luofei quickly arrived at Ning Cheng’s side along with Yi Zhuzhu, while her heart also started to calm down.

“City Master, what do we do now?” Shen Zimo also rushed over.

Ning Cheng also saw other people rushing over to his side and quickly spoke up, “Don’t panic, just focus on blocking the Explosive Golden Wasps; as long as you can block them for half an hour, I have a way to solve this problem.”

Initially, the Void Explosive Golden Wasps caused the cultivators to feel a lot of pressure; however, after hearing Ning Cheng’s words, their hearts finally calmed down a bit. If it was just blocking the Void Explosive Golden Wasps, compared to fighting them head-on, it was a lot easier. After all, Ning Cheng could come in from outside the city, and if he genuinely wanted to go out, then supposedly these Void Explosive Golden Wasps should not be able to stop him. Since Ning Cheng decided to stay here, then perhaps there was a way to survive this situation.

Ning Cheng helped Wu Yingzhe by throwing out dozens of Array Flags, patched, and even quickly strengthened the array formations on the Inner Defensive Arrays. After that, he said, “I am going to search for something. When I find it, I should be able to lead them away.”

“Dear.....” Ji Luofei called out in worry.

Ning Cheng patted Ji Luofei’s hand and spoke, “Luofei, don’t worry. I truly have a way to deal with these Void Explosive Golden Wasps. I will lead these Explosive Golden Wasps away, which would allow Wu Yingzhe to quickly bring out his people to repair the rest of the array formations.”

“I’m coming with you.” Ji Luofei quickly spoke up.

Ning Cheng understood Ji Luofei’s intent; Ji Luofei wanted to enter the Miniature World along with Yi Zhuzhu out of concern for his safety. However, he shook his head and spoke, “The grade of my Miniature World Ring is too low and would not remain stable for long within the Void. Once we encounter a Spatial Collapse or a Spatial Squeeze, my Miniature World Ring would quickly collapse. Therefore, neither you nor Zhuzhu can enter. As long as I lead away from the Explosive Golden Wasps, the Rootless Black City would once again return to becoming the safest place. You don’t have to feel worried about me since I’m confident enough to escape from them.”

Ji Luofei was also very clear about Ning Cheng’s meaning. Moreover, she knew that Ning Cheng’s Miniature World Ring’s grade was too low and was not stable enough to support life inside it for long

within the Void. If one was not alive, then how could one use a ring? Even if one managed to survive, the Spatial Laws of the Miniature World Ring would turn even more unstable. Moreover, to keep them shielded Ning Cheng would also have to focus a majority of his strength to maintain the stability of the Miniature World Ring.

“Ok, Zhuzhu and I will stay here and wait for you.” Ji Luofei finally accented, agreeing to Ning Cheng’s arrangements.

“Zimo, during the time I was not within the Rootless Black City, the cultivator army suffered a lot of losses. While I will personally lead away from the Explosive Golden Wasps, you must bring your people to stabilise the situation within the Rootless Black City. If someone dares to have ideas of fishing in troubled waters, then kill them without any mercy.” Ning Cheng quickly gave out his orders to Shen Zimo who stood by his side awaiting his orders.

In fact, even without Ning Cheng giving his orders, all cultivators within the army felt extremely afraid of this City Master Ning Cheng. With so many Explosive Golden Wasps surrounding the Rootless Black City, none among them possessed the ability to rush out of the Rootless Black City. However, Ning Cheng not only rushed in without suffering any damage, he even managed to kill a large cluster of those seemingly unkillable Explosive Golden Wasps.

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#### **Chapter 477: You’ll Regret This**

After Ning Cheng spoke those words, he did not rush out of the Rootless Black City. Instead, he pushed deeper into the city.

Since the Void Explosive Golden Wasps laid siege to the Rootless Black City, almost all the cultivators of the city were now at the city walls resisting the invasion of the Explosive Golden Wasps. Therefore, when Ning Cheng rushed towards the inner areas, he did not encounter anyone. If not for all the cultivators within the city speeding towards the city walls to resist the Explosive Golden Wasps, then perhaps one might end up mistaking this incomparably silent place as a dead city.

After half an incense stick worth of time, Ning Cheng arrived at a very remote street within the city. A dark shadow, on sensing Ning Cheng coming over, felt startled and suddenly jumped out of the darkness. As this vague dark silhouette jumped out in panic, however, it ended up right in front of Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng had already deployed his False Domain, and at the same time, shot out several Axe Shadows.

Inside Ning Cheng’s False Domain, this vague shadow instantly slowed down to a crawl. Finally, Ning Cheng saw what that vague shadow was. This shadow was a cat-like creature slightly larger than a domestic cat; however, its fur was pitch-black and smooth, just like a mirror at night.

This apparently was an extremely sensitive demonic beast; moreover, there this demonic beast also sported a single horn on its head.

When the demonic beast found itself bound within Ning Cheng's False Domain, it immediately started to panic and started swaying side to side frantically. However, Ning Cheng did not wait for this demonic beast to work itself out of his False Domain and immediately shot out 12 Axe Shadows.

These 12 Axe Shadows then combined into three Axe Traces, which ultimately sealed all the escape routes of the one-horned demonic beast.

"Puff....." A spray of blood erupted. This demonic beast was still was swaying side to side within Ning Cheng's False Domain trying to free itself when Ning Cheng's Cosmic Devil True Axes split it into two neat halves. The two halves then dropped to the ground with a plop sound.

Ning Cheng did not care about the now-dead demonic beast. Instead, he extracted a symbol-like object from the claws of one of its paws.

Ning Cheng quickly broke apart the restriction over this symbol-like object, which the transformed into a basketball-sized grey and white egg. Seeing the egg, Ning Cheng gave out a sigh. It was a Wasp King Egg.

When he was still outside the Rootless Black City, his Spiritual Consciousness sweep revealed a familiar aura of the Void Explosive Golden Wasp's Wasp King Egg within the Rootless Black City. This reason why he felt this aura to be familiar was all due to the Wasp King Egg in his possession.

Now that he killed this unknown demonic beast, he realised that this Wasp King Egg was actually one of the two Wasp King Eggs that he had initially encountered.

