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#### Chapter 561: One less genius

"It's you?" Ning Cheng immediately recognised the black-robed cultivator, who had descended in front of him. Ning Cheng really did not expect meeting Lou Pingchuan in this place. Presumably, this fellow represented Striking Order Starry Skies in the finals of Grand Culmination Starry Skies. However, since this fellow met Ning Cheng, then there now would be one less genius heading towards Grand Culmination Starry Skies.

Lou Pingchuan did not find it surprising that Ning Cheng knew him. He knew about his celebrity-like status due to Heavenly Emperor Striking Order personally rewarding him; moreover, he also managed to obtain the seventh rank among the geniuses who came out of the Time Wilderness. Therefore, why would he find it strange that the ant in front of him without a celestial wheel would know about him?

"You sure got guts, a cultivator without celestial wheels daring to come to this place. Give me the green bamboo in your hand, and I might give you something good." Lou Pingchuan looked at the green bamboo in Ning Cheng's hands and spoke in a bland tone.

Ning Cheng showed a faint smile, "Do you want this green bamboo, do you know what this bamboo is? What does it do? If you can answer it, I might just think about it. If you don't even know what this bamboo is, what would you do with it?"

If it were not for Ning Cheng not knowing the value of this green bamboo, he would have already started or would have at least told this Lou Pingchuan to fuck off.

"Haha....." Lou Pingchuan laughed, "Well then let me teach you today, this is the Rootless Green Bamboo....."

As Lou Pingchuan spoke, he simultaneously brought out a pair of cymbals; just as these cymbals came out, a powerful murderous intent oozed out of them, which then shrouded Ning Cheng. Hearing the verbose of this Celestial Novice ant in front of him, he did not show his usual carefree mood. Instead, those words ignited Lou Pingchuan's fury. He never thought that Ning Cheng, a fellow without a celestial wheel, would actually dare to act in such a manner in front of him.

However, Lou Pingchuan quickly felt that something had gone horribly wrong as a formidable Celestial River Domain instantly took control of the space around the two of them. It felt like billions of pounds of sand and sludge had suddenly manifested all around him, causing his movements to slow down; at the same time, the stagnation brought forth by the domain grew stronger by the moment. He saw the opponent bringing out the Treasured Thunder Spear, whose spear intent cut through the distance within the domain and arrived in front of him in almost a flash.

"It's you!" As Ning Cheng's domain expanded, almost entirely binding the opponent, it allowed Lou Pingchuan to recognise Ning Cheng immediately. A moment later, his body started to overflow with even denser murderous intent. Since the time he entered the Time Wilderness, he looked everywhere in search of Ning Cheng. Later, he learned that Ning Cheng had perished in the Time Wilderness. As such, Lou Pingchuan never expected Ning Cheng to appear in such a place.

Lou Pingchuan immediately stimulated the pair of cymbals in his hands to its maximum potential. In his view, although Ning Cheng had improved a bit, compared to his Celestial Gatherer Genius-level talent, Ning Cheng's strength would always remain inferior.

"Crash... Bang....." Two sounds of explosions rang out as Lou Pingchuan crazily stimulated the pair of cymbals in his hand. However, in the face of Ning Cheng's Thunder Spear, it could not put up even a shred of resistance before cracking one after another and sent flying under the bombardment from Ning Cheng. Ning Cheng's formidable Celestial River Domain had completely suppressed his own domain; and although he managed to avoid a fatal blow, the Treasured Thunder Spear still passed through his shoulder.

"Bastard, you concealed your cultivation the last time....." Lou Pingchuan felt utterly shocked. He could not think that Ning Cheng, a cultivator without even a celestial wheel, would end up so incredibly mighty to the point that just a single shot almost ended up killing him.

Ning Cheng did not feel willing enough to waste even a shred of time. Deploying his Celestial River Domain to its maximum, the Treasured Thunder Spear once again shot out with a shadowless and traceless spear trace.

"Poof....." Blood mist immediately erupted through a hole in Lou Pingchuan's forehead, while Lou Pingchuan still kept staring at Ning Cheng in utter horror. Even at the moment of death, he still could not believe that Ning Cheng could kill him in just two shots. Even Striking Order Starland's Celestial Scryer Premier Genius, Cen Fei, could not kill him in such a short time.

The Treasured Thunder Spear in Ning Cheng's hand shook a little, and Lou Pingchuan's body finally hit the ground. Casting a fireball, Ning Cheng then put away all of Lou Pingchuan's things before quickly leaving this place.

Ning Cheng had just left when another shadow appeared in the distance staring at Ning Cheng's disappearing back, murmuring, "So powerful."

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Ning Cheng had no idea about the Rootless Green Bamboo or even about the role of this Rootless Green Bamboo. However, that did not mean that Ning Cheng did not know about the other materials that he came across.

Mystifying Sifting Wood, Cutting Moon Steel, Frigid Air Heavenly Silk, although these were not too precious artefact-crafting materials, Ning Cheng still knew about them.

In just a few days, Ning Cheng ended up collecting a bunch of these artefact-crafting materials. As for starry skies' spirit grasses, he did not find even a single strain.

"Boom" A loud explosion erupted, and Ning Cheng immediately felt the ground under his feet tremble violently.

Not waiting for Ning Cheng to react to what had happened, an ice-cold chill passed through and almost penetrated into his bone marrow. The ice-cold chill that almost infiltrated into his bone marrow brought his mind to the brink of collapse; the horrifying killing intent almost caused him to kneel down on to the ground.

Ning Cheng slowly retreated to a detached wall, while feeling incomparably shocked in his heart. He knew that in the face of such horrifying killing intent, he could not resist at all.

“Swish....” Another shrill sound erupted and this time Ning Cheng clearly traced it back to a blade light. He had never seen such a terrifying blade light. He even felt sure that if this blade slammed on to the starland under his feet, it might end up splitting the starland in half.

As the blade light descended, it felt as if half the sky had started to pour down. Even if Ning Cheng remained far away from this blade, the formidable blade intent and the murderous aura caused his legs to tremble even when standing against the wall.

“Boom...” Another loud explosion erupted as the blade shadow exploded with a fishy scent. What surprised Ning Cheng was that someone had managed to block such a terrifying blade.

A moment later, a figure emerged from the void, that of a middle-aged cultivator wearing golden robes. At the same time, a gigantic starry skies’ Stone Stripped Spider appeared in front of this golden-robed cultivator.

“So powerful....” Ning Cheng muttered a sentence.

“That’s Senior Tang Jiu, a Heaven Seated Expert from Striking Order Starry Skies. That starry skies’ Stone Stripped Spider is also quite powerful, should be a Grade 7 starry skies beast.” Almost at the same instant when Ning Cheng realised that he was not alone, a voice passed through his ears.

Not far from him, in just a little more than three feet, was a Celestial Gatherer Cultivator, also leaning against the wall. With cultivation at the full-circle of the Celestial Gatherer Realm, yellowish hair that looked quite delicate, this fellow looked like a handsome but effeminate man.

This cultivator on seeing Ning Cheng looking over gave a smile, revealing a row of neat white teeth. “Hello, my name is Ziche Jun, from Kun Zhuo Celestial River.”

“I’m called Ning Ruocheng.” Ning Cheng casually came up with a name, while feeling amazed at this Ziche Jun’s concealment cultivation method, which could even hide from his starry skies’ Sea of Consciousness. Although Ning Cheng had not deliberately looked around for him, it definitely indicated that this Ziche Jun had some excellent abilities.

Such a formidable Celestial Gatherer Cultivator, why would he take the initiative to find him, an unremarkable starry skies’ wanderer without a celestial wheel? Moreover, this Ziche Jun came from Kun Zhuo Celestial River; could he use this opportunity to ask something?

“Bang-Bang-Bang....” During the time Ning Cheng exchanged words with Ziche Jun, Tang Jiu and the starry skies’ Stone Stripped Spider had already exchange quite a few blows, splitting the skies with their rampaging Celestial Essence. Some of the cultivators with lousy luck could only lay prone to the ground at this moment and could not move at all, even if they wished to escape.

The strength of this Grade 7 starry skies’ Stone Stripped Spiders had already reached a terrifying level, to the point that even Ning Cheng found fear rising inside of him when looking at this monstrosity. He suspected that a single strand of this spider’s silk could quickly seal him up.

Another two Taoist shadows rushed over. The Grade 7 starry skies' Stone Stripped Spider seemed to have understood that the situation had turned against it; therefore, with a push from its long-legs, it immediately brought up a spacial fluctuation before it disappeared without even a trace left behind.

Seeing the Grade 7 starry skies' Stone Stripped Spider disappear, Ziche Jun continued, "You might not be familiar with Senior Tang Jiu; however, you must have heard of his elder brother, Senior Tang Yitang."

Ning Cheng immediately replied, "Yeah, I heard that Senior Tang Yitang is an Eternal-level expert; moreover, his daughter Tang Yu is also participating in this time's Celestial Scryer Genius Try-outs..."

Ziche Jun showed a smile and spoke, "Tang Yu came in third this time; however, her cultivation is far beyond mine."

"Brother Ziche is too modest; with Brother Ziche's ability; I think you might not turn out much worse than Tang Yu." Ning Cheng did not give out a casual statement; just based on Ziche Jun's concealment ability, he could deduce that this fellow was not weak at all.

Ziche Jun looked on with some confusion. By all accounts, this cultivator should have known about him as he took up the tenth place in the Time Wilderness Tryouts of Striking Order Starry Skies. Moreover, he was also heading to Grand Culmination Starry Skies' Finals as a representative of Striking Order Starry Skies. Therefore, why did this Ning Ruocheng not know him? Since this fellow did not recognise him, how did he recognise Lou Pingchuan?

Ning Cheng also had his own thoughts about whether to ask Ziche Jun about a few things related to Kun Zhuo Celestial River, when he saw dozens of figured flying past him, seemingly in the same direction.

Ziche Jun took out a communications pearl and immediately spoke out in amazement, "Looks like people found some Essence Harmonising Celestial Fruit in this place; Brother Ning, if you don't mind, we can go there together."

"Essence Harmonising Celestial Fruit? Is it not the main starry skies' spirit fruit required to refine the Harmonising Celestial Pill?" Ning Cheng spoke out in surprise. In the vast starry skies, there were not many high-grade spirit grasses; as such, things like the Essence Harmonising Celestial Fruit were quite scarce.

Generally, for a starry skies cultivator, as long as they possess sufficient talent and powerful comprehension ability, then even without the help from starry skies' spirit pills, he or she could still advance from the Celestial Novice Realm to Celestial Shatterer Realm then to the Celestial Gatherer Realm. Ning Cheng himself was a prime example; he had advanced to the Celestial Shatterer Realm using the praying mat and then proceeded to the Celestial Gatherer Realm with the help from Perpetual Moon Pills[1].

However, advancing from the Celestial Gatherer Realm to the Celestial Bridge Realm was not a simple matter, even for a top-ranked genius. Unless they had heaven-defying talents, he or she would still have to rely on starry skies' medicinal pills. Moreover, the best medicinal pill for such an occasion was the Harmonising Celestial Pill. Furthermore, the most essential spirit fruit required to refine the Harmonising Celestial Pill was the Essence Harmonising Celestial Fruit, not something easy to find. Now that Essence Harmonising Celestial Fruits had appeared in this place, it was no wonder that so many cultivators had crazily passed through this area.

“That’s right; it is the main starry skies’ spirit fruit required to refine the Harmonising Celestial Pill.” Ziche Jun spoke with affirmation.

“Well then, many thanks to Brother Ziche for sharing this opportunity with me.” Ning Cheng did not hesitate to agree to Ziche Jun’s proposal. The two of them stepped onto a flight-type weapon and quickly rushed out.

In just half an hour, Ning Cheng and Ziche Jun arrived at the place with Essence Harmonising Celestial Fruits.

Looking at the densely packed cultivators bombarding the natural array formation, Ning Cheng sucked in a breath of cold air. With so many cultivators, would he have the chance to snatch Essence Harmonising Celestial Fruits? What’s more, among the cultivators attacking the array formation, the crowd not only consisted of Celestial Scryer Cultivators, it even contained many Celestial River Cultivators.

Standing near the periphery, he could see that there were at least a dozen Essence Harmonising Celestial Fruit Trees within this natural array formation; moreover, each fruit tree was laden with many mature Essence Harmonising Celestial Fruits.

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#### **Chapter 562: Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds’ Migh**

“Brother Ning, there is no way to join forces in this place; once this array formation breaks open, we can only rely on our own luck.” Ziche Jun, on seeing so many cultivators attacking this natural array formation, realised that each of them would have to depend on their own luck.

“Good.” Ning Cheng nodded, with so many people eyeing those fruits, there truly was no way to join hands and cooperate in this scenario. The cultivators waiting at the sidelines for the Essence Harmonising Celestial Fruit had already reached close to 50 to 60 thousand in number, while there was only a dozen Essence Harmonising Celestial Fruit Trees in this place, which equated to a maximum of a few hundred Essence Harmonising Celestial Fruits.

With tens of thousands of people wanting to snatch those few hundred Essence Harmonising Celestial Fruits, it meant odds of about one hundred people to a fruit.

Even if the natural array formation turned out even more powerful, it still did not have the strength to last too long under the joint attacks of tens of thousands of cultivators. In just an hour since Ning Cheng arrived, this natural killing formation finally gave out a soft ‘katcha’ sound. The next moment, when the next volley of weapon lights hit it, it finally blew open with a bang, and the entire defensive array formation collapsed almost instantaneously.

The tens of thousands of cultivators swarmed in like crazy. Ning Cheng also did not hesitate to wield the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds. Initially, he stood at the end; however, with a slight wave of the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, he almost instantly arrived amid those dozen Essence Harmonising Celestial Fruit Trees. Within such a small space, Ning Cheng made full use of the speed and flexibility of the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds.

Although several other cultivators had rushed in at the same time as Ning Cheng, no one would choose to pay attention to others in such a situation. At this moment, everyone had all their energies focussed on Essence Harmonising Celestial Fruits.

Ning Cheng did not choose to pick the outermost Essence Harmonising Celestial Fruits; instead, he decided to utilise the most significant advantage of his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, its speed. In almost an instant, he arrived at the last spirit tree and in one fell swoop whisked away more than a dozen fruits. In just two sweeps, Ning Cheng took away more than 30 Essence Harmonising Celestial Fruits.

Although Ning Cheng had already swept through the trees twice, he had not even used up a full breathe of time, while the other cultivators still rushed in. Ning Cheng prepared himself for one more sweep when his Spiritual Consciousness felt that this natural array formation protected more than just Essence Harmonising Celestial Fruit Trees. In the depths of these dozen Essence-Harmonising Celestial Fruit Trees, he could feel a slightly more powerful yet fluctuating starry skies' Essence Qi aura.

