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Chapter 611: The Starry Sky Wheel Emerges

The four starry sky emperors did not care about the blockade around the Immortal Jade Star as they directly smashed through it and entered. This caused the aura of the Immortal Jade Star to overflow suddenly. How could the cultivators who kept a close watch over the Immortal Jade Star hold back, especially when they saw the Immortal Jade Star's Planet-protecting Grand Array completely smashed open?

In just a moment, countless flight-type weapons, along with numerous cultivators, immediately rushed in behind the emperors.

When the several starry sky emperors rushed in, they did not care about the Immortal Jade Star's Grand Array. In their view, with the four of them entering the Immortal Jade Star at once, the cultivator who snatched away the Origin Bead would not be able to escape regardless of the means. Even if the cultivator managed to seal the Earth Origin Bead somehow, the aura of the Earth Origin from his body would not come off in just a short period.

However, after these starry sky emperors rushed into the Immortal Jade Star, they immediately realised that they were wrong. They should have first sealed off the Immortal Jade Star's Grand Array before coming in. Moreover, they simply could not sense even the slightest shred of aura belong to the Earth Origin Bead, only finding a Wind Thunder Apricot.

Seeing Yi Jiufeng and Qian Jierui's speed, Chuan Xinlou gave out a sigh in his heart. He knew at this moment the blood oath between them had already dissolved with the disappearance of the Earth Origin Bead. At this moment, everyone fought with everyone, the one who managed to grab something and escape would be its owner.

"Brother Levelled Heart, I don't sense the Earth Origin Aura. We should really seal up the Planet-protecting Grand Array. Once the cultivator with Earth Origin Bead escapes, we would never be able to find that fellow again."

Zhangkang Tianji, who looked like a barbarian, voiced the same problem as Chuan Xinlou. They just had to seal the Immortal Jade Star, that way that cultivator would not be able to leave the Immortal Jade Star and the Earth Origin Bead would eventually fall into their hands.

Chuan Xinlou gave a sigh, "Brother Heaven Crossing, the moment we broke into the Immortal Jade Star, we can no longer seal away the Immortal Jade Star. Since we made it inside, why would the other starry sky emperors decide to stay outside? If we sealed it by force, it would immediately enrage the cultivators outside and would force them to blow apart the Planet-protecting Grand Array from the outside. Once things reached that point, everyone would have to fend for themselves."

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The more Ning Cheng continued sinking through the ground, the more he felt that he made the right decision. Holding the Earth Origin Bead and sensing the Laws of Earth while escaping through the earth. It was just a perfect match.

In just a short while, Ning Cheng almost entirely integrated his aura with the aura of the surrounding earth. Ning Cheng believed that if he continued to hold on to the Earth Origin Bead, he might be able to comprehend some sort of an earth-attributed Spirit Technique, something far better than the low-level Earth Escape Technique. However, Ning Cheng did not dare to continue holding the Earth Origin Bead for long. He felt afraid that some powerhouse would manage to sense the aura of the Earth Origin Bead.

Thinking of that, Ning Cheng threw the Earth Origin Bead into the Mysterious Yellow Bead. The moment Ning Cheng threw the Earth Origin Bead into the Mysterious Yellow Bead, it immediately underwent a qualitative change. A burst of Earth-attributed fluctuations erupted within the Mysterious Yellow Bead. It originally contained Auras of Water and Fire that came from their respective Origin Beads, but then suddenly a more solid aura started to emerge within it. This was the real Earth Origin Aura. Sensing these changes, Ning Cheng knew that no one could separate the Earth Origin Bead from him now, and the Earth Origin Bead had now become an integral part of the Mysterious Yellow Bead.

From now on, the Earth Origin would slowly spread within his Mysterious Yellow Bead and blend with the other origins inside. It was as if Ning Cheng had planted a seed today, and one day this seed would germinate and start growing.

After the fusion of the Earth Origin Bead, Ning Cheng then converged his aura, allowing him to integrate with the surrounding earth and continue to sink.

He had smashed open the Monitoring Array Formation on the surface of the Immortal Jade Star, which most likely would cause those keeping an eye on them to immediately rush into the Immortal Jade Star. At this moment, the only thing he could do now was to prevent others from discovering him and escape through the earth. As long as he could hide from those cultivators on the Immortal Jade Star till they finally left, he would eventually succeed.

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While Ning Cheng continued to sink down the Immortal Jade Star to escape, a massive war had erupted over the surface of the Immortal Jade Star. Previously, because the Immortal Jade Star had considerable size, the more than a hundred thousand cultivators that came in had not created much of an impact. Moreover, these cultivators would never willingly get into conflict with others while searching for resources.

However, this time, more than a million high-level cultivators had suddenly poured into the Immortal Jade Star, which immediately caused the supply of resources over the Immortal Jade Star to go into a steep decline. With the addition of more and more cultivators, although it led to more and more good things to emerge, it also resulted in fights breaking out everywhere within the Immortal Jade Star.

Not to talk about fights between ordinary high-levelled cultivators, even Yi Jiufeng and Qian Jierui, two of the big four powerhouses, started to fight with each other. After the disappearance of the Earth Origin Bead, the connection and the slight trust between the four giants had long since disappeared without a trace.

“Yi Jiufeng, if the Wind Thunder Apricot were taken away by a cultivator from your Grand Spirit Heaven Starry Sky, so even if you took away the Wind Thunder Apricot later, I, Qian Jierui would not have interfered. But this Wind Thunder Apricot was snatched by my Devil Domain Cultivator. To snatch this

Wind Thunder Apricot, a starry sky emperor like you actually stooped so low as to kill a cultivator who just advanced to the Celestial Bridge Realm. Do you still have any shame?"

Qian Jierui spoke with an ice-cold tone. His robes flapped without any wind as wave after wave of horrifying imposing aura oozed out of him.

Yi Jiufeng gave a calm reply, "I had already mentioned that I need only the Wind Thunder Apricot. I anyway killed that ant already, so are you still going to blabber about it?"

"Give the Wind Thunder Apricot to my Devil Domain as compensation for my Devil Domain's genius that you killed. Otherwise, I will have to take drastic actions." Qian Jierui's tone turned colder by the moment.

"Haha....." Yi Jiufeng laughed, "If something fell into my, Yi Jiufeng's, hands, no one can force it out of my, Yi Jiufeng's, hands. Not even someone like you, Qian Jierui. I've known for a long time that there was nothing to gain by cooperating with a bunch of people like you. No one can raise a flower without putting in the work. I guess this saying is true, after all. It looks like this emperor will have to look out for herself, and if you want to fight, then come on, I'll take you on any time."

Yi Jiufeng did not fear Qian Jierui at all. The moment Qian Jierui acted, she also gathered her Celestial Essence and shot out, creating a path filled with visible scars. These scars formed from Celestial Essence almost instantly collided with Qian Jierui's black awns and immediately blew up the surrounding area.

The Immortal Jade Star did not have high-level laws governing it. Therefore, once these two Eternal-level starry sky emperors started fighting, how could the fluctuations compare that of fights between average people?

Yi Jiufeng did not give any way causing Qian Jierui to grow even angrier. The moment they began, the two of them immediately clashed with their true fires[1].

Chuan Xinlou and Zhangkang Tianji, the original ones who initiated the cooperation, seem to have disappeared. They did not even bother to persuade either of them. Everyone knew that Yi Jiufeng had thick skin on top of being arrogant, and her actions of killing a Celestial Bridge Cultivator from the Devil Domain and snatching the Wind Thunder Apricot from his dead hands highlighted it even further. As for Qian Jierui, as the premier powerhouse from the Devil Domain, he naturally had to stand up and speak to take advantage of the situation. If Qian Jierui and Yi Jiufeng had set their minds to fight with each other for the Wind Thunder Apricot, then there was no reason for Zhang Kantian and Chuan Xinlou to intervene. What's more, the two of them also had no intentions to speak anyway.

Yi Jiufeng, this woman was the first to rush into the Immortal Jade Star among them, at that point, things had already progressed beyond any point of reconciliation. If the two of them had joined forces to deal with Yi Jiufeng, it would have immediately held them back.

Some unknown cultivator had snatched away the Earth Origin bead, and they only knew that it was a middle-aged man with a wheatish complexion. Moreover, the Starry Sky Wheel had also not appeared since the beginning. Not to mention, there was still the Good Fortune Treasure that they wanted to fish out. At this moment, Zhangkang Tianji and Chuan Xinlou both felt uncomfortable in their hearts. It would have truly been a joke for them to try acting as mediators.

With the battle between two starry skies' Heaven Emperors growing in intensity, their residual power caused a large trench started to appear gradually over the Immortal Jade Star, surrounded by thousands of miles of ravines. The mountains began to crumble, and the rivers rose up.

It felt like a massive earthquake had started to rampage through the Immortal Jade Star, and cultivators and demonic beasts fell to their deaths amidst the fight between the two powerhouses.

If that were all, it would not be the scariest things. The most terrifying thing that happened because of the fight was the endless stream of Explosive Golden Wasps that kept streaming out.

These Explosive Golden Wasps had mostly kept to themselves within the canyons while making the cliffs inside as their home. However, with the two powerhouses fighting on the Immortal Jade Star, even the Explosive Golden Wasps could not continue to live in seclusion.

With so many Explosive Golden Wasps rushing out, the low-levelled cultivators simply had no way to resist them. Some of the cultivators who could not manage to rush out of the Immortal Jade Star immediately turned into food for the Exploding Golden Wasps rushing out.

The Exploding Golden Wasp King felt extreme anger on finding its home under imminent destruction and lead the endless Exploding Golden Wasps everywhere to slaughter every cultivator it encountered. However, among the cultivators in the Immortal Jade Star, apart from the Big Four, there were also other Eternal-level Starry Sky Emperors. Although tough, one of the Starry Sky Emperor finally managed to kill the Explosive Golden Wasp King when it tried to besiege the Starry Sky Emperor.

With the Exploding Golden Wasp King dead, the rest of the Exploding Wasps instantly turned into headless chickens and could no longer form back into the previously giant Exploding Golden Wasp Hive. Some of the Exploding Golden Wasps escaped towards the Immortal Jade Star, while some Exploding Golden Wasps rushed into the starry sky.

Ning Cheng had already entered the depths of the Immortal Jade Star and had no idea about what was happening over the surface of the Immortal Jade Star. However, when he felt the earth around him swaying with occasional bursts, Ning Cheng immediately stopped and realised that things had taken a turn for the worse.

Since the earth, this deep inside the Immortal Jade Star trembled with such intensity, then it meant that someone started a big fight over the surface of the Immortal Jade Star. If a significant conflict erupted over the planetary surface of the Immortal Jade Star, there was an extremely high chance that it would lead to a planetary collapse.

Thinking of this, Ning Cheng turned anxious. If he did not have the Mysterious Yellow Bead, once the Immortal Jade Star finally collapsed, it would also result in his death as the effect would be much fiercer near to the core of the Immortal Jade Star. However, Ning Cheng did not dare to enter the Mysterious Yellow Bead right now. Moreover, since the five essential elements of the Mysterious Yellow Bead had not yet come together, only he could remain inside for long periods while someone else could not.

However, the Immortal Jade Star currently had numerous Eternal-level Starry Sky Emperors. Once his Mysterious Yellow Bead got exposed, could he hide inside? The answer was no, the Mysterious Yellow Bead's Aura would definitely not escape the Spiritual Consciousness detection of the Eternal-level

Heavenly Emperors. As such, at this moment, he could only hide the Mysterious Yellow Bead in the depths of his Zifu and did not dare to make any movements with it.

The core of the Immortal Jade Star started to tremble with higher intensity. At this moment, Ning Cheng had no choice but to stop as he anxiously tried to think about countermeasures. Rushing out at this moment obviously was not a feasible option.

At this very moment, an aura filled with vicissitudes of time suddenly washed over him. The source of this aura was not far from him. Sensing this aura, Ning Cheng simply forgot about the imminent explosion of the Immortal Jade Star and immediately headed towards the source of this aura filled with vicissitudes of time.

A three-foot sized roulette-shaped wheel appeared in front of him, with unusual patterns covering every inch of this roulette-shaped wheel. The planetary core of the Immortal Jade Star surrounded and covered it. The battle above the Immortal Jade Star's surface had finally caused the planet to start splitting, allowing Ning Cheng to sense this aura.

In just a moment, Ning Cheng felt more than shocked as he realised that this was the Starry Sky Disc.

The same moment that Ning Cheng realised that this was the Starry Sky Disc, several Spiritual Consciousness swept over. Ning Cheng internally screamed in his heart while cursing at his bad luck. The fight above exposed this Starry Sky Disc. Moreover, the moment he sensed and appeared next to the Starry Sky Disc, those Starry Sky Heavenly Emperors also managed to sense the aura of the Starry Sky Disc.

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Chapter 612: Immortal Jade Star Crumbles

Ning Cheng knew that if he hesitated for even a moment, this Starry Sky Wheel would not belong to him. Not only would this Starry Sky Wheel not belong to him, but even his life also would not belong to him.

Although it took him a lot of time to reach the core from the surface of the Immortal Jade Star, it would probably take only a breath for the Starry Sky Emperors to arrive here. This time frame also included sensing the aura of the Starry Sky Wheel, reacting to it and entering the core.

The moment the Starry Sky Wheel appeared, almost all the powerhouses in and above the Life and Death Realm sensed it. At this moment, who would willingly let go of such an opportunity? As long as any cultivator sensed the Starry Sky Wheel, they immediately plunged into the ground to rush towards it.

Ning Cheng felt truly anxious. He didn't even look at the Starry Sky Wheel before tossing it into the Minor Five-element Array Formation within the Mysterious Yellow Bead. At the same time, Ning Cheng immediately cast the Maximal Flame Spirit Technique. From the time he saw the Starry Sky Wheel to when he stored the Starry Sky Wheel and used the Maximal Flame Spirit Technique, it had not exceeded one breath.

"Boom-Boom-Boom-Boom....." Horrifying explosions started to ring out in the depths of the Immortal Jade Star. The Immortal Jade Star already had reached the brink of collapse a few moments ago.

Therefore, when Ning Cheng unleashed the Maximal Flame Spiritual Technique within its core, it finally caused the Immortal Jade Star head into an irreversible collapse.

The huge star almost instantly exploded into countless pieces. At this moment, the cultivators on the surface of the Immortal Jade Star found themselves in a slightly better position. Many of the cultivators managed to bring out various defensive weapons in time, allowing the strong destructive momentum to force them into the starry sky. However, many cultivators could not escape from this destructive momentum caused by the collapse of the Immortal Jade Star and turned into ashes in just an instant. The cultivators who had already entered below the surface of the Immortal Jade Star were the first to bear the brunt of the violent explosion.