A few years ago, near to the Blue Essence Stone Mine, he had seen two Explosive Golden Wasp's Wasp King Eggs. It was also from there that he obtained one of the two Wasp King Eggs. Because he was not greedy, he had only robbed them of one egg. Moreover, after he sealed up the Wasp King Egg that he took, the Void Explosive Golden Wasps had also not chosen to pursue him to settle accounts.

He had not thought that after such a long time, the other Wasp King Egg had not only not hatched but had somehow ended in the hands of a small demonic beast, which then somehow snuck into the Rootless Black City.

For the Void Explosive Golden Wasps, their target was the only Wasp King Egg within the Rootless Black City. Thus, it would have been strange if the Void Explosive Golden Wasps had not chosen to attack the Rootless Black City crazily.

At the same time, Ning Cheng understood that this now-dead demonic beast had not brought this Wasp King Egg inside this city by itself. Instead, this matter must have some relations to the Void Battleship outside. This demonic beast acted as a lure to bring this Wasp King Egg to the Rootless Black City, attracting the Explosive Golden Wasps to clash with the Rootless Black City's cultivators. However, why did those cultivators controlling the Void Warship do such a thing? Ning Cheng had not figured out this part yet.

Whatever be the case, that person probably did not think that he had encountered a Wasp King Egg previously, which immediately allowed him to detect the aura of the Wasp King Egg while outside the Rootless Black City.

The moment that Ning Cheng took out the Wasp King Egg, the Void Explosive Golden Wasps immediately started attacking the Rootless Black City with even more ferocity. Fortunately, Ning Cheng had sealed the Wasp King Egg's Aura quickly, before rushing out of the Rootless Black City.

Ning Cheng rushed out of the Rootless Black City so fast that most of the cultivators couldn't even feel it, except for a few of the cultivators who paid close attention to Ning Cheng's movements.

As soon as he rushed out of the Rootless Black City, the seemingly inexhaustible Explosive Golden Wasps immediately moved to encircle him. Ning Cheng once again used the modified version of the Maximal Flame Spiritual Technique. A line of fire erupted, causing a passage to open up which directly led to the Void Battleship currently sealed by the Array Flags.

Under the fully activated Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, Ning Cheng arrived at the side of the battleship in less than a breath. At the same time, he struck out with his Nirvana Spear at full force at the Concealment Array Disc hovering over the Black Void Battleship.

"Click" A sound emerged, under the full force of Ning Cheng's attack, this top-level Concealment Array Disc crumbled apart at the next instant, turning into a scrap of slag. A large black ship appeared in front of Ning Cheng, with the entrance to the black Void Battleship wide open.

Ning Cheng immediately shot through the entrance of the battleship. He had already realised that this entrance was not open for him but for the demonic beast that he had just killed.

A scarlet-robed youth was sitting on the floor of the battleship covered in blood; apparently, recuperating. This person sported severe injuries, with a huge gaping hole that ran through his chest. Also, this injury caused his aura to turn sluggish.

"Who are you?" The scarlet-robed young man on seeing Ning Cheng rush into the battleship immediately shot a fierce gaze towards Ning Cheng. At the same time, an enormous quantity of murderous intent was gathering within his body; however, the speed was quite slow because of his severe injuries. Even if he wanted to fight Ning Cheng, he could not muster enough power.

Ning Cheng did not bother with any nonsense, while he shot out with the Nirvana Spear in his hand. Directly stabbing it towards the scarlet-robed man's glabella.

He did not care who this person was, because he dared to lure the Void Explosive Golden Wasps to destroy the Rootless Black City, it was clear to Ning Cheng, that he was more of an enemy and definitely not a friend. As such, there was no need for any sort of polite words.

"Stay your hand...." the scarlet-robed young man shouted out in anger. The expression on his face was as if an ant was trying to bite an elephant. With Ning Cheng's puny cultivation, he unexpectedly dared to attack him.

However, why would Ning Cheng choose to stop? On the contrary, the Nirvana Spear's Spear Intent grew even more explosive.

"Bang....." However, what shocked Ning Cheng was that even with the aid of such explosively powerful Spear Intent, which should have at least severely injured the young man; the young man easily caught the Spear Head with his hand.

He immediately realised that if not for this young man's severe injuries, Ning Cheng would not be qualified to earn even a gaze from this scarlet-robed young man.

"Poof...." At the same time, just when the scarlet-robed young man grabbed the Spear Head, he immediately vomited out a mouthful of blood.

His cultivation was more than just twice as powerful compared to Ning Cheng. Unfortunately, his injuries were also extremely severe. Otherwise, it was impossible for these Void Explosive Golden Wasps to stop him. At the same time, it would be even more impossible for someone like Ning Cheng to injure him.

Because of his severe injuries, when he caught Ning Cheng's Nirvana Spear, it ended up adding another internal wound on top of his already severe injuries, causing him to vomit out a mouthful of blood.

Ning Cheng, although shocked in his heart, did not dare to show any form of neglect. His 36 Cosmic True Devil Axes suddenly appeared around him. This was the first time he had encountered such a powerful opponent. Although Cang Wei might turn out stronger than this fellow, he and Cang Wei were friends, while Ning Cheng and this scarlet-robed young man definitely were not friends.

"Poof-Poof-Poof...." Axe Shadows crisscrossed across the cabin of the battleship. In just a moment, these Axe Shadows formed a Murderous Axe Entrapment Formation, which surrounded the scarlet-robed young man.

The scarlet-robed young man once again vomited out a lot more blood; at the same time, he could no longer hold onto Ning Cheng's Nirvana Spear. As his hand loosened slightly, Ning Cheng's Nirvana Spear turned half an arc in front of his eyes and once again gathered all the killing intent before blasting towards him.

"Aah...." The scarlet-robed young man shouted wildly while suddenly standing up and punching straight at the incoming Spear Head of Ning Cheng's Nirvana Spear.

Contrary to what he expected, the seemingly endless Spear Intent seemed to have suffered no effect under the scarlet-robed young man's fist. However, the formidable True Essence supporting the punch immediately resulted in a fierce backlash. This backlash travelled along the long spear in Ning Cheng's hand causing him to shoot back like a cannonball before finally coming to a stop after hitting the cabin walls of the Void Battleship with a loud 'bang' sound.

Because Ning Cheng almost ended up nailed into the cabin walls of the battleship, he also ended up suffering some significant internal injuries and spat out a few mouthfuls of blood.