In any case, Ning Cheng felt satisfied with these more than 30 Essence Harmonising Celestial Fruits. Sensing the starry skies' Essence Qi fluctuations, Ning Cheng did not think of anything else and rushed towards the source. When Ning Cheng saw a large swath of land covered in starry skies' spirit grasses, he almost went into shock. From what he saw in front of him, this broad swath of land contained many starry skies' spirit grasses, ranging from Grade 1 to Grade 6, this swath of land even included a few Grade 7 starry skies' spirit grasses.

At this moment, Ning Cheng did not care about anything else and immediately rushed up. With a wave of his hand, he immediately took in a large portion of spirit grasses.

However, other cultivators soon rushed in. These cultivators also did not speak to anyone else and, just like Ning Cheng, started crazily picking the starry skies' spirit grasses in the area.

Ning Cheng had already reached the forefront while taking in all the starry skies' spirit grasses in his path as he rushed forward. Even if Ning Cheng madly harvested everything he could, he could take away only a little more than half of the spirit grasses in this swath of land. As for the other portion, the latecomers had already swept it clean.

Despite the help from the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds and Ning Cheng's mad rush to snatch spirit grasses, he was only slightly faster than the other cultivators were. Combined with him not actively plundering from others, no one who came after him took the initiative to stop him. During such a frenzied moment, who would consciously try to intercept people anyway? At this moment, every cultivator focussed only on himself or herself.

The strength of the starry skies' Sea of Consciousness finally revealed itself at this time. In only ten breaths of time since Ning Cheng had started collecting the Spirit Grasses, his Spiritual Consciousness had already locked onto a formidable yet repressed aura.

This kind of aura shocked Ning Cheng, as it felt similar to the one he encountered not too long ago. This aura definitely belonged to a Grade 7 or above starry skies Stone Stripped Spider. If he actually ended up crossing paths with such a formidable starry skies' Stone Stripped Spider, it would only result in his death.

Ning Cheng was just about to turn around and escape as far as possible when his Spiritual Consciousness passed through an area with some broken restrictions and swept past the body of a huge starry skies' Stone Stripped Spider.

Only, this starry skies' Stone Stripped Spider laid prone on the ground, motionless and apparently dead. The powerful aura that he had just felt previously came from this dead starry skies' Stone Stripped Spider.

This dead starry skies' Stone Stripped Spider was at least a Grade 7, if not above, starry skies' demonic beast. Ning Cheng thought to himself while feeling ecstatic in his heart as he immediately rushed towards it as fast as possible.

Low-level starry skies' Stone Stripped Spiders did not count for much; however, starry skies' Stone Stripped Spider at Grade 7 or above could definitely fetch a significant chunk of celestial coins in the market.

Ning Cheng did not overthink about it and directly put the body of this starry skies' Stone Stripped Spider into his storage ring. However, just as he put away the body of this starry skies' Stone Stripped Spider, another powerful murderous aura suddenly rumbled down.

It was a mighty Celestial River-level Domain; the murderous intent had almost bound Ning Cheng. With a twist of his figure, Ning Cheng finally managed to evade this murderous aura, which then exploded on to the wall right in front of him.

"Boom....." The wall in front of Ning Cheng immediately cracked open, revealing a huge pile of a variety of spirit grasses and other materials. Looks like this wall had a hollow interior, which remained isolated from Spiritual Consciousness detection. If someone had not cracked it open, no one would have noticed the things inside.

Ning Cheng, on the verge of leaving, immediately rushed over. Raising his hand, he sucked in all the stuff into his storage ring while simultaneously initiating the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Cloud's teleport-like shift.

These things piled over each other, unlike the scattered spirit grasses outside, which allowed Ning Cheng to take them away all at once.

Ning Cheng had just left when the place where he stood exploded with a loud bang, which also caused the entire wall to collapse.

An extremely violent and angry aura then rushed out in Ning Cheng's direction. However, by the time this aura reached the cultivators near the periphery, Ning Cheng had already disappeared without a trace.

"Just now a cultivator snatched a large number of Essence Harmonising Celestial Fruits and a large pile of starry skies' spirit grasses. Moreover, this fellow also snatched the body of a Grade 7 or above starry skies' Stone Stripped Spider along with countless Thunder Firmament Crystals..." After this murderous aura finally dissipated, an angry longhaired cultivator suddenly materialised. Not able to trace Ning Cheng's aura anymore, the cultivator immediately began to publicise whatever he suspected. Unfortunately, he only knew about the starry skies' Stone Stripped Spider and the Thunder Firmament

Crystals. As for the other things inside, he had not seen them clearly, before Ning Cheng snatched them away.

Even if this fellow could not get it, he would not make it easy for Ning Cheng.

“The body of a Grade 7 or above starry skies’ Stone Stripped Spider? Thunder Firmament Crystals?”

The many cultivators in the starry skies’ Spirit Grass Garden felt shocked on hearing those words. Even Heaven Seated Experts valued Thunder Firmament Crystals highly, let alone low-level starry skies cultivators present in his place.

“It’s impossible; not to mention Thunder Firmament Crystals, if this place had even one Grade 7 or above starry skies’ Stone Stripped Spider, none of us would have survived.” Some of the cultivators immediately raised their questions.

“I saw that the Grade 7 starry skies’ Stone Stripped Spider had already died. I am afraid that the fellow who ran past us previously after robbing the things here might also have collected the body of that starry skies’ Stone Stripped Spider. Moreover, that fellow had not only grabbed those things but also grabbed a bunch of high-grade starry skies’ spirit grasses and many more high-end materials.” The cultivator who spoke was someone who had closely tailed Ning Cheng but had not obtained much.

“Draw out his appearance; this starland is not big, I don’t believe that this person can run away from us.”

“Yes, draw him out; we can look for him together. Why did we work hard to break this natural array formation only for him to take away all the good things?”

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Knowing that Ning Cheng had taken away many treasures, more and more people started to get upset.

“I only saw his back, and his appearance was also fuzzy, not very clear.....”

Ziche Jun had also mixed in with the many cultivators. With the Essence Harmonising Celestial Fruits and the starry skies’ spirit grasses all collected, this place had turned into a mess; however, he still found no indication of Ning Ruocheng anywhere around this place.

Was it he who snatched away all those things? The more Ziche Jun thought about it, the more likely he found it. Although Ning Ruocheng looked harmless on the surface, this fellow, however, was the most formidable Celestial Scurry Cultivator that he had seen in his life. Even an expert like Lou Pingchuan could not face more than two attacks from this person before dying. Moreover, he also perceived that Ning Ruocheng had not even used his full strength, which only pointed towards an even higher level of power.

However, Ziche Jun decided not to reveal to the public about who might have taken away those things. This time, he at least had managed to grab an Essence Harmonising Celestial Fruit, while a majority of the cultivators here did not obtain anything. At the same time, he also did not want to offend a ruthless man like Ning Ruocheng without any sufficient reason.



Many other cultivators, like Ziche Jun, who obtained some benefits, also considered a similar line of thought. Moreover, seeing that there were no more good things in this place, all of them decided to withdraw from the area collectively.

However, many cultivators sent out all kinds of news to catch Ning Cheng.

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Ning Cheng felt almost ecstatic. At this moment, he was currently hiding in a remote hole counting his spoils.

He did not know much about the pile of materials he obtained; however, Ning Cheng knew that these things were nothing short of treasures. This time, he truly made a fortune and even thanked his luck for obtaining the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds.

At this time, Ning Cheng felt even more eager to obtain the Sky Treasure Silk to upgrade his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds so that it could stand above all ordinary treasures. Currently, his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds had four pairs of shimmering lights and already showed such strength and utility. Once he found the Sky Treasure Silk, the power of his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds would soar once again.

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#### **Chapter 563: Checking the ships**

It took a full day for Ning Cheng to sort out the things he obtained. After entering the starry skies, he rarely spent time on creating artefacts, even though he spent time studying array formations. This made him unable to identify many of the materials; however, regardless of whether Ning Cheng knew about these materials or not, he still carefully put them away.

He still did not have a spear that felt right for his hand. Therefore, Ning Cheng decided that after reaching Grand Culmination Starry Skies, he definitely would take the time to find someone who could help him design a spear, perhaps using the materials in his possession.

In addition to the bunch of artefact-crafting materials, Ning Cheng also obtained many of starry skies' spirit grasses, allowing Ning Cheng to rediscover and pursue an old occupation once he reached Grand Culmination Starry Skies, which was to refine these starry skies' spirit grasses into medicinal pills. He had previously purchased 20 Returning Celestial Jade Scale Pills, which were only Grade 4 Celestial River-class Medicinal Pills, yet still commanded a high price. In the future, if he ended up needing other medicinal pills, money most likely would end up becoming a source of problems.

If he disregarded the outrageous prices, he still might not have enough funds to purchase a few high-quality medicinal pills. It definitely would have proven troublesome if he had no talent for Alchemy; however, since already practised Alchemy, why not put it to good use?

Although he obtained many good things, Ning Cheng still thought that the Rootless Green Bamboo was the most precious of them all. Apart from the one-of-a-kind vitality contained within this object, Ning Cheng could not find any clues about its potential uses. Unfortunately, he also had never heard of the name 'Rootless Green Bamboo'; and as such, had no idea about its role.

Ning Cheng did not continue searching for more materials as he felt it best to quit when ahead. After waiting for two more days in the dugout cave, he knew that people would have already cleaned out the things with some value from this drifting starland. Moreover, this drifting starland was also not too big, with millions of cultivators searching for items, a few days would prove more than enough to strip the land completely clean. Moreover, even if this land contained a few good things, it would not be easy to find.

Seeing the desolate landscape, many cultivators started to return to the merchant ships. Ning Cheng also removed his 'starry skies' Wanderer' appearance and returned to the merchant ship mixed in with the other cultivators.

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Once all the remaining cultivators returned to the void airships, the vessels immediately restarted their journey; this time, the ships directly cut through the void.

Among these void airships, the largest one naturally was Heavenly Emperor Striking Order's ride, the Striking Order Insignia. However, Striking Order Heavenly Emperor rarely came out. Even though he noticed the drifting starland, he did not come out.

At this moment, in a luxurious cabin on the fourth floor of Striking Order Insignia, a beautiful woman wearing a purple robe sat with a frown over her face and in front of her stood two cultivators, a man and a woman. The celestial wheels behind these two cultivators clearly indicated that they were quite powerful Celestial River-realm Experts.

However, at this moment, this pair of cultivators behaved in an extremely respectful manner before this beautiful woman.

After a long time, the beautiful woman asked with a slightly harsh tone, "When did Lou Pingchuan fall?"

The male cultivator spoke with an extremely respectful tone, "On the first day, when all the cultivators entered the drifting starland, it was when Lou Pingchuan fell. Moreover, he did not even have the time to call for help; therefore, he should have died when he least expected of danger."

The beautiful woman remained silent and did not share her views. Only after a while did she speak up with a frown over her face, "I will report this matter to the Heavenly Emperor. Is there anything else?"

The female cultivator, standing a step behind, took a step forward and spoke, "I found a Life and Death Senior's cave on this drifting starland. Other than that, some cultivators also found a patch of soil containing some remnant aura of Breath Soil[1] by the side of some lake....."

"What? Breath Soil?" The beautiful woman suddenly stood up. The shocked tone obviously indicated that the two words 'Breath Soil' had badly startled her.

The female cultivator quickly explained, "Aunt Xu, it was a patch of soil containing the aura of Breath Soil, not the Breath Soil itself. This piece of soil definitely must have contained some Breath Soil at some point, which was why it contained the aura of the Breath Soil."

"Where is that clump of soil now?" The tone of this woman called Aunt Xu still showed her eagerness.

"I heard that Cheerful Wave Chamber of Commerce had obtained it. If they don't hold an auction any time soon, they would definitely take it to Grand Culmination Starry Skies to sell." The female cultivator answered very carefully.

Aunt Xu nodded and sat down, then said to the male cultivator, "You go to the Cheerful Wave Chamber of Commerce now and tell them about my interest in purchasing the soil containing the aura of the Breath Soil. I can come down to negotiate the price with them if needed."

"Yes, Aunt Xu." After this male cultivator replied, he then turned around and quickly left.

After the male cultivator left, Aunt Xu continued, "What other things did this drifting starland contain?"

"A Grade 7 starry skies' Stone Stripped Spider showed up on the starland. This starry skies' Stone Stripped Spider had killed tens of thousands of cultivators before Senior Tang Jiu finally forced it to flee into the void. In addition to this, we also discovered several Essence Harmonising Celestial Fruits....."

Aunt Xu interrupted the female cultivator, "It goes without saying that Essence Harmonising Celestial Fruits are unimportant things."

"Yes." The female cultivator replied with a respectful and prudent tone and continued, "Apart from that, there was also a dead Grade 7 starry skies' Stone Stripped Spider that appeared; people also found a large number of starry skies' spirit grasses apart from the dozen Essence Harmonising Celestial Fruit Trees."

"A dead Grade 7 starry skies' Stone Stripped Spider?" Aunt Xu frowned, looking as if she was thinking about something.

The female cultivators dared not hesitate and replied, "Yes, this starry skies' Stone Stripped Spider seemed to have collected a lot of materials before its death. Some even saw many Thunder Firmament Crystals within that pile of materials."

"Oh." Aunt Xu nodded before turning silent again. Thunder Firmament Crystals were very valuable artefact-crafting materials, even top-ranked starry skies' experts could use them.

The female cultivators on seeing Aunt Xu silent again added another sentence, "I heard that a cultivator not only managed to snatch away the body of this starry skies' Stone Stripped Spider and the Thunder Firmament Crystals but also the pile of artefact-crafting materials that it had collected."

"Oh, how could such a thing happen?" Aunt Xu's countenance changed once more before she immediately spoke, "Go and invite that cultivator here, I want to chat with that fellow face to face."

The female cultivator quickly spoke up, "The cultivator most likely changed his appearance; later, many people tried to find him, but no one managed to get a hold of him. It looks like no one saw him after he grabbed those things. I only heard that this fellow has a pair of Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds. Also, there is another thing....."

"What else?"

"Aunt Xu, I went to the place where Lou Pingchuan fell and looked around. I found a dugout pit; however, regardless of whatever was in that pit, I definitely felt a powerful aura of vitality surging within

it. I have a few guesses of what it could be, but because I was not sure about it, I ended up bringing back some of the dirt....”