However, at this time, most of the cultivators below the surface of the Immortal Jade Star had significantly high cultivations. Therefore, although this level of explosions could severely hurt them, the power still had not reached the level to take their life. In fact, it was a long way off.

As for Ning Cheng, even though he obtained the Starry Sky Disc, he did not dare to enter the Mysterious Yellow Bead. If news got out that he grabbed the Starry Sky Wheel, it would cause a majority of the cultivators here to chase after him. However, if he exposed the Mysterious Yellow Bead, it would cause all the cultivators within this planar interface to hunt him down.

Moreover, on the off chance that any of those Eternal-level Starry Sky Emperors knew how to tear through the planar interfaces, where could he escape to then?

The same moment that Ning Cheng cast the Maximal Flame Spirit Technique, he also brought out dozens of middle-grade defensive-type Dao Artefacts. In the centre of the encirclement of these defensive-type Dao Artefacts, he then summoned the Everlasting Blue Thunder City. At the same time, he also wrapped himself within his Celestial River Domain, creating as many defensive layers as possible.

It was all thanks to his mighty Starry Sky Sea of Consciousness. Replaced by an ordinary Celestial Bridge Cultivator, they would have no way to bring out and control so many defensive-type weapons at the same time; however, Ning Cheng could.

Although the Everlasting Blue Thunder City was a treasure in itself, it at least did not have the aura of Good Fortune Treasures, and it could very well explode after summoning. The Eternal-level Starry Sky Emperors, in the middle of the exploding star, would not necessarily be able to detect him while resisting the explosion.

“Katcha, Katcha.....” The dozens of middle-grade defence-type Dao Artefacts that Ning Cheng had brought out cracked like eggshells in general and the layers of defences around him started to crumble into nothingness. A moment later, the Everlasting Blue Thunder City’s projection also cracked open before dissolving. As for the defensive layers of Celestial River Domain around Ning Cheng’s body, it was akin to thin sheets of paper stacked over each other. They couldn’t even last for a moment before the planetary explosion ripped it apart.

At that moment, anyone watching the Immortal Jade Star from a distance would see the Immortal Jade Star exploding into countless pieces like a big firework.

The horrifying moment formed by the Immortal Jade Star’s explosion quickly ripped through Ning Cheng’s flesh and almost turned his bones into powder.

The shockwave generated from the Immortal Jade Star's explosion threw Ning Cheng's body straight out. Together with many cultivators, the shockwave blasted them straight into the starry sky in different directions.

Ning Cheng struggled to cling on to the Boundary Breaking Talisman. However, just when he tried to stimulate the Boundary Breaking Talisman, he found that his body did not respond to any command due to the severe and almost fatal injuries. At this moment, not to mention stimulating the Boundary Breaking Talisman, even a random pebble within the starry sky would have taken his life.

Realising this, Ning Cheng felt a glimmer of regret within his heart. Regret about not entering the Mysterious Yellow Bead. Although those Eternal-level Starry Sky Emperors would immediately chase after him once he stepped into the Mysterious Yellow Bead and exposed it, he at least could have seen the light of tomorrow. But because he did not enter the Mysterious Yellow Bead, it had immediately turned into an almost fatal problem.

At this moment, Ning Cheng did not have any control over his body, and the shockwaves from the Immortal Jade Star's explosions pushed him further and further away.

Fortunately, no one paid any attention to Ning Cheng at this moment. He was not the only cultivator pushed out by the violent shockwaves of the exploding star. Countless cultivators, both dead and barely alive, littered this area within the starry sky.

A familiar figure appeared in Ning Cheng's vision, and he saw Shi Qionghua standing on a deck at some distance a moment later. Shi Qionghua had apparently not entered the Immortal Jade Star and stood among the low-levelled cultivators on the outer deck as they all watched the cultivators shooting out of the recently collapsed Immortal Jade Star in stunned silence.

"Qionghua, help me....." The moment Ning Cheng reached near to the edge of the airship, he tried his best to shout out a sentence.

After the Immortal Jade Star collapsed with an explosion, Shi Qionghua stood nervously on the deck watching the distant exploding star. She felt worried about her Sacred Master and Senior Apprentice Sister Jing Yiyi. However, she did not leave the floor to look for them. From the chaotic shockwaves that pushed the cultivators haphazardly, she could only watch in helplessness and try to find any traces of her Senior Apprentice Sister.

At this moment, she suddenly heard a familiar call. The moment she listened to this call, she immediately realised that this voice belonged to Ning Cheng.

When Ning Cheng had rescued her that time by letting her escape first, he had also used the same voice.

She did not even think about it, and immediately rushed towards Ning Cheng, who had already gone far away. Ning Cheng had drifted far away not because he wanted to stray away but because he could not control his body anymore.

Fortunately, by this time, the impact force had dissipated a lot, and Shi Qionghua managed to catch up with Ning Cheng in just a few breaths. She found Ning Cheng covered in blood and unmoving with something clutched within his hands.

Ning Cheng used every ounce of his remaining strength to put the Boundary Breaking Talisman in Shi Qionghua's hands and said, "Qionghua, I am Ning Cheng. It's too late to explain. You have to use this Boundary Breaking Talisman to take me away; otherwise, I will die....."

Mustering the last bit of strength to complete the actions and saying those words, Ning Cheng finally went into a coma. Not to mention that he had somehow managed to survive the collapse of a planet while at its core, even those Eternal-level Heavenly Emperors, who encountered the planetary explosion within the ground, had ashes covering their faces.

The reason Ning Cheng managed to stay alive was all due to luck. He had a lot of defensive-type Dao Artefacts, along with the Everlasting Blue Thunder City. Of course, the most important contributing factor was his formidable Spiritual Consciousness, which helped him control so many layers of defences at the same time.

Together with the Maximal Flame Spiritual Technique, which he had cast out first, he experienced a moment of safety within the Maximal Flame Spirit Technique. Although the technique caused the final collapse of the star, the explosion instantly annihilated his Maximal Flame Spirit Technique. However, the technique also helped him by absorbing and dissipating a significant portion of the explosion's power.

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"Kid, if this emperor did not extract your spirit....." Zhangkang Tianji had just rushed out of the Immortal Jade Star and had only spoken half a sentence before he stopped as if someone had slapped his face. His Spiritual Consciousness had obviously caught the aura of the cultivator who caused the destruction of the star; however, a moment later, that puny cultivator disappeared.

He was not the only one to stop, but the three other people Chuan Xinlou, Yi Jiufeng, and Qian Jierui also lost Ning Cheng's trail.

"That should be the fellow who taken away the Earth Origin Bead. I did not expect him to take away the Starry Sky Wheel too. Looks like he really has good fortune on his side. But how could this puny cultivator remain safe and sound amidst the explosion caused by the Immortal Jade Star's collapse?" Chuan Xinlou frowned and looked back at the still-collapsing Immortal Jade Star.

Zhangkang Tianji clenched his teeth as he spoke, "That bastard escaped in the blink of an eye. That ant must have used a Boundary Breaking Talisman. But this Boundary Breaking Talisman did not even create the slightest trace. How it is this strong? Who exactly refined this talisman?"

"Does it not mean that this fellow also has the Good Fortune Treasure?" Yi Jiufeng gave a cold humph and spoke.

Chuan Xinlou shook his head and spoke up, "I heard that Good Fortune Treasures have a world of its own inside of it. If he really had a Good Fortune Treasure, he would have immediately entered the Good Fortune Treasure to avoid the Immortal Jade Star's destruction. However, he did not do this. Therefore, it is very likely that this fellow does not have a Good Fortune Treasure on him."

"Maybe that bastard deliberately did not enter the Good Fortune Treasure, fearing that it would expose his Good Fortune Treasure, which would have immediately drawn our attention. That kid sure has a

devious mind, he even made sure to break the Monitoring Array Formation before taking action.” Qian Jierui spoke in a whisper.

Chuan Xinlou still shook his head and spoke, “During the moment the Immortal Jade Star exploded if anyone had a Good Fortune Treasure, they would have immediately entered the Good Fortune Treasure to escape.”

The other three remained silent, apparently agreeing to Chuan Xinlou’s explanation.

After a moment, Zhangkang Tianji suddenly turned to Qian Jierui and Yi Jiufeng and spoke up with anger, “If you two hadn’t fought, how could the Immortal Jade Star collapse this quickly? If the Immortal Jade Star hadn’t collapsed, how could that kid escape? The two of you simply cannot accomplish anything but definitely know how to spoil everything.”

Qian Jierui gave a cold snort but did not feel any resentment towards Zhangkang Tianji. Instead, his imposing aura flared up once again and shrouded Yi Jiufeng, “Yi Jiufeng, the Immortal Jade Star exploded because of your meddlesome activities. You will have to give my Devil Domain an explanation.”

Seeing the two of them on the verge of a fight once again, Zhangkang Tianji and Chuan Xinlou simply ignored them and entered their own respective Void Airships.

After entering the Void Airship, Chuan Xinlou looked at the starry skies in the distance with a sneer at the corner of his mouth. He felt sure that the cultivator who managed to escape had a Good Fortune Treasure. Otherwise, how could he hide the auras of the Earth Origin bead and the Starry Sky Wheel without even refining them?

However, he also had to admit that this puny cultivator had a devious mind. Even amid the explosion, that fellow had not entered the Good Fortune Treasure, which most likely indicated that he did not want to others to sense the aura of the Good Fortune Treasure from overflowing. This idea would have worked on anyone else but not on someone like Chuan Xinlou.

A puny Celestial Scryer Cultivator was not worthy of such a treasure, whether it was the Earth Origin Bead, or the Starry Sky Wheel, or even that Good Fortune Treasure, they all would ultimately be his, Chuan Xinlou’s, one day.

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In any case, the hustle and bustle created by the Immortal Jade Star for several years ended in an anticlimactic manner. Of the three treasures, apart from the Wind Thunder Apricot that Yi Jiufeng took back to the Grand Spirit Heaven Starry Sky, people found that the remaining two treasures were taken away by a nameless junior.

No one managed to uncover the identity of this nameless junior, even the ‘Big Four’ Eternal-level Starry Sky Emperor could not be of any help. In addition to that, more than a hundred thousand cultivators died because of the destruction of the Immortal Jade Star. This caused the Celestial Scryer Genius Tryouts to end in a complete failure.

News also spread that the collapse of the Immortal Jade Star was a result of a direct clash between the Devil Domain’s Qian Jierui and Spirit Heaven’s Yi Jiufeng. The two of them did not hold back in the

slightest, causing their attacks to land directly on the Immortal Jade Star. As a result, both sides suffered injuries, and no one could do anything about it.

That battle caused the relationship between the Grand Devil Domain Starry Skies and the Grand Spirit Heaven Starr Skies, who already had a bad relationship, to deteriorate even further. Just short of mobilising their starry sky cultivator army, every communication between the two grand starry skies had reached a total freezing point.

As for Zhangkang Tianji, he did not speak any nonsense and directly returned to the Grand Demon Starry Sky with his cultivators. While Chuan Xinlou acted more peacefully. He returned to Grand Culmination Starry Skies' Eternal Heaven City and announced that he was going into seclusion for an indefinite time. As for the rest of the cultivators, they all headed back to wherever they came from.

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Chapter 613: Saving Ning Cheng

The Sword Mountain Path was not a path, nor a mountain, but a castle complex similar to a small town. This place had a collection of various ancient castles that formed a village-like small city.

People said that this place really was once a mountain a long time ago, which produced a master specialising in the Dao of Sword. Legend states that this master used this place to gain enlightenment in the Dao of Sword. As a result, a lot of Sword Cultivators used to come here wanting to understand the Dao of Sword. But despite the best efforts, only a very few cultivators managed to understand anything about the Dao of Sword from this place.

Over an extended period, under the constant grindings from the Sword Aura of the cultivators who came here to understand the Dao of Sword, this mountain finally transformed into an ancient path. With time, the 'ancient path' also disappeared, leaving only the original caves of those cultivators who walked the path of swords. As time passed, some rogue cultivators started to gather here and erected castles after castles in this place, turning it into something similar to an ancient fortress.

At this time, outside the Sword Mountain Path, a girl in blue with a veil covering her face carried a comatose male cultivator over her back. Although she had wrapped the cultivator in a loose robe, it still could not conceal the severe injuries riddling this cultivator's body. As long as one paid some attention to her, one could easily smell the thick stench of blood coming from this comatose cultivator on her back.

This girl in blue was Shi Qionghua. After Ning Cheng gave her the Boundary Breaking Talisman and spoke a few words, he slipped into a coma. Although she initially thought about handing Ning Cheng to the Sacred Master and let Sacred Master save him. She, regardless, still acted according to Ning Cheng's instructions.

Thankfully, she immediately discarded the thought of handing him to Sacred Master. The Time Stones on her came from Ning Cheng, and since Ning Cheng could give her so many Time Stones, it meant that he also had a significant stock of it. Even someone like Sacred Master desired Time Stones. If she handed Ning Cheng over to the Sacred Master, the Sacred Master would have quickly found out about the Time Stones in Ning Cheng's possession. At that moment, it would be doubtful if Ning Cheng could even remain alive.

In addition to this, there was another reason why she complied with such a request. That is, Ning Cheng mentioned that he would die if he stayed in this place. If any Starry Sky Emperors in the Eternal Realm wanted to kill Ning Cheng, even someone like Sacred Master would not be able to save Ning Cheng.

Moreover, Ning Cheng had once saved her life by risking his own death. He even sent her the invaluable Time Stones and an ancient copper coin. Even if she had nothing to do with Ning Cheng in her past life, she could never forget such gratitude.

Fortunately, Shi Qionghua managed to escape in time. She had just taken Ning Cheng away with the Boundary Breaking Talisman when the big four Starry Sky Emperors charged out looking for Ning Cheng's aura.

Chuan Xinlou had guessed that Ning Cheng used some sort of an Escape Talisman to break through the starry sky boundary, but he did not disclose it. He believed that with his ability, he could definitely locate Ning Cheng's final position. Any kind of Boundary Breaking Talisman would leave behind a trace, and this trace would not dissipate immediately. As long as he could find this trace, he felt confident that he could figure out where Ning Cheng escaped.

It's just that he did not know that there was another Talisman Refining Cultivator within the starry sky called Fu Lie. Fu Lie's talismans did not need any refining, and even after activating, it would not leave any trace behind. Maybe Fu Lie's talisman really left a trail, but someone like Chuan Xinlou could never see through it. One had to know that even though Chuan Xinlou's cultivation had reached the pinnacle within the Grand Culmination Starry Skies but compared to the real powerhouses, he still could not amount to much.

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Shi Qionghua stood outside the Sword Mountain Path and observed it for a while, before finally choosing to enter this group of castles with Ning Cheng on her back. In fact, she did not notice that someone had already taken note of her arrival. Of the many cultivators coming in and out of the Sword Mountain Path, there were not many among them like Shi Qionghua.