Although it might seem as if Ning Cheng had suffered severe injuries due to slamming into the walls of the battleship; however, only Ning Cheng himself knew that those injuries were a result of the opposite party's terrifying True Essence rampaging through his body. Otherwise, with a Rank 6 Imperial Body, in any event, he would not suffer injuries to the extent of spitting blood on just the first impact.

Although the scarlet-robed young man managed to wound Ning Cheng, his injuries were also severe. At the same time, the Murderous Axe Array formed by the 36 Cosmic True Devil Axes only made his condition even worse.

“Poof-Poof....” Once again vomiting out a few mouthfuls of blood, the scarlet-robed young man finally sat down, while half of his upper shoulder sported an additional deep and bloody wound inflicted by Ning Cheng’s Cosmic True Devil Axes.

With the current quality of Ning Cheng’s Cosmic True Devil Axes, combined with Ning Cheng’s already formidable Axe Intent, he unexpectedly only managed to leave behind that wound on half of a shoulder. This fact alone showed that the cultivation of this person was a lot stronger compared to Ning Cheng and that too by unknown times.

Ning Cheng did not even bother to wipe off the blood from the corners of his mouth. As soon as he got up, the Nirvana Spear shot towards his outstretched hands once again. The next instant, he pounced over towards the scarlet-robed young man with even more ferocity.

“Puff.” A sound emerged as the spear finally managed to pierce into his flesh. The scarlet-robed young man just was unable to continue even if he wanted to. As the Nirvana Spear stabbed through his glabella, it also triggered the destruction of his Sea of Consciousness. Even so, the Nirvana Spear still could not blow up his entire head.

The scarlet-robed young man powerlessly raised his hand and weakly held onto the Nirvana Spear that pierced through his glabella. He then shot an ice-cold glare at Ning Cheng and spoke up, “You will regret this....”

After saying those words, the scarlet-robed young man finally could not hold on any longer as he eventually fell to the ground, dead.

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#### **Chapter 478: Luring away the Explosive Golden Wasps**

“Bang” It was not until when a Void Explosive Golden Wasp burst into the Void Warship, that one realised how short-timed the fight between Ning Cheng and the scarlet-robed youth was.

Faced with the Explosive Golden Wasp suddenly rushing into the Void Warship, Ning Cheng realised that it was already too late for any regrets. In any case, facing a person who wanted to use the Explosive Golden Wasps to massacre the city, he absolutely did not regret killing the opposite party.

The moment the Explosive Golden Wasp rushed in, Ning Cheng immediately summoned the Everlasting Blue Thunder City. It was too late to pull out his Nirvana Spear. All he could use was the 36 Cosmic True Devil Axes to try splitting apart the Void Explosive Golden Wasp.

“Bang-Bang-Bang-Bang....” After several bursts of explosions, the stinger of the Explosive Golden Wasp finally exploded. Golden light rained down over the Everlasting Blue Thunder City’s shadow; however, none of it caused damage to Ning Cheng. While Ning Cheng had the Everlasting Blue Thunder City to block the incoming onslaught, the Explosive Golden Wasp could not stop Ning Cheng’s 36 small axes, despite possessing an inherently strong defensive ability. The Explosive Golden Wasp, under the formidable killing lights formed from the Axe Intents, ended up chopped in half from head to toe.

After killing the Explosive Golden Wasp, Ning Cheng did not wait for the next Explosive Golden Wasp to rush in, and in just a step reached the warship’s console near the door before pushing down the button to seal the doors of the battleship.



“Click” A sound emerged as the entrance to warship closed quickly.

A moment later, several jaws of the Explosive Golden Wasps rushed into the now-closed entrance of the warship, shaking the battleship in the process.

Ning Cheng did not dare to delay even for a moment. He immediately rushed towards the operating console of the warship. Quickly realising that this ship had superior performance compared to his 5-Star Warship, he also realised that it did not possess any intelligence of its own compared to his Advanced-level Sifting Orchid. His Sifting Orchid Warship had autonomous control of itself and did not contain any consoles; however, this Warship had many consoles.

Ning Cheng could not help but doubt if this ship even had an AI or if this AI needed to first recognise a master.

However, just when the swarm of Explosive Golden Wasps on the outside almost overturned the warship, Ning Cheng finally found the lift-off button on the console.

Ning Cheng quickly familiarised himself on how to control the warship and promptly tried to initiate the lift-off sequence. It was also at this moment that the rest of the Void Explosive Golden Wasps, which had not yet swarmed over, finally seemed to have discovered it.

Despite that, this Explosive Golden Wasps did not immediately swarm over.

Seeing that, Ning Cheng without hesitation took out the Void Explosive Golden Wasp’s Wasp King Egg. Not only did he remove the restrictions that he placed on it to seal its aura, he even deliberately catalysed the spread of this aura.

At this moment, numerous cracks riddled the inner Defensive Arrays of the Rootless Black City. All the cultivators guarding the Rootless Black City were now beginning to sink into despair. However, unexpectedly, at this moment, the seemingly inexhaustible Explosive Golden Wasps suddenly stopped their assault.

Not waiting for people to get over this matter, these Explosive Golden Wasps then immediately started swarming towards the black Void Warship.

The black Void Warship hovered over the area above the Rootless Black City for a long time. Regardless of whether the warship continued to fly around or not, at least the Explosive Golden Wasps no longer kept with their attacks over the Rootless Black City. All the Void Explosive Golden Wasps, after Ning Cheng brought out the Explosive Golden Wasp King Egg, immediately rushed towards the black Void Warship in a frenzied rush.

The cultivators, standing at high alert over the Rootless Black City’s walls, seemed to have forgotten about the fierce might of the Explosive Golden Wasps. At this moment, all of them trained their eyes at the Void Warship.

It was not until Shen Zimo remembered the words spoken to him that he cried out, “City Lord Ning is leading the Explosive Golden Wasps away. Association Head Wu, quickly prepare to patch the Array Formations.”

“Yes, yes....” Wu Yingzhe, along with the people assisting him, quickly reacted and immediately started working on repairing the damaged Array Formations ruined by the swarm attacks from the Explosive Golden Wasps.

While the rest of the cultivators shot anxious glances at the black warship still hovering over the Rootless Black City. They could not help but think of why the black ship was not running away and just moved back and forth around the Rootless Black City.