The female cultivator finished and took out a jade box before passing it to Aunt Xu.

Aunt Xu opened the jade box and touched the dirt with her hand before her Spiritual Consciousness swept through it. Immediately, she stood up again with a shocked look, “Rootless Green Bamboo?”

The female cultivator immediately gave a bow and spoke, “I also guessed about the Rootless Green Bamboo. Now that Aunt Xu said it, it looks like I did not read it wrong. It really was a Rootless Green Bamboo.”

Aunt Xu’s face kept changing and only spoke up after a long time, “I did not think that a small drifting starland would contain so many good things. Immediately head to the major merchant ships and rigorously investigate the whereabouts of the Rootless Green Bamboo. I’ll go see the Heavenly Emperor immediately.”

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Ning Cheng put all the crucial things within the Five Elements Array Formation in the Mysterious Yellow Bead. Even his usual weapons and the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, he put them all in Five Elements Array Formation within the Mysterious Yellow Bead. He felt afraid to put those things inside his storage ring or take it around with him. In any case, there was nothing wrong with being a bit more careful.

After putting away all the things, Ning Cheng started getting ready to go into seclusion. He knew that the merchant ships would be abuzz with activity in the coming days; however, he did not want to hop in on the action.

Just at this moment, his Spiritual Consciousness swept out and saw Steward Lu coming over.

Ning Cheng’s heart tightened, since the moment Steward Lu brought him to this place a few years ago, he never visited even once. Why did he suddenly come here today?

No matter for what reason Steward Lu came here for, Ning Cheng also dared not be careless. He took away all the array formations around him and opened the door to the wine cellar, “Steward Lu.....”

“You don’t want to live here for a while, go back to the main hall.” Steward Lu got straight to the point, and for no reason, told Ning Cheng to head to the main hall.

Ning Cheng quickly spoke up, “Steward Lu, no one even comes to this place. I went to the drifting starland this time and obtained a few nice artefact-crafting materials.....”

Not waiting for Ning Cheng to bring out the materials, Steward Lu immediately interrupted Ning Cheng’s words, “No matter what you say, you will have to move out.”

Thinking back to the large number of green coins he received from Ning Cheng, Steward Lu hesitated and spoke, “A few big-shots will soon come down to check all the people. It would be inappropriate for you to stay here.”

“Check? Why?” Ning Cheng asked with amazement.

Steward Lu gave out a sigh, “Tell you the truth, I heard that something remarkable had appeared in the drifting starland, but some cultivator snatched it away. That is all I know. Once all the people are checked, you can come live here again.”

Ning Cheng felt slightly scared; however, he still carefully took out two Cutting Moon Steel pieces and gave them to Steward Lu with a respectful look, “Many thanks Steward Lu. I still have a few materials on me and was just getting ready to head to the market area.”

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When Ning Cheng returned to the main cabin, the main hall looked extremely lively. Almost everyone looked excited. From this, it looked like everyone obtained a decent harvest from this drifting starland. Although low-levelled materials meant nothing to the high-levelled starry skies’ cultivators, for some of the ordinary cultivators, these materials were akin to treasures.

Many of the cultivators had already flocked to the upper echelons of the merchant ships to sell their materials in exchange for the cultivation resources they needed.

“Senior....” Ning Cheng had just arrived in the main hall when a pleasant voice rang out right behind him.

Ning Cheng stopped and looked at a skinny-looking cultivator before asking, “Do you know me? Well that not the point, I don’t seem to have seen you before, have I?”

The skinny-looking cultivator quickly spoke up, “This junior is called Shen Xunyu, someone who started admiring senior since a long time ago.”

Ning Cheng was about to say something when he heard an announcement, “All the cultivators in the main hall are requested to sit in their places and await their checks. If you want to head upstairs to trade items, you will have to wait until after the inspection. Only after the inspection can you go up.”

“Senior, I have a good place still open. If Senior has no place to go, you can come to my area to take a respite.” Shen Xunyu immediately invited Ning Cheng after hearing the broadcast.

At this moment, Ning Cheng’s Spiritual Consciousness did not find the old man; however, in that position, someone seemed to have set up a small tent. Seeing that, he smiled and spoke, “Many thanks then, I’m called Cheng Nianqiong.”

Shen Xunyu on hearing Ning Cheng agree, felt surprised, and then immediately spoke up, “Senior and junior really has a fate connection. Even our names feel similar. I am called Xunyu and senior is called Nianqiong[2].....”

Ning Cheng did not have time to answer Shen Xunyu’s words when a formidable authoritative aura suddenly descended onto the hall, suppressing everyone inside. “All people should stay in their own spots; do not talk loudly, nor are you allowed to whisper.”

In Ning Cheng’s knowledge, only Tang Jiu’s attack gave off this level of an intimidating presence. This allowed Ning Cheng to understand that this person’s cultivation was at least on the same level as Tang Jiu.

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#### **Chapter 564: To Culmination**

Some of the cultivators who had left the main hall quickly ran back and carefully took their seats in the corners. Although the main room in the lowest level had sufficient space, no one dared to make the slightest noise.

Ning Cheng and Shen Xunyu sat in one of the remote corners of the main hall, and although Shen Xunyu admired Ning Cheng, at this moment, he did not dare to make the slightest noise. Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness fell on to his own storage ring and deliberately wiped away many of the restrictions that he had initially placed on it.

After half-an-incense-stick worth of time, a middle-aged yet beautiful looking woman appeared at the entrance of the main hall. This middle-aged woman glanced at the cultivators sitting in the cabin before slowly walking inside.

Although this beautiful woman had not yet released her Spiritual Consciousness, Ning Cheng could make out that this woman definitely possessed a Heaven Seated Cultivation.

As the beautiful woman's Spiritual Consciousness finally swept past the cultivators one by one, Ning Cheng noticed that the cultivators subjected to the woman's Spiritual Consciousness had turned pale. Some of the weak-willed cultivators even broke out in cold sweats.

Ning Cheng himself was no stranger to the formidable strength of a cultivator in the Heaven Seated Realm. Previously, his Spiritual Consciousness had only brushed past the killing intent contained within Tang Jiu's attack, when he found himself almost wholly suppressed to the ground under the powerful aura.

When the beautiful woman's Spiritual Consciousness finally reached Ning Cheng, Ning Cheng felt as if someone had ripped off the layer of robes covering him. At this moment, it felt as if he did not have even a shred of privacy. Fortunately, this woman still knew some shame and did not undertake any extreme measures.

The next moment, Ning Cheng felt something seep into his storage ring. Fortunately, this storage ring was only an ordinary one in which Ning Cheng had deliberately put some artefact-crafting materials, a few conventional weapons and a low-grade spear-type Dao Artefact.

It was not until Ning Cheng's face started turning pale did the beautiful woman recall her Spiritual Consciousness.

After an incense-stick worth of time, the beautiful woman's gaze fell on Ning Cheng once again, "What is your name? Where are you from?"

Ning Cheng took in a deep breath and forced himself to calm down. Standing up, he then spoke with a respectful tone, "This junior is Cheng Nianqiong, from Striking Order Starland."

At this moment, Ning Cheng truly felt uneasy and did not know why this person had singled him out. Moreover, it also felt a bit comical that he, with white hair like an old man, addressed this beautiful woman as 'senior'.

"Why don't you have a celestial wheel?" The beautiful woman asked again in a calm voice.

Ning Cheng then spoke up with a fearful tone, "This junior had always been a rogue cultivator; however, because of my ordinary qualifications, although I managed to advance to the Celestial Novice Realm, I could not condense a celestial wheel. This junior already knows that there is something wrong with the cultivation method that I cultivate. However, because of not finding a good master, this junior decided to use all my savings to head to Grand Culmination Starry Skies to try my luck."

The beautiful woman showed neither approval nor disapproval towards Ning Cheng's answer before looking at Ning Cheng and speaking once again, "You come with me."

"Yes." Ning Cheng knew that at this point he had no choice at all.

The beautiful woman took Ning Cheng to a luxury cabin on the top floor of the merchant ship. On seeing Ning Cheng nervous, she casually spoke up, "You don't have to be so nervous. I just want to ask you a few questions."

"Senior, please go ahead. This junior will answer everything." Ning Cheng spoke up with an even more fear-filled expression.

"What is your current cultivation level? Why do you think that you have poor qualifications?" The beautiful woman did not let Ning Cheng sit down but sat down herself.

Ning Cheng did not dare to hesitate and quickly replied, "This junior does not have a master, and has always felt something wrong about my cultivation. Some time ago, I felt like I advanced to the Celestial Shatterer Realm; however, compared to other Celestial Shatterer Cultivators, I seem to be almost nothing."

Ning Cheng did not dare to say that he was already a Celestial Gatherer Cultivator. He chose to keep his words ambiguous by mentioning that he could not gauge his own cultivation. Even if this beautiful woman could see his current cultivation, so what? He had already made it clear that he did not have a master nor did he have a proper education, which meant that he also could not explain it even if he wanted to.

"What if I said that you just lied to me, what if I said that I haven't seen any other cultivator with better qualifications than yours?" The beautiful woman spoke with a casual tone while pouring herself a cup of some Spirit Tea.

"Ah..." Ning Cheng stared blankly at the beautiful woman in front of her, behaving as if he did not understand what the other person meant with their words. Only he knew in his own heart that the look of confusion on his face was fake. At this moment, he felt nothing but anxiety within his heart. No wonder this woman wanted to single him out and thought that I had deceived her.

The beautiful woman took a sip of spirit tea and spoke, "If I am not mistaken, although you look very old with white hair, you are actually quite young. As to how young, I cannot say; if you are not a possessed body, then you definitely have some remarkable qualifications. When I looked at it before, I could see that your spiritual soul shows perfect harmony with your body, which immediately rules out body possession."

After the beautiful woman finished talking, she kept staring at Ning Cheng.

In this momentary pause, Ning Cheng's mind flashed with many thoughts, but he quickly found the words he was supposed to say, "This senior, junior is really not that old. This head full of white-hair is only because of an accident within the Sea of Twilight."

"Oh, in that case, why did you say that you only had ordinary qualifications?" Although this beautiful woman spoke with a very calm tone, the killing intent within her words had already penetrated into Ning Cheng's mind, something that ordinary cultivators would have found unbearable. Fortunately, Ning Cheng was not an ordinary cultivator. He was the owner of the starry skies' Sea of Consciousness. Not only was his Life Essence potent, but even his spiritual soul showed incomparable tenacity.

"I hope this senior could forgive me." Ning Cheng quickly bowed while feeling helpless in his heart. Strength meant everything in the world. In this place, he felt inferior to even an ant.

The beautiful woman gave a snort and spoke, "If you think you speak the truth, asking for forgiveness would be unnecessary. In any case, killing a puny Celestial Scryer Cultivator like you is like crushing an ant for me."

Ning Cheng shuddered; he understood the intent behind this beautiful woman's words. If this person really wanted to kill him, could he even match an ant when it came to survival?

Ning Cheng knew very well that in the face of a Heaven Seated Expert, he could not simply resist. Suddenly he gave a sigh and spoke, "This senior, junior comes from a very low-level planet. In that low-level planet, junior did have a master. My master told me that a person with qualifications similar to mine might not appear once in hundreds of thousands of years; therefore, I must not let others know about my qualifications. Otherwise, others might try to take possession of my body."

"Junior stuck to master's teaching. After entering the starry skies, this junior did not dare to enter any academy or sect. As a result, even with my present cultivation, I could not condense a celestial wheel. This time, this junior fought with everything I had to get a chance to head to Grand Culmination Starry Skies and join an academy or sect there. I heard that Grand Culmination Starry Skies has a lot of talented geniuses; therefore, although this junior might have some good qualifications, it should not be too special in that place."

"Is that the only reason?" The beautiful woman had never thought that Ning Cheng felt afraid of someone taking possession of his body because of which he decided not to seek out a master. Still, cultivating to the present level without succumbing to the devilish flames under such circumstances, this kid definitely possessed some luck.

"Junior dares not conceal this from senior. It really is the reason why I am like this." Ning Cheng spoke with a dejected calmness.

"Do you not feel any fear now?"

"Senior already has qualifications countless times better than this junior. Besides, this junior has already lost a significant portion of longevity within the Sea of Twilight, even if someone wanted to take possession of such a body, they would not settle on this junior."



The beautiful woman shook her head in speechlessness before speaking, "Although you have some decent qualifications, in Grand Culmination Starry Skies, it is not worth much. You do not need to be so cautious about it. You can go now."

Feeling that Ning Cheng might have a broken jar like mentality, the beautiful woman waved off Ning Cheng. Previously, she felt something wrong about Ning Cheng. As for what, she could not point her finger at it. Now, after listening to Ning Cheng's explanation, she finally felt relieved. Just a genius from a low-levelled planet that had no idea about the outside world, thinking that others would take possession of him because of his qualifications. What this fellow did not know, however, was that although this fellow had some decent qualifications, in Grand Culmination Starry Skies, it still could not compare to real geniuses.

Ning Cheng felt immensely relieved in his heart and carefully retired from the room. After this incident, he decided never to come out for the remainder of the time. His cultivation still did not mean anything; if not for his Mysterious Yellow Bead that no one could notice, he did not know how many times he would have ended up dead already.

Coming down to the third floor, Ning Cheng immediately saw a hustling and bustling scene up and down the street-like corridor. Numerous cultivators from the lower levels had brought up the materials they obtained, either for an exchange or for sale.

'Drifting Starland Auction' several huge words remained suspended high in the air in front of Ning Cheng, with a huge display just below it containing a long list of treasures. Although Ning Cheng had no interest in attending this auction, his Spiritual Consciousness still swept through the list as he passed by.

However, when Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness swept through the list, his footsteps slowed down. He actually saw the listing 'Sky Treasure Silk'. This auction actually put up a Sky Treasure Silk, something that he truly needed.

Ning Cheng felt surprised and almost turned towards the auction. However, a moment later, something clicked in his mind, and he immediately stopped before continuing down to the second floor.

How could there be such a coincidence? He urgently needed the Sky Treasure Silk for his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, yet a Sky Treasure Silk had suddenly popped up in an auction as he passed by.

Moreover, people who saw him using the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds were not a minority. From what he observed, every airship had the Sky Treasure Silk on their auction list. Once he participated in this matter, it most likely would end up implicating him. For these people to take out the Sky Treasure Silk, it also indicated that they were on a lookout for cultivators with Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds.

Instead of heading back to the main hall, Ning Cheng returned to the small wine cellar on the lowest floor. He did not go meet Steward Lu, and even if Steward Lu showed up later, he could say that people had already inspected him.

