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Chapter 621: Saving Shi Qionghua

As soon as Ning Cheng stepped inside, he felt his longevity disappearing like water flowing out a leaky bucket. The Eroding Life Cliff sure lived up to its fearsome reputation. Just as that shop assistant had told him, even someone with a long life would run out of lifespan in just a few days inside this place.

Moreover, Ning Cheng could also acutely make out that this erosion of life span was utterly different from that he encountered in the Sea of Twilight. This place simply consumed longevity, while containing no kind of law that one could understand and sense. Within the Sea of Twilight, although it also shaved away at one's longevity, it happened due to the flow of time, something fundamentally different from this place.

In other words, this place consistently consumed one's life span; however, the Sea of Twilight, consumed one's 'time' that flowed out of them.

Feeling the rapid consumption of life span, Ning Cheng felt worried. Even as a cultivator who touched the surface of the Laws of Time, he could not stop or even slow down the consumption of his longevity. Could Shi Qionghua survive in such a place?

Ning Cheng no longer felt concerned about damaging the foundations of his Celestial Essence and Sea of Consciousness and forced his Spiritual Consciousness out while rushing forward.

After half an incense stick worth of time, Ning Cheng suddenly came to a stop and saw Chasing Bull, followed by Shi Qionghua.

Chasing Bull did not show even the slightest movement and lay slumped on the ground with the barest hint of life. As for Shi Qionghua, she sat about two feet from Chasing Bull, also not showing any movement. Moreover, her body did not give off even a hint of aura, or even any fluctuations of life whatsoever. Yet her appearance and hair remained the same.

Although the Eroding Life Cliff sucked away her longevity, it could not take away her looks.

Ning Cheng took a step forward and immediately reached next to Shi Qionghua in one stop. Then carefully lifting Shi Qionghua with one arm, Ning Cheng then grabbed Chasing Bull with the other before stimulating the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds to its maximum potential and rushing out.

In just over a dozen breaths, Ning Cheng made it out of the Eroding Life Cliff.

"You..... How were you able to get out of the Eroding Life Cliff?" A cultivator passing by the Eroding Life Cliff blurted out in shock as he saw Ning Cheng emerging from inside. Although cultivators who managed to exit the Eroding Life Cliff were a minority, it did not mean such cultivators did not exist. However, each of those cultivators was an earth-shattering figure. Yet, today, he actually met such a cultivator. Moreover, this cultivator even held a female cultivator in one of his hand and a giant bull in the other.

Ning Cheng was in no mood to stop and chat with this cultivator, with another wave from the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, he instantly disappeared without even a trace left behind. After forcefully

stimulating his Spiritual Consciousness to its limit, Ning Cheng could access around twenty to thirty feet around him inside. Otherwise, how could he manage to find his way out after entering deep into the Eroding Life Cliff? Therefore, Ning Cheng did not feel surprised on seeing the cultivator's reaction, as one really would find it hard-pressed to search for the way out using one's Spiritual Consciousness. If one ended up going in too deep, it really would become impossibly hard to find an exit.

Ning Cheng did not go too far and found a broken cave somewhere near to the cliff's entrance. Dropping a few Defensive Array Discs at the entrance to the cave, Ning Cheng quickly entered the cave and dropped Chasing Bull to the floor.

"Many thanks, master, for saving me....." Chasing Bull, who lost god-knows how much of its longevity within the Eroding Life Cliff, finally managed to speak; it really living up to its species as a Longevity Bull.

Ning Cheng took out a jade bottle containing a drop of Glimmer of Dawn Ice Essence and threw it towards Chasing Bull with the words, "After you refine this drop of Glimmer of Dawn Ice Essence, go to the side, and try to heal."

He had no idea if the Glimmer of Dawn Ice Essence could help restore Chasing Bull's lost lifespan, but when his body grew old within the Sea of Twilight, a single drop of Glimmer of Dawn Ice Essence helped him recover in the shortest possible time. Therefore, it should also have some effect in restoring the lost longevity.

Chasing Bull carefully grabbed the jade bottle containing the Glimmer of Dawn Ice Essence within its jaws and weakly dragged its body to the side. Although it had entered the Eroding Life Cliff on the Mistress's orders, it could not truly escape from inside with the Mistress. In case its master got angry with him because of it, it would not have ended well for it.

Ning Cheng then put three drops of Glimmer of Dawn Ice Essence into Shi Qionghua's mouth. The moment those three drops of Glimmers of Dawn Ice Essence touched her mouth, they instantly transformed into Spiritual Liquid and quickly got absorbed into her body. However, Shi Qionghua showed no signs of waking up.

Instead, after Chasing Bull swallowed the drop of Glimmers of Dawn Ice Essence, it immediately sobered up and stood up shaking from head to toe.

Ning Cheng looked at Chasing Bull in doubt, "Since the Glimmer of Dawn Ice Essence works so well on you, why does it not work on Shi Qionghua?"

"Master, Mistress sealed her vitality using a secret art on the second day of entering." Chasing Bull immediately answered.

"Sealing her vitality with a secret art?" Ning Cheng could not understand.

"Even I don't know. It's what Mistress said before she sealed her vitality. Mistress said that rather than letting this place slowly erode her longevity, it would be better to seal her vitality a step earlier. With one's vitality sealed away, it would also mean that one's longevity would also disappear. The Eroding Life Cliff consumed longevity; since one did not have any longevity left, it would also have no way to consume it." Chasing Bull relayed Shi Qionghua's words to Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng remained silent; after all, even Glimmer of Dawn Ice Essence cannot bring people back to life. Although Shi Qionghua sealed her vitality with a secret method herself, it was similar to putting herself in a state of death. At the same time, Ning Cheng felt sure that the Glimmer of Dawn Ice Essence would be helpful to Shi Qionghua's body.

Although Shi Qionghua's body did not give off even half a shred of life-like aura, Ning Cheng felt sure that Shi Qionghua had not actually died. He could still feel Shi Qionghua's Spirit Soul. It was just that her Spirit Soul was in a sealed state and couldn't recover for a while.

In any case, he had decided to save Shi Qionghua. Maybe he could take Qionghua back to the Everlasting Sacred Shrine. After all, Shi Qionghua most likely learned this sealing technique from the Everlasting Sacred Shrine.

But how could he reach the Everlasting Sacred Shrine? Right, he still had to refine the Starry Sky Wheel.

Just when he thought about the Starry Sky Wheel, Ning Cheng immediately thought about another treasure within his collection, the Essence of Wood. Ning Cheng, without even a shred of hesitation, took out the Essence of Wood.

After placing the Essence of Wood on Shi Qionghua's glabella, Ning Cheng then started helping Shi Qionghua's body to integrate with the Essence of Wood.

Three days later, Ning Cheng thoroughly used up the Essence of Wood, and to Ning Cheng's surprise, Shi Qionghua's face turned rosy and did not look pale like before. Not only that, but Shi Qionghua's body also turned soft and did not feel stiff anymore.

This immediately boosted Ning Cheng's confidence, and he promptly communicated with the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King, on how to obtain more Essence of Wood?

Unfortunately, Ning Cheng's Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King conveyed that it was still a low-level plant, and let Ning Cheng know that the Essence of Wood that he obtained from the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King had taken countless years to condense. In other words, if Ning Cheng wanted the same quantity of Essence of Wood, it would take a lot of time and require a significant accumulation of natural treasures.

Even though Ning Cheng realised that obtaining the Essence of Wood might be extremely difficult, he still felt a lot more relaxed. He felt more afraid of not have a direction. With direction, Ning Cheng felt confident to help Qionghua recover both her longevity and her Spirit Soul. He carefully picked up Shi Qionghua's body and head out to open up a new cave in a safe place to refine the Starry Sky Disc. However, just when he picked her up, Ning Cheng felt a pulse within Shi Qionghua's body.

Feeling this pulse made Ning Cheng almost ecstatic. It meant that Shi Qionghua only sealed away her Life Essence using her secret art. As long as he could find a way, Shi Qionghua would wake up completely.

Maybe he could wake Shi Qionghua up without the need to head to the Everlasting Sacred Shrine.

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The largest starland within the Grand Spirit Heaven Starry Sky naturally was the Spirit Heaven Starland. However, the Spirit Heaven Starland was known for the Spirit Heaven Starry Sky City, but for the Nine Phoenix[1] Palace on the Nine Phoenix Emperor Mountain.

The Spirit Heaven Starry Sky City was one of the largest starry sky city within the Spirit Heaven Starland; however, the Grand Spirit Heaven Starry Skies' premier Eternal-level Starry Sky Emperor did not live in the Spirit Heaven Starry Sky City, but in the Nine Phoenix Emperor Mountain. This Nine Phoenix Emperor Mountain contained a luxurious and splendid looking palace called the Nine Phoenix Palace, which was Yi Jiufeng's residence.

A bold and laughter-filled voice rang outside the Nine Phoenix Emperor Mountain, "Chuan Xinlou came to visit Junior Apprentice Sister Nine Phoenix, and yet Junior Apprentice Sister Nine Phoenix actually sealed up the mountain. This definitely is not the right way to welcome guests, you know."

As soon as the voice ended, Yi Jiufeng wearing a scarlet robe appeared outside Nine Phoenix Emperor Mountain and spoke to the middle-aged Confucian scholar with cupped fists, "Since Brother Levelled Heart came all the way here, then let this little sister treat you as the guest of honour. However, this little sister does not know why Brother Levelled Heart came here and hopes that you did not make this special trip to make trouble for this little sister. This little sister had already made it clear that no one can take the Wind Thunder Apricot from here."

Chuan Xinlou, dressed in Confucian robes, stood calmly in the void. However, his Confucian robes moved without any wind, giving him an unrestrained and uninhibited quality. On hearing Yi Jiufeng's words, he laughed and spoke up with a smile on his face, "Junior Apprentice Sister Nine Phoenix sure has an imaginative mind. However, I'm not here for the Wind Thunder Apricot at this time. If I had any intention for obtaining the Wind Thunder Apricot, I would have already taken action at the Immortal Jade Star and would not have waited until now to come here."

"Brother Levelled Heart should open the window and speak up. Since you say that you're not here for the Wind Thunder Apricot, then why are you here?" Yi Jiufeng truly had no idea why Chuan Xinlou came to the Nine Phoenix Emperor Mountain.

Chuan Xinlou held a faint smile over his face and spoke up, "I'm here to actually help Junior Apprentice Sister Nine Phoenix. If I'm not mistaken, Junior Apprentice Sister Nine Phoenix currently is in a very dire situation."

Yi Jiufeng showed a sneer and spoke, "Just a Qian Jierui, I, Yi Jiufeng don't have to put him in my eyes. He couldn't do anything to me before, and he still can't do anything to me now. This is the Grand Spirit Heaven Starry Sky, and we don't fear his Devil Domain."

Chuan Xinlou still spoke with a calm voice, "Junior Apprentice Sister Nine Phoenix, you don't need to fool me. I know that you are not afraid of a single Qian Jierui, but if you add a Zhangkang Tianji, what would you feel then?"

Having said that, Chuan Xinlou purposefully paused.

Sure enough, Yi Jiufeng's expressions changed slightly. She had long since known that Qian Jierui and Zhangkang Tianji might join forces. If they actually joined forces, then she absolutely would not be a match against them.

At this moment, Chuan Xinlou once again spoke up, "If Zhangkang Tianji might not be enough, then how about me, Chuan Xinlou?"

Yi Jiufeng's expressions finally made a drastic change, as she spoke up with a gloomy voice, "Although you came to my Grand Spirit Heaven Starry Sky, I, Yi Jiufeng will not back down from a fight."

Chuan Xinlou knew that he had backed Yi Jiufeng into a corner. Therefore, instead of pressing Yi Jiufeng even more, he spoke up with a gentle voice, "Junior Apprentice Sister Nine Phoenix, if I wanted to work with them, I would have already joined forces with those two. As I said, I'm here today to help Junior Apprentice Sister Nine Phoenix. If Junior Apprentice Sister Nine Phoenix is willing, then I, Chuan Xinlou, would immediately take the oath to never sit back and watch the Great Spirit Heaven Starry Sky suffer through an invasion."

Yi Jiufeng carefully scrutinised Chuan Xinlou before taking in a deep breath and speaking up, "What does Brother Levelled Heart want? Please state it directly, I don't like to beat around the bush."

Chuan Xinlou clapped his hands together and spoke with appreciation, "Speaking to Junior Apprentice Sister Nine Phoenix really brings one some peace of mind. I, Chuan Xinlou, just hope that Junior Apprentice Sister Nine Phoenix could help me launch a search that spans the entire Grand Spirit Heaven Starry Sky, help me find just one person. I only know that this fellow entered the Grand Spirit Heaven Starry Sky, but I have no way of knowing which planet or star he might be on."

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Chapter 622: Starry Sky Wheel

Yi Jiufeng could make out that Chuan Xinlou was not making a joke. She felt a little hesitant before finally inviting Chuan Xinlou into the Nine Phoenix Palace.

After the guest sat down, Yi Jiufeng did not turn around and asked directly, "What help exactly does Brother Levelled Heart want from this little sister?"

Chuan Xinlou smiled and took out a somewhat blurry portrait and spoke, "I just want to find this person."

Yi Jiufeng frowned, "This portrait is too blurry. How can one find this fellow?"