Ji Luofei became even more anxious. She knew that Ning Cheng was inside the Void Warship.

It was not that Ning Cheng did not want to move the ship away; it is just that he still could not take full control over the entire Void Warship. Hearing the Void Warship giving out squeaking sounds, Ning Cheng knew that if he could not leave this place quickly, the Void Warship would finally blow apart.

After more than a dozen breaths, “Bang....” A white ray of light erupted from behind the Void Warship. The Void Warship finally stopped swaying around the Rootless Black City and headed straight for the endless Void in front of it.

The seemingly endless Void Explosive Golden Wasps, on seeing the Void Battleship leave, quickly chased after it. In just half an incense stick worth of time, not even half a Void Explosive Golden Wasps remained outside Rootless Black City.

If it were not for the broken array formations, along with the scattered bits and pieces from the corpses of the Explosive Golden Wasps inside the array formations, no one would believe that this city was besieged by a seemingly endless swarm of Void Explosive Golden Wasps just half an incense stick worth of time ago.

A one of a kind joy of experiencing rebirth after almost dying filled the survivor’s minds. Some of them could not even believe that the Void Explosive Golden Wasps had suddenly vanished. Some of the cultivators could not also begin to hesitate on whether to leave the Rootless Black City for good or not so that they would not end up surrounded by those Void Explosive Golden Wasps again in the future.

Shen Zimo immediately flew towards the Rootless Black City’s walls and shouted, “All the Dao Friends within the Rootless Black City. Although our City Lord Ning has just returned, City Lord Ning lured the seemingly endless Golden Explosive Wasps away from us. Without City Lord Ning luring away the Explosive Golden Wasps, all of us might have ended up turning into ghosts under the jaws of the Explosive Golden Wasps. City Lord Ning is the one who saved the entire city by himself....”

“City Lord Ning....”

“Long live City Lord Ning...”

Some of the cultivators who could not understand how the Explosive Golden Wasps vanished in such a short time immediately realised what had transpired. Even the most cold-blooded cultivator felt deeply grateful in their heart for such an act and cheered sincerely.

Only Ji Luofei and Yi Zhuzhu felt very worried in their hearts. Could Ning Cheng really escape from the clutches of that dense swarm of Void Explosive Golden Wasps?

Shen Zimo quickly shouted out once again, “Before City Lord Ning left, he told me that the Rootless Black City is for all of us. Now that the Explosive Golden Wasps have left, and no other Monstrous Beast Tide is coming over from the Void, we must use this time to once again reform the City Protecting Grand Array.....”

At this moment, everything that Shen Zimo spoke resounded throughout the area and no one dared to come forward and say half a word against it.

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Ning Cheng currently was facing a lot tougher difficulties compared to the people back at the Rootless Black City. Three days later, he finally understood why the scarlet-robed youth chose to hide within the Explosive Golden Wasp’s colony. Back then, Ning Cheng had initiated the Void Warship’s energy generator in a hurry, yet only now did he find the Void Warship’s energy indicator.

When he finally found the energy indicator, Ning Cheng only saw a minimal amount of energy. According to the current consumption of the Void Warship, the remaining power could sustain him for just half a month at most.

The scarlet-robed youth feared running out of energy. Coupled with the scarlet-robed youth’s not-yet healed injuries, the young man could not have escaped the pursuit of the Explosive Golden Wasps. Ning Cheng hypothesised that luring away the Explosive Golden Wasps to commence a massacre; the scarlet-robed youth wanted to use that breathing time to heal himself as much as possible.

It was not until the fourth day that Ning Cheng finally found a Void Map within the Void Warship. At the same time, he also learned to control the general direction of the warship without the use of his Spiritual Consciousness, allowing his Sea of Consciousness some breathing space. Otherwise, continually using his Spiritual Consciousness to control the direction of the warship was too tiring.

As the burden on his Spiritual Consciousness relaxed, the speed of the Void Warship also soared under Ning Cheng’s control. Initially, a lot many Void Explosive Golden Wasps were able to match the speed of the Void Warship; however, Ning Cheng was now able to shake them off once again.

Nevertheless, Ning Cheng still felt very worried. With the energy reserves of this Void Warship, he could only fly for a maximum of half a month, what would he do half a month later?

Going by Ning Cheng’s original idea, he intended to lure away the Void Explosive Golden Wasps away from the Rootless Black City and then discard the Explosive Golden Wasps’ Wasp King Egg somewhere far away. For the Void Explosive Golden Wasps, once they obtained the Wasp King Egg, he should then be able to make his escape. After all, he never had any thoughts of obtaining both the Explosive Golden Wasps’ Wasp King Eggs.

However, he was still relatively close to the Rootless Black City; moreover, he also knew that the Void Explosive Golden Wasps were extremely vengeful and vindictive demonic insects. Once these Explosive Golden Wasps obtained the Wasp King Egg, those Explosive Golden Wasps were more likely to return to the Rootless Black City to complete the massacre.

Thinking of this, Ning Cheng could not help but feel his self-confidence sinking to the bottom of his heart. The scarlet-robed youth must have found this Explosive Golden Wasp’s Wasp King Egg from the

Blue Essence Stone Mine; at the same time, he also did not know if any of these Explosive Golden Wasps had seen him before. If that was the case, then these Explosive Golden Wasps might have recognised him as the main culprit in stealing one of the Explosive Golden Wasp's Wasp King Egg.

If the Void Explosive Golden Wasps recognised him, then it would not matter even if he chose to hand over both the Wasp King Eggs in his possession. At the same time, it would also not bode well for him in any of the situations.

Thinking of this, Ning Cheng felt his mind starting to ache. To resolve this predicament, the only way was to massacre the Explosive Golden Wasps completely. However, with the sheer number of Void Explosive Golden Wasps, killing them all was something impossible, even for someone like him.

Seeing the energy reserves of the Void Warship depleting even faster, Ning Cheng's heart grew more and more anxious.

At this time, Ning Cheng's only hope was to turn to the scarlet-robed youth's ring. However, the restriction on the scarlet-robed youth was somewhat complicated, even Ning Cheng would not completely unseal it in a short time.