Back in the small wine cellar, Ning Cheng immediately set up various array formations to cover up his tracks. Just as Ning Cheng thought, Steward Lu did not show up. That fellow did not even come to the main hall to ask about Ning Cheng's whereabouts. For that fellow, whether Ning Cheng died or not, it did not concern him.

Because of passing through a drifting starland, many auctions had sprung up within each of the merchant ships, while the street-like corridors had also turned extremely lively. Only Ning Cheng continued to seclude himself within the small wine cellar to solidify his cultivation.

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Time quickly passed by while Ning Cheng remained in seclusion. Even when Ning Cheng felt the merchant ships stopping a few times along the way, he only swept out with his Spiritual Consciousness to check if they had encountered any starry skies' beast hordes. At the same time, since Steward Lu did not come to check on him, Ning Cheng also did not come out of his room.

Even after six years, no one came to Ning Cheng's room, while Ning Cheng's cultivation had also stabilised at the late-stage Celestial Gatherer Realm. By this time, he had already used up a significant portion of the Perpetual Moon Pills obtained from the Time Wilderness, leaving only ten thousand pieces. Ning Cheng could not help but sigh at the sight of this, his cultivation really consumed a significant amount of resources.

Ning Cheng did not intend to continue with his seclusion any more. Just as his Spiritual Consciousness swept out, he found the large cabin hall abuzz with activity, with numerous cultivators flocking to the lower deck. Ning Cheng suddenly had a thought and quickly packed up everything and rushed out with the other cultivators. Looking at the bustling activity, he guessed that they should have already reached Grand Culmination Starry Skies.

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#### **Chapter 565: The Familiar Young Girl**

Ning Cheng mixed in with the many cultivators and looked out from the deck. Outside the void airship, a vast and seemingly boundless blue-coloured starland slowly started turning clearer by the moment.

This blue-coloured starland had a vague layer of fog encapsulating it, which prevented one's Spiritual Consciousness from seeping inside.

This was a planet-protecting Planetary Grand Array. This Planetary Grand Array felt many times more powerful compared to the one protecting Striking Order Starland. Even Striking Order Starland could not compare to the size of this vast and seemingly boundless blue-coloured starland.

The eleven void airships from Striking Order Starland slowly made their approach towards this blue-coloured starland; at the same time, several cultivators also flew off the airships and cautiously stopped outside this Planetary Grand Array.

Ning Cheng saw these cultivators talk with the people in charge of this Planet Protecting Grand Array following which, an entrance slowly opened up within this Planet Protecting Grand Array. The void airships then entered through this Planet Protecting Grand Array.

Looking at such a scene, Ning Cheng decided to lay low within his heart. If he ended up offending some big shot within a place like this, the others could simply seal off the Planet Protecting Grand Array, sealing off any paths of escaping. Even the rules here felt stricter compared to Striking Order Starland.

After crossing the Planet Protecting Grand Array, the eleven airships from Striking Order Starry Skies slowly came to a stop at the edge of a huge starry skies' public square, right after entering the planet. As

Ning Cheng looked around, he felt as if this public square had no end to it; not to mention through eyes, even with the help of his Spiritual Consciousness, he could not sweep to the other edge of the public square. The fleet from Striking Order Starland was not a small one, each airship in itself was like a leviathan; however, against this large open square, these airships looked unremarkable.

While Ning Cheng continued observing the situation around him, a broadcast suddenly rang out on all the merchant airships, "Friends, we have arrived at Grand Culmination Starry Skies' largest starland, the Culmination Starland. As of this moment, the partnership between the merchant airships and the friends here has ended. You can now proceed to complete the formalities to enter Culmination Starland. Our merchant airships will return to Striking Order Starland after ten years, and we welcome all friends to continue to ride our merchant airships once again if you wish to head back. We wish all our friends good luck in your endeavours."

Numerous cultivators residing within the merchant airships started to swarm out, and in just a few moments, more than a million cultivators streamed out. However, even with all these cultivators standing on this seemingly vast starry skies' public square, it still did not feel crowded at all. As people started to disperse, the public square began to feel even emptier.

Ning Cheng did not dare to use his Spiritual Consciousness to check out the surroundings. As his eyes took in everything, he did not find any trace of Shen Qinyu among the crowd. However, Ning Cheng already knew that Shen Qinyu was a person proficient in changing appearances, which meant that even if she stood in front of him, he might not even recognise her unless she voluntarily revealed herself.

Despite not seeing Shen Qinyu, Ning Cheng saw Ziche Jun. Ziche Jun also looked around, taking in the surroundings, and when he noticed Ning Cheng looking in his direction, he immediately gave a smile and started walking towards Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng quickly lowered his head while feeling slightly depressed. Ziche Jun coming his way meant that he had recognised him. This point also made Ning Cheng ask a question, how did this fellow manage to track him?

"Brother Ning....." Ziche Jun came straight towards Ning Cheng and whispered a few words from the side.

Ning Cheng gave out a sigh within his heart and cupped his fists before speaking, "Many thanks, Brother Ziche."

After Ziche Jun arrived and addressed him as Brother Ning, it meant that he truly had recognised him. Although Ning Cheng did not know how Ziche Jun identified him, he at least could not continue pretending to be otherwise. Moreover, because Ziche Jun identified him, Ning Cheng also understood that Ziche Jun knew about him snatching a bunch of materials. However, since no one recognised him, it also indicated that Ziche Jun had not snitched on him, which made it appropriate to thank him.

"Brother Ning sure has some good skills. I was worried about Brother Ning buying the Sky Treasure Silk. Looks like I might have worried too much about it." Ziche Jun apparently realised why Ning Cheng had thanked him.

“Many thanks, Brother Ziche; I have too many enemies here, so I can’t talk much with Brother Ziche. My original name is Ning Cheng, not Ning Ruocheng.” Ning Cheng knew that this was not an appropriate place to talk.

“Ok, after we arrive at Culmination Starland, we can meet up again during our free time. This is my communication pearl.” Ziche Jun spoke while taking out a communication pearl and handing it to Ning Cheng.

After Ning Cheng put away Ziche Jun’s communications pearl, he asked with some doubt, “Brother Ziche, when I had my starry skies’ wanderer-like appearance, how were you able to recognise me?”

Ziche Jun showed a faint smile, “We can talk about this in the future. I will take my leave first.”

With that, Ziche Jun quickly entered the crowd and disappeared from Ning Cheng’s sight.

Ning Cheng silently looked at Ziche Jun’s disappearing back, although this Ziche Jun had appeared suddenly, Ning Cheng still could not gauge him even when standing next to him. This fellow’s concealment method really was too powerful. Moreover, it was not just the powerful concealment method; it was also the first time for him to encounter someone with such a powerful ability to track other people.

Tracking someone, as Ning Cheng thought of this, he immediately felt slightly surprised. He suddenly thought of Ziche Jun, if this fellow could follow him, could he actually make his escape? Moreover, the matter relating to the death of Lou Pingchuan, did he know about it?

After a long time, Ning Cheng shook his head, put these troublesome things aside for the time being, and followed the crowd into the hall that handled the Identity Jade Card related matters.

This place issued Identity Jade Card for entering the Culmination Starland; however, this Identity Jade Card was nothing more than just a ticket to enter the starland. Even if this place were the Culmination Starland, no one would actually take the time to investigate and record the three past generations of his family. Instead, they just gave a jade card that established one’s identity, without registering his or her aura or any other distinguishing things.

The hall contained a sufficient amount of cultivators to handle the Identity Jade Card related matters; moreover, because of the enormous size of the building, it did not feel crowded at all.

Ning Cheng quickly paid the 100 million green coins for an Identity Jade Card to enter Culmination Starland and did not stop to look around the starry skies’ public square. After putting away the Identity Jade Card, he immediately walked out of the hall.

On reaching Culmination Starland, the first thing that Ning Cheng wanted to do was to improve his cultivation and then earn enough celestial coins to purchase a top-ranked starry skies’ battleship that could cross the different starry sky boundaries within the void.

Two female cultivators walked in front of Ning Cheng, and Ning Cheng glanced at them out of instinct. However, when Ning Cheng’s gaze fell on one of the female cultivators, he almost screamed out in surprise.

This female cultivator had a slim back and gave out an extremely familiar aura, causing Ning Cheng almost to call out to her as Qionghua.

However, this female cultivator had a Celestial Novice Cultivation; moreover, Ning Cheng realised that this was just a teenage girl, based on what he saw.

“Wait-wait....” Ning Cheng had just called out when he remembered that he was still looking like a white-haired old man. Ning Cheng, however, did not care about anything else; he took out a drop of Glimmer of Dawn Ice Essence and swallowed it before rushing after them.

The moment the Glimmer of Dawn Ice Essence entered Ning Cheng’s mouth, it exploded out as the most abundant source of life before scattering throughout Ning Cheng’s body. Ning Cheng’s hair almost instantly reverted to its black colour, while his lost longevity also recovered quickly. In just a few breaths, Ning Cheng once again returned to his youthful appearance.

However, at this moment, Ning Cheng had no time to marvel over the heaven-defying aspects of Glimmer of Dawn Ice Essence as he rushed towards these two female cultivators and called out, “Two Senior Apprentice Sisters, please wait....”

Both those female cultivators stopped and looked at Ning Cheng with doubt. Seeing the two veiled female cultivators stop in front of him, Ning Cheng’s heart sank to the bottom.

He felt sure that the female cultivator on the right was Qionghua, the same temperament, the same eyes, the same figure and everything else. However, as Ning Cheng saw, this female cultivator did not look too old; rather, she looked no older than an ordinary high-school girl did.

However, Ning Cheng felt even more heart-wrenching pain when this girl looked at him; her eyes remained without any sign of recognition. If she really were his Qionghua, would she not have already rushed over to him or at least recognise him?

“This Senior Apprentice Brother, who are you looking for?” The older-looking female cultivator spoke up.

“I....” Ning Cheng did not even know what he was supposed to say. However, on seeing the female cultivators frowning, he quickly spoke up, “I just wanted to ask the names of you two Senior Apprentice Sisters.”

The female cultivator gave out a cold humph and simply ignored Ning Cheng. She then quickly brought out a Celestial River-class Battleships, and then spoke to Shi Qionghua’s look alike maiden and spoke, “Let’s go.”

Ning Cheng watched the Celestial River Battleship rush out of the public square and enter Culmination Starland. Only at that moment did he remember that he should catch up to them.

However, what caused Ning Cheng to feel even more disappointed was that although he rushed out of the public square on his knockoff battleship, he could no longer see the two female cultivator’s battleship.

Why was this happening? Ning Cheng felt dazed as his battleship rushed towards Culmination Starland, even forgetting to take control of it.

He had snatched back the Five Elements Treasure Fall Copper Coin from Yue Clan, the same Five Elements Treasure Fall Copper Coin that he had given to Shi Qionghua. With how Shi Qionghua felt about him, as long as she still had a breath in her, she would never discard something he gifted her. Since the Five Elements Treasure Fall Copper Coin ended up in Yue Clan's hands, it also indicated that Qionghua had most likely perished.

Ning Cheng had prepared for such an outcome, even if it meant ascending to the heavens, he would do everything to find Qionghua's life essence. However, what should he do now, especially when he saw Qionghua today? Moreover, how did she turn into a teenage girl?

"I'm a reincarnation, so I'm born with a powerful life essence....."

Shi Qionghua's words once again lingered in Ning Cheng's ears, reincarnation!

Ning Cheng almost instantly understood what was going on; most likely, Shi Qionghua had reincarnated once again. Only this time she reincarnated within the starry skies. From the looks of it, Shi Qionghua most likely was a remarkable existence in her first life; otherwise, she would not have reincarnated these many times.

"Heavens, thank you....." Ning Cheng knelt on his battleship for the first time and thanked the heavens on letting him see Qionghua once again. With Qionghua heading to Culmination Starland, Ning Cheng believed that he could find her once again.

"Bang....." The airship gave out a muffled explosion, which caused Ning Cheng to sober up immediately. Although he stood on the battleship, he knew that something had hit his knockoff battleship. Moreover, even the back of his battleship had erupted in flames.

Ning Cheng did not even think about it before rushing out of the battleship. Although he had purchased this battleship, it was, however, a knockoff; as such, he did not feel very distressed about losing it. The only battleship that he cared about was his Sifting Orchid; however, its level was too low and remained unfixable for now.

"Boom....." Ning Cheng had just come off the battleship when his knockoff battleship exploded and turned into a blazing fireball.

"Hey!" A cold shout immediately drew Ning Cheng's attention, coming from a beautiful silver-coloured battleship parked not far from him. Ning Cheng was not a rookie anymore, and he quickly realised this battleship was a real starry skies-level battleship.

Most likely, this battleship had intentionally struck his warship; however, Ning Cheng did not even care about the explosion. Rather, he had no time to care about it; he did not even care about bringing out a flying sword and directly flew towards Culmination Starland.

"You stop." A crisp voice stopped Ning Cheng. At this moment, a deck stretched out from the starry skies' battleship suspended in space with a few people over it.

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On the deck stood three cultivators, two men and a woman; moreover, the female cultivator standing in the middle had a full circle Celestial Gatherer Cultivation and wore a light blue robe. However, the two male cultivators standing at each side of this female cultivator had at least an Undead Realm cultivation.

“May I ask what advice Senior Apprentice Sister has for me?” Ning Cheng stopped and spoke with his cupped fists. He could clearly make out that this female cultivator was the one in charge despite the lowest cultivation among the three.

The female cultivator looked Ning Cheng from top to bottom before she spoke with a sneer, “You sure have some self-awareness, even realising that I want to teach you a lesson. Did you know that your battleship had almost hit my battleship?”

Ning Cheng knew that he had lost control of his battleship; however, this party had also deliberately blown apart his warship. It is just that he knew that it was his fault, while also not caring much about the knockoff battleship; at the same time, he did not want to draw attention to himself. He never expected the other party to come looking for him even after destroying his battleship.

“I am very sorry for that matter. I had lost my train of thought, which caused me to lose control of my battleship. Although I lost my battleship, at least it did not hurt anyone. Fortunately, the explosion did not damage Senior Apprentice Sister’s battleship.” Ning Cheng spoke with clear words, stating that it was indeed his fault while also indicating that despite the loss of his battleship, the other party’s battleship did not suffer any damage. Which implied that they should also forget about this matter.

“So, what you mean to say is that since I destroyed your battleship, I should not find trouble with you?” As the female cultivator spoke those words, she flew out of the battleship and came to a stop in front of Ning Cheng.

“Doesn’t dare.” Ning Cheng had just arrived at this place and did not want to offend anyone right off the bat. What’s more, he was also in a hurry to find Shi Qionghua.