Chuan Xinlou did not feel worried about the vagueness of the portrait, as he spoke up with confidence, "I already know that, but this cultivator is probably the same cultivator who rode the Wind Seeking Heavenly Bull. He uses a spear or an axe as his weapon, possibly both. He might also possess a pair of Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, and not of a low grade. On top of that, he most likely also has a top-notch Appearance Changing Mask that could easily change his appearance."

Yi Jiufeng suddenly understood something and stared at Chuan Xinlou, "I see, you suspect that the cultivator who managed to take away the Origin Bead is this fellow. Doesn't that mean that he also took away the Starry Sky Wheel?"

"That's right, I'm looking for him." Chuan Xinlou knew that he could not hide things for long when he decided to come looking for Yi Jiufeng's help. He had personally investigated several cultivators who managed to escape from the Immortal Jade Star and finally came up with a cultivator that killed a Celestial Bridge Cultivator and even faced off against a group of hundred cultivators near the entrance

of the Exploding Golden Wasp Colony. Most likely, this cultivator likely possessed the Good Fortune Treasure.

Yi Jiufeng took in a deep breath. If this cultivator really was the one Chuan Xinlou suspected, then this fellow possessed too many treasures. Most likely, this cultivator might even have the Good Fortune Treasure.

“Brother Levelled Heart, if it is as you said, then this person most likely has the Good Fortune Treasure. Why should I willingly suffer through all this, just to help you?” Yi Jiufeng already felt surprised on the implication that this fellow was in her Grand Spirit Heaven Starry Sky.

Chuan Xinlou gave a reply, “Junior Apprentice Sister Nine Phoenix, I won’t hide this from you. Previously, there was no trust amongst the four of us, and it is complete nonsense to talk about diving the Good Fortune Treasure among us. I just wanted to wait for the Good Fortune Treasure to reveal itself at that time. That way, everyone could have fought for it. I just did not choose to say it at that time. Now that we decided to work together, I only ask for the Good Fortune Treasure. As for the rest, whether it is the Starry Sky Wheel, the Earth Origin Bead, or any of the other treasures on that cultivator, you can keep them. Even that fragment of Good Fortune Treasure that appeared in my Grand Eternal Heaven[1] Starry Sky, you can have it once I manage to locate it.”

Yi Jiufeng remained silent. The Starry Sky Wheel and the Earth Origin Bead, both were peerless treasures. However, they still could not compare to a Good Fortune Treasure.

“There are only benefits on one side, but losses on the other. If Junior Apprentice Sister Nine Phoenix does not agree, I would then have to make a trip to the Demon Domain or the Devil Domain for help.” Although Chuan Xinlou spoke such words, he felt sure that Yi Jiufeng would agree to his proposal.

Yi Jiufeng finally gritted her teeth before she stood up and spoke, “Alright, I agree.”

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The South Sword Rest Stop’s Gong Liangle initially did not care much about the shop assistant’s words. However, when he learnt that You Zhenyi and You Tingzhi, who had chased after the female cultivator, had both died in their own clan mansion, he immediately turned scared.

He was nothing compared to You Clan’s You Zhenyi. If that Jiangzhou’s Ning Cheng had really killed You Zhenyi and You Tingzhi, then he, Gong Liangle, simply would be eligible to receive even a slap from that person.

Gong Liangle now felt sorry and sincere regret about pitting against someone else for a few tens of thousands of purple coins. Tens of thousands of purple coins meant nothing to him, so why did he act in such an idiotic manner back then?

Worried that Ning Cheng would suddenly visit his door, Gong Liangle kept thinking about it repeatedly before finally making up his mind. If that Jiangzhou’s Ning Cheng really came, he would immediately compensate that fellow with hundred, no a thousand times the purple coins charged at that time. In any case, he could earn back the purple coins, but only if he lived.

What made Gong Liangle puzzled was that even after six months, that Jiangzhou's Ning Cheng, who said would come to visit, seemed to have disappeared entirely from the Sword Mountain Path, let alone come visit him.

Instead, a search order arrived at the Sword Mountain Path from the Grand Spirit Heaven Starry Sky, and the portrait accompanying the search order only had a blurry image. However, because of the fear of Ning Cheng, Gong Liangle had the shadow of Ning Cheng in his head at all times. He felt that this vague portrait felt somewhat similar to that of Jiangzhou's Ning Cheng. The search order mentioned that this person, who hails from another Grand Starry Sky, most likely changed his appearance. It also said that this fellow might possess the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds, and uses an axe as his weapon of choice. At the bottom, the order also mentioned that this cultivator might even have a black Longevity Bull.

With all the information and conditions combined, Gong Liangle guessed that this portrait was 99% of Jiangzhou's Ning Cheng. However, Gong Liangle still did not decide to report it. One, he was not quite sure of it despite what he guessed and second, the reward mentioned in the search order felt too outrageous. Whether he could actually obtain it or not was a completely separate matter.

Initially, he had already offended Ning Cheng. Judging by the way Ning Cheng handled things with the You Clan, he at most would have to lose some purple coins, without worrying about his life. However, if he reported it, till someone managed to capture Ning Cheng, he would have to wait around with his heart in hand.

Moreover, no one would care about the life of the one who reported it, this he knew very well. Gong Liangle believed that he would not have to report this matter by himself, someone else would eventually report it. Let it be someone else's headache.

In fact, Gong Liangle had not guessed wrong. Only a few weeks after he heard about this search order, someone finally reported about a cultivator riding over a black bull and speeding away from the Sword Mountain Path. Because Ning Cheng carried Shi Qionghua, a few people deliberately paid attention to Ning Cheng's appearance.

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Ning Cheng did not return to the Sword Mountain Path. He not only did not come back to the Sword Mountain Path, but he also did not even choose to stay in the Rugged Pillar Star. After making up his mind about refining the Starry Sky Wheel, he immediately decided to leave the Rugged Pillar Star.

The main reason was not that he knew Chuan Xinlou would manage to track him to the Grand Spirit Heaven Starry Sky and even release a search order among all the stars and planets within the Grand Spirit Heaven Starry Sky to find and capture him. Instead, he felt afraid that refining the Starry Sky Wheel would attract unwanted attention. Moreover, once the Starry Sky Wheel's aura started to dissipate out into the Rugged Pillar Star, it might end up in some powerhouse's radar.

The Starry Sky Wheel contained a seemingly boundless Starry Sky Aura, as well as the simple and unadorned aura of vicissitudes, which was the main reason for Ning Cheng's worry.

So Ning Cheng immediately decided to leave the Rugged Pillar Star and travelled for nearly a month with his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds before finally finding an abandoned comet within the starry sky. He decided to use this comet to refine the Starry Sky Wheel.

Ning Cheng would have never expected that his cautious nature allowed him to escape by a hair's breadth. Otherwise, if he had decided to stay on the Rugged Pillar Star, even if he possessed tremendous speed, he would have turned into a departed spirit under Chuan Xinlou's control.

Initially, Ning Cheng planned to spend only a few days refining the Starry Sky Wheel. However, when he actually started refining it, Ning Cheng only then realised his naivety.

The Starry Sky Wheel had an unknown number of restrictions covering it, yet even after continuously refining it for three months, Ning Cheng would only refine 36 of the restrictions. Fortunately, Shi Qionghua's body could automatically absorb the starry sky Essence Qi for cultivation despite not gaining consciousness. Although this speed of absorption could not help her in improving her cultivation, it allowed her body to remain stable.

To make himself as fast as possible, Ning Cheng spent another three months refining the Starry Sky Wheel. On finally managing to refine the 49th restriction, Ning Cheng found that no matter how hard he tried to refine the rest, he could not refine the Starry Sky Wheel any further.

Seeing that, Ning Cheng no longer wasted his time trying to refine it further. He knew that his cultivation still had a limit to it. At the same time, the Starry Sky Wheel was also a top-grade flight-type weapon. Not managing to refine it entirely was quite reasonable.

However, Ning Cheng did not feel disappointed with it. Although he did not know how many restrictions covered the Starry Sky Wheel, he knew by now that the Starry Sky Wheel could morph into several different shapes. Once he completely refined the Starry Sky Wheel, it would not only provide him with a much faster mode of travel but could also transform into several more shapes.

Only at this moment did Ning Cheng felt deeply moved by this creation. Even a starry sky-grade battleship would not reach the speed of this partially refined Starry Sky Wheel, nor could it change into different shapes.

Ning Cheng, with just a thought, transformed the Starry Sky Wheel into an ordinary-looking flying chariot with a pointed tip, a chariot with four wheels under it. It looked somewhat similar to the off-road vehicles one would find on Earth. It's just that its form was many times larger compared to the off-road vehicles from Earth.

The flying chariot had a large cabin, where Shi Qionghua rested. Shi Qionghua's body had subconsciously woken up sometime during the period and accompanied Ning Cheng for over half a year while he refined the Starry Sky Wheel. By now, Shi Qionghua's body had already grown used to being around him. Once he was not in the room for a relatively long time, Shi Qionghua's body would immediately turn a little anxious. So Ning Cheng also decided to stay in this room, accompanying Shi Qionghua's still-unconscious body, while controlling the Starry Sky Wheel.

Ning Cheng had just taken control of the Starry Sky Wheel when his Spiritual Consciousness could no longer see anything outside the Starry Sky Wheel. Sensing such changes, Ning Cheng immediately understood that the Starry Sky Wheel possessed a speed even faster than the top-grade starry sky-class

battleships. Moreover, it had such speed when he had not even wholly refined it; once he fully refined the Starry Sky Wheel, wouldn't it mean that the Starry Sky Wheel would also be able to travel through planar interfaces just like Elder Brother Cang Wei?

Originally, Ning Cheng wanted to head back to the Sword Mountain Path and settle some accounts with the Deacon of South Sword Rest Stop. But because of the speed of the Starry Sky Wheel, Ning Cheng immediately gave up on the idea. Settling accounts with that deacon was only a trivial matter; now that his Starry Sky Wheel displayed such fast speed, he immediately wanted to use the Starry Sky Wheel to head back to Kun Zhuo Celestial River. From there, he could then quickly find a way back to the Rootless Black City.

Compared to heading back to the Rootless Black City and seeing Luofei, Ning Cheng immediately put aside everything else. Qionghua's injuries also seemed to be getting better every day; perhaps, even without going to the Everlasting Blue Thunder City, Shi Qionghua might regain her consciousness completely. In any case, going to the Everlasting Sacred Shrine, with his current cultivation, he simply would never get the chance to speak in front of the Sacred Master.

After Ning Cheng refined 49 of the restrictions covering the Starry Sky Disc, the Starry Sky Wheel's Positional Indicators mysteriously started to display a few starry sky coordinates. Ning Cheng could at least see the four Grand Starry Skies on it.

After programming the Starry Sky Wheel to head to the Grand Culmination Starry Sky, Ning Cheng then asked Chasing Bull to keep an eye on the Starry Sky Wheel's flight and record the situation along the way. As for him, he decided to stay inside the cabin and continue cultivating.

Chuan Xinlou and Yi Jiufeng, who almost flipped the entire Grand Spirit Heaven Starry Sky over, could never have thought that Ning Cheng would actually leave to the Grand Culmination Starry Sky.

Inside the Starry Sky Wheel, Ning Cheng continued to absorb the Perpetual Moon Pills for cultivation. The millions of Perpetual Moon Pills allowed his cultivation to soar. By the time Ning Cheng's Starry Sky Wheel passed through the Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City six months later, he had already reached the point of breakthrough to the middle-level of the Celestial Bridge Realm. Another year later, when Ning Cheng's Starry Sky Wheel reached the Striking Order Starry Sky, his cultivation had directly soared to the late-stage of the Celestial Bridge Realm.

Ning Cheng looked at the starry sky coordinates displayed within the Starry Sky Wheel and felt myriad emotions rampaging within his heart. It had taken him more than ten years to reach the Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City from the Striking Order Starry Sky. But now, it took him only a year and a half to travel from the Grand Spirit Heaven Starry Sky to the Striking Order Starry Sky. If he didn't count the time he moved from the Grand Spirit Heaven Starry Sky, the return journey to the Striking Order Starry Sky from the Grand Culmination Starry Sky took only a year.

Looks like the decision he took, in the beginning, to sharpen himself through various experiences turned out as the correct one. Previously, when he walked away from the Striking Order Starry Sky, it felt like going farther and farther away from the Rootless Black City, but today he managed to return in just a fraction of that time.

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Chapter 623: Border City's Familiar People

Supporting Taro Star, within the Kun Zhuo Celestial River was the only non-drifting planet. Ning Cheng immediately stood up when he saw the planet within the Starry Sky Wheel's Starry Sky Positional Chart.

He was somewhat familiar with this planet; rather, this was the only familiar planet within the Kun Zhuo Celestial River for him. Moreover, he also had a connection with the Celestial Lord of this star, called Mu Pu. Mu Pu and Ning Cheng shared a grudge with each other because of Mu Pu's son, the scarlet-robed young noble, died at his hands. Later, when Ning Cheng reached Orchid Borough Star's Revolving Jade City, the feud between him and Mu Pu deepened even further when he saved Lan Ya.

However, because that place was still within Orchid Borough Star, that fellow could not act against him openly; at the same time, he also could not act against Mu Pu at that time. Now that he arrived outside of Supporting Taro Star, Ning Cheng naturally immediately thought of Mu Pu. Ning Cheng realised that this place should be somewhere close to the Rootless Black City, and might even be the first stop for the cultivators coming from the Rootless Black City. The cultivators who want to step into the actual starry sky would most likely arrive here first.