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On the thirteenth day, Ning Cheng saw that the energy indicator of the Void Warship was almost on the brink of extinguishing, causing his heart to grow even more anxious. At the same time, those Explosive Golden Wasps were akin to tarsal maggots, and there were always hundreds of them, if not thousands, following behind him. As long as he lowered his speed even for a short while, the rest of the Explosive Golden Wasps would quickly catch up to him.

At this moment, he still was not able to unravel the restrictions over the scarlet-robed youth's ring, let alone use energy supplements inside to replenish the Void Warship.

Just as Ning Cheng anxiously thought about possible countermeasures, he saw a bright spot on the Void Warship's Monitoring Screen turning clearer, which Ning Cheng quickly recognised as a flight-type weapon.

This flight-type weapon was apparently flying towards him, which caused Ning Cheng to turn even more anxious in his heart. After fighting with the scarlet-robed youth, he realised that his cultivation was still comparable to nothing within the endless Void.

This flight-type weapon dared to follow unscrupulously behind the swarm of the Explosive Golden Wasps; it showed that the person controlling it was definitely not someone ordinary. Sure enough, Ning Cheng saw the flight-type weapon rush into the swarm of the Void Explosive Golden Wasps a moment later. That hive of Void Explosive Golden Wasps that could easily massacre an entire city by itself could not catch the flight-type weapon that was currently tearing through the swarm. As it smashed and ripped past the hive, the hive simply could not stop its forward march for even half a moment.

Despite this, this swarm of Void Explosive Golden Wasps continued chasing after Ning Cheng, with not even one of them retreating.

Ning Cheng's heart sank to the depths at the sight of this. He could not handle these Explosive Golden Wasps, yet with such a terrifying expert showing up, what should he do now? This expert definitely felt

the aura of the Explosive Golden Wasp's Wasp King Egg, which was most likely why they chose to pursue him.

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#### **Chapter 479: Shi Qionghua's Anxiousness**

From the monitoring screen of the Void Battleship, Ning Cheng figured out that this mysterious expert would catch up to him in 20 breaths of time. Since this expert could kill their way through such a broad swath of Explosive Golden Wasps with such ease, then it would not take much for that expert to deal with him, if that expert chose to do so.

Although Ning Cheng's gaze remained fixed on the monitoring screen of the Void Warship; however, his mind was focussed continuously on finding any kind of countermeasure to his current predicament. After a few breaths, Ning Cheng finally made up his mind as his gaze then turned towards the location on the monitoring screen that showed dense clusters of Spacial Collapses. Rather than facing such an expert head on, he preferred to head into the Spacial Collapse.

At this time, Ning Cheng wanted to send out a Messaging Flying Sword, at least to inform Luofei that he was ok; however, he felt worried that this expert might intercept the Messaging Flying Sword.

During the moment of hesitation, the silhouette of this expert turned clear, showing that it was a female cultivator. Ning Cheng did not dare delay for even half a moment more as he struggled to control the Void Warship to crash into the nearest Spacial Collapse.

The expert never thought that Ning Cheng would suddenly choose to dive headfirst into a Spacial Collapse, something akin to seeking his or her own death. She had almost reached the Void Warship; however, for her to follow Ning Cheng into a Spacial Collapse, she was not that stupid.

Reaching and stopping near the edge of this Spacial Collapse, she simultaneously raised her hand intending to grab at the Void Warship.

However, the formidable suction force that suddenly emerged from the Spacial Collapse caused her to rush headfirst into it involuntarily, despite her formidable cultivation. Comparing cultivations, she was far more robust than Ning Cheng was. However, in the face of such a horrifying suction force from the Spacial Collapse, she had to use everything that she had to stabilise herself barely.

Just as she was starting to feel angry, the seemingly inexhaustible swarm of Void Explosive Golden Wasps appeared behind her. These Void Explosive Golden Wasps completely disregarded this Spacial Collapse and rushed directly towards the expert blocking the entrance to the Spacial Collapse. This expert secretly screamed in her heart for her bad luck. Although the Explosive Golden Wasps could go to any lengths to obtain the Wasp King Egg, she, however, did not want to die. At this moment, she spared no effort to break away from the entrance.

However, it was already too late by the time she reacted. The seemingly endless Void Explosive Golden Wasps engulfed her entirely. In the end, they all ended up sucked into the Spacial Collapse. Even if that was the case, the Void Explosive Golden Wasps that were slightly slow and trailing behind did not stop at all, and instead, all of them rushed into the Spacial Collapse.

After half-an-incense stick worth of time, apart from the gaping mouth of the Spacial Collapse, there was not even a single Void Explosive Golden Wasp in sight.

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As soon as Ning Cheng entered the Spacial Collapse, he felt the Void Warship start disintegrating. It showed that in the face of such terrifying tearing Spacial Forces, nothing could hold on for long.

At this time, Ning Cheng only felt thankful. Fortunately, he had chosen not to bring Ji Luofei and Yi Zhuzhu with him. Otherwise, that indeed would have been a death-seeking act.

Ning Cheng immediately chose to enter the Mysterious Yellow Bead. At the same time, he sealed up the other Explosive Golden Wasps' Wasp King Egg and threw it into his Miniature World Ring. Ning Cheng has still not completed the Mysterious Yellow Bead's Origin; as such, anything but himself that stayed in the Mysterious Yellow Bead for a prolonged time would end up refined into nothingness by the Mysterious Yellow Bead.

Therefore, only Ning Cheng could currently stay inside the Mysterious Yellow Bead, wrapped up in his own Spiritual Consciousness. Moreover, he also did not know for how long he would remain trapped inside this Spacial Collapse. Once his Miniature World Ring ended up refined into nothingness, he would lose everything he ever owned.

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The Mysterious Yellow Bead rumbled around within the Spacial Collapse, while Ning Cheng did not dare to let his Spiritual Consciousness seep out of it. He did not know for how long he remained in that state, but Ning Cheng finally felt that the Mysterious Yellow Bead had eventually come to a stop, allowing him to sweep out carefully with his Spiritual Consciousness. Only at this moment did Ning Cheng realise that not only was this a somewhat safe location, it was also completely silent.