Seeing that no one stopped them, Shi Qionghua felt relieved in her heart. She rarely came out alone, yet this time she went to a completely unknown star with the Boundary Breaking Talisman. This made her feel very uneasy.

Although this castle complex looked very primitive, it still contained everything that one would potentially need. Not only did it have some shops, it even had several rest stops.

Shi Qionghua came to a relatively good-looking rest stop before walking in and asking the shop assistant at the reception, "Do you have a large room? It would be better to have two cultivation chambers within, with high-level shielding restrictions."

"Of course, our South Sword Rest Stop would not be a bad choice even in the Brilliant Celestial City. The best room we have cost one million green coins a month, and the one just below it for half a million green coins per month....." The shop assistant on seeing business knocking at his door quickly tried to explain things in detail. As for the cultivator with severe injuries over Shi Qionghua's back, he did not care about it at all. It would have been strange if a cultivator without injuries came to this rest stop for lodging in such a manner.

In the Sword Mountain Path, although a lot of cultivators came and went, these cultivators would generally not choose to live in a place that looked too good. Even if they wanted to stay here, it would only be for a few days. However, Shi Qionghua asked for the largest room, it showed that she was a cultivator with wealth.

Shi Qionghua felt a slight surprise, she simply had no green coins on her. Although she was not a wealthy person per se, she only had purple coins on her to the value of a little above a hundred thousand coins. She did not expect to hear such a low price in this place, especially since even the worst rest stops within the Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City would charge a slightly higher fare even on a per-day basis.

Seeing Shi Qionghua standing there without any reaction, the shop assistant quickly spoke up, "Of course, if you want to live a little cheaper, it is not without....."

Shi Qionghua immediately interrupted the shop assistant's words, "No, I'll take the room for 500,000 green coins a month. I'll make a reservation for two months for now."

After that, Shi Qionghua took out 10,000 purple coins and handed it to the shop assistant.

The shop assistant on seeing the purple coins felt very pleased, "Two friends, please come with me."

Not many cultivators who came to the Sword Mountain Path paid in purple coins, as they would prefer to keep the purple coins aside for when they went to some of the bigger starry sky cities. Now that Shi Qionghua paid in purple coins, how could it not make him happy?

Fortunately, Shi Qionghua still had some purple coins. If she did not have purple coins, maybe she would have used Perpetual Moon Pills.

As the Sacred Lady of the Everlasting Sacred Shrine, Shi Qionghua often came out accompanied by the Sacred Master, and naturally stayed in good rest stops. However, compared to the other starry sky cities, the South Sword Rest Stop's room did not have much to speak of except for its considerably ample space.

The starry sky Essence Qi was thin around these parts, and even the array formations were of a general grade, same with the restrictions. Which meant that one had to rely on oneself for privacy.

Shi Qionghua did not care much about it; although she did not have much understanding of restrictions, she could at least arrange a general Shielding Array Formation. As for the thin starry sky Essence Qi around these parts, she did not bother about it too. For her, the most important thing was not cultivation, but to help Ning Cheng recover.

Activating the restrictions within the room, Shi Qionghua immediately placed Ning Cheng on the wooden couch and then carefully untied Ning Cheng's outer robes.

Previously, she had not removed Ning Cheng's inner robes but only helped put a loose outer coat around Ning Cheng. Now that Shi Qionghua found a place to settle down temporarily, it finally allowed her to take a closer look at Ning Cheng's injuries.

To tell the truth, even the word 'severe' could not describe Ning Cheng's current injuries. Switched to an ordinary cultivator, even their Life Essence would have long since dissipated under such trauma, instead of falling into a coma.

Blood covered Ning Cheng body while pieces of broken bones stuck out from his skin. His body did not look like that of a cultivator with severe injuries but of a dying mutilated person without an intact epidermis.

Shi Qionghua had personally witnessed the collapse of the Immortal Jade Star, yet Ning Cheng managed to escape with such severe injuries. Unlike the others who died on the spot. This truly went beyond the realm of luck.

Cleaning away the scraps of cloths and other debris clinging to Ning Cheng's body, she finally reached Ning Cheng's shorts. Shi Qionghua hesitated for a moment but eventually decided not to remove Ning Cheng's shorts. At this moment, Ning Cheng's body did not look like that of a healthy person at all; rather it looked more like a lump of flesh, blood and broken bones put together in the shape of a person.

As for the Appearance Changing Mask over Ning Cheng's face, Shi Qionghua did not take it off. In any case, only Ning Cheng could take off that mask once he woke up.

Working round the clock for almost an entire day, Shi Qionghua finally finished re-connecting all the broken bones within Ning Cheng's body. As for whether or not they could grow back to their original condition, it would have to wait until Ning Cheng woke up.

As the day passed by, Ning Cheng still did not wake up from his coma. Looking at Ning Cheng in a coma, Shi Qionghua gave out a sigh. She understood that for Ning Cheng to wake up, he could only rely on himself, external factors would not be of much help in his situation. Previously, she felt an inexplicable attraction towards Ning Cheng, which she simply could not explain at all. Rather, Shi Qionghua attributed this to Ning Cheng saving her at the Changing Earth Mountain and almost losing his life. Despite this, she did not believe what Ning Cheng had said, that they used to be husband and wife in her previous life.

But on the other hand, if they were not husband and wife in her last life, how could Ning Cheng risk his life for her over an exchange of just a few words? Why would he hand over those precious Time Stones to someone like her?

Shi Qionghua sat next to Ning Cheng and continuously thought about the relationship between her and Ning Cheng before shifting her thoughts towards her Sacred Master. At this moment, as she sat alone in this remote place, would Sacred Master not think that she might have died?

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Even after the South Sword Rest Stop's shop assistant sent Shi Qionghua to her room, he still felt quite happy within his heart. However, although customers like Shi Qionghua paid generously without bargaining, they were still just customers to him.

"That female cultivator who just came in, it looks like she paid in purple coins." A cultivator standing at the ground floor of the South Sword Rest Stop walked up to the shop assistant and asked casually.

The shop assistant had not lived in the Sword Mountain Path for a day or two. How could he not understand the intent of this cultivator? However, he did not pay any attention to this person's intent. When it came to the cultivators who lived in the South Sword Rest Stop, no one would dare to barge in and do anything to them. However, once the girl with the scarf covering her face left the South Sword Rest Stop, whether she lived or someone killed her right outside the rest stop, it would not have anything to do with his South Sword Rest Stop.

"Yes, she did pay with purple coins." The shop assistant replied as if nothing happened.

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Chapter 614: Qionghua Looks For Pills

Shi Qionghua acted in a very cautious manner, and even when she came to Sword Mountain Path and found no danger, she did not leave her residence.

A few days later, Ning Cheng still showed no signs of waking up. Seeing this, Shi Qionghua's heart started growing anxious. But she had no Spiritual Pills, no valuable Spiritual Grasses and did not know much about healing. As such, she could not help but grow anxious with each passing day.

On the 9th day, Shi Qionghua could no longer wait around like this. If things continued to remain like this, a Spiritual Pill would not magically fall from the sky. But if she went out and interacted with the people outside, there might be a glimmer of hope.

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In a place like Sword Mountain Path, when it came to healing abilities, if Sword Mountain Invigorating Spring Pavilion claimed to be the second, then no one would dare to say they were the first. Within the Sword Mountain Path lived many rogue cultivators, as long as their injuries did not go beyond the realm of healing, they could all find some hope within the Sword Mountain Invigorating Spring Pavilion.

Even some of the rogue cultivators from other regions would choose to come here to buy medicinal pills instead of going to other Pill Pavilions.

After Shi Qionghua left the rest stop, she made a quick inquiry and found the Sword Mountain Invigorating Spring Pavilion.

"Almost every bone in the body broken; damaged meridians on the verge of collapse; has not awakened yet....." After hearing Shi Qionghua's description, a Celestial Gatherer old man working in the Invigorating Spring Pavilion frowned and repeated what Shi Qionghua just said.

"Yes." Shi Qionghua replied with anxiety, "Senior, can people wake up from such a situation?"

The old man pondered over this matter for a long time before speaking, "I have seen a similar situation as you described once before. And to tell the truth, it should be easy to wake this person up. Cultivators cultivate primarily through their Life Essence, even if a cultivator's corporeal body suffers extensive damage one could still recover as long as the cultivator's Life Essence exists, which means that the cultivator's Spirit Soul has not dissipated. Since your Senior Apprentice Brother still breaths, it means that his Spirit Soul still exists. Seeing this, there is only one possibility."

"What is it?" Shi Qionghua almost followed up and asked.

The old man spoke with a slow pace, "It looks like your Senior Apprentice Brother suffered an extremely violent trauma, strong enough that even his Life Essence could not withstand, which caused him to lapse into a coma. If this truly were the case then you Senior Apprentice Brother would wake up in a while. However, even if your Senior Apprentice Brother wakes up, he could only continue as a cripple. It's not because of his Life Essence suffering a violent shock, but because your Senior Apprentice Brother's meridians have no way to recover."

"Of course, this is only the best-case scenario. In a slightly worse scenario, even if you managed to wake up your Senior Apprentice Brother, he might turn into an idiot. With his Life Essence shaken to the core, it would be quite possible that it might end up splitting, how could such a situation be something simple?"

One had to say, this old man definitely possessed some excellent skills. His diagnosis did not deviate much from what had actually happened.

"What should I do then?" Shi Qionghua turned even more anxious, and she completely believed the old man's words. That's because Ning Cheng had indeed experienced extremely violent trauma. She had even seen it with her own eyes. What could be more traumatic than the collapse of the Immortal Jade Star?

The old man nodded, "Your Senior Apprentice Brother can't make a complete recovery. When it comes to broken meridians, you will not find any solution for it within the Rugged Pillar Starland. However, you have to wake up your Senior Apprentice Brother forcibly and as early as possible. The later he wakes up, the more difficult would it become to heal his Life Essence, it's just....."

"Senior....." After Shi Qionghua heard the old man, she became even more anxious and called out once again.

The old man spoke with some difficulty, "It's just that the medicinal pill required to wake up your Senior Apprentice Brother do not come cheap. Each one costs more than a million purple coins. For you....."

The old man could make out that Shi Qionghua did not have high cultivation, only a Celestial Novice Cultivator. For a Celestial Novice Cultivator to pull out a million purple coins, it would prove almost impossible.

Shi Qionghua no longer cared for anything else and quickly spoke, "Senior, can I use Perpetual Moon Pills for the payment?"

"Certainly." The old man suddenly stood up, "If you have Perpetual Moon Pills, you would only need 100 Perpetual Moon Pills to pay for it."

Shi Qionghua quickly took out a hundred Perpetual Moon Pills and placed it in front of the old man. Although she acted with caution, she lacked experience. If changed to Ning Ruolan here, she would have definitely hesitated for a long time. Without seeing the medicinal pill for Ning Cheng's treatment, she would have never taken out a hundred Perpetual Moon Pills, at least not without haggling for the price.

Seeing that Shi Qionghua really took out a hundred Perpetual Moon Pills, the old man excitedly put away the Perpetual Moon Pills and took out a jade bottle before handing it to Shi Qionghua. "The

medicinal pill is inside. After you give this medicinal pill to your Senior Apprentice Brother, he should wake up within a day.”

“Many thanks, Senior.” Shi Qionghua grabbed the jade bottle and hurried out of the Sword Mountain Invigorating Spring Pavilion.

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“Wait a minute.....” Shi Qionghua had not made it far when a cultivator called out to her.

Shi Qionghua stopped and doubtfully looked at a man and a woman heading towards her and asked with a cautious voice, “What’s the matter?”

“Junior Apprentice Sister Caifeng, although the three of us had gone out together to find a secret cave, you used the two of us to stop the demonic beasts while cleaning out the cave and leaving before even thinking about this husband and wife. Is that not too much?” The one speaking was a cross-faced female cultivator. She looked much stronger compared to the male cultivator with a pointed-face standing next to her.

“I don’t even know the two of you, and I’m not called Caifeng.” Shi Qionghua’s heart sank as she spoke. She realised that these two fellows had most likely taken a fancy to her Perpetual Moon Pills.

The male cultivator with the pointed face spoke in a much more straightforward manner, “Hand over your storage ring, and we’ll let you go this once. Otherwise, die.”

One was a Celestial Gatherer Cultivator while the other was a Celestial Shatterer Cultivator. She Qionghua felt sure that she was not an opponent for these two.

“Haha..... So it turned out to be the couple from Bai family who goes about robbing people left and right. You guys even managed to create such an interesting story.” An abrupt voice arrived.

Hearing this voice and seeing a young man approaching, the couple’s expression immediately turned ugly. This couple, who had followed Shi Qionghua to this place, had planned on taking care of Shi Qionghua once she left the Sword Mountain Path. However, when they saw Shi Qionghua taking out Perpetual Moon Pills, they could not stop their greed and wanted to grab everything from her immediately. However, they never expected the You Clan’s young master would show up and meddle in their business.

The male cultivator, who looked like a skinny monkey, held up his cupped fists towards the young man and spoke, “Brother You, we husband and wife had never shown even half a point of negligence to your clan. Yet, I still cannot understand why Brother You wants to accuse this husband and wife?”

The young male cultivator spoke up with scorn, “Since I’m feeling happy, just get out of my sight. Its trashy people like you two who make the whole Sword Mountain Path stink.”

The couple’s face turned even uglier, but the two of them did not dare to continue talking to this male cultivator before turning around and really leaving.

“Many thanks, Senior Apprentice Brother.” Shi Qionghua, on seeing this young male cultivator drive away the couple who wanted to rob her, quickly thanked him with a bow.

The young male cultivator smiled and did not have the time to speak when a light green figure suddenly descended next to him, "Lord Husband, how come you caught another beautiful woman?"

The young male cultivator blushed before hurrying up to the green-robed female cultivator and speak, "Younger Sister Xin, it's not what you think. Just now, this Junior Apprentice Sister was stopped by the Bai family's couple who wanted to rob her. I just happened to pass through this place and saw them in their act. I had to drive the two fellows away."

"Oh, this junior sister looks quite beautiful, so I thought you took a fancy to this sister and was going to help you ask....." The female cultivator in green robes giggled.

The male cultivator felt his heart flutter. Although Shi Qionghua wore a veil, it actually enhanced and showcased a unique elegance. From this, he could make out that the face behind the curtain would definitely not be ugly. Moreover, he also understood that it would be hard for such a lone female cultivator to survive in the Sword Mountain Path. If he took in and protected this female cultivator, he could at least give her a foothold.