Thinking till here, Ning Cheng immediately felt excited. When Rui Baishan accompanied the cultivators from the Graceful Star Mainland, they should have also come to this planet. That also meant that his sister Ruolan should have also reached this place with Rui Baishan.

Ning Cheng had just walked out of the room when he found Shi Qionghua standing up and following him out.

Ning Cheng immediately stopped, holding Shi Qionghua's hand, he spoke up in a pleasantly surprised voice, "Qionghua, are you all right?"

However, Shi Qionghua remained silent, she neither spoke nor took her hands back.

Ning Cheng immediately understood that although Shi Qionghua had recovered significantly, she still hadn't gained consciousness and acted in purely out of her subconscious. Because she had remained by his side for a long time, so the moment he stood up, Shi Qionghua also automatically stood up.

"Qionghua, I will definitely help you recover." Ning Cheng held Shi Qionghua's hand and spoke with conviction. In any case, he would do everything in his power to heal Shi Qionghua.

Shi Qionghua only stared at Ning Cheng with a calm expression over her face, without any ripples.

Ning Cheng gave out a sigh in his heart. Pulling Shi Qionghua a little closer, he spoke up softly, "Don't wander too far away from me from now on."

"Master, has Mistress woken up?" Chasing Bull saw Ning Cheng coming out and quickly came forward to ask.

"I'm going to put away the Starry Sky Wheel, so you should also enter the Miniature World." Ning Cheng spoke while dodging Chasing Bull's question.

He had long since returned to his original appearance. He also knew that Chasing Bull should have already made some headlines at the Immortal Jade Star, which means that some of the cultivators most

likely had guessed some of the treasures that he might have acquired. Therefore, he did not want to expose himself needlessly because of a stupid bull.

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Ning Cheng held Shi Qionghua's hand and stood outside a big city while gazing at it for a long time. This was the largest city within the Supporting Taro Star and the most significant gathering place for cultivators within the Supporting Taro Star.

Although this city looked grand, compared to the Lucky Heaven City, the Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City or any other top-notch starry sky city, the difference was like heaven and earth. It did not give off that kind of mystifying feeling and felt slightly more lofty and towering compared to ordinary True Cultivation Cities.

However, what made Ning Cheng's heart a bit more emotional was the name of the city. This city actually had a very familiar name, Border City[1].

Numerous cultivators arrived and departed through the Border City's entrance. However, Ning Cheng did not see any cultivator in the Heaven Seated and above realms amongst them. Even cultivators with three Celestial Wheels were not many. Most of the cultivators had only one or two Celestial Wheels. At the same time, most of the population comprised of ordinary cultivators without any Celestial Wheels. Of the rest of the cultivators, most were in the Domain Realm or the Plundering Life Realm; however, each of them had strong starry sky aura surrounding them. From this, one could make out that most of these people lived and wandered the starry sky all year round.

Because Shi Qionghua had sealed away her vitality, her Celestial Wheels had long since disappeared, while Ning Cheng simulated two Celestial Wheels behind him. At the Border City, cultivators with two Celestial Wheels were already considered as powerhouses. Gently pulling Shi Qionghua's hand, he passed through the gates. As for the guards, instead of cross-examining the two, they actually bent down slightly at their waist.

Ning Cheng gave a sigh in his heart. Strength prevailed everywhere. Although his power could be considered as the lowest within the Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City, in this place, it was enough to stand high above most of the population.

"Stop....." The guard's obtrusive call caused Ning Cheng to look back subconsciously.

Looking back, he saw five or six starry sky wanderers stopped by the guards at the entrance. He then heard the guard speak up, "The smell of blood on you all is too thick. You will need to stay out of the city for a few days before you are allowed inside."

Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness had long since noticed the smell of blood coming from these starry sky wanderers, indicating that these wanderers had just returned after a brutal slaughter within the starry skies. However, when these seemingly ferocious-looking starry sky wanderers faced the guards' reprimand, they could only bow their heads down and retreat outside of the city instead of resisting.

Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness followed them out and saw a row of makeshift shelters on the west side of the city's exterior. These shelters had many cultivators that had returned from experiencing

slaughter within the starry skies. They had to stay here, outside of the town, temporarily till the smell of blood dissipated from them.

A familiar face flashed past Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness, almost causing Ning Cheng to call out Zhuzhu's name. He immediately pulled Shi Qionghua out of the city and quickly headed towards the makeshift shelters.

Soon Ning Cheng arrived outside an unadorned and straightforward cave. He reached out and touched the restriction covering the entrance.

A somewhat tired-looking female cultivator came out and looked at Ning Cheng in doubt before shifting her gaze to Shi Qionghua. However, she quickly realised that the two cultivators were far stronger compared to her and hurriedly bowed before speaking, "Can I ask why the two seniors have come to seek out this junior."

Ning Cheng felt sure that he had not perceived things wrong. The woman in front of him looked a lot like Yi Zhuzhu. Moreover, the degree of similarity between the two had already reached the 90% mark. If she were Yi Zhuzhu, she would have no reason not to recognise him. In any case, both he and Luofei treated her like their little sister, so there was no reason for her not to remember him, did she?

The only other possibility was that this woman shared some unusual relationship with Yi Zhuzhu. Thinking back to how Yi Zhuzhu's parents were forced out of the Receiving Heaven's Stone, this woman most likely was Yi Zhuzhu's mother.

"Are you Yi Zhuzhu's mother?" Ning Cheng had just thought of this when he immediately asked.

When the woman in front of Ning Cheng heard those words, her eyes immediately turned red before she fell to the ground, "Junior Chang Manyin is indeed Zhuzhu's mother. Senior, do you know where my daughter is? Please, Senior, tell me....."

Ning Cheng raised his hand slightly, and Chang Manyin stood up involuntarily. He somewhat lamented the fact that when Yi Zhuzhu's parents had come to the Receiving Heaven's Stone, they were already in the late-stages of Crucible Transformation Realm. However, even after all these years, Yi Zhuzhu's mother had only reached the Plundering Life Realm. From this, he could easily make out that she definitely faced a lot of difficulties while cultivating.

"When you left the Receiving Heaven's Stone, Zhuzhu was held captive in the basement of a rest stop on the Receiving Heaven's Stone. When my wife Luofei and I came to the Receiving Heaven's Stone later and learned about this, we rescued Zhuzhu and killed all your enemies. Currently, Zhuzhu is with Luofei. I came back this time to head back to the Rootless Black City to see them." Ning Cheng, on seeing Chang Manyin's anxious expression, quickly explained.

Since Chang Manyin was in this place and she hasn't seen her daughter, then it also suggested that Yi Zhuzhu and Ji Luofei had not come to Border City yet.

"Many thanks, senior, for showing such kindness...." Chang Manyin immediately knelt down again while speaking.

Ning Cheng quickly stopped Chang Manyin and asked with a somewhat eager tone, "I'd like to ask about the female cultivator who was forced out of the Receiving Heaven's Stone together with you that year. That female cultivator's name was Yan Ji. Do you know where she is currently?"

"You're Ning Cheng?" Chang Manyin immediately blurted out.

Ning Cheng immediately understood that Yan Ji had most likely had told Chang Manyin about him. Hearing that response, he quickly nodded and replied, "Yes, I am Ning Cheng."

Chang Manyin was not a fool. When Ning Cheng affirmed that he was truly that Ning Cheng, she immediately understood why this cultivator had tried to save her daughter, Yi Zhuzhu. Apparently, it was because the couple had helped Yan Ji. Sure enough, virtue has its reward, while evil has its retribution.

Chang Manyin, on knowing that her daughter was safe, felt as if the mountain pressing over her heart for all these years had finally crumbled. She immediately spoke up with a relieved voice, "Junior Apprentice Sister Yan Ji had much better qualifications compared to us husband and wife. When we reached Border City, she quickly advanced to the Domain Realm. Then following a successful crossing of the thunder tribulation, she managed to advance to the Celestial Novice Realm. After stepping into the Celestial Novice Realm, Junior Apprentice Sister Yan Ji finally decided to leave the Border City. She should have gone to the Second Revenant Star."

Ning Cheng felt relieved to hear that Yan Ji was doing ok. In any case, he knew about the Second Revenant Star. It was the premier star within the Kun Zhuo Celestial River. If one wanted to head outside of Kun Zhuo Celestial River, then one would have to go through the Second Revenant Star. Either that or control a top-grade flight-type weapon like him.

"In that case, you can come to the city with us." Ning Cheng did not continue asking about anything else.

Although he wanted to pass through Border City quickly, he had to first purchase a clear route map from the Supporting Taro Star to the Rootless Black City, before finally heading to the Rootless Black City. With the speed of the Starry Sky Wheel, Ning Cheng estimated that he would only have to travel for around ten days from the Supporting Taro Star to the Rootless Black City. Maybe it might not even take ten days, he might just reach his destination in only a few days.

"This junior is waiting for her husband to return. He and his team had not yet returned from the starry sky." Chang Manyin quickly spoke up. She wanted to take the initiative to speak with Shi Qionghua; however, Shi Qionghua remained silent, so she did not dare to initiate a conversation with Shi Qionghua.

Previously, Ning Cheng did not want to use his Spiritual Consciousness to probe the female cultivator in front of him. However, as they conversed, Ning Cheng realised that Chang Manyin had an exceptionally well-concealed injury.

Ning Cheng took out a medicinal pill and handed it to Chang Manyin and spoke, "This is a medicinal pill for healing internal wounds. It should be able to help you heal all your internal injuries."

Chang Manyin felt even more shocked when she heard Ning Cheng speak about her injuries. Even ordinary Celestial Shatterer Cultivators couldn't notice her injuries without actively probing her with their Spiritual Consciousness, and yet this Ning Cheng in front of her had actually seen it. Even Yan Ji

with her heaven defying qualifications did not have such keen vision. Didn't this also imply that Ning Cheng was also a lot stronger compared to ordinary cultivators?

"Many thanks, senior." Chang Manyin quickly received the medicinal pill and thanked him.

Ning Cheng was just about to ask her to stop calling him as a 'senior' when he saw Chang Manyin quickly rushing out without even swallowing the medicinal pill in her hand.

A moment later, Ning Cheng saw her supporting a middle-aged man covered in blood. His aura felt highly unstable, apparently due to the severe injuries.

"Brother Jin, what happened to you?" Chang Manyin's voice sounded so anxious that she immediately put the medicinal pill, still in her hands, directly into the middle-aged man's mouth.

Once the medicinal pill dissolved in his mouth, the middle-aged man looked at Chang Manyin in shock and asked, "Manyin, what kind of medicinal pill is this?"

"Not bad, it's even a Grade 3 Celestial Pill. And yet you dare say that you never took anything else?" As the voice ended, another cultivator descended near to Chang Manyin and the middle-aged man.

"Song Tong, my husband got hurt again because of you, right? How many times have we said that we have not done anything that you accuse us of doing. Why do you want to pester us, husband and wife, again and again?" Chang Manyin's tone turned hoarse due to the stirrings of her emotions.

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Chapter 624: Yi Zhuzhu's Parents

The middle-aged man quickly stopped Chang Manyin and spoke, "Manyin, this time it has nothing to do with him. I was besieged by someone else, not him."

The man called Song Tong sneered, "It looks like I was too kind with you. You clearly took a Grade 3 Celestial Pill, and yet you still try to deceive me by saying that you did not take anything. If you don't hand over those things that rightfully belong to me, I will have no choice but to report this to Steward Miao. At that time, Yi Jin would not just receive a few injuries; even if I want to defend the two of you, I'm afraid I wouldn't be able to help you. Don't give me that bullshit that you bought that Grade 3 Celestial Pill from somewhere, or that someone else gave it to you. How could someone like you have the ability to get someone to send you a Grade 3 Celestial Pill?"

In Song Tong's opinion, how could someone just send a Grade 3 Celestial Pill to this couple, unless there was a problem with that fellow's brain? What was the price of a Grade 3 Celestial Pill? Not to mention that one couldn't even buy such a medicinal pill within the Border City, if a Grade 3 Celestial Pill even managed to show up in an auction, it would fetch a sky-high price.

He felt worried that since Yi Jin has a Grade 3 Celestial Pill then maybe he had other medicinal pills. Once Yi Jin obtained enough cultivation resources, he could soon become a Celestial Novice Cultivator like him. He would never let Yi Jin advance to the Celestial Novice Realm.

Of course, although Grade 3 Celestial Pills fetched a high price in the market, it was only for ordinary cultivators like Song Tong. For someone like Ning Cheng, Grade 3 Celestial Pills simply were worthless.

“Even if I have more medicinal pills, why would I give them to you? Who are you anyway?” Ning Cheng’s sudden voice interrupted Song Tong’s sneer.

“Who are you?” Subconsciously asking this sentence, Song Tong immediately felt shocked to discover that he had not even noticed Ning Cheng. Arguably, Ning Cheng had two vague Celestial Wheels behind Ning Cheng, so he should have seen Ning Cheng a long time ago.

