

## The Gate 61

### The Gate Of Good Fortune

#### Chapter 61: Red Apricot Tree Leaning Over The Garden Wall

Several roars of a Monstrous Beast could be heard and even a Sword Light could be seen in the sky, which made Ning Cheng who was hurrying through the Daan Forest to immediately stop, and carefully hide himself to the side.

The scene in front of him was that of fight between a human and a Monstrous Beast, Ning Cheng did not think that in the depths of the Daan Forest, he would be able to find other people besides him. This was the 12th day after he had obtained the broken Spear, according to what Ning Cheng thought, as long as the map which he was following was not wrong, he would be able to get out of the Daan Forest in about a month.

At this moment, he actually was able to meet another person who was fighting against a Monstrous Beast in the depths of the Daan Forest. Ning Cheng certainly did not think that that this person who was fighting against the Monstrous Beast would leave behind some remnants like the broken Spear that he had obtained in the beginning. But the people who are able to survive here, this deep in the Daan Forest, would definitely not be ordinary.

Although this person had the ability to come here and fight against the Monstrous Beasts, Ning Cheng no longer thought that it was remarkable, initially he himself was in the Middle Stages of the Qi Gathering Realm, didn't he survive at the side of that fresh water lake for months? In the Daan Forest, as long as one had a certain amount of strength, and did not infringe upon the territory of other Monstrous Beasts, they can easily survive and take shelter.

In addition, there were more and more Sword Lights surging out with more intensity, some of the Qi fluctuations in the surroundings could be sensed by Ning Cheng, which made Ning Cheng understand that this person and the Monstrous Beast or at least one of them had stepped into the True Condensation Realm. In just a short amount of time, the Sword Light dissipated, even the cry of the Monstrous Beast disappeared, signalling that the battle should have ended.

"Qi Hua, why did you come?" A deep voice of a man reached Ning Cheng's ears.

Immediately a clear and pleasant voice replied, "I was a little worried about you, so I came to see, well....."

This was definitely a woman's voice, but the woman had not yet finished, when it seemed that her mouth was immediately blocked by the other person, it seems that the two people were going to make out. Turned out that this was a couple who were living in this place, Ning Cheng thought as he shook his head, he did not want to continue to look at what the two people were going to do in the end.

The man was a cultivator at the True Condensation Realm, and so the woman must also be a cultivator at the True Condensation Realm. A man and a woman staying in the Daan Forest, regardless of whether they were lost or not, as to what they were doing here, Ning Cheng did not want to ask. He had just advanced to the Qi Gathering 9th Level, even if he was confident that he was not weaker than any other ordinary cultivators of the True Condensation Realm, but he was already close to the Yuan Continent,

who knows if the opposite party was an ordinary True Condensation Cultivator or not? Besides there were actually two people.

These two people were also living in the Daan Forest, thus they definitely had an absolutely rich combat experience, he did not need to go join in the fun.

Just when Ning Cheng was leaving, he suddenly felt that something was not right. He was very familiar with the name of Qi Hua, Ning Cheng was sure that he had heard those two words before.

Ning Cheng immediately stopped and abandoned the idea of leaving, he waited for a short while, only after he was convinced that the two people had already walked far away, did he carefully hid himself before following them.

He arrived at the battle scene quickly, there were a number of blood stains and claw marks on the battlefield, even the traces of the Sword Light across the ground were clearly visible. Looking at the battlefield, it should have been a fight between a cultivator at the True Condensation Realm and a low levelled Monstrous Beast. Finally, the Monstrous Beast was killed, and was taken away by that person.

He clearly checked the traces nearby, from that Ning Cheng was able to find out the direction in which the two people left, and followed it with extreme discretion.

After the time it takes for an incense stick to burn, Ning Cheng found that the track marks abruptly disappeared, he could only see the common forest floor in front of him

Ning Cheng examined the surrounding scene carefully, and soon came to understand, that it was an Array Formation, it should be close to a Level 3 Concealment Array Formation. Ning Cheng was already a Level 2 Array Master by now, moreover he had studied this type of Array Formation before, so he was able to understand it immediately.

In just ten breaths of time, Ning Cheng was able to pass through the Array Formation, and a beautiful and lush green pasture greeted his eyes, it made Ning Cheng feel that he had come to paradise.

There was a beautiful log cabin built in the middle of the lush green pasture, in the front of the green pasture was a bamboo grove, a path could be seen going through the bamboo grove, and at the end of the path was a large lake, there were even several dozen wild cranes swimming in the lake.

Was this still the Daan Forest? This was obviously a different world, a paradise. For him who had always been living in tree holes that he had to dig up by himself, it was just like comparing heaven and hell.

There was woman wearing a green dress in front of the log cabin, and was carrying a bamboo basket in her hand, the bamboo basket seemed to be filled with some kind of blue coloured wild herbs. Ning Cheng immediately took a few steps forward, and hid himself along the edges of the bamboo forest. Seeing from the distance, the cultivation of the woman appeared to be at early True Condensation 3rd Level.

Ning Cheng only saw the woman from the side, but when the green dress wearing woman passed through the bamboo grove and arrived near the large lake, Ning Cheng was able to see how she looked like.

In that one moment, Ning Cheng came to know where he had heard the two characters 'Qi Hua'. At the present looking at the woman in front of him, he could tell that her eyes and Ji Luo Fei's eyes were similar to each other, not only that, even her face was somewhat similar, he was able to tell that even when Ji Luo Fei's face was disfigured. Ning Cheng believed that, if Ji Luo Fei was not disfigured, then both of them would more or less look alike.

'Qi Hua' this name he had heard from the mouth of Ji Luo Fei, he remembered that Ji Luo Fei said that her father was called Ji Xuan Zhang and her mother was called Xiong Qi Hua.

Ning Cheng could almost affirm that this woman in front of him was definitely Xiong Qi Hua, and was Ji Luo Fei's mother. Then was that man who had killed the Monstrous Beast Ji Luo Fei's father, Ji Xuan Zhang? But Ning Cheng's intuition told him that, that man was not Ji Xuan Zhang.

Ning Cheng was startled of his own idea, if that man was not Ji Xuan Zhang, then wouldn't Xiong Qi Hua be having an affair with someone other than Ji Luo Fei's father, Ji Xuan Zhang? Moreover, they were even living together in the Daan Forest.

He knew a bit about how Ji Luo Fei's parents went missing, and about how her grandfather had taken her to the Cang Qin Province. If this woman was really Xiong Qi Hua, then Ji Luo Fei's mother did not die at all. Since she had not died, why did she not leave this place and go to the Cang Qin Province to look for her daughter?

After the green robe wearing woman arrived at the side of the lake, she took out the wild blue herbs from the bamboo basket, and threw them into the lake. Those cranes swimming in the lake, immediately swam up and began snatching at those wild herbs.

"Qi Hua, the wild herbs for the cranes are running out, once I find another piece of land, we will plant them once again." A man from the log cabin came out, having not yet come close to the green robe wearing woman, he yelled at her from a distance.

But his voice was a bit deep, which made Ning Cheng feel really uncomfortable when he heard it. However, when Ning Cheng saw the appearance of the person, he was secretly admiring him in his heart. He was confident that he himself was not ugly, and was even a bit cool looking. But when he compared himself to that man, he found that his appearance was very common. Ning Cheng had never seen this kind of person who would even put other good looking people to shame, having a straight nose, with bright eyes and delicate eyebrows that were even more delicate than that of a woman. If only his voice was not this coarse then this person would undoubtedly be perfect.

The green robed woman named Qi Hua showed a faint smile as she stood up, "Hong Wen, Thank you."

He really was not Ji Luo Fei's father, Ning Cheng thought darkly in his heart. He knew that Ji Luo Fei's father was named Ji Xuan Zhang, it was definitely not Hong Wen.

"Qi Hua, for you to stay in the Daan Forest for me, this Zhu Hong Wen will do anything for you. As long as you are happy, even if it is my life you want, I will gladly offer it." This handsome man called Zhu Hong Wen said without hesitation.

The green robe wearing woman immediately reached out to stop Zhu Hong Wen, and stretched out her hands, it was as if she wanted to hug Zhu Hong Wen.

Seeing Zhu Hong Wen's hands going under the robe of the green robed wearing woman, the green robed wearing woman immediately gasped and said, "Not here, it is still daytime...."

Zhu Hong Wen kissed the forehead of the green robed wearing woman and said softly, "There are only two of us here, even if we do something, it will not....."

"Who's there?" Zhu Hong Wen immediately let go of the woman, while simultaneously took out a Flying Sword in his hands, and stared in the direction Ning Cheng was hiding.

Ning Cheng slowly stood up, while calling himself unlucky in his mind. Seeing his mother-in-law, at that time he had wanted to walk away, but now that he was found out, if this not him being unlucky then what was it.

He was sure that the woman in front of him was definitely Xiong Qi Hua, and as a result did not want to stay here. In the future if he could go to the Falling Star Academy to see Ji Luo Fei, he would definitely tell Ji Luo Fei, that her mother was in the Daan Forest. Regardless of whether Ji Luo Fei's mother was having an affair or not, this was a matter of the Ji family, and it did not have anything to do with him.

Although he was discovered, but Ning Cheng did not have much fear. That person called Zhu Hong Wen was only at True Condensation 4th Level, he believed that even if he could not beat the opposite party, he could still definitely get away.

"How did you get in here?" When the green robed wearing woman saw that someone had come in, her face immediately became as white as a paper. Even her whole body began to tremble.

"Qi Hua, don't be afraid, he is just a Qi Gathering kid, I will kill him." Zhu Hong Wen comforted the green robed woman, as he threw the Flying Sword toward Ning Cheng intending to block his way.

At this point of time he did not speak any bullshit with Ning Cheng, with an overflowing Killing Intent emanating from him and even covering the two lovers, the Flying Sword in his hands was also completely covered with his Killing Intent as it headed towards Ning Cheng.

The Sword Light was several feet long, and he had even battled a Class 2 Monstrous Beast with a strong imposing manner with it.

However, in Ning Cheng's view, this Sword Light was just flashy, it was lacking substance, although it looked nice, but it could only be used to frighten people who could not understand it.

While the Sword Light arrived at Ning Cheng, at the same time the broken Spear behind Ning Cheng also fell into his hands, and fired out a Spear Shadow from it.

When the Sword Light from the Flying Sword of Zhu Hong Wen and the murderous Spear Shadow from the broken Spear in Ning Cheng's hand collided, the Sword Light was immediately torn apart and Spear Shadow directly arrived in front of Zhu Hong Wen.

"Spear Intent?" Zhu Hong Wen immediately went pale, he did not think that a cultivator at the Qi Gathering Realm would be so terrible, that he could even surprisingly comprehend something like a Spear Intent, just what was his family background to be able to cultivate such a fearful Spear Technique? Otherwise how could a mere Qi Gathering Cultivator be able to master the Spear?

This was not the original Killing Intent, but the Spear Intent, Ning Cheng at this time came to realise what the two Killing Intent that he had comprehended before were. Regardless of that, his hands were not even half a bit slow, and the Spear's attack already arrived at Zhu Hong Wen's chest and exploded.

Zhu Hong Wen's chest suddenly sank, but just before the explosion, the Flying Sword in his hands unexpectedly arrived in front of the Spearhead of Ning Chen's Spear.

"Ding" A resounding sound could be heard as Ning Cheng and Zhu Hong Wen immediately took a few steps back at the same time.

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#### **Chapter 62: Coming Out Of The Daan Forest**

Ning Cheng, because of his constant battles, also had a rich combat experience, he knew that Zhu Hong Wen's cultivation was much better than his, so the longer the two men fought, the more unfavourable was it for him. The only reason why he and Zhu Hong Wen were evenly matched in this fight was because he had a stronger Spiritual Sense which was much more powerful than Zhu Hong Wen's.

Thus, Ning Cheng was able to really force Zhu Hong Wen to take a step back, moreover he, without any delay, once again rushed up, while simultaneously bringing out 12 ice cold Spear Shadows from the Spear in his hands.

These 12 ice cold Spear Lights immediately formed into a Spear Net, the surrounding air immediately turned freezing cold and even seemed to have slowed down, this formidable ice cold Spear Net directly descended towards Zhu Hong Wen.

Zhu Hong Wen was completely shocked in his heart, this was definitely a Profound Grade Spear Technique, moreover it was even an ice attributed Profound Grade Technique. To be able to bring out such a formidable Ice Spear Technique and even wield it to such a degree, he immediately thought that this person not only had an Ice Spiritual Root, but it was highly likely that his Main Spiritual Root was an ice one. He did not believe that Ning Cheng was only a Qi Gathering Realm cultivator but a cultivator of the True Condensation Realm, when faced with the formidable Spear Technique of Ning Cheng, he who was without a defensive Type Artefact, other than trying to avoid it there was no other way, as he knew that there was no way for him to block his attacks.

Even if he was able to avoid it once, given the speed of this formidable Spear Light Net it would certainly be a close one, which meant that even if he was able to escape, he would also be seriously injured. Because he himself knew that in front of this formidable Ice Spear Technique, he could only give up on trying to avoid it as it would only make his speed slower.

With these thought flashing like lightning in the mind of Zhu Hong Wen, he promptly made the judgement to form a curtain of Sword Lights in front of him with the Flying Sword in his hands.

The Sword Light Curtain and the thick ice shadows collided together creating a continuous "Hum...." sound.

This humming sound was also mixed with some 'ka ka' sounds, it was as if ice was being broken.

"Puff, Puff, Puff...." the thick Ice Spear Shadows immediately blew open the Sword Light curtain, and a number of those Spear Shadows that passed through the Sword Light curtain immediately bombarded

Zhu Hong Wen's body, which immediately resulted in him shooting out 4-5 arrows of blood. Zhu Hong Wen who was fighting with Ning Cheng simultaneously flew out during that clash, but rather he breathed a sigh of relief, as he managed to protect his life in that exchange.

Ning Cheng was secretly surprised, although this Hong Wen's cultivation level was not as good as that of Miao Li Hu from the Mingot City, but he was more formidable than that Miao Li Hu. The 36 Ice Spear Technique was already his most powerful Spear Technique, if this 36 Ice Spear Technique was not able to take down Zhu Hong Wen, then he would have no choice other than to use the 7 Pleiades Ice Needle.

Ning Cheng did not dare to use the 7 Pleiades Ice Needle at the moment as there was still the True Condensation 3rd Level woman by the side. The 7 Pleiades Ice Needle was best for a sneak attack, after it was shown, the effect would only worsen. After all, his proficiency with using the 7 Pleiades Ice Needle was far less when compared to his proficiency of using his Spear with the 36 Ice Spear Technique, this was because the current 7 Pleiades Ice Needle was completely dependent on his Spiritual Sense unlike his Spear Techniques.

Although he saw that Zhu Hong Wen was severely injured, with the Spear in the hands of Ning Cheng he did not even give him even half a moment to escape, once more releasing Spear Shadows, he turned it into a Spear Line as he continued to bombard Zhu Hong Wen, constantly targeting his head and other fatal areas. The Killing Intent that he was gathering in the Spear, even shredded the surrounding bamboo into a fine dust.