Ning Cheng immediately came out of the Mysterious Yellow Bead, before his foot finally descended on a patch of hard ground. He also found that he could not sweep out with his Spiritual Consciousness over a long range. A range of a dozen miles was his current limit. Looking around, he found that himself somewhere at the bottom of a vast canyon. However, blocked by the high rock walls, his Spiritual Consciousness simply could not sweep towards the top. At the same time, he also could not make out the end of the canyon. This made Ning Cheng think of the original Axe Valley, which was also a narrow and seemingly endless canyon.

The surrounding area was a dusky grey colour with very low visibility. Not only that, but even the temperature was also quite high. Ning Cheng estimated that it should at least be around 40-50 degree Celsius in here. If an ordinary person were in this place, that person might even die from the heat. From what he could see outside of the canyon above it, it seemed to be an utterly grey world.

Ning Cheng attempted to activate his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, with the intent of rushing out of the canyon and look at what's outside. He had just rushed up a couple of miles when an extremely powerful suction appeared out of nowhere and sucked him down towards the ground. Ultimately, he once again fell down to the bottom of the canyon.

Ning Cheng knew that this definitely was not the effect of gravity. Although gravity in this canyon was several times than that on Earth, gravity could still not bind him at all. Instead, this was a result of a natural Forbidden Space Restriction, which he could not overcome.

Ning Cheng gave out a sigh; he knew that it was useless to sink into anxiety. He took out the Nirvana Spear and walked forward towards the direction of the bend at the bottom of the canyon.

He planned it out inside his head, if unable to get out of this valley in a few days he would then forcefully try to make his way out of the valley. At the worst, he might end up stuck in this place for a few years; however, he never stopped believing that he could not get out of this place. As to where would he appear after coming out from the bottom of the valley? Ning Cheng could not answer that, maybe it would be in the Void near to the Rootless Black City, or would it be a completely different place?

He did not care about other things. What he did care was about Luofei worrying about him. Fortunately, he and Luofei shared a True Love Knot, which was something condensed from one's Life Essence. As long as he remained safe, Luofei would naturally feel it.

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Ink Essence Star.

This was a mainland where True Cultivation and Technological Civilisations developed synchronously. Relatively speaking, the developments relating to the Technological Civilisation was a lot more rapid.

The Ink Essence Star's Qin Wu City was one of the few major cities within the Ink Essence Star. It was at this moment that a white-robed woman walked into the Qin Wu City with melancholy-filled eyes. Every day she would leave the Qin Wu City and go to the Makeshift Markets around the Qin Wu City to commission some information, acquire a variety of refining materials and look for jade strips that dealt in Talisman Refining.

All these materials, along with the jade strips, would then work their way over to the Qin Wu City's Yue Clan.

The Yue Clan was not just the premier clan within the Ink Essence Star; it also was the family clan of a Tier 8 Talisman Grandmaster. The reason why this woman handed over these materials to the Yue Clan was to ask Yue Clan's Yue Yangzhi to help her refine a Void Cleaving Talisman and let her return to Sifting Orchid.

This woman was none other than Shi Qionghua. Since the moment she arrived at the Qin Wu City, she knew that her Uncle Yu had lied to her for the first time. She could not find her parents at all in this place. Moreover, for her, this was a wholly new and strange city.

There were two great clans in this city, one was the Xin Clan, and the other was the Yue Clan.

Without finding her parents here, Shi Qionghua did not want to stay here for even a single extra moment. All she wanted to do was to get back to Ning Cheng as early as possible.

It is just that Void Cleaving Talismans were too precious. She had attended many auctions, almost took out all her things and sold them to obtain the things she needed; however, it was still not enough to get even a single Void Cleaving Talisman.

In desperation, she could only turn to Yue Clan's Yue Yangzhi. Yue Yangzhi was the Talisman Grandmaster closest in skill for potentially refining the Void Cleaving Talisman. It was also precisely because of such an ability that she wanted to enlist the help of Yue Yangzhi to help her refine a Void Cleaving Talisman.

Unfortunately, no matter how much material she provided them, let alone a Void Cleaving Talisman, she did not even obtain a single Escape Talisman. Every time she demanded an answer from the Yue Clan, only a single phrase was what she received. That Grandmaster Yangzhi was still the middle of the refinement and that the Void Cleaving Talisman should be finished refining soon.

In this way, Shi Qionghua continually collected a variety of precious materials and handed them over to the people of the Yue Clan, all to help Yue Yangzhi practice his refinement techniques and improve his level of refining.

Shi Qionghua knew that this definitely was not a solution; however, if she wanted to leave this place, then apart from seeking help from the Yue Clan, she really could not find any other way. She inherently was not a ruthless person. If replaced with Ning Cheng, he would have already pounded down their doors at such behaviour or at the very least made the opposite party take out the appropriate number of Spirit Stones.

Despite her growing anxiety, she still steadily looked for various Advanced Level Materials.

In her heart, she hoped that one day the Yue Clan could successfully refine the Void Cleaving Talisman and give one to her. She did not think of using any tricks; she knew that if she ended up offending the Yue Clan, it was tantamount to sealing the road ahead of her. Moreover, her desperate desire to return to Ning Cheng's side made her afraid to offend the Yue Clan's Talisman Grandmaster. As for solving problems through slaughter, she did not even think about it for a moment.

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"Ha-Ha...." In the most luxurious Immortal Cave within the Yue Clan, wild laughter suddenly erupted, and a middle-aged man wearing a traditional Chinese robe walked out of the Immortal Cave.

"Uncle Master Yangzhi....." A youth, who was guarding the outside of the Immortal Cave, on seeing this man in traditional Chinese robe coming out, quickly came forward to greet him.

"Inform the Clan Head immediately, I have something important to announce." This person from the Yue Clan, wearing the traditional Chinese robes, was the Premier Talisman Refining Grandmaster, Yue Yangzhi. At this moment, he was in an excellent mood.

"Yes." The youth gave a curt reply and quickly left.

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After half an incense stick worth of time, more than a dozen essential figures filled the Yue Clan's ancestral hall.



Sitting at the seat of honour was a black-haired old man, with eyes showing unconcealable joy. It felt as if he was just bursting to announce something.

“Today, I want to take this opportunity to announce one of the most important and also the most celebration-worthy news.” The black-haired old man looked at the rest of the people and finally could not help but speak up with an excitement-filled voice.

The Yue Clan’s Ancestral Hall remained silent, as all the people seated inside were patiently waiting for the old man to announce the important thing that needed such pomp and celebration.