Then he saw a girl holding Ning Cheng’s hand and immediately felt amazed at seeing such a beautiful and quiet girl. Even though he had spent many years in the Border City, he had never seen a more attractive and modest girl compared to this young girl in front of him. This girl definitely was not simple, Song Tong immediately thought. Then his thoughts quickly shifted to Steward Miao. Maybe he could use this girl to earn some extra favour with Steward Miao.

Ning Cheng had already taken away the veil covering Shi Qionghua’s face. Ning Cheng did not wish for Shi Qionghua to revert to her previous Sacred Lady status once again; as such, he felt that there was no need for her to wear a veil anymore.

Ning Cheng ignored Song Tong. Raising his hand and taking out a healing pill, Ning Cheng then put it into Chang Manyin’s hand and spoke, “You should heal yourself first.”

“Were you the one to give them that medicinal pill?” Song Tong immediately realised this. Some people really were too generous, taking out Grade 3 Celestial Pills to heal others. Moreover, this medicinal pill even looked like a very high-quality pill.

Ning Cheng swept a glance towards Song Tong, and Song Tong immediately felt a cold chill run down his spine, which made him feel even more shocked. He was already in the Celestial Novice Realm, and the other side at best was a Celestial Shatterer Cultivator. So how come he felt such enormous pressure?

“Yes, I was the one who gave them the medicinal pills. Why can’t I give medicinal pills to my friends when greeting them?” Ning Cheng spoke without hesitation.

Song Tong immediately stopped talking and started calculating. As a Celestial Novice Cultivator, he truly was not an opponent against a Celestial Shatterer Cultivator, especially against someone who seemingly had many Grade 3 Celestial Pills at their disposal. Moreover, when this fellow took out that Grade 3 Celestial Pill, it was done in a very smooth and casual manner, which definitely indicated that this cultivator most likely had a lot of wealth. Maybe he might even have something even more precious than Grade 3 Medicinal Pills. Although this fellow did not put Song Tong in his eyes, a few other cultivators in this place also did not put a Celestial Shatterer Cultivator in their eyes.

“Haha....” Song Tong laughed and suddenly spoke to Chang Manyin, “Congratulations. Looks like you found some good backing. Well, guess we’ll meet later.”

After saying that Song Tong turned around and quickly rushed through the entrance of the Border City.

Ning Cheng had wandered the starry skies for many years. Therefore, just a glance at Song Tong’s actions was more than enough for him to realise what this fellow wanted to do. However, Ning Cheng simply did not care about such activities. He could kill all the Celestial Bridge Cultivators within the Border City without even warming up. If he still decided to hide, then consuming all those cultivation

resources over the years and going through many hardships to cultivate to this level would all be for nought.

“Brother Jin, this senior is Ning Cheng, Yan Ji.....” Chang Manyin didn’t know who Ning Cheng was to Yan Ji. Now that Ning Cheng had a stunning girl holding on to his hand, she really could not give much of an introduction. Therefore, when her words reached this point, she hesitated before continuing, “It was Senior Ning who saved our daughter Zhuzhu. Currently, Zhuzhu lives with Senior Ning’s wife, Ji Luofei.....”

Ning Cheng nodded before speaking up with a smile, “Yes, Zhuzhu and Luofei are staying together. You don’t have to worry, I anyway am returning to the Rootless Black City to see them. If you want, you can also come with me.”

Hearing that Ning Cheng had saved his daughter and that he could go see his daughter again, Yi Jin immediately turned equally excited as Chang Manyin. Just like Chang Manyin, he immediately knelt down on the ground and tried to kowtow, “Yi Jin thanks, Senior Ning.”

Ning Cheng had already given the couple quality medicinal pills to heal, that itself made them feel very grateful towards this fellow. However, they now no longer felt only thankful, this Ning Cheng had actually bestowed them a life-saving grace by saving their daughter.

Ning Cheng asked Yi Jin to stand up and say, “Since you’re already friends with Yan Ji, and I’m also a friend of Yan Ji, then it means that we are also friends with each other. Just call me Ning Cheng from now on.”

“Yes, Senior Apprentice Brother Ning.” Chang Manyin and Yi Jin did not directly address the senior in front of them as Ning Cheng; rather, they did not dare to call out Ning Cheng’s name directly. Starry sky cultivators did not distinguish each other by age but by cultivation.

Seeing a few cultivators talking in the distance, Yi Jin immediately turned anxious and spoke, “Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, you should immediately leave the Border City.”

Chang Manyin, who previously hung on to her husband to keep him up, did not think about it but then suddenly reacted and spoke up, “Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, although that Song Tong is only a Celestial Novice Cultivator, he has an unusual relationship with one of the Celestial Lord’s stewards. That steward is already a late-stage Celestial Gatherer Cultivator and commands great strength. Over the years, countless people died because they ended up offending Song Tong.”

“How did you two offend this Song Tong?” Ning Cheng asked.

Yi Jing spoke with some anger, “When we first arrived at the Border City, Song Tong was just like us at that time, only a rogue cultivator within the Border City. We had teamed up to head into the starry sky to search for cultivation resources a few times. One day we found a fallen Celestial Bridge Cultivator’s cave, which contained a lot of cultivation resources.”

“However, because Song Tong had higher cultivation compared to us, and also was the most dominant fellow in our group, he immediately grabbed most of the cultivation resources inside. Among the things inside the cave, there was a Celestial River-grade Battleship, which Song Tong had also taken away and later ‘gifted’ it to Steward Miao.”

Ning Cheng asked again, "Song Tong said that you took away something, was it something cave or something else?"

Yi Jin clenched his fists and spoke, "Although he talked about that, he knows the score very well from that time. We husband and wife only got less than 20% of the total shares combined, while he alone took away 70%. As for the remaining, it went to the other companion with us, Song Tong's Dao Companion. Over the years, he managed to advance to the Celestial Novice Realm and started to create more trouble for us husband and wife. To be honest, if given a chance, this husband and wife would have already left the Border City a long time ago. It's just that Manyin's injuries have not yet healed, while I only managed to reach the Domain Realm recently. If we rushed into the starry sky, it would be tough for us to even keep our lives intact in such a situation."

"Since things are already obvious, and he also knows that you haven't hidden anything from him, why would he willingly come to create trouble for you again and again, instead of killing you outright? In any case, you all were once a team before?" Ning Cheng asked in doubt.

The competitions and calculations between the starry sky cultivators always had an origin in personal interests. If there were no interests involved, then no one would scheme against anyone without any sufficient reason; unless someone was not right in the head. One more enemy, after all, was not a good thing.

"Because he feels afraid that we made arrangements to divulge his ugly secret." Chang Manyin spoke with a hoarse voice from the side.

"What ugly secret?" Ning Cheng asked.

"We initially had four people in our team, and one of which was a very pretty-looking female cultivator. Called Zang Lianrong. Because Brother Jin and I mostly depended and helped each other, this female cultivator ultimately decided to become Song Tong's Dao Companion. After we found the fallen Celestial Bridge Cultivator's cave, Song Tong obtained the Celestial River Battleship. However, instead of leaving with the Celestial River battleship, he gave it to Miao Clan's Steward Miao Wuqian." Chang Manyin explained.

Ning Cheng nodded. Looks like this Song Tong knew how to do business. Although the Celestial River Battleship might have been necessary to Song Tong, he might not have managed to keep it for long with his cultivation at that time. Instead, he decided to give it to Miao Wuqian to seek better support.

Chang Manyin spoke till here before giving out a sigh and continuing with some a regretful voice, "However, no one expected that Miao Wuqian was a hungry wolf in disguise. He just looked at Zang Lianrong, who was beside Song Tong, and blatantly asked Song Tong for the female cultivator. Unexpectedly, Song Tong actually gave his Dao Companion, Zang Lianrong, to Miao Wuqian without any hesitation."

"From then on, he got whatever he desired. Not only did he find a good backing, but he also no longer had to head into the starry skies to search for cultivation resources. His cultivation was only slightly higher compared to Brother Jin back then, but now he already advanced to the Celestial Novice Realm while we still can't get anywhere even near to the Celestial Novice Realm. It's a pity that Zang Lianrong actually took a fancy to such an animal."

Yi Jin followed, "This matter is only known to a very few people, and us husband and wife just happen to know it too. Because of this, Song Tong tried everything possible to kill us in secret. When I went out this time, he hired someone else to create trouble for us. I managed to escape just in time. When he saw that I obtained some cultivation resources outside, he most likely felt afraid that I would eventually advance to the Celestial Novice Realm. Because he still keeps scheming against us husband and wife time and time again, Manyin and I can only live within a crowd, unable to leave."

Only then did Ning Cheng understand that why Yi Jin duo could not advance with their qualifications. Even knowing that Song Tong used someone else to secretly plot against him, this fellow could only say that the other party that had attacked him had nothing to do with Song Tong.

"I'm heading to the Rootless Black City this time. If you do not have anything else to do, you can come along with me to the Rootless Black City." Ning Cheng said.

Yi Jin and Chang Manyin were Yi Zhuzhu's parents, so at least he could help them with such a matter.

"Senior Ning, can we leave right away if you have a flight-type weapon?" Yi Jin could vaguely make out that Ning Cheng did not want to leave immediately, and asked with a worried voice. While talking, he also kept glancing at the city gates in the distance.

Ning Cheng showed a faint smile, "You don't have to look. That fellow is already returning and is also not alone."

Yi Jin and Chang Manyin then saw Song Tong and a female cultivator coming over, right in their direction.

"What should we do?" Chang Manyin and Yi Jin looked at each other. Although Ning Cheng's cultivation seemed very high in their eyes, a Celestial Shatterer Cultivation would not be enough to go against someone like Steward Miao.

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Chapter 625: Two slaps to depose

Ning Cheng suddenly asked Yi Jin, "Do you have a detailed Starry Sky Map to the Rootless Black City?"

"No." Yi Jin shook his head. Their cultivation had not yet reached that point. The only reason they managed to arrive at the Border City was that they encountered an airship while travelling through the void. Only the big Chambers of Commerce, who controlled a considerably sized fleet, would have a Starry Sky Chart. Ordinary cultivators like them simply would never get the chance to own one.

By this time, Song Tong had already arrived near Ning Cheng. Then glancing at Yi Jin, he showed a sneer before speaking with cupped fists, "Friend, presumably you already know that my name is Song Tong."

"Fuck off." Ning Cheng unceremoniously spoke out, causing Song Tong's expression to change immediately. However, Ning Cheng continued with an even more dismissive tone, "I have no interest in talking with trash who would willingly give their Dao Companions to others to sleep with; you better get lost from my sight. Otherwise, next year, this day would be your death anniversary."

Song Tong's face immediately turned livid. He never thought that Ning Cheng would have such a direct personality, and would even mention the one thing in public that he did not want to expose.

As soon as some of the nearby cultivators in the distance heard Ning Cheng's words, their gazes immediately focussed on Song Tong. A lot of people already knew Song Tong and knew that Song Tong had a Dao Companion by the name of Zang Lianrong. However, Zang Lianrong had suddenly stopped showing up a few years ago. Many people thought that she most likely had fallen in the starry sky. Only now did they realise that Song Tong had actually given away his Dao Companions to someone else. No wonder this fellow's cultivation rose so quickly during these recent years.

"Humph....." Song Tong immediately snorted. Although he couldn't go against Ning Cheng, someone else could help him deal with this fellow.

Song Tong had just uttered a cold humph and had not yet spoken the next word when Ning Cheng suddenly raised his hand and slapped him two times.

Song Tong never thought that Ning Cheng would suddenly attack, and even if he knew about it in advance, he couldn't escape Ning Cheng's two slaps.

"Slap-Slap" The two slaps from Ning Cheng struck each of Song Tong's cheek and sent him flying through the air accompanied with two trails of blood.

Song Tong uncontrollably flipped through the air a few times before his feet slammed down and snapped, causing him to fall like a dead dog on to the ground.

Everyone could see Song Tong struggling on the ground to get up; however, even after struggling for a long time, he still couldn't get up.

The surrounding cultivators' gazes directed at Ning Cheng immediately changed. Song Tong was a Celestial Novice Cultivator; in this area, he was akin to an unbeatable existence. Who would dare not to hear Song Tong's words? Who would dare to violate Song Tong's decree? But now some unknown cultivator had managed to depose Song Tong with just one attack, not only two slaps, to the point that he could not even get up.

Even Crucible Transformation Cultivators could see that this cultivator had completely wasted Song Tong's cultivation.

If someone in this area offended Song Tong, Song Tong would have easily wasted that person's cultivation. And just to be sure, that person would never manage to see the light of the next day. Moreover, Song Tong also had another identity, which was Steward Miao's errand dog, because he was good at bootlicking and useful to him. If he was not helpful, then he couldn't even act like an errand-dog, and Steward Miao would never keep such a waste around him.

The female cultivator, who followed Song Tong, also looked shocked. She also had a Celestial Novice Cultivation. However, since the cultivator in front of her could easily waste Song Tong with just a slap, it also meant that the other party could quickly trash her with a slap.

Before she could speak, however, Ning Cheng's gaze fell on this female cultivator, "Are you also with this scumbag?"

The pretty-looking female cultivator quickly waved her hand and replied, "No, I am from the Border City Chamber of Commerce. The Border City Chamber of Commerce has a Cultivator Item Exchange in progress. Just now, when Song Tong came to give his report to Steward Miao, Steward Miao and the

several other guests there immediately decided to invite this friend to the exchange. So I just came here to pass along the message. If this friend does not want to go, I will go back and convey the same.”