The female cultivator looked at Ning Cheng and spoke with a pride-filled voice, “I knew you were a poor sod from another starry sky. I’ll give you two choices, one would be to apologise to me, and the second one.....”

“This Senior Apprentice Sister, I had already apologised a moment ago. If Senior Apprentice Sister feels dissatisfied with it, I will apologise again. I really hadn’t noticed it, and I accept that it was my fault.” Ning Cheng spoke with a calm tone.

The female cultivator smiled, “You call this an apology? Apologise to me by kneeling on the ground. Moreover, how can you call those thoughtless words from before as an apology?”

Ning Cheng remained silent. He did not mind apologising for his mistake, but to kneel on the ground to apologise to a female cultivator who he met for the first time, it was something that he would never do without any compelling reason.

Seeing Ning Cheng silent, the female cultivator’s face immediately turned ice-cold and spoke, “If you don’t want to apologise, take out a million celestial coins. However, looking at your robes, I think it might be a bit too hard for you to take out a million celestial coins.....”

Ning Cheng knew that 'celestial coins' were a collective term used for the different currencies circulating within the starry skies. At the same time, the most valuable 'celestial coins' on his body were green coins. Therefore, without any hesitation, he took out one million green coins and handed it to the female cultivator. Facing this kind of a situation, he had no choice but to be patient. With two cultivators in the Undead Realm staring at him with full alertness, what could he do? Moreover, those two also served to highlight the extraordinary background of this female cultivator.

This female cultivator received the one million green coins but threw them into the sky, letting them scatter into the starry skies.

Just as Ning Cheng tried to make sense of her actions, the female cultivator's grandeur soared as she spoke with an even colder voice, "Taking out one million green coins, did you take me for a beggar? This fairy said one million purple coins, which are 100 million green coins, bah!"

Ning Cheng simply did not wait for this female cultivator to say a second sentence, took out a 100 million green coin card, and put it in this female cultivator's hand. Then without saying a word, he turned around, and with a flash, disappeared from that location.

The female cultivator looked at the 100 million green coin card in her hand and frowned before whispering to herself, "I didn't expect a Celestial Novice Cultivator, even one without a celestial wheel, to really come up with 100 million green coins. Moreover, this fellow not only willingly took out 100 million green coins; he did not even give a courtesy bow. Interesting."

Regardless of what she found interesting about his actions, Ning Cheng had complied with her request of taking out 100 million green coins as compensation. As such, she also could not continue to find trouble with this person.

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An hour later, the huge blue-coloured starland still kept stretching out in front of Ning Cheng. Seeing many people flying in a particular direction, Ning Cheng speeded up and followed the many flying weapons to land at a large open area.

When Ning Cheng landed on the ground and saw the huge city in the distance, he felt astonished. This was not a 'city with walls' per se but a 'city without any borders'; rather, it was better to refer it like a 'starry sky city'.

This distant city had an extremely faint dreamlike blue layer of mist that shrouded it on all sides. As a Grade 3 Celestial Array Master, Ning Cheng could make out with a glance that it was a City-protecting Grand Array.

Ning Cheng had heavily pondered over such an issue in the past and concluded that when it came to establishing real top-tier cities, instead of fortifying it with refined walls, it was much better to use top-tier grand arrays for better protection. Today, he had finally validated that conclusion when he saw this city protected by a top-tier array.

Despite the seemingly vast grand array surrounding the city, one could still see a few huge characters suspended in the air just outside it, Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City.



A feeling of majesty, grandeur and magnificence oozed from these few characters. As Ning Cheng glanced at these words, he could not help but secretly praise the city within his heart; this was a real starry sky city.

This place even contained an extremely powerful Forbidden Space Restriction; moreover, even if one disregarded that, under the imposing majesty of this starry sky city, all the cultivators entering the Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City would subconsciously put away their respective flight-aiding apparatuses and walk inside on foot in an orderly fashion.

Ning Cheng followed the numerous cultivators and headed to the designated entrances to the Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City. In this place, not to mention that he could not sweep out with his Spiritual Consciousness, even if he could sweep out with it, Ning Cheng did not dare to bring it out casually.

The closer he got to the city entrance, the more Ning Cheng felt the richness of the starry skies' Essence Qi inside. A kind of unreasonably respectful feeling emerged within his heart, which caused Ning Cheng to feel slightly surprised. He speculated that it should most likely be a result of the strong influence of the grand array's workings combined with the aura of the master of this starry sky city.

This starry sky city did not have any city walls, nor did it have patrolling cultivator guards; however, the moment Ning Cheng walked near to this starry sky city's entrance, he felt as if countless pairs of eyes had locked on to him. As such, he decided not to look around carelessly.

It was not until after he entered the city did the feeling disappear, which allowed Ning Cheng to feel slightly relaxed.

After stepping inside, this starry sky city looked exactly like he pictured it to be; rather, the only difference was that the scale of this city turned out slightly more extensive than what he had initially thought. Moreover, he also found Spiritual Consciousness Shielding Restrictions everywhere, which meant that he could not sweep out with his Spiritual Consciousness wantonly. At the same time, Ning Cheng had a hunch that this starry sky city was a lot larger than what it appeared on the surface.

With his cultivation, if Ning Cheng wanted to search for Shi Qionghua in this starry sky city, it would turn out even more challenging than finding a needle in a haystack. Ning Cheng sighed as he thought if one day, his Spiritual Consciousness cultivation reached the level of bypassing right through these Spiritual Consciousness Shielding Restrictions, he would never hesitate to sweep out with his Spiritual Consciousness.

As Ning Cheng thought of this, he immediately came to a stop. Why could his Spiritual Consciousness not bypass those restrictions? His starry skies' Sea of Consciousness initially could ignore ordinary restrictions. Although the restrictions inundating this starry sky city looked powerful, there eventually would come a day where his Spiritual Consciousness could definitely sweep through them all.

Although these thoughts flashed through his mind, it also left behind a seed within Ning Cheng's heart. Only by becoming stronger and more powerful would he be able to make others listen to his words, which in turn would allow him to handle all of his matters.

However, Ning Cheng was also painfully aware of his own strength. Although formidable within the same cultivation realm, his cultivation remained at the bottom of this starry sky city.

At the same time, Ning Cheng also knew that staying in this starry sky city was the best option; as long as he did not offend anyone, it would be 10,000 times safer than staying anywhere outside.

Entering the main street, which looked no different from an ordinary public square in size, Ning Cheng quickly mixed in with the many cultivators. At the same time, he kept a careful lookout for the familiar young girl with a veil covering her face, while looking for a merchant house dealing in weapons. He wanted to see if he could find a more suitable spear.

As his understanding of Sunset's Twilight deepened, his Treasured Thunder Spear could no longer fully satisfy the requirements of his Spirit Technique, while his Nirvana Spear was still only an unprocessed material.

Elder Brother Cang Wei had mentioned that this unfinished material was not something simple, despite not being able to identify it. In the vast starry skies' universe, there had to be at least one Artefact-crafting Master who could actually recognise it. Maybe he could find one in Grand Culmination Starry Skies. In any case, did the people not refer to this starry sky as the most formidable starry sky apart from being the central node of this plane? He just did not know if Elder Brother Cang Wei had also come here or not.

As Ning Cheng looked around, a loud noise emerged from somewhere. As he looked up, he then saw a large plaque, Transcending dao artefacts.

This was a merchant house specialising in weapons; moreover, Ning Cheng was also looking for a specialised weapons' merchant house. Therefore, the moment he saw that sign, he did not hesitate to walk inside the building.

The moment he walked in, he saw two cultivators clamouring on the first floor of this merchant house. One was a red-faced cultivator with a completely fused Celestial Wheel behind him, most likely an expert in the Heaven's Mandate Realm. While the other cultivator quarrelling with this fellow had a slightly bronze complexion, also with a fused Celestial Wheel behind him. However, he appeared somewhat less powerful compared to the red-faced cultivator, indicating that the later had most likely not stepped into the Heaven's Mandate Realm or had just advanced to that realm.

Many cultivators within the merchant house had surrounded the two and looked at the scene in enjoyment. At the same time, the clamour between the two cultivators kept increasing in intensity; it looked like the two of them would break into a fight at any moment.

However, at this moment, a man standing not far from the two quarrelling cultivators stepped out and came forward, "Two friends, if you want to quarrel, please go outside and argue; don't do it inside our merchant house. Our merchant house tastefully sides with the phrase 'amiability makes you rich', and would like to keep it that way."

The red-faced cultivator seemed to have realised that he should not quarrel in this place and cupped his fists before speaking, "Dear friends, let me explain this matter to you all; you can ponder over it yourself and be the judge on what is reasonable and what is not."

Sure enough, when the surrounding cultivators heard this fellow's words, they all quieted down and showed interest in hearing this fellow's words. The person, who most likely represented the merchant

house, on seeing the red-faced cultivator calm down and speak with cordiality, also stopped talking and took a step back.

Following that, the red-faced cultivator started talking, "I had initially considered Brother Wan Xin a friend of mine, so I asked to borrow his middle-grade dao artefact, the Devil Cloud Net. However, I had not considered the dangers that I would face, which ended up causing some damage to the Devil Cloud Net. I initially offered to pay him in celestial coins, but he refused. The two of us then came here so that I could buy a similar middle-grade dao artefact for him as compensation. However, contrary to everything, he actually wants me to pay for a high-grade dao artefact..."

As the surrounding cultivators heard the explanation, they immediately felt that the bronze-faced cultivator was the one who acted unreasonably. Since someone damaged a middle-grade dao artefact, then it was more than reasonable to compensate for it with another middle-grade dao artefact of similar value.

Moreover, the price of a high-grade dao artefact differed by a huge margin compared to a middle-grade dao artefact. It would be at least several times the latter and could even go up to a hundred times. The price of the two grades of artefacts was not even on the same level.

The bronze-faced cultivator called Wan Xin raised his hand and interrupted this red-faced cultivator's words, "It is true that I let him borrow a middle-grade dao artefact, my Devil Cloud Net; moreover, he also mentioned that he intended to use it to earn money through some mission. I did not expect that not only would he fail the mission, he could not even obtain any compensation for it; moreover, he also ended up severely damaging my Devil Cloud Net during that mission. The Devil Cloud Net was something that I had painstakingly crafted after going through a lot of hardships to obtain the materials..."

The surrounding cultivators immediately burst into talks. People could not help but think about this fellow's words, which indicated that this cultivator called Wan Xin could actually design middle-grade dao artefacts. One had to know that anyone capable of creating middle-grade dao artefacts would definitely be someone quite remarkable.

"Please do not misunderstand, I cannot refine middle-grade dao artefacts on my own, even it were a low-grade dao artefact, I would not be able to craft them. I just happened to meet a top-tier Artefact-crafting Master by chance. It was under his guidance that I barely managed to finish designing this weapon successfully. Presently, I would not be able to craft this type of weapon even if I had all the materials."

Wan Xin explained and continued, "He damaged my Devil Cloud Net, so I intended to add some more Celestial Coins and buy a high-grade dao artefact. What's wrong with this?"

Just when Ning Cheng thought that Wan Xin might have taken to greed, an abrupt voice resounded, "This incident definitely shows Wan Xin to be on the side of reason, what else is there to argue about?"

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#### **Chapter 567: Immortal Jade Star**

The one speaking was an obese-looking male cultivator; moreover, in Ning Cheng's opinion, this person was at least a cultivator in the Heaven's Mandate Realm.

As the obese-looking man saw everyone looking at him, he turned towards this red-faced man and spoke with a disdain-filled tone, "Do you even know what kind of a weapon is the best for a starry skies' cultivator? I guess you do not know, or rather, even if you do know about it, you probably will not tell the truth. Since I am here, let me impart you with something. For a starry skies' cultivator, the best weapon is not something others crafted for them, nor is it something they purchased from someone or somewhere, but a weapon that they had refined by themselves."

Ning Cheng felt surprised as he stood on the side and listened to those words. He was well aware of his low cultivation; at the same time, he was also not a true Artefact-crafting Master. As such, Ning Cheng could not understand the more profound meaning and implications of those words.

The obese-looking cultivator looked as if he felt very concerned that others might not have heard his words clearly. Therefore, he raised his voice to another level and continued, "A self-refined weapon will have both a heart and soul connection with you, which would result in increasing its power output by at least three times. Moreover, with a true heart and soul connection, when fighting against an opponent, it could even provide a decisive opportunity, only available to you."

Having said all that, he then stared at the red-haired man again before continuing, "However, this Wan Xin has also not quite refined the weapon by himself; at the same time, it looks like this Devil Cloud Net is only an auxiliary weapon. If it were a true attack-type weapon, you would have to shell out a much higher compensation. Therefore, even if he proposed to add some celestial coins on top of a high-grade Dao Artefact as compensation for his damaged middle-grade dao artefact, it would not be excessive at all." Seeing the red-faced cultivator's countenance turning slightly blue from anger, the obese-looking cultivator showed a smile before continuing, "It's just that there are not many Artefact-crafting Masters; moreover, crafting an artefact involves not only time but is also a very intricate process. There is also a need for talent apart from needing a considerable amount of resources. Not everybody can employ such means, nor is it easy to ask someone to help them in designing artefacts, or even buy it directly, for the matter. Just imagine that you had a top-quality artefact-crafting material but not a high enough cultivation. Would you willingly take out your own materials for others to refine? Because of this, a self-refined weapon is especially precious to its owner."

The surrounding people stood quietly at the side as they heard the obese-looking cultivator's words. As the same time, Ning Cheng felt the words of this obese-looking cultivator resonate within him and allowed him to change his mind. All because of a seemingly trivial fight.

Initially, Elder Brother Cang Wei had asked him to look for a top-tier Artefact-crafting Master for designing artefacts after entering the starry skies. However, because Cang Wei's heaven-piercing cultivation, the average Artefact-crafting Master most likely would never dare ignore his requests. However, the same could not apply to Ning Cheng; his cultivation has still not reached that level. Cang Wei could readily seek out any Artefact-crafting Master to help in designing an artefact; however, Ning Cheng would have to find a way to create his own artefacts. Seeing the obese-looking cultivator walk out of the merchant house, Ning Cheng quickly followed him out. Not waiting for Ning Cheng to speak, the obese-looking cultivator looked back at Ning Cheng and asked, "Little fellow, what do you want from me?"

Ning Cheng quickly cupped his fists and spoke, "After this junior heard senior's words a moment ago, this junior managed to experience some enlightenment. Therefore, this junior wants to learn the art of

artefact designing. However, this junior has low cultivation and even shallower insight in this field. Hearing senior's opinion on artefact-crafting, this junior wanted to ask senior to impart one or two more points of wisdom."