Striking when the iron was hot, Ning Cheng was very clear on this concept.

Under the threat of the fearful Killing Intent emanating from the Spear, that pale faced woman in green robe finally reacted. She immediately flew up into the sky, while simultaneously brought out a round shield in her hands. She had no idea how a cultivator like Ning Cheng who was just in the Qi Gathering Realm, would be so tough to deal with and unexpectedly lead to this kind of situation. A True Condensation Cultivator should be able to kill a Qi Gathering 4th Level cultivator easily, she had never heard of it being the other way around.

"Clang....."

Ning Cheng, who was not concealing the Killing Intent from the Spear Shadows, immediately clashed with the round shield in the hands of the green robed woman, which gave out a loud reverberating sound

A powerful force pushed Ning Cheng back and even the Killing Intent from the Spear Shadow was completely blocked and dispersed by the round shield, and diffused in a short moment.

Ning Cheng who was again pushed back several steps, was shocked in his heart. He did not think that this woman whose cultivation level was even lower than that of Zhu Hong Wen would actually be even more stronger than Zhu Hong Wen. Ning Cheng's heart sank, as he slowly backed away towards the edge of the Array Formation. Continuing to fight against them was meaningless to him, if the two people in front of him decided to go all out, then he knew that he would not have any possibility to leave this place alive.

This woman seemed to know what Ning Cheng was thinking, and first sealed the path of Ning Cheng's escape, while simultaneously bringing out 5 Flying Swords around her.

“Hong Wen, help me kill him.” The green robe wearing woman was absolutely not the same as before as she said those words in a calm and quiet manner, only her eyes betrayed the intention to kill.

There was no need for the woman to remind Zhu Hong Wen, he forcibly stopped the bleeding from his wounds, and was staring at Ning Cheng like a hungry wolf, watching him with crazed filled eyes, Ning Cheng knew that this person was prepared to go all out against him.

The ability to control five Flying Swords simultaneously, the Spiritual Sense of that woman was definitely stronger than him, Ning Cheng did not have any idea to continue to pester them. With the Spear in his hands, he said sarcastically, “Xiong Qi Hua, you really are like a Red Apricot Tree hanging over the garden wall behind your husband’s back, hiding in here you must be feeling really happy right? Poor Ji Xuan Zhang really must have been blind, to have actually married a woman like you. Perhaps he had already been killed by you and your lover, even though you have a similar face to Ji Luo Fei, I wouldn’t even care if you end up killing me today, since someone would definitely come to seek revenge from you.”

When the green robed woman heard Ning Cheng’s words, she was immediately dumbstruck again and looked like a wooden chicken, with her face like a piece of white paper, even the five Flying Swords revolving around her could not be maintained by her anymore and fell down. She had only heard one sentence, when she began to think how did this man knew who she really was, moreover how did he knew what she had done? Just what the hell was going on here?

It was no wonder that she was not able to understand, as she had been living here for more than 10 years already. But this Ning Cheng who seemed to be less than 20 years old, how was he able to know about the affairs of her family?

What made her even more shocked and stunned at the same time was that Ning Cheng had said that her face actually resembled Ji Luo Fei’s face, it was apparent that the relation of this young man in front of her and Ji Luo Fei was obviously not shallow.

While the green robed woman was still in the state of shock, Ning Cheng already increased his speed to his utmost and in a blur, crossed her, and instantly went far away.

In fact, when the green robed woman was staring blankly a moment ago, Ning Cheng already had the opportunity to kill her. But Ning Cheng saw the appearance of Ji Luo Fei on her face, and decided to spare Xiong Qi Hua’s life.

Although Zhu Hong Wen was also shocked by the words of Ning Cheng, but as his wounds were already serious, he could only stand and see Ning Cheng slip away, at the moment he knew that he did not have even a single shred of ability to stop Ning Cheng.

“Who is he, how does he know me? How does he know Luo Fei? Is Luo Fei OK?” Xiong Qi Hua was still muttering to herself, as her complexion became even more and more pale.

Zhu Hong Wen softly said from the side to comfort her, “From this conversation, Luo Fei is certainly well, Qi Hua, you do not have to worry about....”

Xiong Qi Hua seemed to have not heard the words spoken by Zhu Hong Wen, after muttering to herself for a while, she suddenly looked up and said, “I am going out, I’m going to go see Luo Fei.”

Then she said to herself, "If this man goes to Luo Fei and say those things about me, then I...."

Zhu Hong Wen sighed, he knew what was going on in Xiong Qi Hua's mind. If her daughter found out that it was her own mother who had killed her father, and was even hiding in the Daan Forest with her lover, then what would her daughter think? Would she even acknowledge her as her mother? Wouldn't she immediately draw her sword against her?

"I have a way to let Luo Fei not believe him." Zhu Hong Wen said in a low voice.

"What way?" Xiong Qi Hua stared at Zhu Hong Wen, her tone of speech was somewhat urgent, even her pale face had a hint of redness to it.

"If you see Luo Fei, regardless of if Luo Fei knows about this matter or not, you need to take the first step and tell her that this man had tried to take advantage of you...."

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After Ning Cheng ran out of the Array Formation, he discovered that the two of them did not pursue him, and slowed down his pace. In the Daan Forest, he was not afraid of Xiong Qi Hua and Zhu Hong Wen collaborating together against him. He believed that the two people would not dare to pursue him, once he led them towards a high levelled Monstrous Beast's area, he could just walk away, these two people can then stay here indefinitely.

After leaving that place, Ning Cheng once again increased his pace. He decided to go to the Yuan Continent to have a look to see if he could find a True Condensation Pill so that he could finally advance to the True Condensation Realm. When he advanced to the True Condensation Realm, he would then be able to freely use his Spiritual Sense without much burden, Ning Cheng estimated that even if he did not use the two ice spells together then, he would definitely not be beaten. Even if Xiong Qi Hua was a cultivator of the True Condensation Realm.

Although he was a Qi Gathering Cultivator with formidable strength, but him and a True Condensation Cultivator still had some fundamental differences. The True Condensate Cultivators were the ones who possessed True Essence, although Qi Gathering Cultivators also possess Qi which was similar to True Essence, which essentially was Qi compressed to an extreme level, but the strength of it was obvious.

Ning Cheng knew that the true bottleneck in one's cultivation practice was not the Qi Gathering Realm or the True Condensation Realm, but the boundary to the Essence Building Realm. After advancing to the Essence Building Realm, one can then begin to cast their foundations, to finally becoming an actual fully fledged cultivator.

Ning Cheng picked up his speed once again, while simultaneously continued to cultivate his 36 Ice Spear Technique along the way. As he could not advance his cultivation level in a short time, he decided to make up for it with cultivating and getting more familiar with his techniques.

Originally the remaining distance would have been covered in a single month, but Ning Cheng was able to complete the journey in less than a month by rushing through the remaining distance. When Ning Cheng once again was able to see the blue sky above him, and the vast empty wilderness in front of him, he let out a long sigh of relief. After travelling through the Daan Forest for almost 2 months, he knew that at this moment he should be at the borders of the Yuan Continent.



Although he was still at the edges of the Daan Forest, but he was also at the edges of the Yuan Continent, and as a result Ning Cheng was able to feel that the Spiritual Qi around here was definitely much richer than that found in the Ping Continent.

Ning Cheng reorganised his things, and put the broken Spear on his back, after carefully wrapping it, he prepared to use the Flying Sword to leave the edges of the Daan Forest.

A grey figure immediately jumped out from the Daan Forest about 200 meters in front of Ning Cheng, this grey figure that who had just appeared was followed by a Grey Demon Wolf which Ning Cheng had killed a lot of them on his way. After the Grey Demon Wolf rushed out of the edges of the Daan Forest, it seemed to feel that it was very dangerous outside, giving up on killing the grey figure that it was chasing, it turned around and once again entered the Daan Forest.

This was a young cultivator wearing a grey robe, he seemed to know that the Demon Wolf would not continue to run after him, and after rushing out of the Daan Forest, did not continue to run, but instead moved towards Ning Cheng's side.

Ning Cheng did not continue to wield the Flying Sword for flight, as he also wanted to ask for directions.

This teenager also looked to be of the same age as him, and even his cultivation level was also at the Qi Gathering 9th Level. But he wore a beard on his face, which made him look older, with a lot of experience behind him. This youth's face was completely white, but had a faint scent of blood lingering on his body. There was a distinct scar on his face, which made him look fierce.

Ning Cheng had already spent almost 6 months in the Daan Forest, so he was able to clearly feel the Killing Intent along with the faint smell of blood that was coming from him. He affirmed that this boy in front of his did not spend a short amount of time in the Daan Forest, moreover he could decisively kill others in a moment.

"My name is Tai Shu Shi, I have been striving to live in this area surrounding the Daan Forest, friend you look a bit unfamiliar, is it possible that you have just arrived here?" This grey robed wearing youth seemed extremely friendly, he even came forward and greeted him with a smile on his face.

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TL Note – If any of you want to know what Ning Cheng's broken Spear look like, I found an image which really fits the broken Spear's description here. Moreover if you want to picturise a Ning Cheng fighting with the broken Spear when he unleashes the Ice Spear Technique then go here.

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#### **Chapter 63: The Tai Shu Clan**

"I am called Ning Cheng, and indeed I am new here." Ning Cheng cupped his fists in front of him as he said, though he did not say that he came through the Daan Forest from the Ping Continent.

This Tai Shu Shi said with an extreme interest, "This really is good, I have been out here for almost six months gathering experience, and have already reaped a lot of benefits. Only this one does not dare to go further deep, firstly I am scared of getting lost, and secondly I am not particularly strong by myself. For Brother Ning to come to the Daan Forest, surely you are also looking for people like us to go in adventuring."

Ning Cheng immediately understood the meaning of the words spoken by Tai Shu Shi, he wanted to find an opportunity to go into the depths of the Daan Forest, but he knew that his strength was somewhat bad, so he was looking for another person to form a team. He saw him near the edge of the Daan Forest, so he walked towards him to try and recruit him into forming a team with him.

Ning Cheng had stayed in the Daan Forest for several months, so he was well aware of the dangers inside, even though he had a detailed map of the forest, it still took him a few months to come out from there. Once you got lost in there, then it definitely would not be a good thing. Moreover, Ning Cheng also knew that there were also not many treasures in the Daan Forest. Compared to the danger, taking this kind of risk was just not worth it.

Besides Ning Cheng did not want to return to the Daan Forest at this moment, so he just smiled and said, "I did not know if Brother Tai Shu wants to go inside the Daan Forest to gain experience and train oneself or are you looking for some high rank Spiritual Grasses? If you are looking for a high rank Spiritual Grass, then I advise Brother Tai Shu to look for those at other places. I am somewhat familiar with the Daan Forest, although there is no doubt some high quality Spiritual Grasses in there, but they are extremely rare, one might not even find a single one of them even in a year. Brother Tai Shu I have already stayed in this neighbourhood for almost 6 months, so you can say than I am somewhat clear in this matter."

"If Brother Tai Shu is just looking for increasing his experience, then there is no need to go into the depths of the Daan Forest, as long as you are near the edge of the forest you can receive the same desired effect."

After listening to the words of Ning Cheng, Tai Shu Shi tapped his head and said, "Oh, how come I did not think of it. I've already been here for six months, and the highest rank of Spiritual Grass that I was able to obtain was a meagre Rank 2, going by your words it is not necessary to continue to stay here. With regards to gaining knowledge and experience, I am already tired of fighting against Monstrous Beasts that have no brains. Although I have a heavy need for a lot of the low ranking Spiritual Grasses, but it is not enough or necessary for me to want to stay in the Daan Forest."

"You need a lot of low grade Spiritual Grasses? Are you a pharmacist?" Ning Cheng asked in a puzzled tone, he now knew that there are not a lot of people in the low class continents who are able to refine actual pills, these people who are able to refine actual pills were called as Pill Masters. Only people who are able to refine actual pills can be called a Pill Master, and those who cannot refine Pills and can only refine Elixirs and mixture pills are called pharmacists.

This Tai Shu Shi does not look too old, so he thought that it was impossible for him to be a Pill Master, so when Ning Cheng heard that he required a lot of low grade Spiritual Grasses, he naturally thought that he was a pharmacist.

Tai Shu Shi gave a proud smile and said, "Brother Ning you cannot underestimate me, I am a genuine hundred percent Tier 1 Ordinary Pill Master, moreover I even have the confidence to refine a Level 2 Pill."

Ning Cheng had on more than one occasion heard people say that Alchemy was difficult, moreover people also said that trying to find the resources for Alchemy was also very difficult. Even when he heard of it from Fang Jiyan, or the old woman, their tone was still the same. Even Fang Jiyan said that

Alchemy was a very difficult thing to cultivate. But that old woman not only said that Alchemy was difficult, but she even said that the Dao of Alchemy was just a minor one.

Moreover, Ning Cheng also wanted to find someone who could refine a True Condensation Pill, at this time when he actually met a Pill Master, he immediately wanted to inquire about it. Even if the present Tai Shu Shi was not able to refine the pill that he wanted, he could still come into contact with other people related to him who were definitely better than him.

Thinking of this, Ning Cheng quickly asked, "Brother Tai Shu, I often hear people say about Pill Masters and Alchemy, I do not know much about Alchemy, could Brother Tai Shu enlighten me about it?"

When Tai Shu Shi heard Ning Cheng's query, he looked at Ning Cheng with some doubt, and asked again, "Is it possible that Brother Ning is not a person from the Yuan Continent, did you come here by crossing through the Daan Forest?"

Ning Cheng secretly thought that this Tai Shu Shi was very astute, but since he had nothing to hide so he replied, "That's right, this time I was very lucky, and was able to cut across the Daan Forest after suffering through a lot of things for the past several months."

What Ning Cheng said was very simple, but in the mind of the person with surname Tai Shu who was in front of him it was actually a difficult situation, as he was almost killed many times at just the edges of the Daan Forest. For Ning Cheng to pass through the Daan Forest, this was simply too good to be true. Moreover, the way Ning Cheng said about crossing through the Daan Forest, it seemed as easy as eating bread and drinking water, in fact it certainly was not the case, no one could only rely on luck to cut across the Daan Forest. With this it can be seen, that the heart of this person was not false, as he did not boast to other people, even his mind was calm, this person would definitely have a bright future.

Thinking about his own pride that he had displayed for his Alchemy, and comparing it with the calm and serene heart of Ning Cheng, Tai Shu Shi felt really ashamed of himself.

"So that's is how it is, originally Brother Ning came from the Ping Continent. The Spiritual Qi of the Ping Continent is the scarcest of all the continents, as a result many people do not go there, I did not know if it was normal."