How could Ning Cheng not realise the hidden intent? It must have been that when Song Tong reported to Miao Wuqian that he had a Grade 3 Celestial Pill on him, the others at the exchange managed to hear it. Whether Miao Wuqian acted for himself or for the benefit of the others, he wanted Ning Cheng to take the initiative to send the medicinal pill to them through her. If Ning Cheng refused, the female cultivator would head back and report it, which would cause someone to immediately head out to teach him a lesson.

“No need.” Ning Cheng categorically refused, not afraid of going to this so-called Cultivator Exchange. With his current cultivation, going to such a low-level cultivator exchange would not mean anything.

“Ok, sorry for disturbing this friend.” The female cultivator quickly bowed before turning around and leaving. As for Song Tong, who lay on the ground paralysed, she did not even bother to look at him.

“Wait-Wait....” Ning Cheng suddenly stopped this pretty-looking female cultivator.

The pretty-looking female cultivator trembled before quickly turning around and showing a respectful front. “What does this friend want?”

A moment ago, Ning Cheng had slapped Song Tong twice, wasting Song Tong’s cultivation permanently. If this fellow decided to use such strength on her, she would also end up in the same state as Song Tong, without much of a difference. Song Tong might be a Celestial Novice Cultivator, but she was definitely stronger compared to him. However, the difference between the two was not too significant.

Even if someone else killed this foreign cultivator, her cultivation would not recover. Moreover, absolutely no one in this place would come to rehabilitate an insignificant cultivator like her once she lost her cultivation.

“I’d like to buy a detailed Starry Sky Chart of this part of the starry sky, preferably a Starry Sky Chart that touches the edges of each low-level interface. Can you tell me where can I buy this in Border City?”

When the female cultivator heard Ning Cheng’s request, she felt relieved and carefully replied, “It would be difficult for this friend to purchase such a Starry Sky Chart. Moreover, these are not sold in any of the major stores. Only some of the big Chambers of Commerce would have such a Starry Sky Chart. But the Chambers of Commerce who owns it would never take them out for sale.”

This female cultivator did not explain why these Chambers of Commerce would not sell these Starry Sky Charts if they had them. However, Ning Cheng speculated that one of the reasons for not selling these Starry Sky Charts was that it would definitely affect the Chambers of Commerce’ businesses once sold.

Ning Cheng frowned. Although his Starry Sky Wheel had an integrated Starry Sky Chart, because he had not yet fully refined it, the Starry Sky Chart in it was not complete. It only contained a few directional markers for some of the significant areas and lacked many of the minor directional markers. If he could not purchase the Starry Sky Chart to the Rootless Black City, then he would have to explore the void on his own. In such a case, if he ended up picking the wrong direction to search, it would waste a lot of time and effort.

In any case, he had to get his hands on a Starry Sky Chart. If he had to, Ning Cheng would even head to the mansion of the Supporting Taro Star's Celestial Lord. Moreover, the feud with Mu Pu was also quite deep, which means that sooner or later he would have to kill that sharp chinned Celestial Lord.

"Where's Mu Pu?" Ning Cheng had just thought of it when he immediately asked.

Mu Pu? The female cultivator immediately felt shocked when she heard Ning Cheng speak the words 'Mu Pu'. Was this not the Celestial Lord of Supporting Taro Star. Looks like this foreign cultivator had quite the courage, no wonder he recklessly wasted Song Tian's cultivation. But still, how could someone dare to ask about the whereabouts of Mu Pu? Wasn't that akin to courting death?

A Celestial Shatterer Cultivator actually dared to inquire the whereabouts of a Celestial Lord.

Although she deeply despised Ning Cheng in her heart for such actions, the female cultivator still spoke with a respectful attitude on the surface, "Master Celestial Lord went to the Second Revenant Star and has not yet returned."

Having said that, she waited for Ning Cheng to ask something before continuing, "If this friend wants to purchase this Starry Sky Chart, then it's not completely impossible."

"Oh, does that mean you can get it?" Ning Cheng looked at this female cultivator, who obviously looked like she did not hold a high position in doubt. Could she actually get the Starry Sky Chart?

"With this little sister's cultivation, I naturally cannot obtain the Starry Sky Chart. However, I already told you about the Cultivator Item Exchange. There are quite a few major characters present there; therefore, someone among them must have such a Starry Sky Chart." The female cultivator gave a respectful reply.

Ning Cheng thought over it for a short while. The Cultivator Item Exchange in the Border City would definitely involve people with some identity. Therefore, they should definitely have some 'good' materials for exchange. Which also meant that there was a high chance that someone would also have a Starry Sky Chart.

Thinking till here, Ning Cheng then nodded to the female cultivator and said, "Then lead the way. I'll go to this exchange."

After that, Ning Cheng then turned to the Yi Jin couple and spoke, "You two wait here for me. Once I obtain the chart, I'll immediately return."

The Yi Jin couple quickly agreed. Ning Cheng wasted the cultivation of a Celestial Novice Cultivator with just two slaps, which already had thoroughly shocked them. Arguably, a Celestial Shatterer Cultivator would never be able to depose a Celestial Novice Cultivator with such ease. Since Ning Cheng could do such a thing, then it could only mean that Ning Cheng's strength went beyond that of ordinary Celestial Shatterer Cultivators.

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Border City Chamber of Commerce had its headquarters in the Border City's most prominent street.

Moreover, this Chamber of Commerce had a more extended history compared to the Supporting Taro Star's Celestial Lord Mu Pu. According to the rumours, the first Association Head was now an expert in

the Heaven Seated Realm. Unfortunately, after the Association Head left the Supporting Taro Star, he never returned.

Nevertheless, Border City Chamber of Commerce still enjoyed the highest status within the Supporting Taro Star. Even Celestial Lord Mu Pu had to give some face to this Chamber of Commerce.

Ning Cheng took Shi Qionghua and followed the female cultivator to the fifth floor of the Border City Chamber of Commerce, into a large and luxurious hall. The hall had ample brightness and shone with impeccable clarity.

Nearly two hundred cultivators sat on either side of the hall, with dozens of women standing around waiting on them.

When Ning Cheng came in, all the cultivators within the hall turned their attention to Ning Cheng, but no one spoke. Sitting at the most prominent table were five or six cultivators, including a middle-aged man with wheatish complexion, who glanced at Ning Cheng and then looked at Shi Qionghua before speaking in a calm voice, "This friend should be the one Song Tong mentioned, right? The one with Grade 3 Celestial Pills?"

"Yes, that's me." Ning Cheng did not wait for someone to come greet him and took the initiative to find two seats before he sat down together with Shi Qionghua.

"My name is Miao Wuqian. Although it was not in-line with the rules, I still invited you here. I hope your Grade 3 Celestial Pills would bring some surprises to the exchange." The middle-aged man saw that Ning Cheng seemed to not put him in the eyes and spoke with a slight frown.

He had called Ning Cheng over for two purposes. The first was to let the rest of the cultivators here exchange for some of his Grade 3 Celestial Pills. In that case, most of the people here would feel indebted to him. And the second was to bring Ning Cheng to his side. Although Celestial Shatterer Cultivators did not mean much within the Border City, if this foreign Celestial Shatterer Cultivator joined his camp, it would also make Miao Clan's Chamber of Commerce even stronger.

And, of course, there was another purpose. Miao Wuqian heard that this Celestial Shatterer Cultivator had a beautiful Dao Companion, which he confirmed it just now. The female cultivator sitting next to this Celestial Shatterer Cultivator was much better compared to all the women in his mansion's inner courtyard.

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Chapter 626: Item Exchange Meeting

This Miao Wuqian really took advantage of the prestige of Celestial Lord Mu Pu and was able to sit on the top with the people at the exchange meeting.

Unfortunately, Ning Cheng did not consider Mu Pu a threat anymore. So how could he take this Miao Wuqian seriously? Ning Cheng did not even bother to ignore Miao Wuqian and just wanted to exchange something for a Starry Sky Chart. With the Starry Sky Chart, he would then leave immediately. Staying here for even a day extra would make him uncomfortable.

As soon as Miao Wuqian saw that nonchalant face, his expression immediately turned cold as anger started to well up inside of him. If this foreign cultivator acted like this without not knowing his name, it

would have at least some justification. However, this fellow ignored him for the second time, as if he was akin to air.

At this time, a man with a face showing the vicissitudes of living in the starry skies stood up and took out a piece of silver-coloured material and spoke, "I have a piece of Exotic Desolate Extreme Essence here. I will only exchange it for a good flight-type weapon or a defensive-type weapon."

The gazes of everyone within the crowd immediately concentrated on the silver-coloured material in the man's hand. Even Ning Cheng looked at this man in doubt. He vaguely felt that this man had taken out something for exchange with a seemingly deliberate attempt to interrupt Miao Wuqian's anger to help him. If that was really the case, that this fellow definitely had a good heart.

However, the other party only had a Celestial Shatterer Cultivation. If he ended up crossing Miao Wuqian, he presumably would not end up in a better situation. However, what attracted Ning Cheng were not these antics, but the Exotic Desolate Extreme Essence in his hands. Ning Cheng had also obtained quite a few pieces of Exotic Desolate Extreme Essence from the Angry Axe Valley.

This was a top-grade artefact-crafting raw material within the low-level interfaces. Moreover, this artefact-crafting raw material was no less valuable compared to some of the starry sky raw materials. For some weapons, if it used Exotic Desolate Extreme Essence as one of the raw materials, it would make it even more expensive.

Since this fellow took out a piece of Exotic Desolate Extreme Essence, so did it mean that he also came from the Graceful Star Mainland? Thinking of this, Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness immediately penetrated into it. If this Exotic Desolate Extreme Essence came from the Angry Axe Valley, then it would contain some traces of Axe Intent within it. So Ning Cheng wanted to use this fact to confirm his theory.

However, an Origin Aura instantly attracted Ning Cheng's attention, telling him that this was not a piece of Exotic Desolate Extreme Essence. Instead, it was a metal-attributed Origin Crystal. Ning Cheng could never think that a metal-attributed Origin Crystal would actually show up in this little Border City. This immediately reminded him of the Fire Origin Crystal. In the beginning, didn't he find the Fire Origin while searching for the origin of the Fire Origin Crystals?

"I have a high-grade Domain-class Battleship." A cultivator immediately put in an offer.

Ning Cheng felt somewhat speechless about this offer. A high-grade Domain-class Battleship was not something comparable to even a low-grade Celestial-class Battleship. Even that would not be enough to exchange for a real Exotic Desolate Extreme Essence, let alone a metal-attributed Origin Crystal.

Miao Wuqian, who immediately wanted to attack Ning Cheng, shifted his attention towards the cultivator who had suddenly taken out the Exotic Desolate Extreme Essence. With a gloomy gaze, he let his Spiritual Consciousness penetrate into the Exotic Desolate Extreme Essence. However, in the next instant, his expression immediately changed while his eyes revealed an intense shock. This severe shock had only appeared in his eyes before this fellow's eyes quickly returned to their normal state a moment later.

Ning Cheng knew that this Miao Wuqian should have considerable knowledge and should have already realised that this was a metal-attributed Origin Crystal.

"I have a high-grade Celestial-class Battleship....." Miao Wuqian immediately spoke up. It instantly surprised all the cultivators within the hall.

Although Exotic Desolate Extreme Essence was indeed a precious artefact-crafting raw material, its value still had a limit. Even so, it was not worth a high-grade Celestial-class Battleship.

Miao Wuqian also felt helpless, he did not have an intermediate-level Celestial-class Battleship; otherwise, he would have never offered a high-grade Celestial-class Battleship.

The man who brought out the Exotic Desolate Extreme Essence did not think that his Exotic Desolate Extreme Essence could actually fetch a high-grade Celestial-class Battleship in exchange. According to what he knew, a piece of Exotic Desolate Extreme Essence would not be worth even a basic-grade Celestial-class Battleship, or even a top-grade Domain-class Battleship.

He almost agreed to the offer in an instant when an abrupt voice cut off his words, "I have a middle-grade flight-type Dao Artefact and a middle-grade defence-type Dao Artefact."

All gazes instantly turned towards Ning Cheng. If a high-grade Celestial-class Battleship already felt outrageous for a piece of Exotic Desolate Extreme Essence, then a middle-grade fight-type Dao Artefact for an Exotic Desolate Extreme Essence felt even more ludicrous. Moreover, this fellow even added a middle-grade defensive-type Dao Artefact on top of the middle-grade flight-type Dao Artefact.

Within the starry skies, one would only find two types of flight-type weapons, one of which were battleships made by technological civilisations and the other was a flight-type weapon crafted by cultivators.

For starry sky cultivators, they would be more biased towards weapons one would readily craft and refine. This kind of weapon could not only change its size but would also provide much more flexibility, especially when compared to battleships created by technological civilisations.

If one had to choose between a middle-grade flight-type Dao Artefact and a basic-grade Celestial River-class Battleship, most of the cultivators would immediately choose the middle-grade Dao Artefact.

So how could someone actually take out a middle-grade flight-type Dao Artefact to exchange for a piece of Exotic Desolate Extreme Essence; moreover, even add a middle-grade defensive-type Dao Artefact on top of it? As long as one had a brain, everyone would immediately know what to choose.