The obese-looking cultivator, on hearing Ning Cheng's words, carefully scrutinised Ning Cheng for a long time and suddenly bursting into a fit of laughter and asked, "You heard my words, and now you want to learn Artefact-crafting?"

"Yes." Ning Cheng understood what the other person thought. He most likely treated his words as just words without any backing. Wanting to learn artefact designing after hearing a few words, was he an idiot?

"Good, good, you do look promising. It really must have been hard for you to cultivate all the way to the Celestial Novice Realm. In Eternal Heaven Starry Skies' City, the most formidable Artefact-crafting Master is Zhongli Baichi[1]. You can go find Zhongli Baichi. Haha, there really are people like that....." The obese-looking cultivator laughed while walking away.

Was it Zhongli Baichi or Zhongli Baichi[2]? While Ning Cheng felt confused, the obese-looking cultivator had long since disappeared.

Ning Cheng had no choice but to return to the merchant house. Although this merchant house mainly dealt with weapon sales, the people here should know something about the best Artefact-crafting Master in the city.

"Friend, do you want to craft artefacts?" One of the shop assistants had overheard Ning Cheng's question, so the first question he asked was if Ning Cheng was looking for an Artefact-crafting Master to help refine an artefact. He felt that business was on its way and thought that he could steer Ning Cheng into buying some weapons.

Ning Cheng quickly spoke, "No, I'm just inquiring about the most formidable Artefact-crafting Master in our Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City."

The fellow gave a short laugh and spoke, "Everyone in Grand Culmination Starry Skies knows that the most formidable Artefact-crafting Master is Zhongli Baichi."

This fellow is real! Ning Cheng felt surprised that the obese-looking fellow had not lied to him.

"Does this not mean that this senior only takes in very few disciples?" Ning Cheng carefully asked.

"Haha." The shop assistant could not help but laugh at this question, "Contrary to that, this senior has the most disciples. Moreover, people who wish to apprentice under him are welcomed with open doors; as long as you can complete the apprenticeship ritual, anyone can become an apprentice under him. However, the apprenticeship ritual is not an easy one and involves a grade 9 starry skies artefact-crafting material as a tribute."

A grade 9 artefact-crafting material could help one to become an apprentice to the most formidable Artefact-crafting Master in this place! Ning Cheng really could not believe it.

"Since Senior Zhongli has so many disciples, would it not mean that Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City also has many powerful Artefact-crafting Masters?" Ning Cheng subconsciously asked.

The merchant shop's shop assistant had nothing to do, so when he heard Ning Cheng's words, he actively held back from laughing and spoke up, "He does have many disciples; however, his most accomplished disciple, an artefact-crafting genius, studied under him for over 70 years. This artefact-crafting genius could already create low-grade dao artefacts at the age of 30 before deciding to follow Zhongli Baichi to learn the art of artefact designing. Seventy years later, this artefact-crafting genius finally decided to part ways with the master....."

"What level has this disciple reached currently?" Ning Cheng asked eagerly.

The shop assistant gave out a chuckle and answered, "This artefact-crafting genius can still only refine low-grade dao artefacts. As for the other disciples, they are also the same. No matter how long they studied under him, whatever grade of weapon they could design before the tutelage is still the same grade of weapon they can design after the tutelage."

"Ah...." Ning Cheng looked at this shop assistant in surprise, "Doesn't this make Zhongli Baichi a swindler?"

This time, the shop assistant's countenance turned dignified, as he replied, "No, he specialises in crafting artefacts for experts in Heaven Seated and above realms. Moreover, no one can criticise that the weapons he crafted are not good even if they wanted to; in fact, they are exceptional beyond any other masters."

"Where does Senior Zhongli live?"

"In Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City's most bustling Celestial Immortal Street....."

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Ning Cheng rushed out of the merchant house, to meet this Zhongli Baichi. Since this fellow was such a formidable Artefact-crafting Master, why did not a single disciple under him succeed? Grade nine artefact-crafting materials, anyways should not matter to someone like him. However, from the looks of it, this Zhongli Baichi did not teach his disciples after completing the apprenticeship ceremony.

Ning Cheng had just come out of the merchant house when his communications pearl lit up; indicating a message from Ziche Jun. Ziche Jun asked him to meet up at Celestial Immortal Street's Speed Celestial Rest Stop.

Even if Ning Cheng did not want to enter Celestial Immortal Street, since Ziche Jun asked to meet him there, he had no choice but to go. That fellow was just too mysterious and knew a few of his secrets.

This Celestial Immortal Street was not only spacious; it also flaunted its luxury. It was no doubt an extremely luxury-laden street. Starry Sky Crystals paved the entire road, which exuded dense starry skies' Essence Qi. Moreover, because of the continuous supply of starry skies' Essence Qi through a Celestial Essence Spirit Vein, it would probably never turn dull and lifeless.

When Ning Cheng arrived at this street, the first building that he saw was not the Speed Celestial Rest Stop, but Zhongli Baichi's Artefact-crafting Store that he initially wanted to visit. This Artefact-crafting Store looked a bit too ostentatious, even the doorway looked grand. At the same time, a few cultivators also flitted through them from time to time.

“Brother Ning.....” Ziche Jun’s voice rang out. Ning Cheng shook his head silently; no matter how much he changed his appearance, which even Heaven Seated Powerhouses would find it difficult to see through, he still could not hide from this Ziche Jun.

“Brother Ziche.” Ning Cheng’s gaze swept towards a small, inconspicuous corner not far away from him, with the words ‘Speed Celestial Rest Stop’ hanging on top.

“Brother Ning, come in, come in.” Ziche Jun enthusiastically brought Ning Cheng to a smaller sitting area and activated the restrictions.

Ning Cheng cupped his fists in front of him and spoke, “Brother Ziche sure has some exceptional skills. No matter how I change my appearance, I still cannot hide from you. If anyone had an enemy like Brother Ziche, I’d imagine they would face some real troubles sleeping.”

Ziche Jun gave a slight smile and spoke, “Brother Ning, you also are quite the fellow. Although this is our first time meeting formally, I just want to make friends with you and have absolutely no intentions of becoming an enemy. When Brother Ning was in the Dao Discussion Hall, you could still fight on equal grounds with someone like Lou Pingchuan. That proves that Brother Ning definitely is not someone ordinary.”

Ning Cheng spoke up with a wry smile, “So you already know that I killed Lou Pingchuan. From the looks of it, when I killed Lou Pingchuan, you should have concealed yourself somewhere near, right?”

Ziche Jun showed a smile but did not answer; apparently, it was not news to him.

“I don’t know for what matter has Brother Ziche come looking for me?” Ning Cheng did not mention about the matter relating to the Rootless Green Bamboo. Since Ziche Jun had concealed himself somewhere around him at that time, then he certainly also knew about the issue about the Rootless Green bamboo. Moreover, Ning Cheng had no idea about the uses of this Rootless Green Bamboo. Therefore, he decided to not acknowledge anything about it, at least not until he learned about the uses of Rootless Green Bamboo.

Ziche Jun also did not mention anything about Rootless Green Bamboo; instead, he helped poured a cup of tea for Ning Cheng and spoke with a smile, “For Brother Ning to come here at this time. Presumably, you also want to gain entry to the Immortal Jade Star.”

“Immortal Jade Star?” Ning Cheng looked at Ziche Jun in doubt. This was the first time he heard of this place. Ning Cheng truly had not come here to enter this Immortal Jade Star but to try to improve his cultivation. That way, he could then purchase a top-grade flight-type weapon to return to the place he wanted to go.

“Did you not come here for the Starry Skies’ Finale?” Ziche Jun also looked at Ning Cheng in a puzzle. He had thought that Ning Cheng was someone just like him, who through hard work and perseverance, came here to participate in the starry skies’ Celestial Stryer Genius Finale.

Ning Cheng gave out a sign and spoke, “Even if I wanted to take part in it, I do not have a quota. I heard that Striking Order Starry Skies only has 10 spots, with already allocated owners. I don’t think I could get my hands on one of them.”

Ziche Jun shook his head and spoke, "Because of Lou Pingchuan's death, Striking Order Starry Skies now has an open spot. If you want it, you can still get it. However, around a hundred quotas for the finale will also show up in an auction within Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City. If you want one, you could still purchase one of those spots."

Ning Cheng remained silent. He understood the hidden intent behind Ziche Jun's words. Since he had obtained so many good things, there was still a reasonable probability that he could get a spot in exchange for some materials. However, Ning Cheng did not have much inclination towards participating in this so-called finale. Despite the rewards, he might not obtain what he wanted the most.

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#### **Chapter 568: The Four Grand Starry Skies**

"Do you not know why the finale is on the Immortal Jade Star?" Seeing Ning Cheng silent, Ziche Jun spoke up.

Ning Cheng cupped his fists and spoke, "I hoped to ask Brother Ziche about it."

"Because the Immortal Jade Star had suddenly materialised. Some people speculate that it came from another plane. However, a lot more people think that the Immortal Jade Star had a mighty natural grand array that covered and concealed it, but because of the wear and tear within the starry skies, the natural array finally wore down, causing it to suddenly emerge, almost like out of thin air."

Ning Cheng interrupted Ziche Jun, "Then, isn't it similar to the drifting starland we encountered along the way? From the looks of it, it's only a starland."

Ziche Jun smiled, "Brother Ning if it were not for your formidable strength, I would have really thought of you as a rookie. The starland we encountered along the way was only a broken planet. Even its governing laws were broken. Moreover, it also showed indications that someone had been there. How could it compare with an entire planet with complete laws that no has ever entered in countless years?"

Ning Cheng showed an embarrassed smile, he really did not know about many things.

"This time, the four grand starry skies decided to join forces to seal the Immortal Jade Star, for the Celestial Scryer Genius Finale....."

Ning Cheng once again interrupted Ziche Jun, "Brother Ziche, did you say 'four grand starry skies' for the finale? Is Grand Culmination Starry Skies not in control of this starry sky plane?"

Ziche Jun looked at Ning Cheng in surprise; only after a while did he give out a sigh and spoke, "It looks like Brother Ning Cheng is completely unaware of the starry skies universe."

Ning Cheng spoke up with an embarrassed voice, "I know that there are four grand starry skies. As for anything else, I am not much clear about the details."

Ziche Jun finally confirmed that Ning Cheng did indeed not know much about such matters and started to explain carefully, "Brother Ning, within this plane's boundless universe, there are countless starry skies. Grand Culmination Starry Skies indeed is the centre of this universe. In the past, Grand Culmination Starry Skies used to be the most powerful and ruled over everything; however, it is not the case currently."



“The four grand starry skies refer to two heavens and two domains. In addition to the Grand Culmination Starry Skies, there is the Grand Spirit Heaven Starry Skies, the Grand Demon Domain Starry Skies, and the Grand Devil Domain Starry Skies[1]. Each of these four grand starry skies controls many smaller starry skies. This time, the four grand starry skies ended up discovering the Immortal Jade Star simultaneously. Because of this, Grand Culmination Starry Skies could not exclusively monopolise it; as such, everyone decided on a form of genius selection to select a few people to enter the star on their behalf. Therefore, this time, in addition to the people from Grand Culmination Starry Skies, the other three grand starry skies would also bring in innumerable talented cultivators from their governing areas to enter the Immortal Jade Star.”

“Many thanks, Brother Ziche for the explanation. I know too little about the starry skies’ situation.” Ning Cheng felt a bit grateful towards Ziche Jun for providing the explanation. He really had no idea about any of it.

By now, Ziche Jun already understood that Ning Cheng was a completely blank canvas when it came to knowledge about the starry skies; at the same time, he also understood that Ning Cheng was not a total greenhorn when it came to the inner workings. He motioned Ning Cheng not to remain polite about it and continued, “Brother Ning does not seem very concerned about the Immortal Jade Star. Presumably, you do not know about the things contained within the Immortal Jade Star, do you?”

“Hope Brother Ziche could enlighten me.” Ning Cheng finally started to feel some interest. Since the four grand starry skies had jointly sealed the Immortal Jade Star, then it certainly was not a simple place.

Ziche Jun’s expression turned slightly severe, and continued in a whisper, “I cannot speak about the various treasures within the Immortal Jade Star. However, the planet seems untouched for countless years; as such, it definitely would also contain countless treasures. However, I recently obtained some information about three top-ranked treasures appearing within the Immortal Jade Star. The first one is an elemental Origin of the five elements; as for what Origin is it, I do not have information about it. The other treasure is a supreme starry skies’ Spirit Tree, called the Wind Thunder Apricot.”

“What does this Wind Thunder Apricot do?” Ning Cheng asked in doubt; he had never heard of such a tree.

Ziche Jun shook his head, “I do not know, but since it is ranked on the same level as an elemental Origin of the five elements, then presumably it is not a simple item.”

“What about the third treasure?” Ning Cheng asked with even more interest.

“The third treasure is what everyone wants. I heard that it is a naturally developing weapon, called the Starry Sky Disk.....” When Ziche Jun spoke until here, his tone also turned slightly more excited.

“What is this Starry Sky Disk?” At this time, Ning Cheng had already put aside the matter of finding Zhongli Baichi.

Ziche Jun’s tone even oozed with yearning as he spoke, “The Starry Sky Disk is a type of flying weapon; more accurately, it is a type of naturally developing flight-type weapon. Not to mention a best quality dao artefact, even a spirit artefact[2] might not turn out much better in comparison. Do you know about spirit artefacts? If we used a spirit artefact from Striking Order Starry Sky to Grand Culmination Starry Sky, it would have only taken a few months at most, not years that we had to spend on board those

airships. Moreover, as a flight-type weapon, it would be more powerful compared to other spirit artefacts. Just think about it, even a top-ranked starry skies airship would not compare to this weapon.”

Ning Cheng felt his heart stir. What he lacked the most was a top-ranked flight-type weapon. If he managed to obtain this Starry Sky Disk.....

Thinking of this, Ning Cheng felt his throat go dry. Could he obtain such a treasure? Let alone that, he was not even eligible to enter the Immortal Jade Star as of this moment.

Ning Cheng gulped down an empty mouthful of air before speaking, “These things are priceless treasures. Moreover, since everyone wants them, these treasures may not share a fate with me.”

“Not necessarily, I have already witnessed Brother Ning’s skill and speed with my own eyes. In any case, these items are still ownerless objects. Brother Ning only needs to enter the Immortal Jade Star, who can foresee the final results anyway?” Ziche Jun looked at Ning Cheng and spoke in seriousness.