Which of the young men within the You Clan did not have three wives and four concubines, but he only had a single wife, which in contrast looked very less. Even the Clan Head had talked to him about it before, but he simply laughed it off, because he simply did not find any good-looking female cultivators. Now this young girl in blue skirt had suddenly appeared as if she had fallen from the sky, it would truly be nice if she could marry him.

Just before this young male cultivator spoke, Shi Qionghua quickly spoke up with a respectful salute, "Many thanks once again for Senior Apprentice Brother and Senior Apprentice Sister's help. I'll be taking my leave now."

After Shi Qionghua hurriedly pulled away, she turned around a corner and soon disappeared.

"Lord Husband, were you really tempted?" The green-robed female cultivator asked with a serious tone as she grabbed the hand of this male cultivator. "The You Clan is spread quite thin, and even the Clan Head wants you to take in more women. If you took a fancy to her, then just marry her. I saw her heading for the South Sword Rest Stop. That means she would have taken a temporary residence in the South Sword Rest Stop. Let's go straight to the South Sword Rest Stop and let me act as a matchmaker."

The male cultivator's face showed a slight embarrassment as he spoke, "I'm afraid that she would not agree."

The green-robed female cultivator giggled again before speaking, "Which girl in the Sword Mountain Path would not want to marry big brother? Don't worry, let me take care of this."

"Younger Sister Xin, thank you for your consideration." The young male cultivator grew happier and happier. Since his wife acted in such a considerate manner, how could he not feel satisfied? As for the young girl who they just met, not to mention that he saved her life, even if there was no such thing, with his position in the Sword Mountain Path's You Clan, which woman would hesitate for even a moment once he proposed a marriage? Looks like he really overthought about it.

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When Shi Qionghua returned, Ning Cheng still had not woken up. She quickly slid the medicinal pill into Ning Cheng's mouth, and it almost instantly turned into a liquid as it slid down his throat and started stimulating Ning Cheng's Zifu.

The medicinal pill purchased by Shi Qionghua was still not good enough to heal Ning Cheng's injuries or even to repair his meridians or his Life Essence. However, these medicinal pills at least acted as intended. The only function of this medicinal pill was to stimulate the Zifu and wake Ning Cheng up earlier.

Although the medicinal pill started to show its effect, Ning Cheng did not immediately wake up. However, Shi Qionghua clearly felt Ning Cheng's aura turning stronger, which made her happy. At least the old man at the Sword Mountain Invigorating Spring Pavilion had not lied to her.

After an hour, Ning Cheng's aura not only started to grow increasingly intense, his aura also began to show signs of stabilising. Not only that, but it also felt as if Ning Cheng's body had started to involuntarily absorb the surrounding starry sky Essence Qi. It's just that the starry sky Essence Qi around this place was a little too thin, so Ning Cheng could not absorb much.

Seeing the situation, Shi Qionghua quickly took out a bunch of Perpetual Moon Pills and placed them around Ning Cheng. Once the Perpetual Moon Pills came out, they almost instantly transformed into Perpetual Moon Pill Gas before drilling into Ning Cheng's body.

Shi Qionghua watched Ning Cheng absorb the Perpetual Moon Pill Gas in complete silence. From the looks of it, even ten thousand Perpetual Moon Pills would not last for more than a few breaths in front of Ning Cheng.

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Chapter 615: How to advance

Seeing some of the Pill Gas escaping made Shi Qionghua feel some pity, and she immediately sat down near the edge and started absorbing some of the escaping Pill Gas from the perpetual Moon Pills to cultivate. She had never previously used the Perpetual Moon Pills that Ning Cheng had given her.

When Shi Qionghua started cultivating, Ning Cheng had already woken up. However, instead of opening his eyes immediately, he tried to heal his Sea of Consciousness first. Shi Qionghua's medicinal pill had stimulated his Sea of Consciousness and had given him a brief respite. If he did not heal his wounds quickly during this period, he would once again slip into a coma once the effects of the pill wear off.

The reason why he chose to heal his Sea of Consciousness first and not the meridians or his corporeal body was because once his Sea of Consciousness recovered, he would not have to worry about procuring medicinal pills. The medicinal pills he had were countless times better than the medicinal pill that Shi Qionghua brought.

Shi Qionghua had never used Perpetual Moon Pills for cultivation; therefore, this time, when she used the Perpetual Moon Pill's Pill Gas to cultivate, her cultivation progressed quickly. It wasn't long before she began approaching the Celestial Shatterer Realm.

Initially, she carefully helped Ning Cheng absorb the scattering Pill Gas, trying not to let the Perpetual Moon Pills' Pill Gas from spilling outside. Later on, however, she involuntarily immersed herself in the

pleasure of cultivating using Perpetual Moon Pills and forgot that she was still inside a rest stop with no high-quality restrictions.

Moreover, considering how big of commotion Ning Cheng absorbing the Perpetual Moon Pills made, once the pills transformed into Pill Gas and scattered, even if Shi Qionghua did not cultivate, she could not stop it from diffusing into the surroundings.

“The aura of Perpetual Moon Pills?!” The cultivators outside the South Sword Rest Stop immediately sensed the aura of the Perpetual Moon Pills. As for the cultivators inside the South Sword Rest Stop, they felt an even stronger aura of Perpetual Moon Pills.

In a rest stop, with no high-level restrictions, cultivators would rarely use such a high quantity of Perpetual Moon Pills for cultivation.

Two female cultivators walked to the door of the South Sword Rest Stop. The younger of the two female cultivators wore a green robe and was the wife of the male cultivator who saved Shi Qionghua previously. At her side was a middle-aged woman. Just a casual glance at her would reveal four distinct Celestial Wheels behind her, suggesting that this middle-aged woman was at least a Celestial Bridge Cultivator.

“Aunt Yi, this.....” The green-robed female cultivator stopped in amazement before speaking up in surprise, “Is someone using Perpetual Moon Pills for cultivation? Which cultivator is it? To use such luxurious cultivation resource.”

The middle-aged woman nodded and spoke, “That’s right, someone inside South Sword Rest Stop definitely is using Perpetual Moon Pills for cultivation. This fellow sure has guts. To use Perpetual Moon Pills to cultivate in this place. Looks like a lot of cultivators are rushing this way, so they most likely got wind of this. Let’s go inside and have a look for ourselves.”

The shop assistant saw the two women coming in from afar and quickly greeted them with a smiling face and spoke, “I just thought that I felt an excellent feeling today, I never thought I would get to meet two distinguished guests at my door.”

The green-robed female cultivator did not care about the shop assistant’s bootlicking. She took out a portrait and spoke, “Is this female cultivator living in South Sword Rest Stop?”

The shop assistant looked at this portrait and immediately realised that the situation had turned bad. Looks like that woman does not have any idea of the severity of what she did. Creating such a big move during cultivation, although he had already reported it to the rest stop’s steward, the two women in front of him were from the You Clan.

“Answer quickly.” The middle-aged woman saw the shop assistant’s hesitation and gave out a dissatisfied snort.

“Yes. Yes.” The shop assistant responded quickly, “This female cultivator indeed is living in this rest stop, but the guests have already gone into secluded cultivation, so.....”

The green-robed female cultivator spoke up in surprise, “Was it this woman who just used Perpetual Moon Pills to cultivate, creating such a huge commotion?”

The shop assistant felt a little distracted as he thought if these two did not come here because of the Perpetual Moon Pills' aura spillover, then why did they come here. He responded a moment later, "Yes, it is she who is cultivating."

The green-robed female cultivator looked at the middle-aged woman in surprise. Although she did not speak, the middle-aged woman understood what she meant. Most likely, this female cultivator was not from this region and probably came from a big family.

The middle-aged woman coughed, "It doesn't matter. We'll be careful when we go up and try not to disturb her cultivation."

After that, the middle-aged woman did not care about the anxious shop assistant and directly went upstairs. The green-robed female cultivator naturally ignored the shop assistant and quickly followed her.

Just when someone touched the restrictions over the door, Shi Qionghua instantly woke up. Only then did she discover the spillover of the Perpetual Moon Pills' aura. Now that someone came to the door, it perhaps was for the Perpetual Moon Pills.

A moment later, Shi Qionghua saw two women through her Spiritual Consciousness and recognised the green-robed woman. She was the wife of the male cultivator who had saved her.

"Why did the two seniors come looking for me?" Shi Qionghua stood up, opened the restrictions, and asked.

The middle-aged woman and the green-robed female cultivator walked into the room. The green-robed woman saw Ning Cheng lying in the room and spoke with a smile on her lips, "Does junior sister still remember me?"

Shi Qionghua bowed and spoke, "Many thanks for your help."

"My name is Yang Xin, It was my husband, You Fei who saved you. Today, I came with Aunt You Zhenyi." Yang Xin spoke with a smile, and without waiting for Shi Qionghua to speak, took the initiative to sit down and even introduced You Zhenyi.

Although Shi Qionghua looked calm, she felt slightly uncomfortable. This room belonged to her, and yet without her permission, these two people seemed to have regarded it as their own home.

"You can sit down too. I didn't think you could use Perpetual Moon Pills for cultivation." Yang Xin behaved utterly opposite to how a guest should behave and looked at Ning Cheng in the room.

Ten thousand Perpetual Moon Pills meant nothing to Ning Cheng, and he had almost finished consuming them all. Although Yang Xin and You Zhenyi came in, they had not seen Ning Cheng's grand momentum of absorbing the Perpetual Moon Pills for cultivation.

"I don't have many Perpetual Moon Pills, and I'm already out of them now." Shi Qionghua calmly gave an answer. She was actually telling the truth, the ten thousand Perpetual Moon Pills with her had really run out.

"That doesn't matter. We did not come here to ask you for Perpetual Moon Pills." Yang Xin spoke with a face full of smiles. "By the way, since my Lord Husband saved you yesterday, what do you think about him, my Lord Husband?"

"Senior Apprentice Brother You is a giant among men, this junior appreciates and admires people with a sense of justice and those who speak forthrightly." Shi Qionghua spoke without exaggeration or inferiority.

Yang Xin shook her head and spoke, "You don't need to address yourself as a junior. I'm here today for a happy thing....."

Hearing those words, Shi Qionghua's heart started sinking, she recalled what Yang Xin had spoken to You Fei previously.

Just as she suspected, Yang Xin continued, "In the Sword Mountain Path, our You Clan is the premier clan. Not only does it contain an Undead Realm powerhouse but also many in the Celestial Bridge Realm. Aunt Yi, who came with me today, is also a Celestial Bridge Expert. My Lord Husband is the next Clan Head of the You Clan and a formidable Celestial Gatherer Cultivator. Moreover, he also got you on his mind."

"You're alone in this place, and even Bai family's couple could easily bully you around. I think it would be better if you marry into our family. That way, the two of us could then help our Lord Husband in the future. At least in the Sword Mountain Path, no one would dare to bully you anymore."

Shi Qionghua stood up and spoke with a calm voice, "Many thanks for your kindness; however, I already have someone in my heart. As for the life-saving grace, I will definitely pay you back once my Senior Apprentice Brother wakes up. I hope the two seniors felt welcome here, but this junior will not bother to see you out."

Hearing Shi Qionghua's refusal, Yang Xin and You Zhenyi felt somewhat surprised. How could a woman in the Celestial Novice Realm and a rogue cultivator to boot, come to the Sword Mountain Path, and even refuse the olive branch extended by the You Clan? Did she not realise that she would not last long in this place alone?

The middle-aged woman's eyes grew cold, "Do you know the consequence of rejecting my You Clan? My You Clan is not obligated to save your life. From the looks of it, you used quite a lot of Perpetual Moon Pills for cultivation in this place. It means that many people already know that you have Perpetual Moon Pills. Even if you never leave the Sword Mountain Path, someone would still come to find you. Do you think people would wait till your Senior Apprentice Brother to wake up to pay the life-saving grace of saving your life? Your Senior Apprentice Brother has already turned into a wastrel, how would he repay it?"

Shi Qionghua spoke with the same tone, "I make my own choices, and no one can control it."

"Haha, alright, I'll see what you'll choose when you have no way to go. Xin'er, let's go." The middle-aged woman stood up in such a rage that her sleeves fluttered violently the moment she stood up.

Yang Xin stood up and looked at Shi Qionghua for a short while before shaking her head. She had never seen such a stupid woman before. At this time, others would feel anxious and would willingly line up to

throw themselves to the people from the You Clan, yet this woman actually rejected the olive branch extended by the people from the You Clan. This was truly a stupid move.

Shi Qionghua watched the two women walk out of the room, and just as she was about to activate the restrictions on the door once again, she heard Ning Cheng's voice, "Qionghua....."

"Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, you woke up....." Shi Qionghua turned her head and exclaimed in surprise.

Ning Cheng gave a slight nod, then with a small movement of his Spiritual Consciousness, several array discs suddenly appeared out of thin air in front of Shi Qionghua, "Qionghua, quickly rearrange the restrictions in this room with these array discs. I can only use my Spiritual Consciousness, for now, I still have not fully recovered."

"Ok." Shi Qionghua, who felt like she suddenly found a pillar to rely on, quickly picked up the array discs thrown out by Ning Cheng and rearranged the restrictions within the room.

With all the array discs laid out, the escaping Perpetual Moon Pill's aura quickly disappeared without a trace.

"Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, how long would it take for your body to recover?" After arranging the array discs, Shi Qionghua asked nervously.

Ning Cheng remained silent for a while before speaking, "If I start using medicinal pills now and try my best to recover, it will take about ten days. However, I don't want to heal immediately."

"Why?" Shi Qionghua looked at Ning Cheng in surprise. If Senior Apprentice Brother did not heal his corporeal body, the two of them would not be able to live in this place for long.

"Do you have any high-grade Body Forging Cultivation Method? Or any method to advance one's corporeal body after reaching Grade 9 God Body in body forging?" Ning Cheng knew that Shi Qionghua came from the Everlasting Sacred Shrine and had undergone body forging in her previous life. Maybe Shi Qionghua had a high-grade Body Refining Cultivation Method. For Ning Cheng, he only needed a direction for quenching his body further, not the cultivation method itself.

The reason why did not immediately use any medicinal pills to recover from the severe injuries was that he felt that every bone within his body had fragmented, while several cracks inundated his meridians. If he had a robust Body Refining Cultivation Method, Ning Cheng felt sure that he could quench his body to the next level once his flesh and bones underwent a reorganisation. Otherwise, in the future, if he wanted to temper his body, he would have to break down his flesh and bones to this extent once again to rebuild it. In short, at that time, he would have to go through all of what happened previously once again.

Shi Qionghua did not understand why Ning Cheng asked for a Body Refining Cultivation Method. She hesitated for a while before speaking, "I don't have a high-level Body Refining Cultivation Method, but I do know that after someone's attainments in body forging reach that of a Grade 9 God Body, and if they want to undergo another advancement, they would have to undergo some sort of nirvana....."