At this point, even an idiot would realise that this Exotic Desolate Extreme Essence was not something simple. Besides, of the cultivators who managed to reach the Celestial Novice Realm, who among them was an idiot?

Even the cultivator who took out the piece of Exotic Desolate Extreme Essence felt confused. Was it not just a piece of Exotic Desolate Extreme Essence in his hands?

Miao Wuqian grunted. He already regarded Ning Cheng as a dead man. Although he had money, he could never offer a middle-grade flight-type Dao Artefact plus a middle-grade defensive-type Dao Artefact like Ning Cheng.

"Decide for yourself." Miao Wuqian stared coldly at the cultivator who took out the Exotic Desolate Extreme Essence and spoke with a chilling voice.

This was obviously a tactic for intimidation. If one wanted to choose between a high-grade Celestial-class Battleship and a middle-grade flight-type Dao Artefact plus a middle-grade defensive-type Dao Artefact, even a fool would choose the two middle-grade Dao Artefacts. Miao Wuqian spoke those words to the cultivator to inform him that if he did not trade with him, then only death waited for him.

The cultivator's expression immediately turned hard to look at. If it weren't for Ning Cheng's offer, he would have happily traded with Miao Wuqian. Now that Ning Cheng offered much more than Miao Wuqian, and with Miao Wuqian telling him to choose, it obviously contained an underlying threat.

If he didn't choose to trade with Miao Wuqian, even if he obtained the two pieces of middle-grade Dao Artefact, he might not get to establish a foothold in the Border City. Maybe he could even lose his little life.

"Haha....." Ning Cheng laughed before speaking up with a smile, "This father has seen shameless people before, but has never seen such shameless garbage like you."

Miao Wuqian turned so angry at this retort that he found it difficult even to look at Ning Cheng for a moment more. He suddenly stood up and unleashed his Imposing Aura, causing the entire hall to descend into suffocation.

Ning Cheng wanted to wait till he bought the thing that he needed before killing Miao Wuqian, but since this fellow looked so anxious to find death, he would fulfil it right away.

Just when Ning Cheng was about to stand up and get rid of this fellow once and for all, a pale-faced man sitting next to Miao Wuqian suddenly stood up. He then spoke with a smile, "Everyone can come to my Border City Chamber of Commerce to participate in the Item Exchange Meeting, and we, the Border City Chamber of Commerce, treat it as an honour to serve you all. However, my Border City Chamber of Commerce also values its reputation and asks all the friends here to give me, Long Ziwen, some face at least. Whatever dispute you have with each other, please do not try to act on it in my Chamber of Commerce. After the Item Exchange Meeting concludes and you leave the premises, do whatever you want."

Miao Wuqian hesitated for a moment before glancing at Ning Cheng once again and sitting down. This immediately highlighted that he felt afraid of the Border City Chamber of Commerce's power and prestige.

Ning Cheng on seeing that Miao Wuqian now did not want to rush out to kill him, also did not feel like killing him anymore, at least not for now. Instead, he took out a medicinal pill and put it on the table in front of him, "This is a Harmonising Celestial Pill, a top-quality medicinal pill....."

Ning Cheng's words had not finished when people interrupted him with scorching gazes and shocked exclamations. At this time, all the cultivators sitting in the hall stared at the medicinal pill in front of Ning Cheng. Several cultivators even stood up and seemed to want to rush out and grab it from Ning Cheng.

Harmonising Celestial Pill aah, which Celestial Gatherer Cultivator who wanted to breakthrough to the Celestial Bridge Realm, would not want this kind of medicinal pill? As for the words 'top-quality', people wholly ignored it. In this place, why would anyone care about what qualified as top-quality and what did not qualify as top-quality? As long as it was a Harmonising Celestial Pill, everyone would go crazy over it.

Even Miao Wuqian gazed at the Harmonising Celestial Pill with red eyes. He vowed to himself that he must get his hands on this medicinal pill. He was only a step away from the Celestial Bridge Realm, and with this medicinal pill, he could have a higher, almost 100% chance of advancing to the Celestial Bridge Realm. At that moment, he could quickly become the overlord of one direction.

In this place, although every cultivator stared at the Harmonising Celestial Pill with red eyes, no one dared to come up and grab it. They did not feel afraid of Ning Cheng, but because this was an item exchange meeting, once anyone went forward and grabbed it, the only thing that awaited for that fellow would be death.

“What does this friend want for this Harmonising Celestial Pill?” Long Ziwen, who just asked others to give him some face, couldn’t help but ask the first question. He was also someone who had reached the full-circle of the Celestial Gatherer Realm. With another step, he could immediately advance to the Celestial Bridge Realm. As such, the Harmonising Celestial Pill held a much higher position within his mind compared to Miao Wuqian.

“I want to purchase the most detailed Starry Sky Chart, preferably one which touches upon the boundaries of various low-level interfaces.” Ning Cheng spoke with a calm voice.

As soon as Ning Cheng spoke those words, many cultivators found themselves at a loss on what to do. Moreover, none of them had such jade strips. Even some of the Deacons from the smaller Chambers of Commerce, who held such jade strips, hesitated. Every Chamber of Commerce guarded the jade strips containing starry sky charts with absolute secrecy would not bring them out for trade.

Within the Starry Sky and the void, there were countless meteorite streams and other unknown dangers, as well as Demonic Beasts. Having a safe line of passage within those dangers was the lifeline of these Chambers of Commerce.

Miao Wuqian suddenly felt some regret. If he had known that this foreign cultivator had such a treasure, he would never have invited this cultivator here. He would have immediately left this Item Exchange Meeting, find this cultivator, and obtain everything this cultivator had.

Despite felling regret, Miao Wuqian grabbed a jade strip and raised it, “I have a detailed starry sky chart imprinted in this jade strip. It includes the location of many low-level interfaces around.....”

Miao Wuqian had only held a jade strip in hand and spoken a few words when he saw that Long Ziwen had already sent a jade strip to Ning Cheng before speaking. “Friend, this is the most precious Starry Sky Chart in my Border City Chamber of Commerce. Not only does it have the locations of a lot of low-level True Cultivation Interfaces, it even has all the safe passages that we discovered till now. That way, you would easily avoid all dangers that one would encounter along the way.”

Since both Miao Wuqian and Long Ziwen took the initiative, everyone immediately realised that they all had missed the opportunity. It’s not that none among them had the strength to contend against these two men, but because each of them understood that, no one among them would have a more detailed jade strip. Even if they wanted to come up with something, they could not bring out anything better compared to these two fellows.

Ning Cheng grabbed Long Ziwen’s jade strip and casually glanced at it with his Spiritual Consciousness. Whether or not it was a truly detailed Starry Sky Chart, Ning Cheng almost instantly found the location

and the words Rootless Black City within it. Ning Cheng no longer felt interested in seeing the rest. Regardless of if anyone could bring out anything better than this, Ning Cheng waved his hand, put away the jade strip before picking up the Harmonising Celestial Pill, and said, "I will trade this with you."

"Wait!" Miao Wuqian felt so anxious that he couldn't give a damn about the rules anymore and immediately called out.

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Chapter 627: Back to Rootless Black City

Ning Cheng completely ignored Miao Wuqian and stood up after passing the medicinal pill to Long Ziwen. With the thing he wanted already in his hand, why would he willingly continue to linger around to talk with this Miao Wuqian.

"Brother Miao, the transaction has already finished." Long Ziwen resisted the excitement and spoke up, after putting away the medicinal pill.

Miao Wuqian's face had turned dark from seething anger; however, before he could say anything, his communication pearl immediately lit up, forcing him to look at it. Looking down on the communication pearl, he immediately shouted out the next moment, "You killed Song Tong. Today, this Miao Wuqian swears that if I let you go out of this gate, then I, Miao Wuqian, would be struck down by lightning."

While talking, Miao Wuqian's terrifying gaze swept towards Long Ziwen on his side. Although he spoke with such a harsh tone, it was not just directed at that foreign Celestial Shatterer Cultivator with the Harmonising Celestial Pill but also at Long Ziwen.

Long Ziwen also felt shocked when he heard Miao Wuqian's words. Song Tong was Miao Wuqian's dog, everyone here knew about it. If this foreign cultivator truly killed Song Tong, he really could not provide this new cultivator with much help. Moreover, he already obtained the Harmonising Celestial Pill, if he continued to fight it out with Miao Wuqian, it might end up causing Miao Wuqian to retaliate against him.

Miao Wuqian definitely meant those words for him. Since he already obtained the Harmonising Celestial Pill and even interfered with Miao Wuqian's desire to kill this foreign cultivator, then Miao Wuqian would definitely create every imaginable trouble for him. Thinking of this, he did not continue to mention that this place was still inside the Border City Chamber of Commerce; and instead, chose to remain silent.

Ning Cheng spoke up in a calm voice, "You're right. I was the one who killed Song Tong. I originally came here to kill Mu Pu. Unfortunately, that fellow sure has luck on his side. He is not even in the Supporting Taro Star. I guess I only get to kill a few random dogs of him just to vent some steam....."

Ning Cheng's imposing aura gradually seeped out as he spoke. Although he only targeted Miao Wuqian, the cultivators sitting on both sides felt a strong suppressive force. Even Long Ziwen, who stood next to Miao Wuqian, felt his breathing slowing down. This suppression caused an immediate change in the expressions of all the cultivators within the hall.

Everyone initially thought that Ning Cheng would die today without a doubt. However, no one dared to think that anymore at this moment. Everyone instinctively stimulated their Celestial Essence, trying to

lighten the suppressive force bearing down on them. This definitely was a powerful suppressive force generated through one's strength. Only those far stronger than them could exert such terrifying suppressive.

Miao Wuqian, the first one to bear the full brunt, felt even more suppressed. Blood started to overflow from his mouth. However, before he could even utter another word, a hand made out of pure Celestial Essence grabbed Miao Wuqian's neck and pulled him into the air, choking him.

At this time, some of the cultivators within the hall who planned to wait for Ning Cheng to fight it out with the other cultivators, before sweeping in and eliminating both parties, immediately froze.

Picking Miao Wuqian with just a hand made out of Celestial Essence, what was this concept? This not only required the support of a strong Domain but also required formidable Celestial Essence support. Only people with extremely powerful cultivation could bring out such a level of suppression using just one's imposing aura. Some of the cultivators even thought that Ning Cheng was a Heaven Seated Expert. To actually try and rob such a cultivator with their cultivations, one must really be tired of living.

At this moment, no one dared to speak even half a word, afraid of angering Ning Cheng. They might just end up as the next one picked up by him.

"Before..... Senior....." When Ning Cheng picked up Miao Wuqian with that pure Celestial Essence hand, it had already scared his six souls out of his body. At this moment, he could not wait to slap himself a few times. This fellow could actually take out a Harmonising Celestial Pill with so much arrogance. Yet, Miao Wuqian actually ignored that fact; how could such a fellow be anything but ordinary? Miao Wuqian had always behaved arrogantly in the Border City because of his own power, yet he still couldn't think of such a thing.

"Didn't you just make a vow that if you let me walk out of this gate, then you would rather let thunder take your life or something like that?" Ning Cheng looked at Miao Wuqian and asked calmly.

Miao Wuqian tried to beg for mercy, "Senior, please senior, spare me. This junior is just a dog with clouded eyes, babbling nonsense....."

Ning Cheng showed a slight smile, "You did not speak nonsense though....."

While speaking, several lightning arcs suddenly appeared out of thin air before striking down on top of Miao Wuqian's head.

"Boom-Boom-Boom....." Under the bombardment of several lightning arcs, even Miao Wuqian's Spirit Soul could not escape disintegration. At the same time, even the body turned into something resembling a pile of burnt blackish wood.

The hall turned utterly silent. Even the sounds of breathing seemed to have stopped. Unless one did not want to die, who would dare to speak up in such a situation? Everyone only thought about those lightning arcs.

Miao Wuqian had only just mentioned that lightning arcs would strike him down, and lightning arcs had truly killed him the next moment. This retribution was just too fast.

At this moment, no one doubted that this cultivator possessed powerful means, powerful enough to kill Supporting Taro Star's Celestial Lord Mu Pu. Mu Pu was at best a cultivator in the Undead Realm, and at most equal in might to this cultivator.

"Many thanks, senior for this pill....." Long Ziwen finally mustered the courage to speak up but in an extremely respectful tone.

Although this was his territory, this senior had just killed Miao Wuqian. If he still pretended to remain silent, and in case it ended up angering this fellow any further, the entire Border City might just turn to dust.

Ning Cheng simply gave a cold humph, he did not care about Long Ziwen. Instead, he stared at the cultivator that had taken out the Exotic Desolate Extreme Essence, "Do you want to come out and talk with me?"

"This junior will follow your orders." The cultivator quickly spoke up, not daring to displease the person in front of him.

It wasn't until Ning Cheng took Shi Qionghua and that cultivator out of the hall did the cultivators inside the room finally felt some kind of relief. Some of the cultivators with poor cultivations had already broken out in cold sweats.

Everyone kept thinking about the origins of this powerful cultivator, but no one dared to continue to talk about Ning Cheng. As for the good things that the senior carried with him, no one even dared to speculate about it at all.

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"Senior, this junior is willing to exchange this for a Dao Artefact." As soon as they walked out of the Border City Chamber of Commerce, the cultivator immediately took the opportunity to take out the ore.