After Tai Shu Shi quelled his shocked feelings on his own, he once again said in a very detailed manner, "Actually the Pill Masters in the Yi Xing mainland are divided into different categories – Ordinary Pill Master, True Pill Master, Profound Pill Master, Earth Pill Greater Master and Heaven Pill Grand Master. The ranks of the pills concocted by them are also divided into 9 Levels from 1 to 9, the ones who could refine a Level 1 and Level 2 pills are known as Ordinary Pill Masters, those who can refine Level 3 and Level 4 pills are the True Pill Masters, those who are able to refine Level 5 and Level 6 pills are known as Profound Pill Masters. Only those Pill Masters who can refine Level 7 and Level 8 pills can be called as Earth Pill Greater Master, as for the ones who are able to refine Level 9 and above pills, they are the Heaven Pill Grand Masters."

Listening to Tai Shu Shi's words, Ning Cheng then came to understand, that originally these Elixirs and the Mixture Pills were really not even the fundamentals in the Dao of Alchemy.

"Brother Tai Shu, how many Heaven Pill Grand Masters are there in the Yi Xing Mainland? I think that there should not be many of them right?" Ning Cheng asked.

Tai Shu Shi gave a bitter smile and said, "Actually even I am not very clear about it, but I am sure, that even if there were Heaven Pill Grand Masters, there wouldn't be more than 1 or 2, it just isn't a question of how many."

Ning Cheng suddenly thought of that old woman and the conversation he had with Fang Jiyan, rushing to catch a problem, he immediately asked again, "Brother Tai Shu, I heard from a person that in the Lower Class Continents, the cultivators in the Qi Gathering Realm are not able to bring out their Spiritual Sense. But Alchemy also needs a strong Spiritual Sense, then how is Brother Tai Shu able to cultivate in Alchemy?"

Tai Shu Shi looked at Ning Cheng with a bit of incredulity on his face, and after a good while later he said, "I finally understood why Brother Ning could pass through the Daan Forest, Brother Ning is the same as me."

Seeing Ning Cheng wanting to continue to speak, Tai Shu Shi raised his hands and stopped Ning Cheng, and continued on himself, "I am sure that Brother Ning does not cultivate a simple Cultivation Method. This is in fact not a secret, in the high level Continents, and even in Intermediate Class Continents, most of the cultivators cultivate the complete Cultivation Methods, unlike the simplified Cultivation Methods that people in the Lower Class Continents cultivate, thus they are able to utilise their Spiritual Sense from as early as the Qi Gathering Realm. After advancing to the Qi Gathering 4th Level, they can then use their Flying Swords to actually fly. On advancing to the True Condensation Realm, it is possible for them to right away from a Sea of Consciousness, which then transforms their Spiritual Sense into Spiritual Consciousness. It is not unusual that one needs to advance to the Essence Building Realm in the Lower Class Continents for this to happen, as only then would they have the ability to perceive the existence of the Sea of Consciousness."

Speaking till the end Tai Shu Shi gave a self-deprecating smile, "I think that Brother Ning is the same as me, who cultivates a complete Cultivation Method, and should be able to bring out your Spiritual Sense."

Ning Cheng thought that it was only his secret, and actually did not know that there would be a person in the Yuan Continent who would also know about it. He once again asked that what he could not understand, "Do all the people of the Yuan Continent know about this matter?"

Tai Shu Shi shook his head and said, "How would it be possible for all the people to know about it? However, there are some people who are aware of it, it is simply because the Spiritual Qi here is very scarce, to want to advance in this place, one could only cultivate low levelled Cultivation Methods. It would be better if you did not look at the members of the Lower Class Continents who advanced to the True Condensation Realm, if a True Condensation Cultivator from a Lower Class Continent went to the High Levelled Continent, they perhaps would be beaten easily by one of the so called geniuses in the Qi Gathering Realm, this is just a fact, and nobody can change it."

Indeed, it was just as he guessed it, Ning Cheng felt a bit gloomy after hearing this. He had thought that with his cultivation, arriving at this continent was already a very great achievement, for him wanting to go to an Intermediate Class Continent, he knew that it was going to be much more difficult than he had imagined.

“Brother Ning you are able to pass through the Daan Forest, so you should be the same as me, and is always thinking about going to an Intermediate Levelled Continent. It’s a pity though, although we are able to understand this truth, but the Spiritual Qi here is not enough for us to advance to a higher level. If only we could become escorts of a Profound Pill Master and above, only then would we be able to go to one of the intermediate levelled continents, otherwise it’s just a delusion for us.” Tai Shu Shi did not know how to persuade Ning Cheng so he could only comfort himself with those words.

Ning Cheng immediately abandoned such distracting thoughts, who was even sure if he could even advance to the peak of the Qi Gathering 9th Level? Furthermore, he could not cultivate like the others. For something that would happen in the future, who could clearly say that what would happen?

“Brother Tai Shu, I heard you speak about it before, are there other mainlands outside Yi Xing Mainland?” Ning Cheng already wanted to ask this question, he wanted to know more about this world other than the Yi Xing mainland, are there other mainlands here just like on Earth?

“That’s right, Yi Xing mainland is just a small part of this entire chaotic universe, in this chaotic universe, there are innumerable other mainlands, in some of these mainlands you can rely on your cultivation to go through to it, while there are some other mainlands where you cannot rely on your cultivation to go through. In other words, unless you have an extremely powerful and terrifying cultivation level to deal with any situation, only then would you would be able to pass through the other mainlands.” When Tai Shu Shi spoke of the innumerable planes, even his expression was very dignified.

But Ning Cheng was not able to understand these completely, listening to Tai Shu Shi’s words, his heart sank. From what Tai Shu Shi said, it was unlikely that he would even be able to return to Earth.

“Brother Tai Shu, how do you know all these? Is it possible that all the cultivators of the Yuan Continent know about these things?” Ning Cheng knew that Tai Shu Shi had no reason to lie to him, although in his heart he thought that something was missing, he hoped that he could be an exception.

Tai Shu Shi shook his head and said, “Brother Ning and I really feel like old friends, I truly wish to become good friends with Brother Ning. The Cultivation Method that I cultivate in is from my Tai Shu Clan, My Tai Shu Clan appeared several thousand years ago in the Yi Xing Mainland’s High Level Continent, the Le Continent. Afterwards our ancestors, in order to find a way back, left the Le Continent. After our ancestors left, my Tai Shu Clan began to decline gradually. Today, I am the only person left from my clan wandering around in this low levelled Yuan Continent.”

Tai Shu Shi’s expression was very desolate, it was obvious that he was feeling aggrieved in his heart and was very lonely.

But Ning Cheng in heart was very excited, the ancestor of Tai Shu Shi was able to go across planes, it was obvious that he was one of the most absolutely powerful cultivators out there, would he be able to achieve this level in the future?

Ning Cheng did not take into account Tai Shu Shi’s loneliness and asked with some urgency, “Brother Tai Shu, your ancestor must be an individual with a frightening ability, the cultivation manual of your Tai Shu Clan should be the one passed down by your ancestor from generation to generation, right?”

What Ning Cheng originally wanted to ask was, some information on how the Tai Shu Clan’s ancestor was able to cross the planes, however he thought that their friendship was not very deep, so asking

about such a topic would be somewhat offensive. He decided to approach this problem in a slow and steady way.

When listening to Ning Cheng talk about his ancestors, Tai Shu Shi immediately had an extremely proud look on his face, "My ancestor that I just spoke about is Tai Shu Yi, according to the knowledge that is inherited in my Tai Shu Clan, because of accident with my ancestor, when crossing through the planes, he ended up landing on the Yi Xing Mainland, although the power he was able to wield was only a billionth of his cultivation level. But even then, in the Yi Xing Mainland, he was the most formidable person, in front of my ancestor, even the strongest people of the mainland were just like ants."

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#### **Chapter 64: Wishing That They Had Met Earlier**

When he heard those words, his heart immediately started surging. Only with a billionth of his original cultivation, but even the most formidable masters of the Yi Xing mainland could be regarded as ants in front of him, just what kind of concept was this? No wonder the other people were not able to cross the plane; just how much would one need to cultivate to reach such a terrifying level?

At this moment it was as if a fire was ignited in Ning Cheng's heart, he wanted to train like a crazy person, even if he could not achieve the terrifying cultivation level of Tai Shu Yi, he must try hard to tear through this plane, and return back to Earth.

Tai Shu Shi seemed to have noted that he was speaking with some excitement, after moderating his tone a bit he once again said, "From my Tai Shu Clan's records, this plane and the plane from where we came from are different. Even the Cultivation Methods in the different planes are not the same, even the levels among the different realms are not the same. However, all the different Daos lead to the same goal, any kind of cultivation, will transform the Spiritual Qi into one's cultivation level, and is without exception."

"The cultivation structure in any plane is something that took countless years to settle down, and is not without reason. The Cultivation Method that I use for cultivation, is something that my ancestor modified temporarily. Because my Tai Shu Clan had gone through several thousands of years of vicissitudes, it has now been passed down to me, but it can only help me to advance up to the Essence Building Realm, alas...."

Speaking about his Cultivation Method that would only help him advance to the Essence Building Realm, the despair and loneliness in Tai Shu Shi's eyes was obvious.

Ning Cheng looked at Tai Shu Shi, although he looked like a young and handsome boy, his speech was direct, and he appreciated it very much. He immediately laughed and said, "Brother Tai Shu need not be worried, as long as your cultivation level is high in the future, you would be able to return back to Le Continent, perhaps you can even find the original Cultivation Method of your Tai Shu Clan. I and Brother Tai Shu feel like old friends even though we met for the first time, might as well find a place to drink while chatting, wouldn't it be better?"

"Very well Brother Ning, I also had a similar intention. As for the Cultivation Method, I am not much worried about it, compared to a large number of people on this low class continent, I will always be walking in front of them."

Tai Shu Shi was obviously not a shy person, quickly recovering his mood, he then changed the topic and said, "Let us go to the Xi Jia City, Xi Jia City is the Yuan Continent's third largest city. There is even a famous Academy in the Xi Jia City, it is the Blue Flame 4 Star Academy."

Speaking about this, Tai Shu Shi's expression was somewhat shy, Ning Cheng did not notice the look on Tai Shu Shi's face, what he was currently thinking was the Blue Flame 4 Star Academy. Initially he and An Yi had met a severely injured person on the beach of Mingot City, that person wanted to kill him and An Yi, but was finally killed by him instead. He remembered that that fellow was also from the Blue Flame 4 Star Academy, and was called Xue Tai Chu.

Seeing Ning Cheng not paying any attention to him, Tai Shu Shi once again reminded Ning Cheng and said, "From here to the Xi Jia City, if you ride a beast carriage it will take a few months, but if we use our own Flying Swords to fly, we can reach there in as short as two days if the weather is all right. From what Brother Ning said about Spiritual Sense, I think that you can also use the Flying Sword to fly. However, here Qi Gathering Cultivators that could use their Flying Sword to fly is something that absolutely should not be disclosed to the public. We will have to go through the remote areas as far as possible, one where only a few people know about."

After the two people flew out on their Flying Sword, Tai Shu Shi really took them through the remote places as far as possible, along the way other than the mountains and barren hills, they did not see anyone at all.

Ning Cheng felt that Tai Shu Shi should be a credible person, and spoke plainly, "Brother Tai Shu, the reason I came to the Yuan Continent was to go to the Hua Continent. I also know that my cultivation is very poor, therefore after I advance to the True Condensation Realm, I will then proceed with my journey to the Hua Continent."

Tai Shu Shi did not know that what Ning Cheng really needed was the True Condensation Pill, after he heard the words of Ning Cheng, he hesitated a bit and said, "Brother Ning, it is not that I am against you, but even if Brother Ning has even better opportunities, and is able to advance to the True Condensation Realm in the Yuan Continent, you would be unable to reach the Hua Continent. The entrance to the Hua Continent is completely different from the Ping Continent or the Yuan Continent's entrances, I do not know how Brother Ning managed to pass through the Daan Forest. Perhaps it is because of your good luck, or perhaps you have a good map."

"But the Yuan Continent and the Hua Continent is separated by a boundless desert, even ordinary cultivators in the Essence Building Realm do not dare to pass through this type of terrible desert, not say about a cultivator in the True Condensation Realm. In the middle of the desert, not only there are countless terrible sand beasts, there are even numerous myriads of desert storms, what is even more terrible than those are the lightning that falls from the sky unexpectedly, if one was not careful, they would be swallowed clean by the sands. Generally, the Hua Continent has a cultivator in the Profound Core Realm who uses a large airship Type Artefacts to fly across and ferry people.

And even in the Yuan Continent trying to advance from the True Condensation Realm to the Essence Building Realm is extremely hard, although the Spiritual Qi here is much richer than the Ping Continent, but it is still very limited. Plus, even the True Condensation Pill here, is very difficult to obtain."

Ning Cheng just simply said, "It is only if I am able to advance to the True Condensation 1st Level, if I am not able to advance to the True Condensation Realm, then I do not plan to go to the Hua Continent. Once I advance to the True Condensation Realm, at least then I would have some confidence to go to the Hua Continent. Moreover, I already have a detailed map to the Hua Continent, and would be able to easily reach there even with my eyes closed."

"You have the map of the Thunder Fall Desert?" Tai Shu Shi asked in a pleasantly surprised voice.

"So it is called as the Thunder Fall Desert? I do have a map of it but it is only a simple one." Ning Cheng said as he took out the map and handed it to Tai Shu Shi.

After Tai Shu Shi saw the map, he was even more surprised and said, "That's right, this really is a simple map of the thunder desert. Unexpectedly you also have a map of the Daan Forest, no wonder you were able to pass through the Daan Forest."

After giving back the map to Ning Cheng, Tai Shu Shi hesitated a bit before saying, "This will be so much easier to carry out, I also want to go to the Hua Continent. After all it's only a continent, from there I can look for an opportunity to go to the intermediate levelled Jia Continent. How about we travel together, the materials that I was collecting are similar to the materials required for a True Condensation Pill, now the only thing that I am missing is the Golden Cicada Fruit and a type of Spiritual Grass called the Blue Tea Grass, the Golden Cicada Fruit is a bit troublesome, but the Blue Tea Grass is rather easy to obtain....."

Ning Cheng opened his mouth to interrupt Tai Shu Shi and said, "I have the Golden Cicada Fruit."

When Tai Shu Shi heard the words of Ning Cheng, he suddenly paused, it was as if he had forgotten his own words, and looked at Ning Cheng with a disbelieving look on his face: "Do you really have the Golden Cicada Fruit?"

Ning Cheng took out a wooden box and passing it to Tai Shu Shi said, "You can take a look."

Tai Shu Shi grabbed the box in excitement, when he discovered that there was indeed a stub of Golden Cicada Fruits inside, he immediately burst into laughter and said, "We are saved from all the trouble to look for it, Brother Ning, we only need to find the Blue Tea Grass, then we can proceed to refine the True Condensation Pill. With the materials for the True Condensation Pill on me, I already have a way to find the Blue Tea Grass, plus we also have the means to ask someone to help us refine the Blue Tea Grass on a refining furnace. The Golden Cicada Fruit that you picked before, when it's about time to refine the Pill, you can take it out again."

Ning Cheng did not take the wooden box back from Tai Shu Shi when he was giving it back, rather he just smiled and said, "Brother Tai Shu, as you said it before, we feel like old friends. It would be better to keep the Golden Cicada Fruit on you, after you are able to refine the Pill, you can just give me one of the Pills OK."