Shi Qionghua was not a fool. So when she talked about nirvana, she immediately understood why Ning Cheng asked her such a question. Wasn't this the best time to experience nirvana?

Ning Cheng also suddenly realised something. Both his Sea of Consciousness and his flame's advancement required undergoing nirvana[1]. So in a way, it was only logical that his body-refinement also needed to go through the same process. Looks like he truly was an idiot as he didn't even think about such a matter.

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Chapter 616: Reaching Desperate Straits

Starry sky cultivators rarely opted for refining their physical bodies, mainly because body refining required a lot of cultivation resources. At the same time, one also needed a top-grade Body Forging Cultivation Method to match. Otherwise, trying to forge one's body would be just a waste of both time and resources. If that were all, it still wouldn't be too much. However, even if cultivators had access to suitable Body Forging Cultivation Methods, if they did not have excellent recovery resources to supplement the process, the body forging process could even permanently damage one's body.

Once the body suffers irreversible damage, then not to mention continuing with forging the body, one would even have significant problems even in regular cultivation. As such, only those cultivators decided to take up body forging who not only had a deep foundation to support them but also a strong will to keep one going.

Shi Qionghua did not think that Ning Cheng was actually a Body Forging Cultivator, a body-forging cultivator who was also a rogue cultivator. This showed that this fellow definitely encountered some excellent opportunities. However, from Ning Cheng's question, she could tell that Ning Cheng's body refining was not the same cultivation method he used for cultivation.

She gave out a sigh and said all the things she knew, "I've heard that for body forging cultivators to undergo nirvana, they would need a lot of treasures, mostly top-grade treasures, which can help reshape one's corporeal body. Even if you have a suitable cultivation method, without top-grade body-reshaping treasures, you would not be able to forge your body using the cultivation method. I'm afraid....."

Ning Cheng understood what Shi Qionghua meant. She not only worried about him not having a suitable body refining cultivation method, but she also did not have any treasures that could help in achieving nirvana.

However, Ning Cheng did not feel worried about such a thing. He had derived his body refining cultivation method from the Embracing Yang Spirit Method. Now that he found a direction, he believed that he could deduce the path forward by himself.

As for treasures that could help in reshaping the body, Ning Cheng already had a few ideas about them. Previously, he had a Heavenly Cusp Flower, which could have potentially helped him now, but it was used up by Chasing Bull. However, the Heavenly Cusp Flower was only a low-grade flower. Now that he was in the Celestial Bridge Realm, Heavenly Cusp Flowers naturally would not provide much help to him.

Out of everything, the best treasure that he currently had was the 9-coloured Mirage Tree. It's just that Ning Cheng had no idea if he could use the 9-coloured Mirage Tree to reshape his body. Moreover, he also needed the Power of Hope to move the 9-coloured Mirage Tree. Although he advanced to the

Celestial Bridge Realm, whether or not he could use the 9-coloured Mirage Tree was an entirely different matter.

In addition to the 9-coloured Mirage Tree, he also had the Geocentric 9 Yin Essence, Rootless Green Bamboo, Essence of Wood and a few more good things.

After taking almost half a day to ponder over everything, Ning Cheng decided to use the Rootless Green Bamboo, a treasure that could help in resculpting one's Life Essence and a lot more precious compared to the materials for resculpting the corporeal body. Regardless, Ning Cheng could not find anything better than the Rootless Green Bamboo.

If the Rootless Green Bamboo really could not remould his body, then he won't choose to undergo nirvana until he recovered from his injuries.

Having made a decision, Ning Cheng turned his head towards Shi Qionghua and spoke, "Qionghua, I really have to thank you for this time. If it weren't for you, I'm afraid it would have turned out much more unlucky for me ..."

Shi Qionghua shook her head and spoke, "Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, you don't have to say that. You saved my life back at the Changing Earth Mountain. It's only natural that I would help you."

After a little hesitation, Shi Qionghua continued, "Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, could you call me as Junior Apprentice Sister Qionghua from now on....."

Apparently, when she heard Ning Cheng call out to her as Qionghua directly, it felt a bit too intimate for her. Although Ning Cheng had suffered severe injuries, there were still things, which she could not get used to all of a sudden.

Ning Cheng gave out a sigh in his heart. If it weren't for the Yue Clan, how could Qionghua stand in front of him and not know anything about him?

Putting these thoughts aside, Ning Cheng spoke up, "Junior Apprentice Sister Qionghua, we can't continue living here. I already heard the words of those two women when they came inside. In any case, continuing to live in this place would not be safe. If we don't move out, we'll only be inviting more danger."

Ning Cheng was a perineal wanderer and had experienced a lot more compared to Shi Qionghua. Although the two women had not directly forced her, they definitely would oppress Shi Qionghua in other ways.

"But where should we go? With my speed, as soon as we left the South Sword Rest Stop with you on my back, someone would immediately attack us. Previously, when I went to help you get some medicines, I was almost intercepted by a couple. This place definitely is very unsafe." Shi Qionghua spoke with some concern.

Although she knew that it was not safe in this place, Shi Qionghua also knew that once they left the Sword Mountain Path, she and Ning Cheng would have to face even more dangers.

"I know. I have a companion beast with good speed. Even ordinary Celestial Bridge Cultivators would not be able to catch up to it. As soon as we leave the Sword Mountain Path, you get on to my companion beast's back and quickly leave." Ning Cheng gave a calm reply.

He also had a much faster means of transport, the starry sky-grade airship. However, this starry sky-grade battleship was not a weapon. It was also too big and too eye-catching. Therefore, they should leave this place with the help of Chasing Bull.

"Where shall we go then?" Shi Qionghua felt an inexplicable trust in Ning Cheng's words. If Ning Cheng said that they could get away from here, then they definitely could get away from this place.

Ning Cheng pondered over it for a short while before speaking, "When we go down, we'll buy a jade strip containing the map of this planet. Let me take a look at it to decide where to head out."

"Ok." Shi Qionghua gave a simple response, "When are we leaving?"

"Right now." After Ning Cheng said this, his Spiritual Consciousness swept towards the South Sword Rest Stop's shop assistant, who had just touched the restriction right outside their door.

Shi Qionghua opened the restriction and asked in doubt, "What's the matter?"

The shop assistant stood awkwardly at the door and said, "I'm really sorry, but the two of you will have to move out. Someone in the rest stop booked this room in advance, so you will have to move out of here for the time being...."

Although Shi Qionghua usually stayed peaceful and seldom turned angry, the shop assistant's words finally made her red with anger. This was clearly bullying. She had paid for living in this room for two months. How long has it been since she started staying here? It was just too ridiculous for them to ask her to move out.

Even though she had already planned to leave early, she still felt very uncomfortable with this situation.

Ning Cheng suddenly spoke up, "Then give back the rest of the rent."

The shop assistant quickly bowed and spoke, "I'm sorry, this is not something that I decided. It was the Deacon of our rest stop who placed the rule that tenant's accommodation fees would never be refunded."

Shi Qionghua couldn't help but speak up, "If we had left by ourselves, you could talk about not refunding us the rest. But now not only you're driving us out but even refusing to return the rent?"

The shop assistant's face grew red from embarrassment and still did not give an explanation; instead, he just said, "It's the decision of our deacon."

Ning Cheng showed a smile and spoke, "Since the room is non-refundable then it's non-refundable. By the way, do you have any jade strips containing the full map of this planet? Can you sell one to me?"

"Yes, yes." The shop assistant quickly took out a jade strip and handed it to Shi Qionghua, "This is my own. I don't need any celestial coins or anything."

“Good.” Ning Cheng motioned Shi Qionghua to take the jade strip and then spoke to the shop assistant, “Go back and tell that Deacon that Ning Cheng from Jiangzhou sends his regards and will come to meet him once I’m free.”

Shi Qionghua suddenly felt that ‘Jiangzhou’ seemed like a familiar word. She felt as if she had heard it somewhere before.

After that, Ning Cheng said to Shi Qionghua, “Qionghua, let’s go now.”

The next moment, Ning Cheng called out Chasing Bull.

The rest stop’s shop assistant did not feel surprised to see Ning Cheng calling out Chasing Bull. Many cultivators kept companion beasts around these parts. Moreover, a black bull, even as a companion beast, was not worth a lot of celestial coins.

As soon as Chasing Bull came out, it called out, “Master, oh heavens, who hurt my master this badly. This old bull will swallow them alive.....”

Ning Cheng spoke with some anger, “Cut the crap, and start walking.”

Shi Qionghua knew what Ning Cheng intended. Ning Cheng originally intended to call out his companion beast after leaving Sword Mountain Path. However, since Ning Cheng called out his companion beast now, then apparently the situation had turned urgent. She quickly stepped up and lifted Ning Cheng on to her back. Without waiting for her to speak, Chasing Bull knelt on the ground knowingly and spoke, “I hope Mistress can climb onto my back with Master. This old bull will make sure to make the ride as smooth as possible.”

Shi Qionghua blushed and had no way to talk back to the unreasonable words of this stupid bull.

Watching Chasing Bull strut downstairs with Shi Qionghua on its back, the shop assistant had a strange feeling that he had never seen such a peculiar companion beast till now.

The moment Shi Qionghua walked out of the South Sword Rest Stop with Ning Cheng on her back, Ning Cheng immediately felt several Spiritual Consciousnesses locking in onto them.

“Master, where should we go?” As soon as Chasing Bull left the rest stop, it immediately asked.

Ning Cheng’s Spiritual Consciousness had already scanned through the map within the jade strip in Shi Qionghua’s hand and had already singled out a place. Therefore, once Chasing Bull asked, he did not immediately answer and instead told Shi Qionghua, “Qionghua, give the jade strip in your hand to Chasing Bull.”

Ning Cheng would never change his mind once he set it on accomplishing something; moreover, Shi Qionghua also had no choice but to come with him. Now that he got on to the bull’s back, why would he care about to details?

After Chasing Bull swept through the jade strip, Ning Cheng immediately sent down an order to Chasing Bull, “Outside the Sword Mountain Path, there is a sword valley called Desperate Straits. Head there. Run for me now. The faster, the better. If I find someone managing to track us, just wait for me to stew you.”

Chasing Bull wanted to speak a few words, but after hearing Ning Cheng's order, it did not dare to open its mouth anymore. Quickly spreading its hooves, it immediately transformed into a shadow before shooting out and disappeared from the ancient castle complex of the Sword Mountain Path.

The several cultivators standing on the side could not even feel the shadow and only saw Chasing Bull disappearing without a trace.

"What fast speed....." A cultivator subconsciously blurted, and then he remembered his task causing his expression to change immediately. Hurriedly taking out a messaging flying sword, the cultivator immediately imprinted a few words on to it and sent it away. Then quickly bringing out another flying sword, the fellow stimulated it with Celestial Essence and chased out following Chasing Bull.

Within the Sword Mountain Path, many cultivators stood waiting for Shi Qionghua and Ning Cheng. And just as Ning Cheng speculated, it was all due to You Clan's machinations for dealing with the two cultivators. These cultivators all came due to You Fei, to force Shi Qionghua to head to the You Clan.

However, no one could imagine that Shi Qionghua would leave the South Sword Rest Stop so quickly and with such speed. Even the best Celestial-grade Battleship could not match up to such speed.

By the time these cultivators reacted, Chasing Bull had long since disappeared with Ning Cheng and Shi Qionghua on its back. Not only that, even their Spiritual Consciousness could not determine Chasing Bull's direction. It would have truly turned out strange if the Spiritual Consciousnesses of these fellows could track an Array Formation Master like Ning Cheng.

"Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, where are we going?" Shi Qionghua felt relieved to see that Chasing Bull's speed had really thrown those people off their tracks.

"The Sword Valley....."

As soon as Ning Cheng spoke the words Sword Valley, Shi Qionghua felt surprised and immediately recalled the description and location marked in the jade strip. It told that the sword valley, called Desperate Straits, contained terrifying Sword Auras that perennially raged throughout the area without any stoppage. Simply put, it was nothing more than plunging into an even more desperate situation as its name implied. Now that they've managed to escape, why would he want to jump into a place like the Sword Valley?

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Chapter 617: Ning Cheng's Nirvana

"Whether I can use that place for experiencing nirvana for forging my body or not, I want to see it." Ning Cheng answered with a soft voice.

In fact, Shi Qionghua had already guessed why Ning Cheng wanted to head to the Sword Valley. To achieve nirvana when it came to body forging, one had to go through destruction before construction. Only after the complete breakdown of the corporeal body, could one actually build upon its ashes before finally standing up. Since Ning Cheng wanted to enter the Desperate Straits Sword Valley, it should most likely be because he felt that his body had not broken down enough. Therefore, he had no choice but to head to the Sword Valley.

For Ning Cheng to think of entering the Sword Valley to experience nirvana, it also showed that he now had a clear direction about achieving body-forging nirvana.

Shi Qionghua did not ask another question. Ning Cheng's breath tickled the base of her ear as he spoke while still slumped on her back, which made her feel a little uncomfortable.

The Sword Valley was quite a distance away from the Sword Mountain Path; however, because of the fear that its master would make a stew out of him, Chasing Bull not only kept pushing its speed to the limits, it even tightly shut its mouth and kept its habit of talking in check. Ning Cheng silently pondered and tried to derive a body refining cultivation method that could help him achieve nirvana while still slumped on Shi Qionghua's bank and naturally did not talk much.

As for Shi Qionghua, she let her imagination run wild. Suddenly she seemed to have remembered something and turned her head around in shock.

Four warm lips touched for a short moment, almost stopping Shi Qionghua's breathing. Just a moment later, she responded and quickly turned her head sideways. However, the shock was still too much.

Ning Cheng only looked at Shi Qionghua and smiled. Although the current Shi Qionghua saw him as at most a friend in her heart and mind, in Ning Cheng's heart and soul, Shi Qionghua would always remain as his wife.

"Did you want to ask something?" Ning Cheng's words immediately interrupted Shi Qionghua's embarrassment.

Shi Qionghua took a while to remember what she wanted to ask before finally speaking up with an eager voice, "Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, when you mentioned 'Ning Cheng from Jiangzhou', I suddenly thought of Wanderer from Jiangzhou, the one who managed to climb to the 81st floor of the Celestial Scryer Tower in Culmination Public Square."

Ning Cheng did not choose to hide it from Shi Qionghua; he nodded and spoke up, "Yes, I am that Wanderer from Jiangzhou."

Shi Qionghua immediately sucked in a breath of cold air. If Ning Cheng had not confirmed it, she would never have thought that Ning Cheng was that Wanderer from Jiangzhou. Not only she and her Senior Apprentice Sister Yiyi, even all the people at the Culmination Public Square, no, rather no one within the entire Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City knew about this cultivator. He was the cultivator who even her master wanted to meet. Not only her, but even Heavenly Emperor Levelled Heart also want to know more about this cultivator.