Ning Cheng already knew that since Ziche Jun explained things in such details, he most likely had some form of request. Moreover, he also showed some excitement when they talked about this Starry Sky Disc, which Ziche Jun would have definitely picked up. There anyway was nothing else to do, especially since he desperately wanted a top-ranked flight-type weapon.

Thinking of this, Ning Cheng tried to calm himself down and spoke slowly, “Since Brother Ziche came looking for me; it mostly did not involve such detailed explanations, right?”

Ziche Jun showed a slight smile, “Brother Ning if I said that I just came here to tell you about this news then I would be lying to you. If Brother Ning wants to go to the Immortal Jade Star, then I do have a way to help Brother Ning obtain a spot. However, I would like to have three bamboo leaves from the Rootless Green Bamboo in return. If Brother Ning has some extra Essence Harmonising Celestial Fruits, then I would like to have one. No, forget about the last part.”

This Ziche Jun showed quite the sincerity, not only had this fellow helped him in collecting Essence Harmonising Celestial Essence Fruits, but this fellow had also concealed his identity from others. Now that Ziche Jun asked for these things, Ning Cheng did not overthink about it. The Rootless Green Bamboo that he obtained contained around a dozen leaves, even if it contained fewer, Ning Cheng would not feel stingy in parting with them for such a favour.

Not waiting for Ziche Jun to repeat his words a second time, Ning Cheng took out three leaves and quickly put them inside a jade box; he then took out three Essence Harmonising Celestial Fruits and handed them to Ziche Jun.

Seeing Ning Cheng not hesitate to pass on the jade box to him, Ziche Jun could not help but feel excited as he accepted it with trembling hands. He carefully opened the jade box handed to him by Ning Cheng and on seeing three leaves safely tucked inside quickly closed the jade box. At the same time, he added a few more restrictions to seal every inch of it.

“Many thanks, Brother Ning, thank you, thank you.....” Ziche Jun spoke with a shaky voice. An excited and thrilled appearance replaced the calm and the carefree image from before he met Ning Cheng. Ziche Jun needed these bamboo leaves badly but never had a chance to obtain it, as Ziche Jun had

nothing of equivalent value for Ning Cheng. Moreover, if Ning Cheng had done this just because he kept quiet about his identity, then what he received was way beyond what he gave to Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng showed a faint smile, "Brother Ziche kept a secret for me; compared to that, these things do not matter much. Brother Ziche can keep these too if you wish."

Ziche Jun took in a deep breath before finally calming down. He nodded to Ning Cheng and put away the three Essence Harmonising Celestial Fruits.

Seeing Ziche Jun put away everything, Ning Cheng finally asked, "Brother Ziche, although I obtained this bamboo, that fact is that I do not know anything about its uses. I hope Brother Ziche could enlighten me about it."

Ziche Jun now knew about Ning Cheng's ignorance and once again explained things in detail, "The starry skies contain many treasures that could help one in reforming one's corporeal body. Although precious, anyone can find them with some effort. However, there only a few treasures exist that could help one in reforming one's life essence; moreover, these are extremely hard to find. The Rootless Green Bamboo is one of such treasures."

"For ordinary cultivators, if they do not have a complete life essence, he or she would find it difficult to advance to higher realms. Using the Rootless Green Bamboo, however, can help a cultivator with an incomplete life essence to reconstruct their life essence, and let their life essence reach completion. It's not just that, even if one's soul had scattered after death, as long as you can find the slightest trace of the deceased cultivator's life essence, you could then reform them with the Rootless Green Bamboo."

"So powerful?" Ning Cheng secretly wondered. Turns out, the Rootless Green Bamboo was a treasure that could reform one's life essence.

Ziche Jun added, "Those are just some auxiliary uses, the Rootless Green Bamboo has even important uses, and that is to construct avatars. After a powerhouse obtains a Rootless Green Bamboo, they could then split a portion of their life essence and reshape it into an avatar with a complete Rootless Green Bamboo. The 'complete' here refers to the body of a relatively intact Rootless Green Bamboo, one with at least seven bamboo leaves."

"Does this not mean that cultivators could create a lot of avatars by dividing their life essence into many pieces?" Ning Cheng himself had no interest in moulding an avatar, nor was he fond of the idea of creating an avatar. However, from what Ziche Jun said, this Rootless Green Bamboo could help one in moulding many avatars.

Ziche Jun immediately replied, "That is impossible. Within the same starry skies, the laws of the world would not allow such a thing to happen. Even if a cultivator attempted it, their life essence would turn to ashes under the thunder tribulation. Besides, to mould an avatar, you would require a complete Rootless Green Bamboo for the avatar-moulding process."

"Many thanks, Brother Ziche; I benefited a lot from Brother Ziche's words today." Ning Cheng cupped his fists and spoke with sincerity.

Ziche Jun stood up, "Brother Ning, I have to go now. Once I obtain a spot, I will immediately inform you."

“Wait-wait.” Ning Cheng immediately stopped Ziche Jun from leaving. He then reached out and drew a portrait of a female cultivator in the air.

“Who is this?” Ziche Jun asked in doubt as he looked at the portrait, which was of a young girl with a veil covering her face.

Ning Cheng then spoke to Ziche Jun in a solemn tone, “Brother Ziche, I saw this female cultivator not long ago. You can say that it was love at first sight. I always wanted to find her again, but unfortunately, I am not familiar with this place, nor do I have any acquaintance here. Therefore, I would like to ask Brother Ziche to help me keep an eye out for her; once you find anything about her, send me a message immediately.”

Ziche Jun laughed and patted Ning Cheng’s shoulder, “No problem. I will take my leave first. Brother Ning, please wait for my news.”

Watching Ziche Jun leave the rest stop, what Ning Cheng desired most was not about a quota for entry to the Immortal Jade Star, but news relating to Shi Qionghua.

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#### **Chapter 569: Grandmaster’s Inexpensive Training**

Ning Cheng stood outside the Zhongli Baichi Artefact-crafting Store and really could not understand why someone would give an artefact-crafting store such a name.

“Excuse me, if this senior wants to craft some weapon, I can help you place that order on record.” Ning Cheng had just walked into Zhongli Baichi Artefact-crafting Store and had no chance to look around inside the shop when a soft and gentle sounding voice rang out in his ears.

The one speaking was a female cultivator with an attractive appearance, who stood behind a half-a-person high counter. She put her arms crossed below her chest and looked at Ning Cheng with a smile.

Ning Cheng almost froze for a moment, seeing such a professional looking smile, he had almost thought that he had returned to Earth. This female cultivator also seemed to have a Celestial Gatherer Cultivation. Yet, for him, a cultivator without a celestial wheel, she unexpectedly addressed him as ‘senior’.

“Oh, I am looking for Senior Zhongli. I wanted to learn the art of artefact-crafting from Senior Zhongli.....” Ning Cheng did not know if the apprenticeship ritual in this place was that simple as people described it to be.

The pretty-looking female cultivator, on learning that Ning Cheng came here for an apprenticeship, showed an even brighter smile. “Applying for apprenticeship naturally can be taken care of at this place. All you need to do is just tell me your name and then deposit a starry skies’ grade 9 artefact-crafting material, with that you will immediately become master’s disciple.”

Ning Cheng looked at this female cultivator in confusion and asked, “Would I not have to meet Senior Zhongli?”

The female cultivator showed a slight smile, "Of course I will take you to meet him, but only after you officialise the apprenticeship and I explain you the rules. Although our Baichi Artefact-crafting Store does not have many rules, we strictly have to adhere to all of them."

Ning Cheng sized up the store but found the entrance to the second floor sealed with a restriction. Moreover, the first floor also had a significant area with luxurious-looking decorations everywhere in sight. He also saw a few weapons, at least at the level of high-grade dao artefacts and on display within some sort of crystal-like array formation over different pedestals in the most conspicuous corners.

In addition to that, the area also contained a row of seats for the guests to rest.

"Are you also Senior Zhongli's disciple? Are there a lot of people who come for an apprenticeship to this place?" As Ning Cheng took everything in, he could not help but ask a few questions from the side. Despite making a small fortune from the drifting starland, Ning Cheng possessed a little more than ten pieces of starry skies' grade nine artefact-crafting materials; however, he could not spend them like water.

The pretty-looking female cultivator immediately showed a respectful look, "Of course, I am one of Senior Zhongli's disciples. Also, yes, many people do come here for an apprenticeship, but not many people manage to understand something. Master is just a kind person who wants to pass on his mantle."

At this time, another cultivator came in and casually glanced at Ning Cheng. However, seeing this unknown cultivator caused Ning Cheng to feel a little depressed. This person definitely was a powerhouse in the Heaven Seated Realm.

The cultivator did not care about Ning Cheng, who in his eyes was only someone with ant-like cultivation. He just glanced at Ning Cheng and then took out more than a dozen different materials before handing them to the pretty-looking cultivator, "I want to refine a high-grade defence-type dao artefact, hopefully in a shield form."

The pretty-looking female cultivator unhurriedly put away the materials and said, "This senior, you can come to pick it up tomorrow."

When that cultivator heard those words, he immediately turned around and walked away as if he had no connection to the materials he left behind.

When the cultivator finally left, Ning Cheng asked, "That senior did not talk anything about the price. Is the price of crafting a high-grade dao artefact fixed?"

The pretty-looking female cultivator gave Ning Cheng another smile and spoke, "In our artefact-crafting store, we do not accept celestial coins. Instead, we charge double the materials required. The materials need not be the same, but they should have to be double the value."

Ning Cheng felt secretly surprised. It was one thing if you wanted to design a conventional weapon, but charging double the materials required for creating a high-grade dao artefact was something that not everyone could afford.

“Is Senior Apprentice Brother still thinking about taking up an apprenticeship? If you have not decided on it, you can come back tomorrow.” This pretty-looking female cultivator looked reluctant to speak further with Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng hesitated for a relatively long time before finally taking out a fist-sized material and put it in front of this female cultivator. “My name is Wanderer, and I wish to be an apprentice here.”

“Extreme Flame Silkworm Gold?” The female cultivator reached out and grabbed the material handed over by Ning Cheng and subconsciously called out with a surprised voice. It felt as if she did not care about Ning Cheng standing right in front of her.

“Good stuff.” The female cultivator looked at the fiery-red material in her hand for a long time and finally spoke those words before recording the material and carefully putting it away.

“I haven’t asked Senior Apprentice Sister’s name yet.” Ning Cheng, on seeing the female cultivator put away the Extreme Flame Silkworm Gold, quickly spoke up. In fact, what he wanted to ask was not the female cultivator’s name, but when would she take him to see Zhongli Baichi.

The female cultivator showed a bright smile and looked at Ning Cheng, “You do not need to address me as Senior Apprentice Sister. In this place, I am the youngest of all the disciples. Just call me Junior Apprentice Sister Yan. You do not need to fret, just take a seat, and wait for a while. Master also does his best to teach every disciple.”

Ning Cheng felt slightly relieved, but also could not help but ponder over why the other disciples of Zhongli Baichi could not learn the art of artefact designing. In his opinion, as long as Senior Zhongli did his best to teach, one would at least learn something. Moreover, the Mysterious Yellow Formless showed its heaven-defying nature when it came to any form of learning. Nevertheless, even before he obtained the Mysterious Yellow Bead, his greatest asset and skill was still his ability to learn.

“Junior Apprentice Sister Yan, I wonder how Master teaches? I’ve never studied artefact-crafting before, and I’d like to inquire about it from Senior Apprentice Sister first.” Ning Cheng asked with a sweet voice from the side.

The pretty-looking female cultivator’s face once again reverted to how it looked when Ning Cheng had just come in, with the same kind of professional-looking smile, and spoke with a soft expression, “Master’s first and only teaching involves letting you watch him craft an artefact.”

Ning Cheng nodded, “That’s the best. I am not familiar with designing artefact, which makes it ideal to look at how Master creates them along with the preparation that goes into the process. Junior Apprentice Sister Yan, when you talked about looking at Master crafting artefacts, does he teach from the basics?”

This Junior Apprentice Sister Yan still spoke with a professional-looking smile, “If you want to learn anything, then you would have to depend on yourself Senior Apprentice Brother.”

Ning Cheng felt slightly startled and immediately asked, “I think you might have misunderstood the question. I just wanted to ask if Master provided some pointed guidance.”

Junior Apprentice Sister Yan looked at Ning Cheng and shook her head, "That's not it. If Senior Apprentice Brother wants to look for a second time, then you would have to take out another artefact-crafting material."

Fuck, although Ning Cheng kept staring at this smiling Junior Apprentice Sister Yan, he could not help but feel countless alpacas running in his heart. This was just too shameless, was it not? No wonder that even after many years this old fogey did not manage to raise a single good disciple. Looks like this fellow was a cheat.

One had to produce a starry skies' grade 9 artefact-crafting material to get the chance to observe one's master creating an artefact. If that were the case, then how many raw materials would one have to come up with to learn anything relating to artefact designing from this master?

Zhongli Baichi, Ning Cheng finally understood the meaning of this name. It was not just eating without payment, but also shamelessly demanding food without any intention of paying. Letting a disciple, who had never studied artefact-crafting, see him refine a dao artefact, it would have truly been a strange event if someone actually managed to learn something.

Seeing Ning Cheng finally falling silent in his seat, this Junior Apprentice Sister Yan found it somewhat strange. Many cultivators, who came for this apprenticeship, after learning this rule, would immediately create a ruckus. However, if they ended up making a big ruckus, they might just end up thrown out, even losing the opportunity to observe the designing of an artefact.

Yet this disciple, who did not even have a celestial wheel, instead of turning agitated, showed such calmness. Right, what did he call himself? He mentioned the name, Wanderer; most likely, this was a fake name. However, since this person came here for the apprenticeship, who cared if he had a name or not?

Ning Cheng already had realised that it would not make any sense to turn noisy and sat in silence, waiting patiently for the moment he could watch this Zhongli Baichi craft an artefact. Continuing to cough up starry skies' materials to learn artefact designing in such a manner, he was not that stupid.

One day passed by quickly, while Ning Cheng sat in the shop without showing any movement. At the same time, he also observed that this place really got good business. From time to time, someone would show up, bringing along materials to refine some weapon or another.

"Senior Apprentice Brother Wanderer, please follow me upstairs to observe Master crafting an artefact." After sitting quietly for a day, Ning Cheng finally heard this Junior Apprentice Sister Yan inviting him for the viewing.

This Junior Apprentice Sister Yan activated the restrictions to seal off the artefact-crafting store and walked up to the second floor with Ning Cheng. The moment Ning Cheng stepped on to the second floor, he immediately felt a chill. It caused him to feel a little strange within his heart; by all accounts, an artefact-refining area should have some form of heat, so why was it so cold in here?