Ning Cheng was confident that he was not wrong, Tai Shu Shi was not a person who would disappear after obtaining a Golden Cicada Fruit. If he really misread him, then he could only blame his faulty eyes.



Tai Shu Shi also did not continue to decline, after he took back the wooden box, he said to Ning Cheng, "Brother Ning, for you to hand over such a thing to your friend. You can be assured that this Tai Shu Shi will not let you down."

The more the two people chatted with each other, the more they felt sorry for not have met earlier.

Ning Cheng was a novice when it came to cultivation, all of his theories were just a patchwork that he had put together himself, which he had inferred from the Jade Pieces that he had obtained from Fang Jiyan. There were still many small details missing and also a lot many mistakes, under the mutual discussion with Tai Shu Shi he was finally able to confirm his theories, and both were benefitted greatly. There were even some plain truths that he was not able to understand previously but was now able to suddenly understand.

Tai Shu Shi was completely shocked in his heart because of the genius like brain of Ning Cheng, he was completely opposite of Ning Cheng, as Ning Cheng did not understand some of the basic things regarding one's cultivation. But what he does not understand was how was he able to understand the issues of extended Cultivation Methods, he had originally brought out a topic to discuss with Ning Cheng, and actually did not think that Ning Cheng would be able to find a correct direction for him in the Cultivation Method.

After chatting for a while, Tai Shu Shi ascertained that Ning Cheng's accomplishments in the future would certainly would not be ordinary.

"Brother Tai Shu, you said that your ancestor Yi left behind some information while crossing through planes, can you show it to me?" Ning Cheng felt that now that he and Tai Shu Shi had talked to each other to this degree, he should be able to ask about some of the information regarding the planes without any issues.

Tai Shu Shi revealed an apologetic expression and said, "Brother Ning, I too have heard of this from the mouth of my uncle, there is no actual record left behind, if I really did have them I would have definitely taken it out for Brother Ning to see. It is also because it is passed down through the word of mouth, the Cultivation Method of my Tai Shu family is becoming increasingly scarce and weak."

Ning Cheng gave a disappointed expression, he really had wanted to know what exactly was this plane, and to see if in the future would he be able to return to Earth.

Seeing Ning Cheng somewhat disappointed, Tai Shu Shi hesitated a bit and then said, "Brother Ning, I also know some bits and pieces of this plane. According to the inheritance of my Tai Shu Clan, the same plane can have innumerable stars and innumerable mainlands. This plane and the plane that we are from are inherently different, I heard that if you could cultivate to the extreme in the Yi Xing mainland, you would be able to fly to another mainland. But even if you were able to soar up to another mainland, you would still be amongst the same plane."

"For a common cultivator, even if their cultivation level was very high, it would be very difficult to go from just one mainland to another mainland even within the same plane. Because my ancestor Tai Shu Yi faced a catastrophe and ended up injured, he arrived at Yi Mainland from another plane, which was a different plane from where he was. Moreover, when he arrived at the Yi Xing Mainland, his physical

body was already almost completely destroyed, only a trace of his Essence Spirit existed. His physical body is still in the Yi Xing mainland and is remoulding itself as we speak.”

“That is not much different.” Ning Cheng muttered, he does not know if the Earth and the Yi Xing mainland were even in the same plane. According to what Tai Shu Shi said, this plane resembled quite a bit to the galaxy that Earth resides in. If Earth and the Yi Xing mainland were in the same galaxy, then if he was able to cultivate to a certain extent, then in the future maybe he would be able to go back.

If they were not in the same plane, then he estimated that he would forever not have the opportunity to go back.

Tai Shu Shi said, “Even the concept of time is completely different in different planes, we have been in this plane for several millennia, but if we were to go to some other plane then perhaps only a few days would have elapsed. Of course, this is just the information that has been passed down through my clan. After having been passed down for so many years, how much of it is true, or how much of it is false, even I do not know.”

Ning Cheng suddenly hoped that the Yi Xing Mainland and the Earth were in the same plane, even if they were not in the same plane, then he would definitely cultivate to his best in the Yi Xing Mainland no matter how long it takes to get back, it was uncertain that maybe just maybe only a short amount of time would have passed on Earth.

As the two of them spoke amongst each other, while flying, coupled with resting along the way, the two days flashed by without even noticing.

“Brother Ning, we are going to approach the city soon, we do not have to continue to fly. After walking for an hour or two, we can go to a Relay Station, at the Relay Station we can hire a Beast Carriage to go to the Xi Jie City.” Tai Shu Shi said as he got down from the mountain track and simultaneously put away his Flying Sword.

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#### **Chapter 65: Tai Shu Shi's Girlfriend**

Standing outside, the Xi Jie City, Ning Cheng could feel that this city was even inferior to the Nan Yuan City. Regardless of if it was the structure or the way it was laid out, it appeared to be somewhat low key.

After entering the Xi Jie City, one could immediately see that the main street was extremely spacious, which made Ning Cheng feel a little better when he compared the Xi Jie City to the Nan Yuan City.

“Brother Tai Shu, although the streets of the Xi Jie City are actually very wide, but it does not look very prosperous.” Ning Cheng saw that although the streets of the city were very wide there were not many shops around, with no shops around, the people who come and go through here would certainly be in a hurry, and would not stay here for much long.

Tai Shu Shi gave a laugh and said, “Brother Ning, all the people who know me call me as Stone, you can also call me as Stone. The reason why there are few people here, is because of the rule made by the Blue Flame 4 Star Academy, that this street cannot have any commercial stores. Because this is the road that leads directly to the Blue Flame 4 Star Academy, and the people from the Academy believe that if there were shops here then it would affect the students of the Blue Flame 4 Star Academy.”

“Why is it so bossy?” Ning Cheng subconsciously asked, because to get to the Academy they would have to pass through this road, doesn’t it mean that they control the main road?

Tai Shu Shi hurriedly pulled Ning Cheng and said, “Brother Ning, you should pay attention to what you speak, once what you spoke became known to the Blue Flame 4 Star Academy, then you would have to cut off your own tongue.”

Ning Cheng nodded, but he actually started to despise the Blue Flame 4 Star Academy in his heart. And said to Tai Shu Shi with a smile, “You also do not need to call me as Brother Ning, you can also directly call me by my name.”

“Good.” Tai Shu Shi said without hesitation, pulling Ning Cheng from the wide main road, he started to walk down, but after just walking about 10 meters down the road, he once again entered another street. This street was much livelier, and was surrounded by shops and people.

Tai Shu Shi brought Ning Cheng to the front of a red door of a big mansion and stopped.

“Stone, what are you doing here?” Ning Cheng asked with a bit of confusion when he saw the three characters on the red door saying ‘Yi Shui Courtyard’. There was even a pair of couplets on both sides of the red door, “To ask the gentlemen about their worries, for them to leave our Yi Shui pleased.’.

This one was clearly a couplet that meant that as long as there was someone in distress, they can always come to the Yi Shui Courtyard to experience pleasure. This was a place that relieves one’s sadness and elevates their mood slowly. Even in Cang Le City these types of places were quite numerous, and were the favourites of many of the adventurers and even a few occasional cultivators. To put it bluntly this place was a fancy brothel.

After waiting for a while, although Tai Shu Shi arrived at the door, did he really plan to go inside? This place was for adventurers, Tai Shu Shi was a cultivator, moreover was also a Tier 1 Ordinary Pill Master, it would not be difficult for him to find a woman, so why would he come to this Yi Shui Courtyard?

Seeing the doubt in Ning Cheng’s eyes, Tai Shu Shi knew that Ning Cheng had guessed his intentions, and said with a rare shyness in his voice, “Ning Cheng, you guessed right. There is a woman here that I like, each time I come back, I will always go look for her first.”

Ning Cheng looked at Tai Shu Shi in a puzzling way and asked, “Since you like this woman so much, then why don’t you take her away from here and settle down in another place? Why would you even keep the woman you love here?”

“Take her back?” Tai Shu Shi looked at Ning Cheng in surprise, “I am just Tier 1 Ordinary Pill Master, and only can come here occasionally to see her, where would I even get Spirit Stones to free her?”

This time it was Ning Cheng’s turn to be shocked, he had never heard a place that used Spirit Stones as payment, didn’t such places require only gold coins?

Tai Shu Shi saw the puzzled look on Ning Cheng, and explained, “This Yi Shui Courtyard was founded by a very mysterious character, the women who work here have one of the best cultivation levels you can find outside the Academy. And there are even a few who cultivate a special kind of Cultivation Method, and are thus extremely provocative and tender looking. However, the price for them is also very high,

the women who cultivate these special Cultivation Methods usually receives guests for a minimum price of 10 Spirit Stones per guest.”

“Each time you have to spend 10 Spirit Stones just to see a woman, is that even necessary?” Ning Cheng asked in disbelief, 10 Spirit Stones in a Lower Class Continent was quite expensive.

Tai Shu Shi shook his head and spoke in a lonely voice, “My Lian’e does not cultivate this special Cultivation Method, thus the price of meeting her is also quite cheap, each time it only requires 2 Spirit Stones. However, since my level of my Alchemy is very low, so wanting to meet her is not easy. If I wanted to free her, then just a few Spirit Stones are not enough, you also require the approval of the managers of the Yi Shui Courtyard. Let’s go in together, I still have a few Spirit Stones with me, so I would be able to help you out a bit here.”

Ning Cheng silently patted Tai Shu Shi’s shoulders and said, “You go in, I’ll go look for a place for us to rest. It is not easy to always carry this Spear on my back.”

He had been running through the Daan Forest for several months, although he was a cultivator at the Qi Gathering 9th Level, but he still would feel tired after continuously using up his energy.

Tai Shu Shi was just about to speak, when suddenly a woman in a pink dress rushed out from the inside of the Yi Shui Courtyard. This woman was delicate and seductive, and needless to say was pleasing to the eye, as soon as she came out she pulled Tai Shu Shi and anxiously said, “Stone, how come you did not return till now, go and immediately attend to Sister Lian’e, she is already crying herself blind.”

Hearing that his Lian’e was crying herself blind, Tai Shu Shi immediately asked with anxiousness in his voice, “What’s wrong with her? What is the matter?”

He did not wait for the pink dressed lady to answer him, and hurriedly rushed in. While rushing inside he seemed to have remembered Ning Cheng, and hastily said to the pink dressed woman, “This young master is my friend Ning Cheng, please look after him, I’ll come back in a short while and settle the account.”

Watching Tai Shu Shi entering the Yi Shui Pleasure Courtyard, Ning Cheng had to put a stop to his idea of wanting to leave.

“Young Master Cheng, is it your first time to come to our Yi Shui Courtyard? You can come with me; I believe that I will definitely be able to satisfy you.” The beautiful and slender woman came near Ning Cheng and simultaneously reached out and pulled on Ning Cheng’s sleeves.

Ning Cheng grimaced, it was not that he did not like the woman, it was because the way that this woman in the pink dress spoke in an extremely coy tone with him, which made him a bit uncomfortable. This woman looked delicate and graceful, and to top it off she also had a voice that was pleasant to the ears, which made people who heard her coy tone to immediately develop a crush on her.

“All right, can you bring me to a clean room, and also bring me a pot of tea, I want to rest for a while.” Ning Cheng decided to wait there for a short while.

He understood the urgency of Tai Shu Shi, initially when he used to see Tian Mu Wan restless, even he would have an anxious and fretful mood. For such a thing to happen to the person they like, this kind of thing would definitely incite an anxious mood in them.

“My name is Liu Han Yu; Young Master Cheng can call me Han Yu right away.” The woman in pink dress showed a shy expression, as she brought Ning Cheng to a room on the second floor.

To Ning Cheng’s surprise, this room also contained a low level Spiritual Gathering Array, and as such the Spiritual Qi inside was a lot richer and concentrated when compared to the outside, it seems like spending 2 Spirit Stones here was actually not unjust.

The lights in the room were relatively dim, and the large queen sized bed was especially conspicuous. On the bedside, there was even a white jade tea table.

Ning Cheng had just glanced at the room once, when Liu Han Yu came close to him and stuck tightly to Ning Cheng, and called out in a low sensual voice, “Young Master, this is my room. Originally I was off today, but when I saw Young Master Cheng, my heart immediately started to flutter.....”

Ning Cheng knew that Liu Han Yu was faking it, but as he was being squeezed by her soft mounds on her body, he could feel his mouth feel parched and tongue scorched. She was even more tempting and attractive than Su Zhu, coupled with the dim lighting in the room, Liu Han Yu unexpectedly aroused a fire in Ning Cheng’s heart.

Liu Han Yu was also just as excited, she had stayed in Yi Shui Courtyard for almost a year, what types of people did she not see? But with such a clean man like Ning Cheng, it was a first for her to encounter such a man. The Mysterious Yellow Origin had thoroughly washed his body down to the marrow, making him look and feel incomparably clean and fresh. It was also because of this, that Liu Han Yu could tell from just a glance that Ning Cheng had a body of a virgin. Such a man, even if he were to make her pay, she was absolutely willing to be his escort.

Liu Han Yu was well versed in the art of seduction, she felt that Ning Cheng should also have a pure heart. Her hand subconsciously moved towards Ning Cheng’s chest, while at the same time half of her chest was already sticking to Ning Cheng’s chest.

This kind of extremely soft sensation made Ning Cheng to lift his hand a bit, wanting to grab the softness in his hands, but he only raised his hand about halfway, before putting it down once again. The broken Spear that he kept on his back rapidly started to twinkle with a Spear Shadow before it gradually vanished, making him realise that he did not come here to have a good time. Even if he wanted to find a woman, he would not lose his first time in such a place.

He gently pushed away Liu Han Yu, and walked to the side of the Jade table and sat down on the bed, “Would you please sit down first, I want to ask you something.”

Liu Han Yu seeing that Ning Cheng had pushed her aside, also had a bit of disappointment in her heart, thinking that no wonder this man could still stay a virgin to this day. This kind of intellect is really astonishing, as she knew that she performed her act like a pro. She had cultivated her seduction technique continuously, using it for the first time, but actually not achieving any of the results that she hoped, this made her feel quite depressed. This time she had displayed her seduction technique to her fullest, and she absolutely did not have any other intentions, she only wanted to give herself completely to the man in front of her.

Liu Han Yu was also very good at controlling her emotions in front of other people, quickly sorting out her own mood, she picked up a tea pot from under the tea table, and actually helped Ning Cheng to

pour out a cup of tea, and sat down after that, and said in a gentle voice, "Even if Young Master Cheng want to speak a few words, you can freely talk to me."

Compared to the previous coy words, Ning Cheng thought that at this time Liu Han Yu was speaking more naturally. After taking a mouthful of tea, he could feel that his whole body was being nourished, this definitely was a tea made from Spiritual Grasses.

"Thank you." Ning Cheng knew that Liu Han Yu was doing this out of goodwill towards him, after saying thank you once more he asked, "Is Lian'e and Stone lovers? What happened to her that made Stone to go into such a panic?"