And such a person actually rested on her back. Who could have foreseen such a situation? It suddenly occurred to her that if her master knew that Ning Cheng was that Wanderer from Jiangzhou and if Senior Apprentice Brother Ning had said that he liked her, would her master still tell Ning Cheng to get lost.

Regardless, her master would never allow her to marry Ning Cheng anyway. She was the Everlasting Sacred Shrine's Sacred Lady, something that had been established long ago, and would remain unchanged.

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Shi Qionghua had just left the Sword Mountain Path with Ning Cheng when the You Clan received a message.

You Fei on realising that Shi Qionghua escaped from the Sword Mountain Path, felt his mood plummeting at once. What he had imagined never happened. The female cultivator he saw had not come to the You Clan's castle as Yang Xin had planned, but had actually escaped this quickly.

"That bitch, she just fails to appreciate our kindness." Yang Xin's face no longer had that warm smile from before. At this time, only anger covered her face apart from the frosty expression. She felt insulted, she had gone to talk to Shi Qionghua as the principal wife of You Clan's You Fei. It was more than enough face for that woman. What's more, even You Fei's aunt, a cultivator in the Celestial Bridge Realm, had accompanied her. How could she, or anyone, have the gall to cause them to lose so much face?

Unexpectedly, this woman not only did not agree to it but also managed to escape. Moreover, the speed of her escape was also quite fast, indicating that this woman had used her own grand plan to drive the woman out of the South Sword Rest Stop against her. Maybe she had already planned to leave, and the rest stop forcing her out gave her the best opportunity.

"Lord Husband, that woman simply does not appreciate your kindness. A rogue cultivator daring to look down on our You Clan, you can rest assured that I will make her kneel here and beg to enter through the You Clan's doors." Yang Xin finally stood up and spoke with a hate-filled voice. Apparently, she decided to deal with this matter personally.

You Fei hesitated before speaking, "That woman looks very gentle and quiet. Don't scare her. If possible, try using mild means."

If You Fei felt hung up on Shi Qionghua before, then now that Shi Qionghua escaped, that hung-up feeling towards Shi Qionghua had transformed into an irrepressible yearning. As time passed, this yearning for her only grew stronger and more substantial. He even started regretting about being too soft at that time. He should have asked that female cultivator, with a veil covering her face, to come with him to the You Clan directly.

There was a saying that went 'one craves for the things out of one's reach', which aptly described You Fei's current situation. If Shi Qionghua had quickly married him and entered the You Clan, he would have liked it too, but he definitely would not have craved for her as much as he did now.

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Sword Valley, it did not become famous because of the Sword Mountain Path but became famous because of its despair-inducing Sword Aura that ravaged through the area. Over the many years, too many Sword Cultivators had come to the Sword Valley and the Sword Mountain Path to understand the Dao of Swords. However, among the Sword Cultivators who went to the Sword Mountain Path, those who managed to gain any enlightenment regarding the Dao of Swords simply were too rare. As for the Sword Cultivators who came to the Sword Valley, they rarely managed to come out alive.

In this area, there was a saying that if one had grown tired of living, then one should head to the Sword Valley to understand the Dao of Swords. Nowhere else would satisfy this requirement. If one had an

enemy, then lead the enemy into the Sword Valley, because then one could quickly obtain the revenge one desired.

At this moment, Chasing Bull finally stopped outside a grey-coloured valley. No matter where one stood in front of the valley, one could easily sense bursts of Sword Aura seeping into them. This caused people to shudder unconsciously.

Even Ning Cheng's starry sky Sea of Consciousness could not help him peep into the Sword Valley. Once entered, one might not even manage to move half an inch inside. Sensing the aura of death spilling over from the inside of the Sword Valley, even the thick-skinned and stupid Chasing Bull shivered unconsciously.

"Master, we reached the Sword Valley, but I dare not head inside." Chasing Bull finally mustered some courage and spoke up.

"I know." Ning Cheng responded then spoke to Shi Qionghua, "Qionghua, take Chasing Bull and find a safe place around here to open up a cave. Remember to arrange the Array Discs, the ones that I gave you, at the entrance of the cave. If I can't find anything to help me, I will immediately come out to find you. If something happens to me inside or something else happens to you, let Chasing Bull take you away."

While speaking, Ning Cheng brought out a storage ring for Shi Qionghua and spoke, "There are some cultivation resources inside. You can use them."

Ning Cheng even gave the starry sky-grade battleship to Shi Qionghua.

Shi Qionghua hesitated for a moment before nodding and speaking up, "I'll be waiting for you outside."

She understood that since Ning Cheng came to this place, then he had already steeled his heart to achieve nirvana. Even if she tried to dissuade him, it would have been useless. Therefore, she decided not to speak about this anymore.

Watching Ning Cheng slowly enter the Sword Valley while sitting on a middle-grade spear-type Dao Artefact, Shi Qionghua's mood immediately plummeted. Ever since she ripped through the interface with the Boundary Breaking Talisman with Ning Cheng on her back, she had gotten used to having Ning Cheng around. Now that Ning Cheng suddenly entered the Desperate Straits Sword Valley, it made her feel very uncomfortable. It felt as if her heart and mind had emptied entirely as if it missed too many things.

Chasing Bull was not in the mood to understand Shi Qionghua's complicated feelings and said, "Mistress, as master put it, let's find a place to hide. Since master has already gone in, you'd only be wasting your time here."

Shi Qionghua did not argue with this stupid bull; instead, she quickly found a concealed area and dug out a cave.

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As soon as Ning Cheng entered the Sword Valley, the sharp Sword Aura inside tore apart all his robes in just an instant. The wounds that Shi Qionghua had previously cleaned and bandaged, and had just begun

to heal, also opened once again in the same moment. This caused blood to spray out and dye Ning Cheng's body in a dark shade of red.

"Plop." Ning Cheng fell from the spear and on to the ground, crushing several bones and creating a cloud filled with bone powder around him.

Ning Cheng took out the Rootless Green Bamboo and tried to use it to induce the Body Forging Nirvana following the method he deduced to initiate nirvana. However, with the grey Sword Aura of the Sword Valley grinding away at Ning Cheng's flesh and blood, even his bones had started to crack and fragment. Because of this, the Rootless Green Bamboo could not even fuse with half of his flesh and blood.

According to the direction of body forging that Ning Cheng deduced, his Body Forging Cultivation Method should have kicked in once the Sword Aura shaved away at his flesh and blood and even started cracking his bones. That way, the Rootless Green Bamboo could have easily blended into his flesh and blood, which would then initiate nirvana, allowing his flesh and blood to undergo a sort of rebirth, allowing it to glow with vitality.

However, the facts could not corroborate with Ning Cheng's deduction. The Rootless Green Bamboo simply could not blend into Ning Cheng's flesh and blood, let alone help Ning Cheng in forging his body.

At this point, there were two paths in front of Ning Cheng. The first was to continue trying to induce nirvana using other treasure materials. Without trying, he would not get any results anyway. The second path was to modify the Body Forging Cultivation Method and re-derive a nirvana-inducing cultivation method.

Ning Cheng gave out a sigh. No matter which path he chose, his chances of falling still remained above 90%. It was simply unrealistic to reinvent a body forging cultivation method that could induce nirvana. Not to mention about deriving a new body forging cultivation method, if he continued to stay inside for longer than necessary periods, this place surely would claim his life. At that moment, how could he continue deriving?

If he picked the path of continuing to experiment with various treasures for forge his body, it still entailed a considerably fatal risk. Moreover, if he failed, even if he did not immediately die, Ning Cheng would have to suffer severe, if not fatal, injuries, which he most likely could not bear at this moment. Even with the Essence of Wood, it would not be enough to save his corporeal body.

Ning Cheng did not overthink about the choices. Instead, he took out the almost-withered 9-coloured Mirage Tree. Grabbing the Mirage Tree, he then immediately started to operate the body refining cultivation method that he had derived, trying to force the Mirage Tree to help in forging his body.

The raging grey-coloured Sword Aura soon drowned Ning Cheng. From time to time, flashes of thunder and tongues of flame could be seen erupting around Ning Cheng, one could even see shades of water and even ice and snow glistening around him. Soon after these different glimmers emerged, both the Mirage Tree and Ning Cheng disappeared from view.

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Time passed by quickly, and two months later, the scenery around Ning Cheng's location regularly changed. From the looks of it, Ning Cheng had started to move into the depths of the Sword Valley

unconsciously. However, Ning Cheng's figure never appeared again, and even the Mirage Tree that he pulled out moved with him into the depths of the Sword Valley.

Two months later, Shi Qionghua, who carefully immersed herself in cultivation, finally could not sit still anymore. Four months had already passed since Ning Cheng entered the Sword Valley, without any news. Was he ok inside? She had already advanced to the Celestial Shatterer Realm with the help of the massive quantity of Perpetual Moon Pills and various other medicinal pills for cultivation provided by Ning Cheng.

"Chasing Bull, I want to go to the entrance of the Sword Valley and look for Senior Apprentice Brother Ning." Shi Qionghua carefully asked Chasing Bull, who currently was in a slumber.

Chasing Bull muttered, "What's the use of going there? Even if my master decided to remain inside the Sword Valley, would you be able to bring my master out with your cultivation? Just listen to my master's words and quietly wait here. My master is much more capable than you, how could he face any major problems inside that place?"

Shi Qionghua was just about to speak when a loud explosion came from outside the cave. Shi Qionghua's expression immediately changed as Chasing Bull suddenly stood up and spoke up nervously, "Mistress, someone is attacking our cave."

Don't look at the majesty and the grandeur with which it spoke in front of Ning Cheng, once someone really attacked them without Ning Cheng around, this stupid bull would be the first to cower in fear.

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Chapter 618: Illusory Nirvana

In just a few moments, Shi Qionghua's Defensive Array Discs gave out a fine 'katcha' sound, making it clear that the array discs would collapse entirely in just a few breaths. Of the array discs that Ning Cheng handed over to Shi Qionghua, most of them were of Grade 3 Celestial Arrays, which would not last long in the face of continuous attacks from Celestial Gatherer Cultivators, let alone the Celestial Bridge Cultivator that attacked the entrance to Shi Qionghua's cave.

"What do we do?" Chasing Bull had no idea and looked at Shi Qionghua with anxious eyes.

Shi Qionghua flew over to Chasing Bull's back and said, "Don't worry about the rest, just rush out as fast as you can and keep running without any hesitation or pause."

"Katcha....." Almost at the same time as the defences around Shi Qionghua's cave created by the array discs crumbled, Chasing Bull instantly rushed out like a bolt of black-coloured light.

The cultivators attacking the entrance to Shi Qionghua's cave seemed ready for this; therefore, the moment Chasing Bull rushed out of the array formations, the cultivators immediately gave chase, with a time gap of a fraction of a moment.

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Ning Cheng saw all kinds of body forging materials in his trance. Just as each one of these items appeared in his mind, it felt as if these best-quality body-forging materials from his thoughts had materialised right in front of him before blending into his body and making it even more resilient.

Although it was a subconscious feeling, Ning Cheng knew that this most likely was an illusion because he was not sure whether these materials that appeared in his mind even existed. However, he couldn't just wake up from this illusion. Ning Cheng knew that as soon as he forced his subconscious mind awake, he would be torn into nothingness by the endless sword lights in this place.

Although Ning Cheng knew that this situation might be an illusion, he still reluctantly grabbed at those body-forging materials. Fire-attributed items, metal-attributed things, wood-attributed materials.....objects with all five elemental attributes[1], even objects with other strange characteristics.....

In the end, even other top-grade starry sky raw materials, including Primal Chaos-attributed body forging raw materials started appearing; Ning Cheng grabbed them all without any hesitation. His body felt as if it went through every suffering and affliction imaginable, went through various restructurings. This kind of feeling simply could not be grasped at all, it was a mystery within a mystery.

Not knowing how long it took for all of this, the illusions around him finally disappeared and Ning Cheng suddenly opened his eyes.

This was the first time that he had examined his body after coming inside and felt shocked to find that besides not having even a thread of clothing on his body, his skin looked utterly smooth and healthy. It gave off a sense of streamlined aesthetic feeling.

Was the process of nirvana a success? Ning Cheng raised his arm in surprise and carefully looked at it. The thread-like muscles did not stand out, but definitely gave the feeling of carrying infinite strength. It gave him an impression that even if someone attacked him with a Dao Artefact, it would not necessarily draw blood from him. Despite knowing that this feeling had no basis, Ning Cheng still felt very excited. He felt sure that he had successfully passed through the body forging nirvana process.

With his current physical strength, if he went through the collapse of the Immortal Jade Star once again, he would not suffer such injuries to the point where he could not take care of himself.

It was also at that moment that several Sword Auras struck Ning Cheng; however, they only left a white trace, unable to cut Ning Cheng's body.

I'm still in the Sword Valley, Ning Cheng immediately understood. He looked down and saw the object under his feet. It was the Mirage Tree, which he had taken out for the body forging process previously. He recalled that when he took out the Mirage Tree for initiating the body-forging process, it had pulled him into an illusion.

The Mirage Tree now looked slightly more withered and thinner compared to before.

Was it the Mirage Tree, which helped in inducing body-forging nirvana? Ning Cheng felt pleasantly surprised as he grabbed the Mirage Tree. He had truly not expected that the Mirage Tree could have a role in inducing body forging nirvana; moreover, would have such significant effects. Ning Cheng had initially thought that if the Mirage Tree could not help him achieve nirvana, he would then use the Essence of Wood to restore the corporeal body and give up on attaining nirvana temporarily. However, the fact was that when he used the Mirage Tree, he had already entered deep into the illusion. Not to mention using the Essence of Wood to heal himself, even bringing it out would have been impossible.

Fortunately, this Mirage Tree had not disappointed him. He really succeeded in undergoing nirvana. Otherwise, he would have definitely fallen in this place.

Ning Cheng sucked in a breath of cold air out of fear as he thought of this incident. Next time, he cannot act with such recklessness, a single misstep could have resulted in death.

Carefully putting away the Mirage Tree, Ning Cheng looked around and found that this was not the place he initiated the process of forging his body. From the looks of it, it should be somewhere deep in the Sword Valley. During the process of nirvana, he had unconsciously wandered deep into the Sword Valley.

More than ten meters away from him was a greyish-silver skeleton. Ning Cheng walked over and found that this greyish-silver coloured skeleton was somewhat different from the other bones around it. The other bones would turn into bone ash the moment anyone touched them, but this greying-silver skeleton still looked very hard. Even the ring on the skeleton's hand did not look damaged.