Ning Cheng quickly understood what was going on as he saw a thin-looking old man using bare hands to design a sword-shaped weapon. A cold flame surrounded this sword, which seemed to suck away the surrounding heat and transfer it to the sword. At the same time, the aura oozing from the sword also

grew stronger and stronger each passing moment. From the looks of it, this sword had already reached the level of a high-grade dao artefact.

The old man then made an esoteric-looking gesture with one of his hands and one array formation after another materialised and overlapped with each other and interwove with this cold flame before finally integrating into the centre of this sword-like artefact.

A crisp hum rang out, and the next moment, it felt as if the sword in the old man's hand had suddenly gained life as it rushed out of the 'cold' flame, suspending itself on top of the old man's head. After the sword rushed out, the cold fire also disappeared instantly.

"Good sword." Junior Apprentice Sister Yan looked at the sword suspended over the head of the old man and called out in surprise.

As Ning Cheng looked at this old man, he could not help but praise this fellow in his heart. Was this really Zhongli Baichi? He certainly fit the image of a shameless cheater. The sparse few hairs over the top of his head, bend to the sides with a slightly hunched back definitely took it home. Although this fellow's eyes looked drooping, Ning Cheng could clearly make out that this Zhongli Baichi had two sharp eyes, one large, and one small.

At this moment, the old man finally raised his head and glanced at Ning Cheng, "Since you've learned it, you can go down now."

Ning Cheng felt furious towards this old man on hearing those words. He had just come up, and this bastard thinks he already learned it, what kind of logic was this?

Junior Apprentice Sister Yan's face showed the same smile and spoke to Ning Cheng, "Senior Apprentice Brother, please follow me down. We welcome Senior Apprentice Brother to come to study the next time."

Ning Cheng this time completely ignored this Junior Apprentice Sister Yan, he then spoke to Zhongli Baichi with cupped fists, "Senior Baichi, although I know that the crafting process was something trivial in your hands when I came up, it looked like you had already finished with most of the process. When I paid my tuition, I was told that I would be able to observe the entire process of you crafting an artefact once; however, right now I can only say that I probably only saw one-tenth of it right now."

"Senior's name resounds throughout the Culmination Starry Skies; presumably, you would not go back on your words, right? If senior thinks that me looking at your refining process, oh right, observing one-tenth of your refining process, means that you taught me, then I have nothing to say."

"Haha....." Zhongli Baichi laughed after hearing Ning Cheng's words. "Since you think that you haven't learned then I will craft another weapon; as for that one-tenth of the sword crafting-process, you can take that as a gift from me."

"Many thanks, Senior." Ning Cheng cupped his fists once again, "I don't dare request senior to show the previous one-tenth of the crafting process again, senior can just stop after reaching nine-tenths of the process."

"Ahem, did you think this grandmaster knows only to craft swords?" As Zhongli Baichi spoke, a stream of materials suddenly started appearing with a wave of his hand.



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### **Chapter 570: Returning to One**

When Zhongli Baichi took out the materials, Ning Cheng immediately stopped talking. He knew that he only had one chance.

The next moment, a clump of faint golden flame suddenly erupted from Zhongli Baichi's hand. It immediately caused the Celestial River Flame in Ning Cheng's Zifu to tremble. Such a formidable fire; although he did not know anything about this flame, Ning Cheng could feel that this flame outstripped his Celestial River Flame by several grades.

The moment Ning Cheng's Celestial River Flame trembled, Zhongli Baichi looked up at Ning Cheng; however, he quickly brought back his focus to the materials in his hands.

The several materials started to vibrate while suspended within the flame before slowly beginning to dissolve. At the same time, some of the impurities inside the materials also began to separate and turn into ash under the fire.

Zhongli Baichi's hands began to move faster and faster, and despite having a strong vision, Ning Cheng still found it challenging to keep up with Zhongli Baichi's movements. However, at this moment, Ning Cheng's mind found itself swayed by the rhythm, and he subconsciously stretched out his Spiritual Consciousness and let it infiltrate into this horrifying flame.

When Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness penetrated into the flames, Zhongli Baichi felt slightly shocked and even looked up at Ning Cheng with a disbelieving look in his eyes. How could a Celestial Gatherer Cultivator without any celestial wheels manage to get their Spiritual Consciousness to penetrate into his flames?

At this moment, Ning Cheng completely forgot that he was just supposed to observe another person craft an artefact. Inside his mind, one scene after another started to appear, linking up with one hand gesture after another.

Although Zhongli Baichi's hand speed grew faster and faster, the picture in Ning Cheng's mind became more precise and more apparent. He saw the materials fusing with each other one layer after another before they were pulled apart and then forcibly merged together once again. The shape of the weapon started to emerge in his consciousness, and Ning Cheng captured every single change.

At this moment, something suddenly opened within his consciousness. It was a leather scroll giving off an ancient aura. When he had first seen this leather scroll, he had initially assumed it contained only foreign words. However, now the words in that leather scroll started to blend in with Zhongli Baichi's artefact-crafting gestures, forming one picture after another.

A knife-type weapon's image appeared within his mind, a knife whose knife shadow could cut through the sky, spilt a mountain peak directly into two halves. Then the image of this knife transformed into a huge square seal. As this huge square seal descended, it directly smashed the two halves of the mountain peak into powder.....

Endless images kept flashing, almost as if it wanted to reach the end of a movie quickly.

The pictures were numerous and densely packed and kept shifting without a break; at this moment, Ning Cheng found himself completely immersed in them.

“Cang” A crisp sound immediately sobered up Ning Cheng. He felt shocked, not only by Zhongli Baichi’s artefact-crafting proficiency but also with the familiarity he felt from Zhongli Baichi’s artefact-crafting technique. Moreover, the leather scroll in his body had also forcibly induced it, the scripture that Ning Cheng had snatched from Kang Cheng’s hand[1]. Although he had viewed the scripture several times, each time he saw it, the scripture presented him with some random densely packed images, which he could not make any sense.

Although he had also studied a part of the cultivation method contained within it, Ning Cheng did not find anything formidable about it. However, today, when he saw Zhongli Baichi crafting an artefact, he suddenly gained a much clearer understanding. Had Ning Cheng not come to this place, he would have already taken out the leather scroll and examined it once again.

Seeing a long hook suspended in front of Zhongli Baichi, Ning Cheng gave out a deep sigh within his heart, it had finished quite quickly. He just realised that Zhongli Baichi had already finished refining the long hook; however, he could not see the final formation process of the long hook. Seeing Zhongli Baichi staring at him, Ning Cheng cupped his fists and spoke, “Many thanks to Senior Zhongli for allowing me to watch you craft an artefact. This junior will take his leave now.”

After saying those words, Ning Cheng immediately stood up, turned around, and started walking down the stairs. Junior Apprentice Sister Yan, on seeing Ning Cheng leave first, quickly rushed down to follow up.

This time, Ning Cheng obtained some decent harvest, which made him no longer feel like staying in this place. He immediately wanted to go back into seclusion and continue exploring the enlightenment he experienced.

Zhongli Baichi also did not speak at all and just kept looking at Ning Cheng’s disappearing back, with a frown and a pondering look over his face.

“Junior Apprentice Sister Yan, many thanks and goodbye.” After Ning Cheng walked to the entrance of the artefact-crafting store and spoke a few kind words.

Junior Apprentice Sister Yan just was about to speak up when she suddenly felt a little shaken before replying immediately, “Senior Apprentice Brother Wanderer, please wait for a moment.”

With that, Junior Apprentice Sister Yan returned to the store and came out a moment later with a thick book in her hand and handed it to Ning Cheng, “Senior Apprentice Brother, this book contains the foundational basics for crafting artefacts. Master asked me to bring this to you.”

Did people still use books in this part of the world? Why not jade strops? Ning Cheng received the book and thanked her before asking a question, “Junior Apprentice Sister Yan, does each apprenticed disciple get such a book?”

Junior Apprentice Sister Yan only showed a slight smile but did not answer Ning Cheng’s question. With a parting goodbye, she then activated the restrictions on the entrance.

Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness swept towards the book in his hand but felt surprised to find that his Spiritual Consciousness could not penetrate into this book. Since the street contained too many cultivators, Ning Cheng did not continue observing it and put it into his storage ring before quickly leaving the Artefact-crafting Store.

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Celestial Rainbow Rest Stop, it was just an unremarkable small rest stop within Eternal Heaven Starry Skies City. There were thousands of such rest stops within Eternal Heaven Starry Skies City, and simply could not be counted.

Ning Cheng decided to stay at this rest stop for its relatively remote location and low price. Since Ning Cheng chose to learn the art of crafting artefacts, he also understood that he could not accomplish it in just a day or two. Moreover, in a place like Eternal Heaven Starry Skies, celestial coins had only a few general uses.

After rearranging his room with layers upon layers of array formations, Ning Cheng finally took out Zhongli Baichi's book.

Turning the first page, Ning Cheng found it filled with an introduction to a variety of materials, in an extremely detailed manner. Not only did the text describe their shapes, their aura, their defining characteristics, and other descriptive features, it also described in detail about its uses and various functions.

This book was a treasure, Ning Cheng thought while feeling pleasantly surprised. Even if this book only contained text about the variety of materials, he would have gladly used a piece of starry sky artefact-crafting material in exchange.

However, Ning Cheng soon felt something wrong. He could not turn the second page, nor could his Spiritual Consciousness penetrate the second page. Not to mention anything about his Spiritual Consciousness seeping inside the pages, he could only look at the words with his eyes and could not use his Spiritual Consciousness to sweep across the words.

Was this book only observable through the eyes and not with Spiritual Consciousness? Ning Cheng thought; however, his eidetic memory started to show its superiority at this time and quickly took in and memorised all the text on the first page. Sure enough, only after learning all the contents on the first page was he able to turn to the second page.

One day quickly passed by, and Ning Cheng kept turning a page every few seconds. At this moment, he had no idea of how many pages had he already turned and how many starry sky materials had he memorised. However, from an outsiders perspective, he only seemed to have flipped through a few pages of the thick book.

One month, two months passed by, but Ning Cheng still kept reading the book. At this moment, his obstinate temperament started to kick in, and he decided to not rest until he finished reading the book.

As the third month almost ended, Ning Cheng finally turned over the last page. At this moment, he finally realised that even a starry skies' grade nine material would not be enough in exchange for this

book, perhaps even a hundred of such materials might also not be enough. Why was Zhongli Baichi so good? Moreover, why did he give such a treasure to him?

Ning Cheng thought about those questions for a long time but could not come up with an answer. He then decided to put away those questions for now and took out the leather scroll.

He had just opened the leather scroll when a variety of images once again filled Ning Cheng's mind while also simultaneously emerging in front of Ning Cheng's eyes. Previously, he had only watched Zhongli Baichi's artefact-crafting technique; however, at this moment, the images in front of him unexpectedly broke down Zhongli Baichi's artefact-crafting technique to its fundamental levels, making things incredibly clear to him.

With Ning Cheng finding himself immersed within these images, the artefact-crafting technique revealed by the leather scroll gradually turned blurry, replaced by the emergence of a new path that suddenly appeared within Ning Cheng's mind. The images from the leather scroll then overlapped and combined with these new artefact-crafting ideas, causing Ning Cheng to unconsciously bring out materials and begin the artefact-crafting process.

The Celestial River Flame also came out automatically, and the pile of materials within the flame started to transform before quickly forming into a low-grade True Artefact.

It then started to evolve naturally, transforming from a low-grade True Artefact to a best quality True Artefact. When the True Artefact in Ning Cheng's hand finally reached the level of a best quality True Artefact, he then threw it aside and then took out higher quality materials. Melting these materials, he then started to transform them and even started to inscribe array formations.

The materials in Ning Cheng's storage ring started to deplete at a relatively steady rate, while more and more finished dao artefacts began to pile up in front of him. Although they were all low-grade dao artefacts, the quality kept increasing with each new one.

"Ding-Tink...." Ning Cheng threw another low-grade spear type artefact to the ground before he pulled at his hair and muttered, "Why can't I craft a middle-grade dao artefact?"

"Because you still do not have a clear path for yourself. If not for Returning to One, you would have never reached the level where you could refine low-grade dao artefacts." An abrupt voice entered Ning Cheng's ears.

"Who?" Ning Cheng suddenly looked up and saw Zhongli Baichi sitting right in front of him. He immediately stood up in shock, "Senior Zhongli, how did you get in?"

Zhongli Baichi showed a smile, his pair of one big and one small eye flashed with a twinkle, "Little fellow if I wanted to make a move against you, even a hundred of you would not be enough for me to warm up."

Ning Cheng sat down in decadence, although he did not like what Zhongli Baichi spoke, it was, however, a fact that the other party could quickly kill him.

"Since Senior came to visit this junior, can I ask about what senior want from me?" Ning Cheng asked with some helplessness.

“You have a good flame, showing you had some fortunate encounters. However, I have not seen anyone with qualifications as good as you have. Unfortunately, you did not meet any good teachers to guide you. Waste, a total waste. You see, you just worshipped me as a teacher, and now you can already refine low-grade dao artefacts.” Zhongli Baichi spoke while shaking his head at every word.

Ning Cheng felt speechless in his heart. What did crafting low-grade artefacts had any relationship with this Zhongli Baichi? Only because he saw Zhongli Baichi crafting an artefact that he understood a few things about his leather scroll, which allowed him to quickly progress after returning. Well, he could not ultimately say that the two had no relationship. In any case, only after watching Zhongli Baichi craft an artefact did he come to understand a few things about the leather scroll; therefore, there was at least a small relationship.

“Where did you obtain that Returning to One?” Zhongli Baichi pointed to the leather scroll next to Ning Cheng and asked.

Ning Cheng picked up the leather scroll and looked at Zhongli Baichi in confusion, “Is this leather scroll called ‘Returning to One’?”

Zhongli Baichi raised his hand, and the leather scroll in Ning Cheng’s hand flew into his hands, “Yes, this is called ‘Returning to One’; more specifically, Myriad Things Returning to One.”

“Does this leather scroll contain artefact-crafting secrets?” Ning Cheng quickly asked.

Zhongli Baichi shook his head and said, “No, this is just ‘Returning to One’, regardless of the Dao or Artefacts, Dao of Arrays, etc. one can comprehend anything with its help. Moreover, this is a top-notch learning-type spirit technique, and this learning-type spirit technique goes by the name, ‘Returning to one’.”

“Senior, please teach me.” Ning Cheng spoke with respect.

Zhongli Baichi shook his head once again, “If I could teach it, then it would not have been called Returning to One. Everyone would have a different comprehension of Returning to One, and so would you.”