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#### **Chapter 66: I Have Not Been A Proper Big Brother For Many Years**

"Three days later 10 of our sisters from the Yi Shui Courtyard would be put up for auction, Sister Lian'e has already reached the upper age limit, and thus is also in that list. Sister Lian'e and three other sisters, were the most attractive women of Yi Shui Courtyard. There are already many influential young masters of the Xi Jie City waiting to grab them, not to mention even if Stone admires Elder Sister Lian'e, or even if she was admired by a few more people like him, once she was bought, her future would only be tragic. Alas, it is really regrettable, that even though Stone can go see her, he actually cannot help her....."

Liu Han Yu seemed to have remembered her own situation, and gave a sigh full of grief, while her expression was also extremely gloomy. Three years later, she would also end up with the same fate of being sold at an auction. She was a bit jealous of Lian'e that at least she had Stone to remember her, even if Stone could not help her much, he could always bring comfort to her in Lian'e's heart, unlike her, she does not have any people in her life like Stone.

She subconsciously looked at Ning Cheng, she was very clear, that Ning Cheng really had no feelings for her. But even if it was like that, she would still cherish this moment of drinking tea together with Ning Cheng for many years, and was even feeling content in her heart. She also had a similar dream as a young girl, that was filled with happy expectations and yearnings.

Ning Cheng became silent, in this world even women were seen as goods for sale, and was completely viewed as a normal thing. He knew that he alone would not be able to help them, even if he had the help of other people, he would not be able to help the countless such women.

The atmosphere was awkward for a while, Liu Han Yu did not continue to tease Ning Cheng and let him be with his thoughts, while Ning Cheng was actually thinking how would he be able to help Tai Shu Shi.

With the kind of popularity that Sister Lian'e had, since she has already been put on the list, he would still need more than the 300 Spirit Stones that he had on him.

With all the things that he could put together, he only had a bit more than 300 Spirit Stones, once someone started to bid, he knew that the amount of Spirit Stones he had would not be sufficient. Apart from Spirit Stones, the only thing worth that he had of value was a Rank 4 Spiritual Grass. He did not know for what price would he be able to sell the Rank 4 Spiritual Grass, and moreover he was a bit reluctant to part with it. But then Ning Cheng shook his head, no matter what he had to help him immediately.

For other people more than 300 Spirit Stones was already a huge fortune, but to him it was utterly inadequate, and did not play a huge role for his cultivation.

It was at this time, that there was a hurried knocking on the door of Liu Han Yu's room. Liu Han Yu quickly went forward to open the door, and saw an anxious looking Tai Shu Shi standing outside the room.

"Ning Cheng, quickly accompany me to the Xi Jie City's Auction Hall. There is an auction there tomorrow, I want to auction off something of mine." When Tai Shu Shi saw Ning Cheng, he anxiously blurted out.

Ning Cheng already understood Tai Shu Shi's meaning, he stood up and faced Liu Han Yu with a smile and said, "Thank you for the tea, it was very good."

"Thank You." Liu Han Yu gave a bow and thanked him, and did not see Ning Cheng and Tai Shu Shi go out of her room.

At this point of time Tai Shu Shi calmed down from his previous anxious mood, he knew that the most pressing issue for him was to how would he be able to obtain sufficient Spirit Stones. He saw that Ning Cheng did not put anything on the tea table and followed him out of the Yi Shui Courtyard. and somewhat darkly sighed in his heart, he should not have brought Ning Cheng to this kind of place, he did not even know that he would have to shell out a Spirit Stone to even drink the tea here. These teas of the Yi Shui Courtyard were not something common, they were something that women took to increase their own cultivation level, if the guests visiting them wanted to drink it, then they themselves would have to take the initiative to produce a Spirit Stone for it.

As for the number of Spirit Stones, it was based on how rich the visiting guest was.

"Actually you should have left behind a Spirit Stone, those teas are not easy to make. We already had to give two Spirit Stones when we entered the Yi Shui Courtyard, there is no point in dividing them." After coming out of the Yi Shui Courtyard and going far away, Tai Shu Shi said with a sigh.

Ning Cheng certainly knew the meaning behind the words of Tai Shu Shi, these women in the Yi Shui Courtyard depended on the tips given by the guests in private to sustain their cultivation, if the guests were too stingy, then the women there could only live in vain.

Ning Cheng was silent, it was not that he did not want to give up a Spirit Stone, but he really was unaware of such a custom. Even if he did not come to this place, he had already seen a lot.

Moreover, one of the reasons why he did not leave behind Spirit Stones, was because he could feel that Liu Han Yu was somewhat artificial towards him. After entering her room, Liu Han Yu showed the kind of attitude that actually made him feel a bit emotional towards her. Moreover, the tea that he drank was definitely a top quality Spiritual Grass Tea, he did not know from where Liu Han Yu was able to procure this kind of Spiritual Grass Tea, however he affirmed that this kind of Spiritual Grass Tea was not something that Liu Han Yu had in bulk. For her to take out this kind of Spiritual Grass Tea, he felt that it wasn't something in order to earn a bit of Spirit Stones. Even if she wanted to earn Spirit Stones, he knew that Liu Han Yu would also not ask of such a thing from a man like him.

Ning Cheng was a person who valued friendship heavily, so for him to be with Liu Han Yu was in no way possible. But he also did not want to give out a Spirit Stone so that Liu Han Yu would not feel sad of her

identity, so when he left Liu Han Yu, he had already said what he wanted to express to her in a simple heartfelt thank you.

Even if she was a prostitute, she had her own pride and self-respect, so if he gave her a Spirit Stone it be the same as crushing her self-esteem, it would be nothing but a cruel thing.

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Tai Shu Shi stopped along with Ning Cheng in front of a circular dome shaped building, on the top of the building was written in big bold words 'Xi Jia Auction House'.

"What things do you want to sell?" Ning Cheng looked at Tai Shu Shi who was filled with determination and asked.

Tai Shu Shi said with a resolute voice, "I must save Lian'e, so for that I am going to sell a Rank 3 Spiritual Grass."

"An ordinary Rank 3 Spiritual Grass is not very difficult to obtain right? Can't say for sure if we would be able to sell it for a good price." Ning Cheng reminded Tai Shu Shi.

Tai Shu Shi bit his lips, obviously he knew about it, an ordinary Rank 3 Spirit Grass will absolutely not sell for a lot of Spirit Stones, so if he wanted to save Lian'e then he had to think of a different method.

"If there really is no other choice, then I still have the Tai Shu Clan's Cultivation Method. Although this Cultivation Method is incomplete, but at least we can pass it off as a True Grade Cultivation Method right?" Tai Shu Shi's eyes revealed the internal struggle that he was going through, the Cultivation Method of his Tai Shu Clan although was incomplete, but was something that he had inherited from his ancestors.

Tai Shu Shi also did not have it recorded on a Jade Piece, as it was rather passed down through the word of mouth, if he brought it out to sell, it would simply be disgraceful. Fortunately, he still remembered the Golden Cicada Fruit that he received from Ning Cheng, if not for such a situation he would never even think of taking out the Golden Cicada Fruit.

"Stone, in the Xi Jie City, what is the price of a Rank 4 Spiritual Grass? Moreover, how much would a Profound Grade Cultivation Method sell for?" Ning Cheng patted Tai Shu Shi's shoulder and said.

In fact, Ning Cheng actually was able to tell what was going on in Tai Shu Shi's head but did not think that it was wrong, if it was his lover who was in Yi Shui Courtyard, even if he had to remove his bones to sell, he would definitely try to find a way to get her out. He would absolutely not try to act like the bashful Tai Shu Shi, and try to think it over for an entire half a day.

Tai Shu Shi looked at Ning Cheng in a surprised way, "The price of a Rank 4 Spiritual Grass is just outrageous, as a Rank 4 Spiritual Grass is extremely valuable and precious, so for it to sell for tens of thousands of Spirit Stones is normal. As for a Profound Grade Cultivation Method, you must be kidding. Even in the entire Yuan Continent it is not easy to get a Profound Grade Cultivation Method, it would just overturn the entire Yuan Continent. A Profound Grade Cultivation Method had appeared once before, and it almost caused all the major forces to fight for it, you say if something like that could even be bought here?"



When Ning Cheng listened to Tai Shu Shi's words, he was covered in cold sweat, Fang Jiyan had casually pulled out a bunch of Profound Grade Cultivation Methods and given it to him, as a result he had thought of the Profound Grade Cultivation Methods as rotten cabbages, it was as if it was just ordinary stuff to him that he could take out anywhere he wanted. He had never thought that it was this precious.

Originally he wanted to take out a Profound Grade Cultivation Method for the auction, fortunately he had asked Tai Shu Shi before, otherwise once he took it out without thinking, it would be more than enough for him to end up dying.

So he quickly abandoned the idea of auctioning a Profound Grade Cultivation Method, Ning Cheng then laughed and said, "Stone you do not have to worry, although there are not a lot of good things in the depths of the Daan Forest, but it is not that they are non-existent. I had walked through the Daan Forest, and my luck was quite good, and was able to obtain a Rank 4 Spiritual Grass, you can use this Rank 4 Spiritual Grass for yourself."

A Rank 4 Spiritual Grass was extremely precious, when compared to a Profound Grade Cultivation Method, it can be said that it could only be obtained through luck. As Ning Cheng took out the Rank 4 Spiritual Grass, there was not a lot of pressure on his mind.

"You have a Rank 4 Spiritual Grass?" Tai Shu Shi was all of a suddenly very excited, "A Rank 4 Spiritual Grass can sell for several hundreds to even several thousands of Spirit Stones, it would be more than enough to save Lian'e...."

However Tai Shu Shi soon realised that this Rank 4 Spiritual Grass was not his, "But since this is your Spiritual Grass, I...."

Ning Cheng once again patted Tai Shu Shi's shoulder and said, "You also said that we were like old friends when we first met, so you do not need to be so bashful about it."

Tai Shu Shi said with a sigh, "Brother Ning, you have already said those words twice, and have even helped me twice. But even then, you still say the same sentence to me."

"Ha Ha." Ning Cheng laughed, "Don't be a sissy, just call me by my actual name 'Ning Cheng', rather than calling me Brother Ning."

"No, you are this Tai Shu Shi's big brother, no matter what happens, I, Tai Shu Shi, will always look up to you." Tai Shu Shi firmly said.

Seeing Ning Cheng looking a bit puzzled, Tai Shu Shi repeated it once again, "Big Brother, I mean it. The Spiritual Grass you have, let me first evaluate it once, then we can discuss about it together."

Ning Cheng suddenly remembered a line that he often heard on Earth, he took out a Jade Box and handed it to Tai Shu Shi, and just smiled and said, "I have not been a proper big brother for many years."

"Ah...." Tai Shu Shi could not completely understand the meaning of Ning Cheng's words; can it be that his Big Brother Ning had a lot of sad events in his life before?

"What I meant by those words were, that you calling me like that puts a lot of pressure on me. I would also have to take care of you in the future, I was just thinking about it, and it does not seem to be worthwhile....." Ning Cheng said as he handed the Jade Box into the hands of Tai Shu Shi.

Tai Shu Shi knew that Ning Cheng was playing a trick on him, but still said very seriously, "Big brother rest assured, I will absolutely never ever hold you back."

Ning Cheng just said, "I was just kidding, you don't have to be so serious."

Tai Shu Shi opened the Jade Box in his hands, and immediately his hands started to tremble, and almost threw the Jade Box to the ground, "This, This, isn't this the Rainbow Light Grass? The Rank 4 Spiritual Grass that you said you obtained was the Rainbow Light Grass?"

"Yes, I only have this one stub." Ning Cheng nodded and said, he knew that Rainbow Light Grass was very valuable, however he did not have any other Spiritual Grass of the same grade, if he did have it, he would not have taken out the Rainbow Light Grass. As for the Soul Wood Cores, those thing were even more precious than the Rainbow Light Grass, it wasn't that Ning Cheng was not willing to take it out, it was because he did not dare to take it out in this kind of place.

Tai Shu Shi once again passed the Jade Box to Ning Cheng and said, "Big Brother, this thing is too precious, this kind of stuff is something that should be put in the auctions of an Intermediate Class Continent, or even High Class Continents. Even if is no use to you now, you could still take it with you to the Hua Continent. Even if you do not sell it, this kind of thing in your hands, would also give you a major insurance. This can even be used to restore and repair one's Core Sea, if you take it out to sell, it would really, it would really....."

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#### **Chapter 67: Entrusting**

Ning Cheng once again patted Tai Shu Shi's shoulder, "Stone, you really should come to my hometown to have a look. You could learn a thing or two from how those dishonest traders operate their capital, they would only keep the bare minimum in their hands. As for high valued items, only when they are needed to be sent out, will they reflect their true value, once the value is reflected back, it would only lead to the driving their self-interests."

"What you said about the Rainbow Light Grass is just secondary, although it's just a stub of a best quality Spiritual Grass, but for me it only occupies some space, but for you this is different, this thing is something that can be turned into something we need immediately, and the thing that we require most urgently is the capital. Well, saying it in simple words, a person who sells the fruit, also knows that a good fruit will always be sold out, who would leave behind something like that to eat. Are the other people stupid? No they are not, it is just to maximize their own benefits that they sell their things."

Ning Cheng talked for a long time, suddenly he thought about the Soul Wood Cores in his Storage Bag which were even more precious, and immediately his face became slightly red, and could not talk any further.

Tai Shu Shi seemed to have forgotten about the Rainbow Light Grass in his hands, and subconsciously asked, "Is this how people from the Ping Continent do business?"

"My home town is not in the Ping Continent, it's a long story, maybe I tell you about it later." Ning Cheng did not want to discuss this issue.

“OK.” Tai Shu Shi’s attention once again returned to the Rainbow Light Grass in his hands, and his face immediately became excited, “Big brother, this stub of the Rainbow Light Grass can be sold for more than 10,000 Low Grade Spirit Stones. Unfortunately, we are in the Yuan Continent, if we were in an Intermediate Class Continent, we can even sell this for more than 10,000 Medium Grade Spirit Stones.”

“How much would a High Grade Spirit Stone be exchanged for a Low Grade Spirit Stone?” Ning Cheng knew that Spirit Stones were also divided into three categories, High, Medium and Low Grade Spirit Stones, but he was not clear on the exchange rates.

Tai Shu Shi was actually more proficient in this than Ning Cheng, and immediately replied, “A High Grade Spirit Stone can be exchanged for about 10 Medium Grade Spirit Stones, and a Medium Grade Spirit Stone can be exchanged for about 10 Low Grade Spirit Stones. However, there is even a type of Spirit Stone called the Best Quality Spirit Stone, this is a precious and matchless thing, theoretically a Best Quality Spirit Stone can be exchanged for a 100 High Grade Spirit Stones. But the fact is someone would never exchange a Best Quality Spirit Stone for a High Grade Spirit Stone, not to say about a hundred, even if it was a thousand High Grade Spirit Stones no one would be willing to exchange it.”

Ning Cheng had not yet replied, when a black dressed man had rushed out from the Xi Jie Auction House, when he came out, he stared at the Jade Box in the hands of Tai Shu Shi and quickly said, “Does the box in your hand contain the Rainbow Light Grass?”