Ning Cheng took the ore and handed over a flight-type weapon and a defensive-type weapon to the cultivator. "There's no need for that, just take the two pieces. This thing really is not a piece of Exotic Desolate Extreme Essence; however, it is not useful to you. From what I see, the cultivation method that you cultivate should be biased towards Fire Attribute."

"Yes, this junior really has a fire-attributed main Spiritual Root." The cultivator replied quickly. At the same time, carefully collected and put away the two weapons while feeling excited in his heart. In just a blink of an eye, he obtained a middle-grade flight-type Dao Artefact and a middle-grade defence-type Dao Artefact. With these two things, and with his current ability, even if he had to leave the Supporting Taro Star, he could still keep himself safe while travelling to someplace else.

Ning Cheng nodded, "I only have a question to ask you. Where did you obtain this crystal?"

The cultivator had already guessed that Ning Cheng would ask him this; otherwise, this fellow would have never called him out. He immediately replied, "I obtained this crystal about a decade ago. A senior had given me this for guiding him to the Supporting Taro Star during the time I ventured within in the starry skies."

Ning Cheng felt a bit disappointed, he only obtained a Metal Origin Crystal. Moreover, he also knew that he could not find the location or even the direction to the Metal Origin Bead using just a single Metal Origin Crystal. Not every time could Ning Cheng enjoy lucky breaks like finding the Fire Origin Bead. Thinking of this, he gave out a sigh.

However, Ning Cheng believed that this cultivator would not speak complete nonsense. The place that could form Metal Origin Crystals would definitely be a dangerous place, filled with metal-attributed aura. A cultivator with only a Celestial Shatterer Cultivator should not be able to get close to such an area that could produce this kind of Origin Crystals and remain alive.

Besides, even if this cultivator survived after obtaining the metal-attributed Origin Crystal, he would never exchange the Metal Origin Crystal disguised as a piece of Exotic Desolate Extreme Essence.

"The senior who gave you this crystal, what does he look like?" Ning Cheng asked once again.

The Celestial Shatterer Cultivator quickly drew out a vague image in the air, "Senior, this junior can only recall a vague image. As for a more specific image of that senior, this junior did not dare to sneak glances at him."

Ning Cheng sighed and said, "I understand, you can go now. Thank you."

"Yes, many thanks, senior. This junior will be leaving now." The cultivator bowed before stepping back and quickly leaving.

Ning Cheng put away the Origin Crystal. He speculated a bit about the fellow who gave the Origin Crystal to this Celestial Shatterer Cultivator. If this fellow could give out an Origin Crystal this freely, then this fellow should be a wealthy expert. Even he, Ning Cheng, would find it impossible to give away an Origin Crystal to an unknown cultivator casually.

"Senior Apprentice Brother Ning returned." Just when Ning Cheng headed out to the modest residential shelter outside the Border City again, Yi Jin and Chang Manyin immediately greeted him with surprised expressions.

"Brother Jin and I felt worried that Miao Wuqian would find trouble with you, because of that we couldn't sit still inside." Chang Manyin felt worried that Ning Cheng had gotten himself into trouble. This was not because Ning Cheng saved her and Yi Jin's life, but more importantly, it involved returning to see their daughter, Yi Zhuzhu. If Ning Cheng had an accident, they would have to face challenging times in this place even if they knew that their daughter was at the Rootless Black City.

Ning Cheng smiled before talking, "He did want to find trouble with me, but I killed him."

"Aah....." Killed Miao Wuqian and behaving as if nothing happened? Yi Jin and Chang Manyin stared at Ning Cheng with a blank look.

"Let's not talk about this anymore. I already obtained the chart. Let's head back to the Rootless Black City now." Ning Cheng simply didn't want to wait anymore. If it weren't for this chart, he would have already left this place a long time ago.

"Yes." Yi Jin and Chang Manyin, although felt extremely shocked and puzzled, they did not ask Ning Cheng any questions. Although Ning Cheng looked and spoke with a very approachable tone, they did

not feel any kind of familiarity with Ning Cheng. Moreover, there was also no way to make up for it by the constraints imposed by the huge cultivation gap between them.

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Long Ziwen's Starry Sky Chart indeed was an incredibly detailed one. Using this Starry Sky Chart as a guide, in just five days, Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness swept out towards the familiar silhouette of the Rootless Black City.

The Rootless Black City, just like before, had an array formation that he arranged for protection. Ning Cheng did not use his Spiritual Consciousness to break into the Rootless Black City's array formation. At this moment, he only felt anxiety in his heart. He felt afraid of not finding Ji Luofei inside the Rootless Black City if he decided to break through this array formation with his Spiritual Consciousness.

"Let's go. We've already arrived at the Rootless Black City." Ning Cheng called out to the Yi Jin couple who cultivated over the deck with their eyes closed.

"What? Already reached the Rootless Black City?" Yi Jin and Chang Manyin suddenly stood up and looked at Ning Cheng in disbelief.

Reaching the Rootless Black City from the Supporting Taro Star in just five days, such a thing would be impossible even for Heaven Seated Cultivators. They had initially assumed that they would have to travel for at least a few years before reaching the Rootless Black City. But taking just five days, it truly shocked them to the core.

Despite the shock, the two came down from the Starry Sky Wheel. When the two of them saw the grey-coloured city suspended in the void, and the words 'Rootless Black City' right above the entrance, they finally realised that they truly stood in front of the Rootless Black City. Ning Cheng had not lied to them.

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Chapter 628: A Fickle Heart

"City Master....." A surprised voice rang out.

"Shu Xing, is that you? Why haven't you left the Rootless Black City yet? Wait, something's not right....." Ning Cheng also recognised the cultivator, it was Shu Xing from the Star Gathering Mansion, one of the top ten academies in the Graceful Star Mainland.

When he massacred the previous Rootless Black City's City Master and returned to the Rootless Black City, he had met Shu Xing and Bu Mei outside of the Rootless Black City. Although they didn't have enough black coins to pay at the entrance of the city, he still decided to help them. From then on, Shu Xing worked at the City Master's Mansion in the Rootless Black City.

Bu Mei was his Dao Companion; however, when Ning Cheng heard that Bu Mei was his Dao Companion, he felt slightly surprised at that time. After all, Bu Mei was the disciple of the Severing Emotions Dao Sect, and Ning Cheng truly disliked every disciple from the Severing Emotions Dao Sect. Those people only had their own interests in their hearts, and once they severed their emotions, they would lose every shred of feelings they had for the people around them.

The reason why Ning Cheng asked Shu Xing why he hadn't left was that when he first met Shu Xing, Shu Xing was a 2nd Level Crucible Transformation Cultivator. Moreover, he had even stayed within the Rootless Black City's City Master Mansion for quite a while; therefore, by all logic, his cultivation should have improved. However, when Ning Cheng met Shu Xing now, he only possessed a First Level Crucible Transformation Cultivation. Which meant that over the years, Shu Xing's cultivation actually declined rather than advancing.

However, Ning Cheng wasn't in the mood to ask about this, he felt more concerned about Luofei and asked, "Shu Xing, is my wife Ji Luofei here?"

Shu Xing's expressions changed slightly, but he remained silent.

Ning Cheng immediately felt his heart tighten and no longer thought about whether his actions would ruin the restrictions around Rootless Black City. He quickly swept out with his Spiritual Consciousness.

Although many restrictions covered the Rootless Black City, under Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness, the entire city appeared like an unguarded open-air public square. Nothing could hide from Ning Cheng's eyes.

Ning Cheng immediately saw Yi Zhuzhu, Yi Zhuzhu sat in the City Master Mansion's chamber with the highest concentration of starry sky Essence Qi. There was also another man inside the room; however, he could not find Ji Luofei anywhere in the city.

Ning Cheng's face immediately sank. That chamber was the place where he and Luofei lived and cultivated. He did not mind if Yi Zhuzhu using it for cultivation but Yi Zhuzhu actually brought an unknown man inside. It immediately angered Ning Cheng. He believed that with Luofei's temperament, even if she decided to leave the Rootless Black City, she would have definitely taken Yi Zhuzhu with her. If Luofei did not leave the city, then Yi Zhuzhu should not have let someone unknown enter that cultivation chamber.

In any case, Yi Zhuzhu was like an adopted daughter for him, and he had brought Yi Zhuzhu's parents back to the Rootless Black City. Despite the anger, he felt through such actions, Ning Cheng decided not to act until he had the full picture of what was going on.

He looked back at Shu Xing and asked, "Did my wife, Ji Luofei, leave the Rootless Black City? Who is the current City Master of the Rootless Black City?"

Shu Xing quickly replied, "A decade ago, City Master Luofei entered the Bridge of Storms but hadn't come out. Since then, City Master Yi Zhuzhu managed the Rootless Black City on her behalf."

"Yi Zhuzhu?" Chang Manyin trembled.

Ning Cheng did not bother with Chang Manyin's reaction. A Spiritual Consciousness Blade suddenly materialised and spilt Yi Zhuzhu and the male, dual cultivating within the cave. The violent Celestial Essence backfired and caused the two to spew out a mouthful of blood. This caused the two of them to stand up immediately from their cultivations in shock.

Whatever happened, Luofei was trapped in this Bridge of Storms, while Yi Zhuzhu took an unknown male cultivator to dual cultivate in Luofei's personal cultivation chamber. Ning Cheng would never forgive her.

Ning Cheng pulled Shi Qionghua and in just a few steps reached the City Master's Mansion. Shu Xing, on seeing this, immediately tried to follow them.

Yi Zhuzhu and the male cultivator had just walked out of the cultivation cave when they saw a gloomy-looking Ning Cheng. She was about to subconsciously come up and greet him, but then her expression suddenly changed. Her body stopped, and she seemed to have remembered something.

"Zhuzhu....." Even after separating for so many years, Chang Manyin and Yi Jin still recognised Yi Zhuzhu at a glance.

"Father, mother....." Yi Zhuzhu on seeing both her parents here, could not control her emotions and finally rushed up. At this moment, she even forgot about Ning Cheng standing on the side.

Ning Cheng's face remained cold and did not speak. Over the years, Yi Zhuzhu had managed to reach the First Level of Plundering Life Realm, showing that she indeed had unmatched qualifications. Most probably, it was the result of the limited cultivation resources in this place; otherwise, she might have already advanced to the Domain Realm by now.

The male cultivator that followed Yi Zhuzhu had a Sixth Level Crucible Transformation Cultivation. When Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness swept out previously, he already understood that this fellow's qualifications were much worse compared to Yi Zhuzhu.

Ning Cheng had two wives, and his own cultivation had reached the peak of Celestial Bridge Realm, Sensing the aura coming from Yi Zhuzhu and this male cultivator, he immediately realised that these two fellows had already become a couple a long time ago.

"Zhuzhu, hurry up and greet your Uncle Ning. If not for Senior Apprentice Brother Ning saving us, where would we ever get the chance to even see you? We might have even died." Chang Manyin immediately recalled that her daughter didn't greet Ning Cheng, which definitely was quite a rude behaviour on her daughter's part.

In any case, Ning Cheng had saved their family of three. Moreover, Ning Cheng even nurtured Yi Zhuzhu on their behalf, so it truly was not right for their daughter to ignore Ning Cheng in the face of such grace. Although it was genuinely a happy moment for the family of three to reunite, they had to push their surprise back for the moment.

"Uncle....." Yi Zhuzhu's expressions turned somewhat complicated as she came forward and bowed in front of Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng did not bother to greet Yi Zhuzhu, but asked with a flat voice, "Where did Luofei go? Why is there an unknown male cultivator in Luofei's cultivation chamber?"

The male cultivator's Spiritual Consciousness unscrupulously swept towards Ning Cheng. When he found that Ning Cheng didn't give off any imposing aura at all, he immediately showed disdain and spoke up, "Zhuzhu, who is this fellow?"

Yi Zhuzhu quickly stopped the male cultivator, "Brother Hang, don't talk nonsense, this is Uncle Ning Cheng....."

"Oh, I know, Ji Luofei's Dao Companion." As the male cultivator spoke, his eyes fell onto Shi Qionghua.

He did not put Ning Cheng in his eyes because he knew Yi Zhuzhu's power. Moreover, although Yi Zhuzhu was a 1st Level Plundering Life Cultivator, even cultivators in the later stages of Plundering Life Realm could not fight against Yi Zhuzhu. What's more, at the Rootless Black City, Yi Zhuzhu was the City Master. As long as she said a word, countless cultivators from the army and the different powerhouses within the city would immediately rush up.

"Get out of here right now." Ning Cheng only glanced at the male cultivator behind Yi Zhuzhu and spoke with a cold tone.

Yi Zhuzhu's face immediately turned pale. Even Yi Jin and Chang Manyin felt that something had gone wrong. This male cultivator seems to have a special relationship with their daughter, and Ning Cheng seemed to be very upset about this male cultivator. If Shi Qionghua, who looked many times better compared to Yi Zhuzhu, were not around Ning Cheng, they would have definitely wondered if Ning Cheng turned upset because he took a liking to their daughter, Yi Zhuzhu.