Ning Cheng took the ring off from this skeleton's hand and swept inside with his Spiritual Consciousness after wiping away the restrictions. Seeing the things inside the storage ring, he shook his head involuntarily. He had never seen such a poor cultivator. This storage ring only contained a broken high-grade Dao Artefact and some seemingly useless materials. Apart from that, it only contained a few jade strips. As for medicinal pills and celestial coins, it did not include even a single piece.

Taking out one of the jade strips, Ning Cheng swept through it and found records of some cultivation related information and a few messages and notes from a cultivator by the name of Zhang Qiushui. He could tell from the jade strip that this cultivator called Zhang Qiushui was a very meticulous person and had used up all of his cultivation resources for forging his body.

The reason why Zhang Qiushui showed such commitment to forging his body was because of his unwavering belief that his body-forging cultivation method was the best one in the entire starry sky.

Ning Cheng once again went back to the ring and quickly found what Zhang Qiushui thought was the best body refining cultivation method.

Ning Cheng did not particularly care about the strength or the grade of the body refining cultivation method recorded within the jade strip. However, he still felt delighted that the jade strip's body refining cultivation method contained the way to proceed forward after achieving nirvana.

After a cultivator cultivated their body all to the peak of Grade 9 God Body, they would then have to rely on external resources to achieve nirvana. The body one would obtain after undergoing nirvana was called the Celestial Body. The Celestial Body is also classified into four realms: early-stage, middle-stage, late-stage, and full circle. After reaching the peak of Celestial Body and surpassing it, the body then evolves into a Celestial River Body. The Celestial River Body is also similarly divided into four different levels. After the Celestial River Body comes the Starry Sky Body. In theory, once a body-forging cultivator reaches the level of a Starry Sky Body, it would indicate perfection. Meaning, there are no further realms for advancement after a cultivator achieves this level.

Ning Cheng felt delighted, he had used the Mirage Tree to achieve nirvana, so at least he was not wrong in his approach to forging his body further. The only doubt that Ning Cheng had currently was that even after undergoing nirvana, the Mirage Tree did not disappear. Moreover, he had indeed achieved

nirvana, and it was not an ordinary kind of nirvana at that. After reading through the information, he could tell that his physical body strength had directly leapt to that of a middle-grade Celestial Body.

From this, it was visible that not only was his derived body forging cultivation method effective, but even his choice of using the Mirage Tree also provided exceptional results to achieve nirvana.

Armed with the cultivation method he derived and the cultivation method on the jade strip, Ning Cheng felt that he could now head deeper into the Sword Valley to have a look. Since he already reached this deep into the Sword Valley, maybe he could go further inside.

Ning Cheng immediately cleaned himself up and changed into a fresh set of robes. He decided that before heading deeper inside, he should first go out to check on Shi Qionghua.

After undergoing nirvana, the Sword Aura within the valley, which could have easily torn him to shreds previously, could not bypass his Body Forging Celestial Essence protecting him and only scratch through the outer robes, without causing him the slightest harm.

Ning Cheng quickly rushed out of the Sword Valley and tried to figure out the time he spent inside using a makeshift clock. Only then did he realise that he had immersed himself in the process of nirvana for just over six months.

Initially, Ning Cheng thought that the process would take a month or two at most, but he never expected it to be this long. Realising this, Ning Cheng felt anxious. When he entered, Shi Qionghua only had a Celestial Novice Cultivation. Even if Shi Qionghua cultivated with the Perpetual Moon Pills that he left for her, she would at most reach the Celestial Shatterer Realm.

Ning Cheng felt worried about whether the You Clan's people managed to find her after such a long time. Sweeping out with his Spiritual Consciousness, Ning Cheng immediately found the cave that Shi Qionghua had made in just a few seconds. However, the cave's entrance only contained a few broken Defensive Array Discs, the array discs that he had given to Shi Qionghua. But at this point, all those array discs looked broken beyond repair, and arbitrarily discarded near to the cave's entrance.

Ning Cheng's heart immediately sank. Did someone discover Shi Qionghua's cave? Now that Shi Qionghua is not here, where did she go?

As he thought about it in anxiety, Ning Cheng immediately took out a communications pearl. As soon as he took out the communication pearl from inside the Minor Five-element Formation within Mysterious Yellow Bead's inner world, he immediately received a broken message, "I..... Erosion..... Cliff....."

This message must have come from Shi Qionghua. However, it looks like she had sent this message too long ago, which caused some of the information within the transmission to collapse before reaching its destination, the communication pearl within the array formation.

Ning Cheng knew that the communication pearl he left behind in Shi Qionghua's storage ring was a middle-grade Dao Artefact, and was something that he had personally crafted. Therefore, he felt confident that this communication pearl was definitely of good quality. Yet, the message sent from this grade of a communication pearl could not find its corresponding receiving communication pearl. Moreover, it would take at least two to three months for the message to start collapsing.

Seeing that Shi Qionghua's message to him only contained a few scattered words, he could deduce that Shi Qionghua sent this message at least two months ago.

Ning Cheng felt so anxious within his heart that he had no idea where to find this 'eroding cliff'.

Even if he wanted to ask around, where else could he go besides the Sword Mountain Path? Thinking of all this, Ning Cheng immediately rushed back to the Sword Mountain Path.

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The shop assistant at South Sword Rest Stop greeted every guest with a smile. When he saw a blue-robed cultivator coming in, he raised his hand and spoke with a smile, "Friend from afar, our South Sword Rest Stop will be the best place for you to stay....."

However, the shop assistant's words immediately halted as he recognised Ning Cheng.

"Is it really you?" The shop assistant looked at Ning Cheng standing in front of him in astonishment. Six months ago, a female cultivator with a veil covering her face came in with a male cultivator over her back. At that time, he only knew that the male cultivator had severe injuries and could not even walk on his own.

Later, the South Sword Rest Stop had to force the two guests away because of the pressure from the You Clan. The South Sword Rest Stop's deacon even refused to return the deposit of the two cultivators. The reason was simple, the You Clan wanted the two cultivators. Even if they could survive, they would have led a miserable life. Therefore, how could those fellows return to the South Sword Rest Stop to ask for the deposit in such a situation?

Ning Cheng showed a smile, "Yes, it's me. Last time I asked you to give my message to your Steward. Did you do it?"

"This, this....." The shop assistant blabbed in anxiety for a long time but could not say a word.

Ning Cheng patted the shop assistant's shoulder and spoke, "It doesn't matter if you did not pass the message along. When the deacon comes, just tell him the same thing again. Just tell him what I said the last time. Anyway, I'm here to ask you two things. First, the female cultivator who left the rest stop with me on her back; do you have any news about her? Second, where is this place called Eroding Cliff? It might not be called as Eroding Cliff but something else with the same words."

The Gate Of Good Fortune

Chapter 619: I'm here to ask for marriage

"Senior, I, I....." The shop assistant started to stutter even more.

Although Ning Cheng had a smile over his face, even a low-levelled cultivator like him could feel the strong murderous intent oozing from the man in front of him.

"Do you not want to talk?" Ning Cheng's eyes grew cold.

"No, no....." The shop assistant quickly answered, carefully looking in all directions, he then spoke up with a whisper-like voice, "Senior, I know the place you're talking about, it's called the Eroding Life Cliff. This place is as scary as the Desperate Straits Sword Valley. I heard that once someone entered the

Eroding Life Valley, they could only watch their longevity disappear, before ultimately falling inside, never to come out.”

“Where is this Eroding Life Cliff? How come the jade strip you gave me last time does not have this location?” Ning Cheng immediately thought back to the Sea of Twilight. In the past, he had entered the Sea of Twilight with another female cultivator and witnessed both of their longevity continuously disappear without control.

The shop assistant quickly explained, “The location is marked on the map as Longevity Valley, and is just like the Sword Valley, a perilous area. However, it has better sceneries. Many cultivators used to head to the Longevity Valley for cultivation because one could cultivate for decades in the Longevity Valley and only one or two years would have passed on the outside. It’s just that something unknown happened a few hundred years ago, the situation suddenly reversed within the Longevity Valley, causing people who entered it to not live for long.”

“Not only would one not be able to live long, but even the longevity of the incoming cultivators would also be consumed at a fast rate. Even the cultivators with long life span, in just a few days inside, would find their longevity draining automatically before finally falling inside. Later, someone decided to erect a stone tablet outside the Longevity Valley’s entrance, renaming it as Eroding Life Cliff. However, because the name ‘Longevity Valley’ had been around for a long time, apart from the stone tablet that re-named it as Eroding Life Cliff, the maps in most of the jade strips still mark the location as Longevity Valley.”

Apparently afraid of Ning Cheng, the shop assistant spoke out everything he knew without holding anything back.

Ning Cheng nodded and kept asking, “Do you know where the woman who carried me went? Or did you hear anything about her?”

The shop assistant whispered, “I heard that the You Clan’s housekeeper You Tingzhi and You Zhenyi had gone out. I don’t know if they chased after this woman or not, but they returned alone after a few days and did not bring anyone back.”

“When did this happen?”

“Around two months ago.”

Ning Cheng immediately realised a lot of things. He took out ten Perpetual Moon Pills and handed them to the shop assistant and spoke, “Many thanks, I will come here again in a few days.”

The shop assistant on seeing the Perpetual Moon Pills in his hand, almost jumped up in shock as his eyes turned red from excitement. These were Perpetual Moon Pills; moreover, ten of them. When he saw Ning Cheng turning around, he seemed to have recalled something and immediately shouted, “Senior.....”

Ning Cheng looked back at the shop assistant, who in his opinion at least had some morals on top of possessing some courage. However, even Ning Cheng did not know why this fellow had called out to him.

The shop assistant put away the Perpetual Moon Pills into his storage ring before speaking, “Senior, the Longevity Valley is not accessible currently. To enter Longevity, you need to wait till tomorrow, today is

a Yang Day. Which means, the Longevity Valley is completely closed, only on a Yin Day can one go inside.”

Ning Cheng nodded to the shop assistant as a gesture of thanks before turning around and quickly leaving. Although people still calculated days based on the cycle of the moon, they did not distinguish between consecutive days of the month; instead, they separated the days based on yin and yang[1].

Ning Cheng wanted to head to the Eroding Life Cliff right away, but since the shop assistant said that no one could enter today, he decided to go in tomorrow. However, he would collect some interest first.

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When it came to the Sword Mountain Path's You Clan, everyone knew that this was the premier clan of the Sword Mountain Path. This clan was even famous within the Rugged Pillar Star.

With You Clan's strength, it could settle down in the most prosperous city within the Rugged Pillar Star, even ruling the town would not be impossible for them. However, the You Clan decided to settle in the Sword Mountain Path, and no one had any idea why. The only explanation that one could think of was because of this place's vast history, which involved gaining enlightenment regarding the Dao of Swords.

With You Clan's strength, it quickly settled in the Sword Mountain Path; moreover, even their clan hall exuded the highest grandeur of all. Compared to the glory of the surrounding castles, You Clan clearly had the superior edge.

Ning Cheng quickly found the You Clan, and just as he walked up to the entrance of the castle's outer courtyard, a cultivator immediately stopped him, "Please stop. Who is this friend looking for?"

Ning Cheng spoke up with a soft voice, "I was invited to meet You Zhenyi."

When the cultivator at the entrance heard that Ning Cheng had come to see You Zhenyi, he immediately became respectful. You Zhenyi was a Celestial Bridge Cultivator who enjoyed a high position within the You Clan. How could he dare to neglect a cultivator who came to meet You Zhenyi?

"This junior will immediately report this to senior!" The cultivator at the entrance quickly bowed and at the same time, changed his tone into a more respectful one.

Ning Cheng's face sank, "You Zhenyi asked me to come here, and you still want me to wait here while you go inform?"

The cultivator guarding the entrance shivered in horror and spoke, "Senior, Elder You, and the others were in the middle of discussing some official business. I hope Senior could forgive me for this."

As soon as his words ended, Ning Cheng's figure flashed, and by the time he realised it, Ning Cheng had long since disappeared.

The cultivator guarding the door spoke the truth, the members of the You Clan truly were in discussion. However, this was not the You Clan's Family Convention, but a meeting between You Zhenyi, You Fei, You Tingzhi, and Yang Xin, along with a few other cultivators from the You Clan.

"With no history or background to speak of, this female cultivator seemed to have appeared out of thin air. She even used Perpetual Moon Pills at the Sword Mountain Invigorating Spring Pavilion. I took a trip

there and found that they were all top-grade Perpetual Moon Pills.” The speaking was a middle-aged female cultivator You Zhenyi, the one who accompanied Yang Xin to the South Sword Rest Stop.

You Fei sighed and did not speak. Ever since he learned that the female cultivator that he had taken a liking to had escaped into the Longevity Valley, his mind and heart had sunk in depression. Compared to Perpetual Moon Pills, he felt more concerned about the woman he had saved at that time.

“Lord Husband, You Clan’s future depends on you. You can find good women anywhere, and this Xin’er will definitely find a better woman for Lord Husband.” Seeing You Fei sigh, Yang Xin immediately tried to comfort him.

Just then, a sudden voice emerged, “You don’t need to look, I think you’re pretty good.”

“Who?” Almost all the people in the room immediately stood up and looked at the entrance. Within the Discourse Hall, which had many restrictions, a cultivator had easily broken through the restrictions and stepped inside. Moreover, none of them had even noticed it at all. It was too incredible.

“Oh, it’s you.....” You Zhenyi and Yang Xin felt even more shocked as they quickly recognised Ning Cheng. Even now, Ning Cheng still kept on the Appearance Changing Mask, so he still had the same appearance as when he stayed in the South Sword Rest Stop.

Ning Cheng’s eyes casually swept across the room and fell on Yang Xin, “I’m here to ask for marriage.....”

Yang Xin subconsciously spoke up, “Are you helping that female cultivator with the marriage? Did she finally figure it out? No, isn’t she in the Longevity Valley? What’s going on?”

Ning Cheng slowly walked towards Yang Xin and spoke, “No, I’m here to help you get married.”

“Help me get married?” Yang Xin repeated the sentence and still could not understand.

Ning Cheng nodded, “Yes, I’m here to help you get married. I think you look okay, so I decided to take you as my 138th concubine. As a sign of good faith, I specifically came to the You Clan to propose for the marriage personally. By the way, you can keep this as the betrothal gift.....”

With that, Ning Cheng waved his hand, and a pile of Perpetual Moon Pills suddenly appeared in front of him. This pile contained at least a hundred thousand Perpetual Moon Pills. As the terrifyingly dense Pill Gas from the Perpetual Moon Pills started to fill the room, the people in the room immediately shifted their anger and stared at the pile of Perpetual Moon Pills in the middle of the room with red eyes.

Ning Cheng slapped his forehead and spoke with some regret, “Look at me, since this is just a betrothal gift for the bride-to-be, I should actually take out something smaller.....”