The tone of the man was as if he wanted to grab the box for himself.

Tai Shu Shi put the Rainbow Light Grass away, clasp his fist he said, “Yes, it is indeed the Rainbow Light Grass, do you know if I could catch up with the auction tomorrow evening?”

“You can, you can, please hurry up and come in.” The skinny black man’s face was flushed with excitement, he did not even look at the two people, Ning Cheng and Tai Shu Shi with his eyes, and was just staring at the package that Tai Shu Shi put behind him.

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After the time it takes for an incense stick to burn, Ning Cheng and Tai Shu Shi came out of the Xi Jie Auction House, Tai Shu Shi had an excited look in his eyes, but also had a bit of worry in them. Although they had just put forward a condition, that the Rainbow Light Grass was to be put in tomorrow’s auction. But the auction house demanded to split the price which made Ning Cheng’s heart to twitch uncontrollably, he had never seen anyone demanding 50 percent of the sales fee, this was what they meant by splitting it 50-50, it was indeed very vile.

For Tai Shu Shi too worry this much, this even Ning Cheng also understood, he was worried that the Rainbow Light Grass would not be auctioned off properly. In fact, if it was before then Ning Cheng would also have such worries, in this place, for strong people to rob others was way too normal. He perfectly knew that the auction house was very vile, but they had to agree to the conditions, since without strength they did not have the right to speak, after all this was not Earth.

But now that the Rainbow Light Grass has already been sent to the auction, moreover they even had to split the earnings 50-50, but contrary to what was expected, he felt relieved in his heart. If this was still in their hands, and if the news of it was leaked, it would definitely be a bad thing. Now that it was

not in their hands, on the contrary, they did not have to worry about it. The Xi Jia Auction House doesn't seem to be small, so just for a single stub of a Rank 4 Spiritual Grass they would not do such a bad thing.

"You do not need to be worried about it, the Rainbow Light Grass is now not on our bodies, so you don't have to worry about it. What you need to consider is, how to obtain the Blue Tea Grass, and then find someone to refine the True Condensation Pill." This was what Ning Cheng was always thinking in his heart, on how to obtain a True Condensation Pill and then advance to the True Condensation Realm as soon as possible.

Tai Shu Shi on hearing Ning Cheng's words, immediately felt his heart relaxed, "We can get the Blue Tea Grass at the auction, as long as we attend the various auctions in the Xi Jie City, we will definitely be able to get our hands on the Blue Tea Grass. Even if we are not able to get it, we can finally go look for Pill Master Mulberry for a high price."

"Pill Master Mulberry?" Ning Cheng repeated the name again.

Tai Shu Shi nodded his head and said, "That's right, Pill Master Mulberry, Pill Master Mulberry is one of the only two Tier 3 Pill Masters of the Xi Jia City. He has an excellent reputation, even if you take out an even more precious Spiritual Grass, as long as you can give him a satisfactory price, he will help you in refining it, moreover he will never reveal what Pill is he helping you refine to his other guests. He also keeps everything in the open, and will not seize things by force."

Ning Cheng also had heard of such a person, and was very satisfied with what he said, "This is actually good, as soon as we are able to obtain the Blue Tea Grass we can go look for this Pill Master Mulberry."

Tai Shu Shi said with a sigh, "Although this Pill Master Mulberry is very good, but the asking price for his help is very high, it is even higher than the Xi Jia Auction House. As long as you want him to refine a pill for you, and as long as he settles on the Pill that you want him to refine, he will make the pill for you but with only 60% strength, moreover he will also charge a large amount of Spirit Stones."

60% strength Pill, and would still have to pay Spirit Stones? Ning Cheng thought to himself that his heart is not only black, but rather it was black to the degree of charcoal. Even if he was really capable of refining pills.

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"After you save Lian'e, are you ready to undertake the heavy responsibility to be together? In the future when you go to the Hua Continent, will you also take her with you?" After reserving a private booth in the Xi Jiu Auction House, Ning Cheng carefully asked Tai Shu Shi.

He did not know what was the cultivation of Lian'e, if it was not bad in the Xi Jie City, then in the future they could go to the Hua Continent together, if Lian'e's cultivation was too poor, then he would have to consider other things.

Tai Shu Shi shook his head and said, "I did not intend to take her to the Hua Continent, I also have no intention of marrying her. I am a descendant of the Tai Shu Clan, perhaps one day I may fall from the sky while going to the Le Continent. The path that I must take has long since been decided, the path that I chose is not smooth or safe and would not be peaceful for even a single day, it would not be appropriate to bring her with me."

Ning Cheng did not ask again of this matter, the two people then began to discuss on how to obtain the True Condensation Pill, and how would they be able to advance to the True Condensation Realm, and then finally head to the Hua Continent. After exchanging their cultivation experiences with each other, Ning Cheng found that since the beginning, there were some things that he did not understand and as such had to ask Tai Shu Shi, it was only later that Tai Shu Shi started asking some questions to Ning Cheng.

As the night passed by the, two people were still discussing each other's past, Ning Cheng and Tai Shu Shi did not look tired, rather they were in high spirits. They knew that today was the day of the auction, the two people were eager to know how many Spirit Stones would the Rainbow Light Grass would sell for.

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Ning Cheng had never been to an auction, but he had seen them on the television. But when he and Tai Shu Shi entered the Xi Jia Auction House, they were immediately shocked by the luxurious atmosphere in there.

The Auction stage was surrounded by lamps carved from pure white jades on all sides, the participants for the auction sat in a small row of private booths, and outside each of those private booth stood a beautiful woman. The first impression that Ning Cheng got, was that the auctions that were held on Earth could not even be remotely compared to this type of auction.

Tai Shu Shi said in a low voice, "The auctions at the Xi Jia City are usually small, and do not have such private booths, moreover they would not have so many women to service the patrons. It seems that this time it was because of the Rainbow Light Grass, that they improved the quality of the auction."

Although Ning Cheng and Tai Shu Shi arrived early, but when the two people came inside, they saw that the gates of some of the booths were already shut, obviously some people had arrived even earlier than them.

Half an hour later, the stage lights suddenly focussed onto a middle aged man who had stepped onto the auction stage some time ago, he first cupped his fists to the audience in front of him and then said, "Today's auction was supposed to be a small one, but because yesterday we received two precious items, we decided to upgrade the scale of the auction. Fortunately, by the end of this month we will still hold a large scale auction, were many distinguished guests from the Xi Jie City would be attending."

"With less of this idle chit chat, we'll begin today's first auction. our first item is an extremely rare and precious Rank 2 Spiritual Grass called the Blue Tea Grass, I think that all our friends here are familiar with the importance of the Blue Tea Grass, it is one of the main Spiritual Grasses required for refining the True Condensation Pills. The base price for it is 30 Low Grade Spirit Stones, the bidding for it starts now."

"50...."

"60...."

When the Blue Tea Grass came out, it immediately caused the people to call out various bids, the bidding continuously rose the price, and in just a few breaths time, the price of it rose to 100 Spirit Stones.

Tai Shu Shi looked at Ning Cheng with excitement in his eyes and said, "I have saved about 150 Spirit Stones till now, combined with the Spirit Stones we would earn, we should be able to purchase the Blue Tea Grass. Our luck really is good; I did not expect that the first item that they would take out would be the Blue Tea Grass."

Ning Cheng lifted his hand to stop Tai Shu Shi from bidding and said, "Stone, I feel that we will not be able to purchase this Blue Tea Grass. If the Rainbow Light Grass is able to sell for the price we expect it to, we could then just spend those Spirit Stones on the Pill Master Mulberry to purchase this thing."

"But why?" After Tai Shu Shi asked he immediately once again said, "Big brother, you are too careful, Blue Tea Grass is frequently sold here, there will not be any issues."

Ning Cheng just smiled and said, "Stone, now that we have a much safer choice why not choose the safe way? The Blue Tea Grass is not truly valuable, but a True Condensation Pill is extremely precious. I feel that the people who want the Blue Tea Grass, should always be presumed to also have the Golden Cicada Fruit, I really think that it's good to be careful."

"It is not certain, some people purchase the Blue Tea Grass, just like me to collect the materials required for the True Condensation Pill. I don't even have the Golden Cicada Fruit." Tai Shu Shi said in a disagreeing tone.

Ning Cheng just shook his head and said, "The price of the blue Tea Grass has already risen to 200 Spirit Stones, I don't believe that, a person who does not have the Golden Cicada Fruit, would just individually spend 200 Spirit Stones to just buy the Blue Tea Grass. The others who buy them may not be afraid, but we currently do not have the ability for not being afraid."

It was then that Tai Shu Shi noted that the price of the Blue Tea Grass had already reached 210 Spirit Stones, this kind of price was seldom seen. He nodded his head and said, "Big brother, it seems what you said was indeed true, with such a high price, trying to buy it back would not be safe."

Finally, the Blue Tea Grass was bought at the price of 220 Low Grade Spirit Stones by one of the owners of the private booth.

The manager of the auction who was on the stage, when he saw the first auction to sell at such a high price, the tone of his voice immediately became excited and said in high voice, "Congratulations to the friend who bought the Blue Tea Grass just now, but now the thing that we are going to bring up to the stage is something extremely precious. Even my Xi Jie Auction House has rarely seen a treasure of this level, it is one of the best quality Spear Artefact, the 7 Star Golden Spear....."

Tai Shu Shi saw that there was an attractive golden long Spear in the hands of the manager, and hurriedly said, "Big brother, I saw that you have a Spear Type Artefact, but it seems to be of Ordinary Rank, so we might as well buy this long Spear for you."

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#### **Chapter 68: The Auction**

“The bidding price for this exquisite Spear starts at 800 Low Grade Spirit Stones, the bidding for it starts now.” Just as the middle aged man’s voice, who was standing on the Auction Stage fell, someone immediately offered 1000 Low Grade Spirit Stones.

Just as the first offer was called out, the competition for it immediately became fierce, and the price quickly surpassed 1500 Low Grade Spirit Stones, and was quickly approaching 2000 Spirit Stones.

Tai Shu Shi looked at Ning Cheng in an embarrassing way, “I did not think that the price of this Artefact would reach this high, I knew I should have studied Crafting.”

Ning Cheng did not mind and smiled and said, “Let alone the fact that I do not have the necessary Spirit Stones, even if I did have the funds, I would not make a move on that Spear.”

After several rounds of offers, this 7 Star Gold Spear was purchased by someone for 3600 Low Grade Spirit Stones.

After the middle aged man who managed the auction sold the Spear Artefact, he held up a leather volume and said in a clear voice, “This is a map, everybody please do not think that it is a treasure map. This is definitely not a treasure map, but rather it is a map of a dangerous place. Many of our friends want to go to the Hua Continent, but because of the dangers in the Thunder Fall Desert which basically does not allow for the ordinary people to pass through the desert. But this map will allow you to pass safely through the Thunder Desert, but truthfully it has not been verified, so whether it really is real or fake is still debatable.”

Just as Ning Cheng listened to those words, he was immediately pleased in his heart, while thinking that he had to find a way to purchase this map. Since this map was not verified, so the price would definitely not be high, and even the people who would want to buy it would also be not many. But actually the map had only a little interest for him, he already had a map, the main reason why he wanted to buy the map was to make a comparison between the two maps. After all, the map that he obtained before was just a simple one.

“The base price of this map is 1000 Spirit Stones, and each increment will be of at least 100 Spirit Stones or more, the bidding for it starts now.....”

The words spoken by the middle aged man who managed the auction immediately made Ning Cheng to think deeply, the map was said to be not verified, but still he actually set the base price for 1000 Spirit Stones, wouldn’t it mean that if the map was actually verified then wouldn’t it sell for several tens of thousands of Spirit Stones?

The more Ning Cheng thought about it, the more he felt puzzled, while he was thinking about it someone already offered 1100 Spirit Stones for it, even when they did not know if the map was genuine or fake, the price of the map had already risen up to 1500 Spirit Stones.

Thus from this it could be seen, that there were many people who wanted to go to the Hua Continent. Finally, this map was purchased by someone for 3100 Spirit Stones.

For the following items in the auction, Ning Cheng thoroughly did not have any idea about what was going on, he only had about 300 Spirit Stones with him, other than the first item in the auction, the Blue Tea Grass, he basically could not even place the starting bid. In the low levelled continents, Spirit Stones

are already extremely difficult to obtain, but when it came to the use of Spirit Stones, Ning Cheng found that not all people used the Spirit Stones like him.

After quite a while passed by, Ning Cheng finally heard the middle aged man who managed the auction to finally say, "What I am going to bring out next is a Spiritual Grass, I believe that many of the people here have come especially for this Spiritual Grass. That's right, this is a Rank 4 Spiritual Grass, the Rainbow Light Grass...."

Even if they were in a private booth, Ning Cheng could certainly feel that when the Rainbow Light Grass came out, it finally caused a large scale commotion. The middle aged man who was handling the auction had said nothing wrong, as many of the people here had indeed come here for the Rainbow Light Grass.

"The effect of this Rainbow Light Grass is pretty well known to everybody here, which is the ability to repair and replenish one's Core Sea, basically it's value is something that can't be estimated. For now, the base price for this item is 5000 Low Grade Spirit Stones, and one can only increase the price in the minimum increments of 500 Spirit Stones each time, the bidding for this item starts now."

Ning Cheng found that the person who managed this auction would always set the price for the items a bit low, so that when the people started bidding, the final price of the item would always end up several times more than the original base price.

Once the Rainbow Light Grass was taken out, Ning Cheng and Tai Shu Shi were staring at it in a very nervous way. 5000 Low Grade Spirit Stones, even if nobody increased the price, they would still be able to obtain 2500 Spirit Stones, relatively speaking, for them it was almost enough.

"6000 Spirit Stones."

"7000 Spirit Stones."

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The price quickly rose to 12,000 Spirit Stones, obviously there were many people who wanted the Rainbow Light Grass, and also knew how precious the Rainbow Light Grass was.

When the price actually reached 19,000 Spirit Stones, suddenly a cold voice came from inside a private booth, "This old man bids 20,000 Spirit Stones, who dares to increase the price again?"

The people in the private booths would always pass on their offers through other people, but for one of them to directly quote a price with an arrogant voice, this was really a first.

There seemed to be a lot of people who knew this man, after this man with a cold voice spoke out his offer, nobody dared to give out a counter offer.

Ning Cheng in his heart was really hating this man, he knew from the atmosphere in the auction house, that this Rainbow Light Grass' final price was definitely much more than 20,000 Spirit Stones. This bastard of an old man wanted to buy his Rainbow Light Grass for only 20,000 Spirit Stones, this was simply robbing of Spirit Stones.

Although he was really hating him in his heart, Ning Cheng did not speak out, he along with the other people in the action had already tacitly approved of his existence, he was only a cultivator at the Qi Gathering 9th Level, trying to compete with him would only be courting death.



“This old thing is too shameless.” Tai Shu Shi said that sentence in a bitter tone.

Ning Cheng said helplessly, “This shameless man does not concern about face because he has the strength, if he did not have the strength to back it up then would he still be so shameless and throw away his face. For us to obtain 10,000 Spirit Stones, is already sufficient for our purpose.”