“My Yue Clan has always held the title of the most formidable Talisman Clan within the Ink Essence Star’s history. Moreover, we also produced many powerhouses from the clan that could split apart the Planar Boundary and enter the Starry Sky. However, in the last two thousand years, my Yue Clan’s top geniuses can no longer cope with the geniuses of the past. Not to mention a Tier 9 Grandmaster, even a Tier 7 Talisman Grandmaster is someone rare.....”

Speaking until here, the black haired old man stood up and waved his hands as if he just could not wait to make the announcement, “However, everything changed today. My Yue Clan has finally produced a Tier 9 Talisman Grandmaster. Yes, it is Yangzhi. Yangzhi finally managed to refine the Rank 9 Void Cleaving Talisman....”

Reaching this point, the black-haired old man immediately stopped speaking. He did not need to continue. At the same time, the ancestral hall also burst into loud conversations. For a while, the hall resounded with various exciting voices indicating the admirations and aspirations of the crowd.

Everyone within the ancestral hall knew about the importance of someone who could refine Void Cleaving Talismans within the Ink Essence Star.

The Ink Essence Star’s laws also suffered from imperfections; however, it was not an inherently broken world. As such, there was no Heaven’s Way in the Ink Essence Star that led to the starry skies. After cultivating to a certain extent, whether by relying on the power of Void Warships or relying on one’s own cultivation, one could still leave the Ink Essence Star. However, such people were extremely few throughout the history of the star. In other words, if one wished to exit this world, then one had no choice but to depend on the aid provided by the Void Cleaving Talisman.

Only by using the Void Cleaving Talisman to split apart the Ink Essence Star’s Planar Boundary, would one finally enter the lowest level of Void and then theoretically make their way into the Starry Sky to seek life.

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#### **Chapter 480: Hounded like a Yin Spirit**

A joyous atmosphere began filling up all the corners of the ancestral hall. How many cultivators within the Ink Essence Star needed the Void Cleaving Talisman? Conceivably, each Void Cleaving Talisman produced by the Yue Clan had the potential to sell at sky-high prices in the future. Consequently, countless cultivators would also come running to the Qin Wu City to purchase the Void Cleaving Talisman from the Yue Clan.

“We can’t forget to give a Void Cleaving Talisman to that woman surnamed Shi.” A Yue Clan Elder suddenly spoke up. He knew that the primary reason that Yue Clan’s Yue Yangzhi could rise to the level of a Tier 9 Talisman Grandmaster was undoubtedly due to the significant material help provided by this female cultivator. The more important thing was that the cultivation of this female cultivator by the name Shi Qionghua was genuinely terrifying.

Yue Yangzhi showed a faint smile and spoke up softly, “A Void Cleaving Talisman has a sky-high price within the Ink Essence Star. Moreover, that woman wants an Advanced-level Void Cleaving Talisman. That kind of Void Cleaving Talisman is not something that I can refine currently.....”

Yue Yangzhi did not continue talking; however, the people here already understood what he meant. The black-haired old man also nodded and spoke, “What Yangzhi has said is undoubtedly correct. Every Void Cleaving Talisman is extremely valuable. We can’t just give it away casually.”

“However, that woman’s cultivation is really too high. Even within the Ink Essence Star, there are only a very few people more, if not equally, powerful than her. In case.....” The elder, who had just voiced his concerns previously, on hearing the words of the black-haired old man, spoke up in an even more worried tone.

Yue Yangzhi then spoke with a cold smile, “My Yue Clan is the premier clan in the entire Ink Essence Star. I even advanced to the realm of Tier 9 Talisman Grandmasters. How could we feel fear from a puny female cultivator? I heard that she has an ancient copper coin, the Treasure Fall Copper Coin, which is actually a mighty treasure from the ancient times. I’m afraid that even if we sold out our entire Yue Clan, we could never buy even a small piece of this copper coin.....”

Just when the elder was about to raise a counter, the black-haired old man immediately put down his hand with an audible pat and spoke, “That female cultivator should be an outsider to this place. What she wishes for, most likely, is to leave the Ink Essence Star. In any case, I definitely agree to nephew Yangzhi’s suggestion. Let that female cultivator come to my Yue Clan. Whether she agrees to not, my Yue Clan must obtain that Treasure Fall Copper Coin. Afterwards, Yangzhi can then use the Treasure Fall Copper Coin, if he wishes to.”

Yue Yangzhi on hearing the words of the black-haired old man felt very satisfied. It had not been just a day or two since he started coveting Shi Qionghua’s Treasure Fall Copper Coin. After he advanced to the Tier 9 Talisman Grandmaster, he had carefully refined many Attack-type Talismans to deal with Shi Qionghua. Even if the Yue Clan did not support him, he would have still went ahead to grab the copper coin from Shi Qionghua.

As long as he obtained the copper coin, he would have another level of protection for himself when he decided to step into the Void in the future. No matter the price that he had to pay, he had to get that copper coin.

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Shi Qionghua did not feel much surprised when she learned that Yue Yangzhi had advanced to the level of a Tier 9 Talisman Grandmaster. She anyway had indulged continuously in the thought of obtaining a Void Cleaving Talisman through the Yue Clan. Even if she could not receive the Void Cleaving Talisman, she at least had to get a Space Cleaving Talisman. Otherwise, she would have never continued to look

for materials for the Yue Clan. In any case, whether it was the Space Cleaving Talisman or the Void Cleaving Talisman, it was the same for her.

Shi Qionghua had just arrived at the Yue Clan when she immediately felt that something had taken a turn for the worse. Although she and Ning Cheng had spent a short time together, Ning Cheng's way of doing things had imperceptibly influenced her mind. As such, her mind always remained in a state of readiness. Therefore, she only stood in the Yue Clan's courtyard and did not go in.

However, without even the need of her coming in, dozens of cultivators suddenly came out and completely blocked the way to Yue Clan's courtyard at this moment.

"Yue Yangzhi, I just want a Void Cleaving Talisman. Aren't you going too far?" Shi Qionghua remained calm and did not show any indication of panic.

"Ha-Ha...." Yue Yangzhi laughed, "Shi Qionghua, you want a Void Cleaving Talisman? You said it so casually; do you even know how many precious materials go into refining just a single Void Cleaving Talisman? Do you know how many Spirit Stones a Void Cleaving Talisman could fetch, if sold? Yet, here you are demanding a Void Cleaving Talisman from me; you tell me, who is the one going too far?"