As he spoke, Ning Cheng waved his hands once again, and the pile of Perpetual Moon Pills that had just appeared disappeared entirely without a trace. No, it would be more accurate to say that except for one Perpetual Moon Pill, the other pills had vanished without a trace.

Ning Cheng raised his hand and gently caressed the Perpetual Moon Pill in his hand and spoke, “Consider this Perpetual Moon Pill as my betrothal gift. Don’t let it bother you.”

With that, Ning Cheng put the Perpetual Moon Pill in front of Yang Xin.

A cold humph resounded and You Zhenyi, who felt too lazy even to speak anything, immediately pounced on Ning Cheng. At the same time, she brought out a weapon that shot out countless rays of lights, causing a violent storm to erupt within the room. From this, one could make out that in front of Perpetual Moon Pills, even a room filled with other things would be of little value.

The intense murderous intent completely shrouded Ning Cheng. It felt as if this terrifying murderous intent would easily tear apart Ning Cheng if he showed even the slightest movement.

Ning Cheng didn't move, not because he felt afraid of this murderous intent tearing him apart, but because he simply did not even care about it. He didn't even bring out a weapon, and casually sent out a backhanded slap.

An even more terrifying Domain and Axe Intent filled with horrific levels of murderous intent instantly covered all the cultivators within the room.

In the face of Ning Cheng's powerful killing intent, You Zhenyi's murderous intent instantly deflated as if someone popped a balloon filled with air. As for her Domain, not to mention deflating, it was utterly suppressed into her body by Ning Cheng's Domain.

"Boom....." Ning Cheng's slap completely ripped apart You Zhenyi's killing lights and directly struck You Zhenyi. You Zhenyi immediately sprayed out several mouthfuls of blood as every meridian within her body collapsed. Even her Life Essence that managed to escape in time got caught up in Ning Cheng's Celestial River Domain and disappeared without a trace.

"Pata....." A body without any vitality finally fell to the ground, leaving everyone holding their breaths and staring blankly at You Zhenyi's dead body growing cold on the floor.

Who the hell was this fellow? With just one backhanded slap, this fellow killed You Zhenyi, a powerhouse in the Celestial Bridge Realm. Moreover, it was also when You Zhenyi struck first, what kind of cultivation was this?

Ning Cheng patted his hands together and spoke, "Really now! If you don't like my betrothal gift, you shouldn't make a move to kill me."

"Ah....." Yang Xin screamed, amplifying Ning Cheng's horrifying might and toughness. And just at this moment, Ning Cheng's eyes focused on her, and she immediately stopped.

She subconsciously shuddered, then put away the single Perpetual Moon Pill in front of her. Hesitating for a moment, she then looked at Ning Cheng with a sweet smile and spoke, "Lord Husband, I agree to your proposal. This Xin'er now belongs to you."

She spoke with a soft and charming tone as if pairing up with Ning Cheng was only natural.

Ning Cheng felt slightly surprised at such a reversal. How could there be such a woman? How could she accept a proposal with her husband right behind her?

On seeing Ning Cheng quickly dispatching You Zhenyi, You Fei felt both panic and anger rising inside of him. But when he saw Yang Xin behaving in such a manner, he immediately turned furious to such an extent that it caused a mouthful of blood to spray out. You Fei had always felt proud to have someone

like Yang Xin, a kind and considerate woman, as his wife. Unexpectedly, the wife whom he felt pride in agreed to another man's courtship right in front of him.

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Chapter 620: Eroding Life Cliff

Yang Xin did not care about You Fei at all and stared at Ning Cheng with a pair of playful eyes, which seemed wanting to speak up. Worship and longing coloured her face.

Why had she followed You Fei? Wasn't it just for cultivation resources? Moreover, with the ability of You Clan, it not only allowed her to live as a first-class expert within the Sword Mountain Path but it also allowed her to cultivate in ease. Otherwise, she was not an idiot. Why would she willingly try to please this man and even help him get women from all over the place?

This cultivator in front of her could easily take out a huge pile of Perpetual Moon Pills, plus this cultivator also had formidable means. If she could follow such a character, wouldn't it turn out much better for her compared to staying in the You Clan?

Moreover, if Dual Cultivation could bring her more benefits, who in their right minds would not choose to Dual Cultivate? As long as she could further her own cultivation, what else would matter. Men anyways were all the same.

She didn't doubt Ning Cheng's words, and she had confidence in herself. Didn't she capture the attention of You Clan's young master, someone who kept a high standard for women? Moreover, the cultivator in front of her had quickly dispatched You Zhenyi in just a casual move. Seeing such actions, it would have been strange if she did not feel something within her.

Then she immediately thought back to the girl, with a blue-coloured veil covering her face, who followed this cultivator, and the bunch of Perpetual Moon Pills that this cultivator had most likely given her. Yang Xin definitely was many times stronger compared to that girl. Following this cultivator in front of her, wouldn't her cultivation soar to new heights?

Ning Cheng shook his head wordlessly and couldn't be bothered to talk any nonsense with this Yang Xin anymore. Whether this Yang Xin wanted to get close to him using false pretences or if she took a fancy to his cultivation resources, he could no longer put this woman in his eyes.

Sweeping his gaze again past the panicked people in the room, Ning Cheng spoke up, "Who else, besides You Zhenyi, was the one who forced my wife into the Eroding Life Cliff?"

All the gazes immediately darted to the middle-aged man. The middle-aged man spoke up with a sharp voice, "There's still your ancestor, You Tingzhi....."

In the middle of talking, a huge cone-shaped weapon suddenly materialised and shot towards Ning Cheng. He knew that facing a cultivator like Ning Cheng, he would have no chance of winning, so might as well fight with everything he got.

An early-stage Celestial Bridge Cultivator was still not enough for Ning Cheng to even warm up. Ning Cheng took a slight step forward and once again punched out with an Axe Fist.

This time, his Axe Fist did not engulf the rest of the cultivators within the room, it just engulfed You Tingzhi in its entirety.

No amount of bravery could make up for such a huge gap in strength. Although You Tingzhi and Ning Cheng both had Celestial Bridge Cultivations, the power of the two was not even on the same level. Ning Cheng had only taken a step forward, and You Tingzhi's entire body came to a halt.

Even the cone-shaped weapon that he shot out seemed to have considerably slowed down. At this moment, he could only watch Ning Cheng's punch tearing through his Domain as it slammed into his Dantian.

"Plop." You Tingzhi's body, just like a sack of hay, fell on to You Zhenyi's lifeless body.

As for the remaining few people within the room, no one dared to speak, and no one even dared to move. Even You Fei, who vomited blood out of anger towards his wife, only looked at Ning Cheng in a daze. He really could not understand how the You Clan ended up provoking such a ruthless man.

Ning Cheng did not continue massacring everyone, just glanced coldly at You Fei and spoke, "As thanks for saving my wife once, I spared your life today. And judging by your current feelings, I decided not to kill your woman. Some people from your You Clan forced my wife into the Eroding Life Cliff, and I've already taken my revenge. From now on, I have nothing to do with your You Clan. If your You Clan wants revenge, then come over whenever. I'll wait."

After that, Ning Cheng turned away and in just a few steps disappeared from everyone's view.

Seeing Ning Cheng disappear, the people in the room suddenly sobered up from their daze as if they finally found some life. Yang Xin immediately shouted with a sharp tone, "We must inform the ancestors, ask the You Clan's ancestors for revenge....."

"Shut up....." You Fei's face looked even scarier as he glared at Yang Xin and roared.

Yang Xin subconsciously felt chills run down her spine. This was the first time she saw You Fei speaking to her in such a manner. Her eyes turned red, and tears streaked down her face in streams as she spoke up with a crying voice, "Lord Husband, please kill me. I've lost your face."

"Why? Yang Xin, just why? Why did you do such a thing? How many times have you said that you would willingly die for me, how many times have you said that without me, it wouldn't have any meaning if you lived or died? But today, you....." Staring at the pale face of Yang Xin, You Fei enunciated each word.

Yang Xin looked miserable, she closed her lips and did not speak even a single word.

"Why do you not speak now?!" You Fei screamed with an even louder voice. He could not even stand straight and immediately fell down on to the ground.

Aunt You Zhenyi had died, and even housekeeper You Tingzhi had fallen, all because of Yang Xin. He hadn't overthought about the girl he saved initially. But if it weren't for Yang Xin's meddling, he might not have had any desires towards that woman. Who knew that that woman not only had a husband but also one who was a terrifying cultivator. If that fellow had not recalled the life-saving grace, not only the people within the room, maybe even the whole You Clan might have entirely disappeared at his hands.

Not to mention that not even one of You Clan's ancestors had advanced to Heaven's Mandate Realm, even if the old ancestors had advanced to the Heaven's Mandate Realm, they probably still could not match against that fellow. At that time, his You Clan would have definitely turned into history. Even if he wanted revenge, he had to wait until his strength had surpassed that fellow before even thinking about it. Yet, that Yang Xin not only threw herself into another man's arms in front of him but also tried to call out the old ancestors when left behind, which would have forced the You Clan into extinction.

"Little Lord, I think that Little Mistress wanted to trade her life for Little Lord's safety. She just did not expect that cultivator would unexpectedly not go on with it." A young man with a yellow-coloured whisker-like beard with a Celestial Gatherer Cultivation carefully stepped out and tried to comfort him.

"Brother Can, don't talk about it....." As soon as Yang Xin spoke, tears resembling big beads falling onto a jade plate started to fall without control.

You Fei's heart was on a tight string, and he immediately recalled that there might have been such a possibility. With how Yang Xin took care of all his needs, it would have been entirely reasonable for her to make such a decision at that critical moment. Otherwise, how could she have the face and the courage to shout about informing the ancestors to come out right after that fellow left? The one he ought to hate was that cultivator; however, he also understood that he was in the wrong here. If she were really of the selfish sort, she would have immediately pleaded to join that cultivator for self-preservation. Moreover, when asked, Yang Xin could have quickly put the entire blame on him and avoid suspicion.

Perhaps she felt guilty about making such a decision without taking into account his feelings.

"Xin'er, you....." You Fei finally managed to speak up after some hesitation.

Hearing those words, Yang Xin sobbed even more.

You Fei now felt even sure that what he heard just now was not wrong, that Yang Xin had really taken such measures for his safety. She would rather abandon herself than abandon him.

"I'm sorry, Xin'er....." You Fei felt touched in his heart.

Yang Xin seemed unable to contain the grievances in her heart and immediately jumped into You Fei's arms while still crying. It was a while before You Fei finally managed to calm her down and she whispered, "As long as Lord Husband advances to the Heaven Seated Realm in the future, Xin'er would definitely obtain revenge for today's insult....."

Yang Xin truly harboured resentment in her heart towards Ning Cheng now. She had initially thought that Ning Cheng would have taken her away, but she didn't expect that Ning Cheng would not even bother to look in her direction again. She quickly understood that it was all an act to get back to her; for the time she came to his room for something similar.

If she, Yang Xin, managed to advance to the Heaven Seated Realm in the future, she would be the first to go out, grab that fellow, and then enjoy humiliating and torturing him till her heart grew content.

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South Sword Rest Stop, an obese-looking man, had just walked to the entrance when the shop assistant hurriedly came out and spoke, "Greeting, Lord Deacon."

The man nodded. He felt satisfied with the shop assistant, not only did this fellow work diligently, this fellow even managed to keep the guests satisfied.

"Lord Deacon....." The shop assistant seemed a bit hesitant.

The obese-looking man frowned and spoke, "Is this your first day here? If you have something to say, then say it, don't just swallow spit and hesitate."

The shop assistant on hearing those words, quickly spoke up, "Lord Deacon, six months ago, there was a female cultivator who came to our rest stop carrying a man on her back. But later, we had persuaded her to leave the rest stop with some excuses....."

"Oh, I do know about it, so what about it?" The fat man finally stopped and asked. He had a good memory, and his South Sword Rest Stop had a good reputation around these parts. When it came to such persuasions, however, they had a strict no refund policy on their rooms. That's because he knew that the two guests would eventually fall into the You Clan's hands after they leave. Therefore, there was nothing wrong in not refunding the rest of the rent for such people. So in hindsight, he did not even pay any attention to such a matter.

The shop assistant spoke up with a respectful voice, "When the female cultivator walked away with the other guest on her back, the other guest left behind a few words that he requested me to pass on to you, Lord Deacon. He said 'Jiangzhou's Ning Cheng sends his regards to the Deacon' and that he would come to revisit this place. I had completely forgotten about it at that time. Unexpectedly, that cultivator had come today and asked me to pass on the same words to Lord Deacon. It just so happened that Lord Deacon"

"Oh, such a thing actually happened? Didn't you say that the male cultivator had severe injuries and even waking up would be difficult for him?" The obese-looking deacon showed a frown. He naturally understood that the shop assistant had not forgotten it the last time; rather, he had simply not taken the sentence to heart. The shop assistant only spoke to him today because that fellow most likely had actually shown up here.

The shop assistant responded with a cautious voice, "He did not look injured at all today. He should have already recovered."

"Where is he?" The look on the obese-looking deacon's face turned heavy. Since this man dared to return to the Sword Mountain Path and dared to speak such words, then this fellow obviously did not feel any fear towards him.

The shop assistant replied, "I'm not sure, but he asked about the location of Longevity Valley."

As for Ning Cheng's potential trip to the You Clan, although the shop assistant might have guessed it, he chose not to speak. It's not that he did not want to talk about it, it's just that he did not want to put himself in danger. If Ning Cheng truly went to the You Clan, then every finger would point towards him. Moreover, he even said that You Zhenyi and You Tingzhi had gone out probably looking for that woman.

Once the deacon knew that all this information came from him, wouldn't it also mean completely offending the You Clan? He was not so stupid.

Although he could not describe the situation at that time, it was also impossible for him to tell others about the information he leaked.

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Ning Cheng really could not enter the Eroding Life Cliff at this moment and only saw a milky-white cliff wall in front of him. Even his Spiritual Consciousness could not penetrate half an inch inside.

Ning Cheng also did not try to enter the cliff forcibly, fearing that it might trigger something unexpected inside.

Thankfully, the night passed by quickly, and Ning Cheng who still stood in front of this milky-white cliff wall clearly saw the cliff wall starting to slowly melt and dissipate. Soon the hard cliff wall in front of him entirely transformed into a greyish-white mist.

Looking at the hazy mist in front of him, Ning Cheng affirmed that even if ordinary Celestial Bridge Cultivators came here, even their Spiritual Consciousness would not manage to penetrate inside. Even with Ning Cheng's powerful Spiritual Consciousness, it could only penetrate to around three to ten feet inside.

Once the milky-white cliff wall disappeared, Ning Cheng immediately rushed straight into the hazy mist without any hesitation.