It was no suspense that the Rainbow Light Grass was finally bought by the old man for 20,000 Spirit Stones, after the auction was concluded, Ning Cheng did not have any interest in staying there.

Tai Shu Shi also had the same idea as that of Ning Cheng, and stood up after the Rainbow Light Grass was sold and said, “Big Brother, we are good to go now.”

At this time, the middle aged man presiding over the auction loudly said, “Next, we will be bringing out a low grade airship Type Artefact for the auction.....”

“Let’s wait.” Ning Cheng, when he heard that it was an Airship Type Artefact, was immediately moved in his heart.

With his current cultivation level, using the Flying Sword to fly made him too tired, and if he had to encounter an emergency situation, like encountering an enemy with his exhausted body, it would be really dangerous for him. If he had an airship Type Artefact then would be different, an airship Type Artefact only needed a little bit of one’s Spiritual Sense, as the airship Type Artefact would need mostly Spirit Stones to operate, and the resulting effect on one’s Spiritual Sense would be extremely minimal.

“This airship Type Artefact has a base price of 600 Spirit Stones, and each bid cannot be lower than 100 Spirit Stones....”

Ning Cheng was amazed and asked, “Even the best quality Spear Type Artefact had the base price of 800 Low Grade Spirit Stones, so why is this airship Type Artefact this expensive?”

Tai Shu Shi knew that Ning Cheng was from the Ping Continent, so he knew that his understanding of the conditions in the Yuan Continent was not very much, and immediately answered, “Among all the types of Artefacts, the price of the airship Type Artefact is the highest. A price of just a low grade airship Type Artefact, is almost equal to a high grade offensive Type Artefacts. The airship Type Artefact’s final price will not be much lower than that of that Spear from before.”

Sure enough the price of the airship Type Artefact had already reached 1300 Spirit Stones, and besides it didn’t seem to be stopping anywhere soon.

“Let’s go.” Ning Cheng did not have any more ideas on trying to buy the airship Type Artefact.

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“Let’s go look for the Pill Master Mulberry.” After the time it takes for half an incense stick to burn, Ning Cheng and Tai Shu Shi had already collected the 10,000 Spirit Stones and had come out of the Auction House.

The auction provided him with a great deal of excitement, although there were a lot of things that he wished to buy, but obviously he did not have the Spirit Stones to purchase them. The Rainbow Light Grass obviously could be sold for an even higher price, but for an unavoidable reason it was sold for a low price.

After analysing it for a time, it was because his strength was too low. He must find a Pill Master to immediately refine a True Condensation Pill, and begin his preparation to advance to the True Condensation Realm. As long as he was able to advance to the True Condensation Realm, he would be able to immediately go to the Hua Continent.

Tai Shu Shi also had the same idea as that of Ning Cheng, but he does not have an idea to go to the Hua Continent immediately, he first wanted to save Lian'e, once the issues with Lian'e were settled, only then would he make his way to the Hua Continent.

"The Pill Master Mulberry is an eccentric, as far as possible try not to bargain with him, what he hates the most is someone trying to bargain with him."

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The place where the Pill Master Mulberry lived had a very ordinary appearance, even the courtyard in front of the house was very simple. But when Ning Cheng arrived here, he immediately discovered that there was a Defensive Array Formation all around the house and the courtyard.

As Tai Shu Shi stood in front of the outside door, he clapped his hands 3 times in the air. Then while looking at the expression on Ning Cheng's face, he whispered, "We will be waiting right here, as long as the Pill Master Mulberry has the time, he will ask us to come in."

Sure enough, after a few breaths, Ning Cheng saw that the Defensive Array Formation in front of them open wide, and immediately a voice arrived, "Come in."

As Ning Cheng and Tai Shu Shi pushed open the gates of the compound, they found that the courtyard in front of them was actually a big Spiritual Grass Garden, inside there were numerous Rank 1 and Rank 2 Spiritual Grasses, there were even several Rank 3 Spiritual Grasses. A boy could be seen checking a stub of a Spiritual Grass. When Ning Cheng and Tai Shu Shi came in, the boy did not seem to see them, and was taking care of his own thing.

In the middle of this large Spiritual Grass garden, there was a winding path, that lead to a narrow door.

Ning Cheng along with Tai Shu Shi walked through this winding path, and entered through the narrow door, and immediately saw a large pill furnace. There were flames underneath the pill furnace emitting rumbling like noises.

Behind the pill furnace, there was a man sitting on a cushion, while holding a Spiritual Grass in his hand and appearing to be lost in some deep thought. Ning Cheng could not see this person's cultivation level, so he guessed that the person in front of him was a cultivator in the Essence Building Realm.

"These juniors, Tai Shu Shi and Ning Cheng, greets Senior Mulberry, the reason why these juniors disturb senior this time, is to ask the senior to help us in refining a pill." Tai Shu Shi's tone was extremely respectful and even bent his waist while he said those word while clasping his fist.

Ning Cheng also slightly bowed, and cupped his fists. He was thinking about the Rainbow Light Grass that he had sold in the auction house, this Pill Master seemed to like Spiritual Grasses, so it was probably right to think that he would have an interest in it, but then why did he not even show an interest in it?

This Pill Master Mulberry had probably not seen them, nor heard the words that were spoken by Tai Shu Shi, and was still staring at the Spiritual Grass in his hands while frowning as he contemplated something.

Ning Cheng was secretly despising this person in heart, this fellow was just a Tier 3 Pill Master. At the beginning, he had even met the old woman in the Nan Yuan City, he knew that her level of Alchemy was much higher than this person who called himself Pill Master Mulberry, other people may not know about it but how could he not recognise such a thing.

It was regrettable that the reason why he had to come here today was because he also wanted to help Tai Shu Shi.

Ning Cheng and Tai Shu Shi waited for nearly the time it takes for an incense stick to burn, but this Pill Master Mulberry still had not spoken to them. Just when Ning Cheng was going to ask again, this Pill Master Mulberry suddenly asked, "What medicinal pill do you want to refine?"

"This junior wants to refine a True Condensation Pill." Tai Shu Shi replied quickly.

"True Condensation Pill?" The Pill Master Mulberry finally put down the Spiritual Grass in his hands, and turned around and stared at Ning Cheng and Tai Shu Shi.

"Yes, that's right." Tai Shu Shi immediately replied in an affirmative tone.

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#### **Chapter 69: Successfully Obtaining The True Condensation Pill**

"Oh, then you have to bring out the materials for refining the True Condensation Pill. Moreover, my True Condensation Pill will be of 60% strength, plus you also will have to shell out 1,000 Low Grade Spirit Stones." Pill Master Mulberry casually said, as he put down the Spiritual Grass in his hand, it seemed that he had some sort of breakthrough in his research, and thus his mood was very good. Otherwise even if Ning Cheng and Tai Shu Shi wanted, he would not say those words this quickly.

Ning Cheng thought that this person's heart was really black, not only would he only produce the pill with only 60% strength but he also demanded an extra 1,000 Low Grade Spirit Stones. Not only that, even his tone was also very casual, and it did not seem that he even liked refining pills, Ning Cheng just couldn't help but think darkly in his heart, just what made these Pill Masters so amazing?

"Senior Mulberry, I have a request, if it is OK with Senior, I just want a Pill of 50% strength. If it is useless to Senior, then we will defer to what senior said."

Ning Cheng had not yet finished, when he saw that the Pill Master Mulberry's complexion sank, as till now no one had ever dared to bargain in front of him for a Pill. How could he even dare to ask him make a pill with 10% less strength? This guy simply did not know what was good or bad for him.

Pill Master Mulberry was just going to reprimand Ning Cheng and Tai Shu Shi when Ning Cheng spoke in a timely manner, "In today's auction there was a Rank 4 Rainbow Light Grass, but I do not know if this Spiritual Grass would be valuable to senior or not. Personally, I definitely think that it is a good thing, and it would certainly be taken out by the auction house as their last act."

Ning Cheng gambled that this Pill Master Mulberry did not know about the matter with the Rainbow Light Grass, if the Pill Master Mulberry knew about this matter, then he would definitely not give up the pursuit of the Rainbow Light Grass. When Ning Cheng saw him concentrate on studying a Rank 3 Spiritual Grass, he came to this conclusion that he really liked studying Spiritual Grasses.

Tai Shu Shi was incomparably anxious in his heart; he did not think that Ning Cheng would actually dare to bargain. However, he did not have the time to apologise to Pill Master Mulberry, when he saw that the Pill Master Mulberry had already stood up in shock. At this moment Tai Shu Shi knew that the words of Ning Cheng had a huge effect on him, and secretly admired him in his heart. Ning Cheng not only dared to bargain, but even dared to say the Rainbow Light Grass would be taken out by the auction house as its last act. But the fact was, that the Rainbow Light Grass was already sold out, he was very clear about this, after all the Rainbow Light Grass was theirs to begin with and had even sold it for 20,000 Spirit Stones.

Tai Shu Shi certainly understood the meaning of Ning Cheng, because almost everyone in the Xi Jia City knew that the auction house would still hold a grand auction at the end of the month. Once Pill Master Mulberry helped them in finishing the refining of the Pill, and then arrived at the auction, he would find that the Spiritual Grass that he was pursuing was already purchased by someone else.

Seeing the expression on Pill Master Mulberry's face, Ning Cheng felt happy in his heart, this guy really did not know about the Rainbow Light Grass, it was no wonder that he was still staying in his home keenly observing the Spiritual Grass in his hands.

"Do you have the Spiritual Grasses required for refining the True Condensation Pill." Pill Master Mulberry directly asked Tai Shu Shi.

Tai Shu Shi did not know whether the Pill Master Mulberry agreed with Ning Cheng's request or not, but he immediately took out a cloth bag that he had hung on his back and started taking out Spiritual Grasses one at a time, and piling them on the floor in front of him.

Pill Master Mulberry just waved his hands, and the pile of Spiritual Grasses instantly vanished, while simultaneously took out a jade bottle and tossed it into the hands of Tai Shu Shi and said, "I have already refined a batch of 60% strength True Condensation Pills, there are three True Condensation Pills in that jade bottle, you can go now."

Not to say about the 1000 Spirit Stones per pill, he did not even ask about a single Spirit Stone. They could guess that he wanted to hurry to the auction house to see if it was too late for him to obtain the Spiritual Grass.

"Many thanks to Pill Master Mulberry." Ning Cheng quickly pulled at Tai Shu Shi who was still surprised, thanked the Pill Master once more, and hurried out of the narrow door.

"Big brother, you really are fantastic." After they went far away from the place of residence of the Pill Master Mulberry, Tai Shu Shi gave a thumbs up and said in an appreciative tone.

"Don't speak anything about this for now, and let's hurry back. Once that Pill Master Mulberry found out that he had kicked the iron board, he will definitely hate us. Next time it would be better if we don't go looking for him to refine pills, this was just a onetime business transaction." Ning Cheng was also very

pleased with the result. After going through so many hardships, he was finally able to obtain the True Condensation Pill.

With this True Condensation Pill and the Spirit Stones he had on him, he thought that advancing to the True Condensation Realm would not be much of a problem. As long as he was able to advance to the True Condensation Realm, then he would have a little more protection for himself as he entered the Hua Continent.

“Oh dear.” The two people were not happy for long, when Tai Shu Shi immediately stopped and called out.

“What’s the matter?” Ning Cheng asked Tai Shu Shi in a puzzled way.

Tai Shu Shi patted his head, “I just remembered that we still did not have a stalk of the Blue Tea Grass, when I was interrupted by you I ended up forgetting about it. Once this matter was discovered by the Pill Master Mulberry, we will definitely suffer.”

Ning Cheng also frowned a bit, but then said, “He should not have felt something amiss when he checked those Spiritual Grasses. Once he picked the pile up, it represented that he had already examined it. Besides, he would definitely go and try to rob the Rainbow Light Grass from who ever got it, and would not be able to go through the Spiritual Grass pile that we gave him for at least several days. Even if he was able to notice such a thing, the Blue Tea Grass is something that could be easily be bought for a few Spirit Stones, and thus is a small matter for him.”

When Tai Shu Shi heard the words of Ning Cheng, he felt relieved, and seemed to think that it really was a small matter.

“But I still think that after you save Lian’e, we should really immediately leave this Xi Jia City.” Ning Cheng said carefully.

“I already understood this even if you did not say it.” Tai Shu Shi said while nodding his head.

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The two people hurriedly found a place a place to rest, as Tai Shu Shi took out the jade bottle, he poured out one of the three True Condensation Pills for him and gave the other two pills to Ning Cheng and said, “Big brother, just one is enough for me, you can have the rest. With the Spirit Stones on you, we can then go to the Yi Shui Courtyard in a few days. In these few days I am going to tidy up our gains, and then start to prepare to advance to the True Condensation Realm.”

Ning Cheng also did not refuse, he took the Jade Bottle and said, “All right, I am also ready to tidy up my own gains, we will meet again 2 days later.”

The amount of cultivation resources that he required were very terrifying, even with a True Condensation Pill it was uncertain if he would be able to advance or not, but at the moment it was fortunate that he had obtained 2 out of the 3 of True Condensation Pills.

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Two days later, Ning Cheng and Tai Shu Shi entered the Yi Shui Courtyard. A few days ago when Tai Shu Shi left the Yi Shui Courtyard he was very anxious, but today Tai Shu Shi was fully confident in himself, and even his manner was very relaxed.

At this time there was a giant banner that was hung on the entrance of the Yi Shui Courtyard, on the banner was written, Yi Shui Courtyard's 11 Popular Ladies up for auction today. If you want to know the details of these 11 sisters from the Yi Shui Courtyard, please pay 10 Spirit Stones at the entrance of the Yi Shui Courtyard.

It was good that they calculated it beforehand, before they even sold the people, both of them knew that they would also ask for an admission fee. This was so that the Yi Shui Courtyard would not incur a loss from those who only came to see, and to grab feathers from a flying goose.

"Hey, how is it 11 People? Initially did you not say that there were 10 people up for the auction? How come there is another one?" Tai Shu Shi asked a person in a strange voice.

Ning Cheng's thoughts weren't focused on the Yi Shui Courtyard's auction, he just wanted for the things here to get over, and then take care of his own things afterwards. If he was not talked into coming here by Tai Shu Shi, then he would not have accompanied Tai Shu Shi to wade through this kind of muddy waters.

"Leave the others alone, hurry up and go inside, the sooner that you can take care of your things, the sooner we will be able to leave here."

Ning Cheng reminded Tai Shu Shi, then took out a Spirit Stone and passed it out to a pretty elder sister who was nearby and said, "This elder sister, I would like to ask if Liu Han Yu is in? If elder sister is not busy, could I ask elder sister to help me in calling Liu Han Yu."

Tai Shu Shi gave an unbelievable look to Ning Cheng and said, "Big brother, don't tell me you feel attracted to Han Yu? Are you also similar to me who wants to save Han Yu and walk out of here together?"