Shi Qionghua's face turned slightly pale. Not to mention the Void Cleaving Talisman, even if one were to refine Space Cleaving Talismans, one could definitely refine more than a dozen of them from the materials that she had provided to the Yue Clan. At this moment, the other party actually talked about the number of Spirit Stones a Void Cleaving Talisman could fetch. Her husband indeed was right, greedy people would always remain greedy; it was just that she was too kind.

"Yue Gu, the materials that I gave to the Yue Clan over the past year, not to mention refining a Void Cleaving Talisman, it would be more than enough to refine a stack of Space Cleaving Talismans. Without my support, could Yue Yangzhi have advanced to the level of a Tier 9 Talisman Grandmaster?" Although Shi Qionghua felt utterly furious in her heart, her tone remained quite calm.

The cultivator, whom Shi Qionghua had called as Yue Gu, was none other than the black-haired old man and the Clan Head of the Yue Clan. When he heard Shi Qionghua's words, he stood up and cupped his fists before speaking, "Dao Friend Shi, if it weren't for the materials you provided, I wouldn't have chosen to sell the Void Cleaving Talisman to you. However, I have to point it out that even if you had many times the materials, if you cannot refine them into talismans, they are just a pile of waste materials. Let me interject as the mediator here and propose a solution. You have a copper coin in your possession that we feel interested in; if you can take out that copper coin as payment, then our Yue Clan will give you a Void Cleaving Talisman, without any fuss."

Shi Qionghua did not talk anymore nor did she decide to give any more explanations. The Yue Clan's greed went beyond her imaginations. Moreover, this copper coin was something given to her by Ning Cheng, she would never take it out to exchange it with anything. Even if she took it out for the exchange, she knew that the Yue Clan did not have any intentions to let her go.

Even if she had to self-destruct today, she needed to know about the well-being of her husband. Shi Qionghua did not hesitate any longer and brought out her own sword, while simultaneously bringing out her Five Elements Treasure Fall Copper Coin.

“She’s going to begin, go in together....” Yue Gu, on seeing Shi Qionghua start, immediately yelled and brought out his own weapon.

Unfortunately, Shi Qionghua had not entered the Yue Clan’s Visitor’s Hall; otherwise, they could have subdued Shi Qionghua without much effort.

“Boom-Boom-Boom.... Ka-Ka-Ka.....”

Horrific explosions resounded, and under the bombardment of various weapons, the Yue Clan’s compound reduced to rubble. At the same time, explosions rang out throughout the entire Qin Wu City.

Everyone present knew in his or her hearts that Shi Qionghua had not done anything wrong. Although Shi Qionghua’s cultivation was among the highest in the Qin Wu City, she never used her strength to bully others. She even traded materials by the rules, and never took advantage of her power to intimidate others.

However, the Yue Clan was also the most powerful within the Ink Essence Star, and no one wanted to offend the Yue Clan casually.

The explosions coming from the Yue Clan lasted for almost an entire day before it gradually subsided.

However, when those explosions subsided, the result shook the very foundations of Ink Essence Star’s Qin Wu City; the ever-flourishing Yue Clan, to obtain a female cultivator’s weapon, ended up in a confrontation with her. However, almost all the Yue Clan’s Elders perished in the battle. At the same time, news spread that a few people barely managed to escape the onslaught and leave the Ink Essence Star using a Void Cleaving Talisman.

Because of this matter, the Yue Clan almost wholly disappeared from the Qin Wu City, and no longer could claim the leadership within the Ink Essence Star.

Similarly, one of the foremost experts, the female cultivator Shi Qionghua, who formerly resided in the Qin Wu City, also disappeared on that day. Rumours circulated that she perished together with the cultivators from the Yue Clan.

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Ning Cheng suddenly stopped. He clamped down on his forehead with both his hands feeling a surge of pain rising within. This kind of pain was as if he had lost one of the people closest to him. It was a feeling that even kept him from breathing.

What happened? Ning Cheng took out the True Love Knot. Seeing that the True Love Knot remaining unchanged indicated that Luofei undoubtedly did not encounter anything life-threatening and was well. Did Ruolan get into an accident? It stood for the reason that since Ruolan was together with Rui Baishan, the wily old fox, nothing too serious would happen to her.

Qionghua? Just as Ning Cheng thought of the name Qionghua, he suddenly felt as if an iron nail had pierced through his heart.

After he used his only Underworld Soul Flower over Xun Hanrui, he consistently remained on the lookout for more Underworld Soul Flowers, as he could use them to rescue and stabilise the situation of

Uncle Yu and Xin Zimo. Although he knew that it was somewhat unrealistic to find the Qing Wu City through these two people, it was also his only chance.

It was just that things like Underworld Soul Flowers were too rare; perhaps he might not find another one until he reached the genuine starry skies. He knew that he had yet to enter the true skies, yet he felt such a stabbing pain that seemed to originate from his very soul. This pain definitely had some connection to Qionghua.

Ning Cheng immediately sat down and pulled at his hair with his hands. He hated being too weak. If he possessed the strength on the level of Elder Brother Cang Wei, he could tear apart the Planar Boundary by himself to reach her side.

“Huff....” Ning Cheng took in a long breath while making up his mind. In any case, he must speed up his own cultivation. Tearing apart the Void Domain Boundary was his next goal. As long as he could achieve this goal, he will continue to rip through each Planar Boundary within the Void to search for Qing Wu City.

A slight noise emerged, immediately surprising Ning Cheng. He quickly collected his thoughts and put them away before looking up and finding a broken silver coloured warship not far ahead from him. This warship was on the brink of complete collapse, while a female cultivator in a light blue robe slowly climbed out of it.

Just now, because he felt worried about Shi Qionghua in his heart, he had unexpectedly ignored his surroundings.

Something is not right, this female cultivator felt very familiar to him. Raking his brains, he quickly recalled that this female cultivator was the one who chased after him from before. Knowing that a single slap from her could kill numerous Void Explosive Golden Wasps, Ning Cheng immediately felt a bolt of thunder running through his body. He never thought that even if he escaped into the Spatial Collapse, this female cultivator would still hound him like a Yin Spirit.