Ning Cheng did not answer, when the pretty elder sister hurriedly gave back the Spirit Stone to Ning Cheng, then after carefully looking in all four directions, she said in a small voice, "Are you one of the guests of Sister Han Yu? You must have not known about it, I do not know what has happened to Sister Han Yu, because she was not willing to take up any guests for the last few days, as a result she was finally listed for sale...."

"So it was because of this, that there are now 11 people that are to be auctioned off today?" Tai Shu Shi suddenly asked.

Remembering what Ning Cheng said just a while ago, Tai Shu Shi quickly asked, "Big Brother, do you want to save Han Yu? You and her...."

Ning Cheng was silent for a moment and then said, "There are some matters that you do not know, I already have a fiancée, and moreover I do not have any feelings towards Han Yu. However, if 1000 Spirit Stones are able to help her once, then I will not mind it and immediately give those Spirit Stones to her."

"I understand." It was out of Ning Cheng's expectations, but after Tai Shu Shi spoke those three characters, he did not speak anymore. Although he does not have a fiancée, but he was the same and could not marry Lian'e.

When the two men entered the auction hall of the Yi Shui Courtyard, Ning Cheng finally understood why it was called a second rate place. Although it was an auction hall, but compared to the auction hall he had been in just a few days ago, this was simply a vegetable market.

In this huge room there were only makeshift red tables inside it, and in the front of them were people sitting in seven or eight rows on rickety chairs. When Ning Cheng looked at these people, Ning Cheng first thought of Xian Yuan Kui of the Cang Le City. These people and Xian Yuan Kui were a similar class of people, they hardly even cultivated, but they would still talk extravagantly. They were all discussing which elder sister should they deserve, and how much price should they buy them for.

Other than the few people sitting in the first row, there were more than 10 people sitting in the second row. From the clothing and the expressions on their faces, the people in the second row should not be worse than the people sitting in the first row. But they all had their eyes shut and meditating, and were not like the youths sitting in the first row who were exchanging their extravagant theories with each other loudly.

In addition to that, Ning Cheng also noted that there were several people who were sitting with their face covered by a priest hat, there was even a strange atmosphere around them. Even if Ning Cheng did not have any contact with the cultivation practices of women being used as cultivation furnaces, he easily could say that these people were definitely here to buy women to use as their cultivation furnaces.

As for some of the older people, they were all sitting in the corner silently, one would not be able to tell if they were here to purchase a pretty sister, or just wanted to watch the fun.

Ning Cheng and Tai Shu Shi found a place to sit down, and no longer spoke.

After the time it takes for an incense stick to burn, a pretty woman with an intoxicating fragrance and dressed in only her undergarments walked step by step like a praying mantis and stepped onto the red stage. With her attractive snow white skin combined with her shapely breasts that were moving up and down as she breathed, it was as if she was doing a live advertisement.

"Thank you fellow masters to come to our Yi Shui Courtyard to join us in our auction, out of the 11 beautiful elder sisters listed in the auction, I am sure none of them will let our esteemed guests be disappointed....."

Her tone was gentle and charming to the ears, she hadn't even finished speaking, when the few young people sitting in the front row said while laughing, "We like the way you are, both big and white....."

"This elder brother who likes this Jue Jiao is really remarkable, after this auction ends, Jue Jiao will definitely accompany you."

They did not know if what she spoke was true or false, but at least after she spoke those words, the atmosphere became even more fervent.

“Well the first on our list is Ying Ying, Ying Ying has a three-line Hybrid Support Spiritual Root, and even her appearance is very gentle and charming, is very understanding, and is most suitable to be a cultivation furnace....”

Although this woman called Jue Jiao spoke the words of being suitable as a cultivation furnace, but she did not seem to be disturbed by it even for a bit, and as for the guests, none of them felt it to be wrong.

Just as Jue Jiao finished speaking, the red curtains behind her separated, and a woman with long hair wearing a light green dress appeared in front of everyone’s eyes. This woman looked very beautiful, but her eyes looked a little callous, it made her look like a puppet who had already lost hope.

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#### **Chapter 70: You Are Nothing**

“The base price for her is 1,000 Low Grade Spirit Stones, although this price cannot express the beauty of Ying Ying completely. But since today everybody here is a regular patron of our Yi Shui Courtyard, and also for the sake of better ownership of Ying Ying, we decided to lower the base price for her .....” Jue Jiao spoke with a charming expression on her face, as if she was completely unaware of her own shamelessness.

“1,300 Spirit Stones, I already fancied Miss Ying Ying from the beginning, everybody please do not try to rob her from me.” A fat man dressed in a pure white dress who was sitting in the front row immediately stood up and shouted.

This man made Ning Cheng remember the arrogant old man from the Xi Jia Auction House, but the white robed fat man standing in front of him was only at the Qi Gathering 4th Level, Ning Cheng did not know from where did he get so much confidence.

“2,000 Spirit Stones.” Ning Cheng’s guess was right, just when this fat man finished with his bid, there was another bid, but this time the increase was of 700 Spirit Stones.

This bid was made by a man wearing a black robe who was sitting in the corner.

This white robed fat man obviously did not think that there would be a person who would not dare to give him face here, and immediately became angry and said, “Who are you? Did you just arrive in Xi Jia City, and want to intentionally make me lose face?”

This fat man’s sentence also contained an important message, you have just arrived in Xi Jia City, not only did you not to go inquire about who I am, but even dared to go against me?

“Slap slap.” There were two resounding slaps, as the black dressed man immediately flew up to the fat man and slapped his face twice.

When the white robed fat man fell down, simultaneously spitting out two teeth.

“You are nothing in front of me, just dare to speak again in front of me, and see how this father will chop you into little pieces.” The black robed man then slowly walked back to his seat, while simultaneously speaking those words with complete disdain.

The white robed fat man seemed to have been scared by the aggressiveness of the black robed man, and did not even dare to continue to speak.



Jue Jiao acted as if she did not notice this commotion, and was still standing on the stage while glancing at the crowd with her charming eyes, it seemed as if she was searching for someone who would bid a higher price.

Everyone knew that Miss Ying Ying was definitely not worth only 2,000 Spirit Stones, but the others were clearly scared of the black robed man and did not want to compete against him. When there was no one to continue to increase the bids, finally Miss Ying Ying was delivered to the side of the black robed man.

Ning Cheng had taken a note of this black haired man before, his true cultivation level was at True Condensation 2nd Level, but he had concealed his cultivation level, and to others he only looked like a cultivator at the Qi Gathering 8th Level. In Ning Cheng's view, this black robed man's cultivation of True Condensation 2nd Level was still not enough to scare the Yi Shui Courtyard. But for this person to be daring enough to be so arrogant, it would mean that he should have someone significant backing him up which this Yi Shui Courtyard was truly scared of.

The red curtain on the stage was once again pulled close, and Jue Jiao's body shook as she giggled a bit before saying, "Congratulation for our patron to be able to acquire Miss Ying Ying a moment ago, and also congratulations to Miss Ying Ying who has found a better home."

Ning Cheng in his heart sneered at her, this black robed man obviously wanted to use Miss Ying Ying as his cultivation furnace, it would be more appropriate to say that Miss Ying Ying jumped from the pan and entered into the fire pit. This Jue Jiao was so shameless, to even dare to speak such good words about her ownership.

"Our second appearance is of Miss Nuo Mei, Miss Nuo Mei has a dual Support Spiritual Root, if not to find our Miss Nuo Wei a better home, our Yi Shui Courtyard would definitely not be willing to let her go. To let Miss Nuo Mei experience even more happiness in her future, we set the base price for her only for 1,500 Spirit Stones....."

Just as Jue Jiao said those words in a tender tone, the red curtain behind her automatically opened.

What appeared in the people's sight was a pretty woman wearing a blue dress, this woman did not seem to be like the one before her, and had chosen to smile for the people, which showed that she at least had a better temperament.

Even Ning Cheng had his doubts if the smile on her face was natural or not, as with her graceful look she looked completely different, it was as if she herself wanted to be put up for the auction.

"2,000 Spirit Stones." A young man sitting in the second row immediately offered.

Ning Cheng at this time noticed that this Miss Nuo Mei had a gentle look in her eyes when she looked at the young man, he immediately knew that this man was the same as Tai Shu Shi, and came specifically to take away Miss Nuo Mei.

"I put in 2,200 Spirit Stones." The black dressed man immediately offered to buy her.

When the young man heard that offer, his complexion changed, but he still said in a deep voice, "2,300 Spirit Stones."

"I put up 2,500 Spirit Stones." It seemed that the black robed man who had already purchased a woman before was filthy rich, and would not hesitate to increase the price.

Ning Cheng already saw it, this black robed man did not seem to want her as a furnace, but wanted the woman to help him test out a certain kind of Cultivation Method, therefore he wanted this woman who did not appear to be a cultivator unlike the others.

Having a Spiritual Root, a woman cultivator would most likely be whisked away by some academies or small sects, for a person to actually come to the Yi Shui Courtyard to buy women, it can be said to be a shortcut.

Ning Cheng sighed in his heart darkly, it that was really true, then these sisters who were being bought, would have an even more tragic fate than being a cultivation furnace.

"I bid 2,600 Spirit Stones, this Senior, Miss Nuo Mei is someone who I deeply like, this Senior, please show some leniency." This young man had an extremely polite tone, it was much better than what the white robed fat man used. At least he did not come to the Xi Jia City to threaten other people.

The black robed man glance at the young man and suddenly said, "Who do you think you are?"

"3,000 Spirit Stones, elder brother, you already obtained one of them, leave this to me." Another man sitting in another corner wearing a grey robe stood up, after quoting first, then he turned to the person who purchased Ying Ying, and said politely to the black robe wearing man as he cupped his fists.

When the black robed man who purchased Miss Ying Ying before heard this, he immediately replied, "I recently have a great need for several women for my Cultivation Method, and as such I will not be here the next time. But if you want to compete against me today, then you will become my mortal enemy."

Having said that the black robed man once again bid, "I bid 3,100 Spirit Stones."

Having bid more than 3,000 Spirit Stones the grey robed man seemed to be very afraid of this person, after frowning for a bit, he finally decided to not to continue to increase the bid.

The young man's complexion, who was sitting in the second row and had made the first offer, immediately changed, he only had about 2,800 Spirit Stones on him. He had originally thought that it would be sufficient enough, he never imagined that Miss Nuo Mei's price would increase this quickly to 3,100 Spirit Stones.

He looked at the face of the white robed fat man who still had bloodstains on his face, and finally did not continue to speak.

Seeing that his man could not increase the price again, Nuo Mie immediately felt something was wrong and her complexion immediately turned pale. These people had not been here for a few days, and had long since heard that some cultivators used to cultivate some strange and terrifying Cultivation Methods with the women they purchased.

Now this black robed person called Xun Shun, who had already purchased Miss Ying Ying, wanted to buy her again, it was clear that he wanted to use those sisters for his cultivation.

"Meng Lang, please help me increase the price quickly, I beg you to increase the price...." Nuo Wei finally could not sit still, and almost with a crying voice shouted from the stage. Her voice was really

heart wrenching, and made other people's heart to be anxious for her. But it was really a pity, this Meng Lang not only did not increase the price, but he even sat down with his head low.

Jue Jiao suddenly frowned, and gave a cold snort. When Nuo Mei heard that cold snort, she subconsciously shivered, and no longer dared to call out to Meng Lang again.

Tai Shu Shi who was sitting next to Ning Cheng let out a sigh, "They really are too poor, and if I had not met you, I probably would have been the same as him and would not be able to save Lian'e...."

Ning Cheng had never seen this kind of thing before in his life, the rest of the people were just calmly sitting there watching the scene of seeing those women being thrown into the fire pit. Even if these women were not cultivators, he knew that he would not be able to remain calm. At this point of time he was clenching his fist so hard that even he wouldn't be surprised if water came out of it, but it really was a pity as he really did not have the ability or the resources to help them all. He could only see that black robed person called Xun Shun take out the 3,100 Spirit Stones as he once again went ahead and purchased Nuo Mei.

Then sure enough from what this person by the name of Xun Shun said, he once again purchased the third, and the fifth women who came onto the stage. The fourth, sixth and the seventh were purchased by other people. It seemed as if these three women were not up to the standard of what this Xun Shun was looking for, no one knew that if it was their appearance or qualifications that did or meet his demands, so he did not offer any bids. But everyone present knew that as long as he quoted his price, no one would compete with him and he could easily buy them.

The people sitting in the front two rows were the ones who bid the most, but they were never successful even once. Having witnessed what happened to the white robed fat man, no one dared to continue to bid and risked being threatened by those unidentified black robed people, or those cultivators who were sitting with their face covered by their hats.

"Our eighth sister to come up on stage is our Yi Shui Courtyard's Miss Lian'e, Miss Lian'e is someone who has a primary Spiritual Root, moreover even her appearance is extremely exceptional. So Miss Lian'e's base price is set to 2,000 Low Grade Spirit Stones, the people who want to take a shot at Miss Lian'e, please start early...."

Just after Jue Jiao finished speaking, the curtain behind her immediately opened revealing a tall and pale looking woman. This woman had long hair, and was even more beautiful than the previous seven women by several times. Not only that, this woman also had the highest cultivation level out of all of them, and was already at Qi Gathering 5th Level. Ning Cheng saw the approval in Tai Shu Shi's eyes, this woman's cultivation was really good.

"I bid 2,500 Low Grade Spirit Stones." The man in the black robe called Xun Shun made the first bid.

Tai Shu Shi immediately increased the bidding price and said, "3,000 Spirit Stones."

As if she heard Tai Shu Shi's voice, Lian'e immediately looked at him in surprise, then she saw the glowing light in the eyes of Tai Shu Shi, and her pale face gained a rosy colour.

“3,500 Spirit Stones, I want this woman called Lian’e, who dares to further increase the price?” The expression on the Xun Shun’s face immediately turned cold, and looked at Tai Shu Shi with an intent to kill.

This Killing Intent was almost immediately sensed by Tai Shu Shi, but he had already understood that this Xun Shun was definitely not at Qi Gathering 8th Level, but a cultivator in the True Condensation Realm.

Sensing that this Xun Shun was a cultivator at the True Condensation Realm, Tai Shu Shi’s completion immediately turned ugly, and unexpectedly did not speak for a while, he did not know if he should continue to increase the price. If he continued to increase the price wouldn’t he have not learnt from the lesson that the white robed fat man got. Not only would he not able to save Lian’e, but he would also end up dragging Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng saw the expression on Tai Shu Shi’s face, and immediately knew that he was overwhelmed by the Killing Intent from this Xun Shun. He did not hesitate and immediately offered, “4,000 Spirit Stones.”

“Good, very good, there unexpectedly is a person who dare to rob Xun Shun’s woman....” As Xun Shun spoke, his entire body was filled with a dense murderous intent once again, while at the same time directly rushed out to slap Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng, was a cultivator at the Qi Gathering 9th Level, in his eyes, he was just an ant.

“Who do you think you are? Dare to speak such nonsense in front of your father.” Ning Cheng realized that having an imposing manner was very important, and said those words sarcastically to Xun Shun, while similarly flying out, and then sending out a punch towards him.