"Ning Cheng, I have heard of your name. You killed the original City Master using some secret scheming. Even employing some array formations. You also plotted against the rest of the forces in this Rootless Black City to snatch the position of the City Master. For that, Zhuzhu feels very grateful. But people like you should know when to advance and when to retreat. You've been outside for all these years. Yi Zhuzhu and I were the ones who built this Rootless Black City after you left. So, don't come in here and go about pointing fingers." The male cultivators on hearing Ning Cheng telling him to get out right now immediately revealed his murderous intent. When had he heard such insulting words over these past years within the Rootless Black City? If it weren't for Yi Zhuzhu, he would have already mobilised the army to teach Ning Cheng a lesson.

Ning Cheng simply ignored the male cultivator and still stared at Yi Zhuzhu and spoke up with a calm tone, "You better answer me."

Yi Zhuzhu subconsciously shivered before speaking up, "Sister Luofei should still be trapped in the Bridge of Storms. I've been trying to save Big Sister Luofei for many years. It's just that I failed every time."

"Where is this Bridge of Storms?" Ning Cheng still spoke with a calm tone; however, Yi Jin and Chang Manyin felt worried. They could feel Ning Cheng's rising anger.

"City Master, I have a jade strip chart to the Bridge of Storms." Shu Xing, who tried to follow Ning Cheng, finally caught up and quickly took out a jade strip before handing it to Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng grabbed the jade strip and swept inside it with his Spiritual Consciousness. The next moment, the murderous intent surging within his heart grew exponentially. He had seen this place before in a different jade strip chart. Back when Xu Liangzhi wanted to plot against him, he had sent him a jade strip chart to this very same location. Same coordinates and identical surroundings.

Logically, Luofei should have already known that such a place was perilous and something uncrossable. So why did she think that he had entered this place?

The male cultivator next to Yi Zhuzhu on hearing Shu Xing words, suddenly shouted in anger, "Shu Xing, the City Master kicked you out. How dare you show up here again? And who is your City master? The current City Master is Yi Zhuzhu, not some irrelevant person."

Ning Cheng's murder intent started to overflow. However, before Ning Cheng could even do anything, Yi Jin had already shot out and raised his hand before slapping the fellow two times. That fellow flew straight up while spurting two trails of blood.

As he heard the exchange of words, Yi Jin could already make some speculations. This male cultivator that his daughter liked did not even put Ning Cheng in his eyes. Not to mention that just a slight overflow of Ning Cheng's cultivation could kill this fellow instantly, even if he could survive, this man definitely was not a good match for his daughter. This fellow was just an ungrateful wretch with a fickle nature.

"Father, why did you hit Brother Hang...." Yi Zhuzhu on seeing Yi Jin striking the male cultivator immediately rushed forward and helped the male cultivator up in a panic.

Yi Jin was just about to speak when he was stopped by Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng asked with a calm voice, "Yi Zhuzhu, why did you let Luofei go to this place?"

"Big Sister Luofei heard that you were trapped in the Bridge of Storms and immediately turned anxious. She immediately took me there to search for you." Yi Zhuzhu quickly replied.

Ning Cheng sneered, "Luofei knows that I had definitely not entered that place. So how could she go there? If you don't give me a clear reason today, then don't blame me for being ruthless."

"Senior...." When they heard Ning Cheng's words, Yi Jin and Chang Manyin anxiously cried out. They did not even dare to address him as Senior Apprentice Brother Ning at this moment.

"Because Brother Hang just happened to be there.... He saw a large group of Exploding Golden Wasps chasing you into the Bridge of Storms, and he recorded it on a crystal ball at that time. Sister Luofei decided to go there to search for you after seeing that crystal ball." Yi Zhuzhu took in a deep breath before explaining the truth.

Ning Cheng's icy gaze then fell on the man held up by Yi Zhuzhu, "You saw me chased into the Bridge of Storms and also recorded it using a crystal ball?"

This male cultivator simply did not answer Ning Cheng's words and spoke directly to Yi Zhuzhu, "Zhuzhu, instead of wasting words with this outsider, kill him."

"Brother Hang, Uncle Ning is my saviour, and also the benefactor of my parents....." Yi Zhuzhu tried to persuade him from the side.

Ning Cheng did not continue to talk with this male cultivator; instead, he looked at Yi Zhuzhu and calmly spoke up, "Yi Zhuzhu, since Luofei got herself trapped in the Bridge of Storms, how many times have you tried to save her? When was the last time?"

"Three times, the last time was nine years ago...." As Yi Zhuzhu spoke, she suddenly stopped. She instantly realised that she had tried to save Big Sister Luofei only three times in the first year and never attempted it again during the next nine years.

Ning Cheng felt full of disappointment. Yi Zhuzhu simply had little experience with the world. He could have easily forgiven her if she was a victim of deceit once, or even twice if stretching the limits. If she had even a shred of remembrance about how he and Luofei treated her like a part of their own family,

then even if someone tried to deceive her again and again, she would have still worked hard to save Luofei. If she could forget Luofei, the benefactor of her life and someone who she regarded as her big sister, for this fickle-hearted fellow, then Ning Cheng had nothing else to say to her anymore.

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Ning Cheng ignored Yi Zhuzhu and stared at the male cultivator next to Yi Zhuzhu, “Why did you make fake crystal balls to deceive Luofei? I’ll give you three breaths, if you don’t say anything, then you’ll never speak again.”

“Zhuzhu, this person actually insulted me in front of you, me.....” While speaking, the face of this male cultivator addressed as Brother Hang turned red and seemed as if he could no longer breathe anymore. Fortunately, he understood that he was not an opponent against Ning Cheng; as such, he could only beseech Yi Zhuzhu.

Yi Zhuzhu, who still stood there in stunned silence, seemed to have woken up after hearing this male cultivator’s words. Sobering up, she quickly spoke to Ning Cheng, “Uncle Ning, Brother Hang is my Dao Companion.....”

Ning Cheng raised his hand and waved away Yi Zhuzhu, who stood in front of him, causing her to skid back ten meters before hitting the wall. The next moment, Ning Cheng once again waved his hand and created a Celestial Essence Palm before picking up that male cultivator who Yi Zhuzhu referred to as Brother Hang.

At this time, even Yi Zhuzhu turned sluggish. Previously, she had not gauged Ning Cheng’s cultivation; in her opinion, Ning Cheng was at most a cultivator in the late-stages of Plundering Life Realm. Moreover, she never even thought of fighting with Ning Cheng. But now, she couldn’t imagine that Ning Cheng could quickly suppress her with just his imposing aura, to the point that she could not even move. This showed that Ning Cheng had a cultivation that far surpassed her.

The male cultivator finally realised what fear meant at this moment, he also understood that Yi Zhuzhu and Ning Cheng’s cultivations were too far apart. Before he could even beg for mercy, he felt his body turning light; the next moment, an invisible cover completely covered him up.

“Senior, let me explain, Rao.....” The male cultivator had only spoken a few words when a flaming fireball covered up the invisible shield, shrouding him completely.

A moment later, a tearing cry erupted from within, and even Shu Xing, who stood on the side, subconsciously trembled.

“Don’t.....” Yi Zhuzhu screamed and rushed over, trying to rescue the male cultivator from the fire burning him up. Unfortunately, it proved impossible for her even to touch Ning Cheng’s flaming shield with her cultivation, let alone trying to save someone caught inside it.

Ning Cheng didn’t even look at Yi Zhuzhu, but said to the Yi Jin and Chang Manyin couple with cupped fists, “Many thanks to the two of you for helping Yan Ji. I think it’s time to part ways here.”

With that, Ning Cheng suddenly spoke up, “To all friends within the Rootless Black City, I’m Rootless Black City’s former City Master, Ning Cheng. Since I returned to the Rootless Black City today, the

position of the Rootless Black City's City Master will now go to Shu Xin. I'll come back in a few days and check on things; if anyone dares to interchange truth with false, don't come blaming me for taking action."

All the cultivators within the Rootless Black City looked up at the sky in horror. That is because Ning Cheng's voice permeated through the air to everyone's ears despite the many restrictions shielding him or her. With such a level of cultivation, why would anyone dare to feel unconvinced?

What's more, to save the Rootless Black City, Ning Cheng had personally lured the Exploding Golden Wasp Horde away from the city; meaning every cultivator within the Rootless Black City owed Ning Cheng his or her lives. Arguably, if one went about looking for the Rootless Black City's most prestigious person, then it would be none other than Ning Cheng.

Almost as Ning Cheng said this, all the cultivators within the Rootless Black City roared in unison in support of Lord Ning Cheng.

At this moment, only the cultivator called Brother Hang by Yi Zhuzhu kept screaming from within the flames. Yi Zhuzhu even rushed up to Ning Cheng crying after understanding that she couldn't even touch Ning Cheng's flaming shield. She wanted to beg Ning Cheng to open the flaming shield and let Brother Hang out.

Ning Cheng completely ignored Yi Zhuzhu; instead, he only nodded to Shu Xing who had not yet recovered from the surprise. The next moment, his figure flashed, and he immediately disappeared from the spot with Shi Qionghua.

This male cultivator had tricked Luofei into the Bridge of Storms; no matter what identity this fellow had, Ning Cheng would have still killed him. If it were not for him realising that Yi Zhuzhu was also a victim of this fellow's deception, Ning Cheng would have also killed Yi Zhuzhu without showing any mercy. How could he let off the murderer who killed Luofei just because of Yi Zhuzhu's pleading?

Yi Jin and Chang Manyin stared at Ning Cheng's disappearing back. They naturally understood the intent in Ning Cheng's last sentence. That is to say, the couple saved Yan Ji, and Ning Cheng saved and reunited the family. From this point on, there were no grievances between each other, nor did they owe anything to each other. If there were only a sentence left unspoken, then it would be that if Yi Zhuzhu dared to offend Ning Cheng once again, then Ning Cheng would also not hesitate to kill her.

"Don't go....." Yi Zhuzhu still kept screaming. However, Ning Cheng had long since disappeared.

Yi Jin hurried forward to hold Yi Zhuzhu. This daughter of his was just too much. Even in the face of their family's life-saving benefactor, she not only did not speak even half a word of thanks or even greeted him, she actually gave her mind and body to someone who brought harm to their benefactor's wife.

"Katcha." The male cultivator's body that still burned within Ning Cheng's flaming shield finally gave out a crisp brittle sound before the frame finally collapsed into ashes before disappearing into the air without a trace.

Yi Zhuzhu stared at the ashes of her Brother Hang's body. Her expressions turned sluggish while her body trembled all over. However, she became utterly silent.

“Zhuzhu.....” Chang Manyin called out to her daughter in a worried tone before reaching out to her daughter’s hand.

Yi Zhuzhu slowly raised her hand and pushed Chang Manyin’s hand away. She slowly stood up and looked in the direction where Ning Cheng disappeared. She clenched her fists, and a layer of grey slowly covered her eyes.

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Ning Cheng and Shi Qionghua rushed out of the Rootless Black City and in just one incense stick worth of time arrived at the place marked in the jade strip, the Bridge of Storms.

A path seemingly comprised of light winds appeared, as Ning Cheng’s Spiritual Consciousness swept out, he finally noticed a bridge. More specifically, a bridge made from those light winds.

The billowing winds formed into a general shape of a bridge, neither diffusing nor dying. This wind bridge was nearly a hundred miles long and stretched around the edges of a dilapidated island suspended in the void. Ning Cheng only then noticed that even his Spiritual Consciousness could not penetrate through to reach this ruined and seemingly empty void island.

“Qionghua, there might be some danger inside. So you should head into the Miniature World first. I’ll go inside and have a look.” Ning Cheng believed that with his current cultivation, his Miniature World would not face any problem even if he decided not to put it inside the Minor Five-element Array Formation within the Mysterious Yellow Bead.

Letting Shi Qionghua into the Miniature World, Ning Cheng then immediately rushed forward. As he walked towards the wind bridge that went around the edge of that broken Void Island, a vortex suddenly opened up emanating a powerful suction force. If Ning Cheng had not reached the Celestial Bridge Realm, this strong suction force could have easily sucked him inside.

However, Ning Cheng did not try to forcibly retreat. Instead, he took a step forward and rushed into the vortex.

As soon as Ning Cheng entered the vortex, he found himself surrounded by powerful storms. Seeing this, Ning Cheng affirmed that even ordinary Celestial Bridge and Undead Cultivators would find it extremely difficult to stabilise their bodies enough to try to use their Spiritual Consciousness to explore this place.

Fortunately, Ning Cheng was not an ordinary Celestial Bridge Cultivator. Although he couldn’t keep his body stable, his Spiritual Consciousness could actually penetrate through the storm. Simply put, the wind in this place could not hinder Ning Cheng’s search by much.

Soon Ning Cheng realised why this place was called the Bridge of Storms. One would find violent winds everywhere, and these storms blew in strange and unpredictable directions, creating one wind bridge after another, covering the entire island. Moreover, these wind bridges were utterly different from the light breeze-like outside and contained incredible power.

Ning Cheng speculated that facing such formidable wind bridges, as long as the wind even grazed someone, it would easily tear apart the body of a cultivator in the Plundering Life Realm.

Ning Cheng grew increasingly worried as he thought about it. When he left, Luofei was still around the Ninth Level of Crucible Transformation Realm. If Luofei entered this place without advancing to the Plundering Life Realm, it would truly end up bad for her. At this moment, he regretted not asking about Luofei's cultivation before coming here.

However, the more worries piled up, the calmer Ning Cheng became. His Spiritual Consciousness swept out from one Wind Bridge to another and found that many cave-like holes that had formed under them, created by the storms raging outside withering away at the island. Some of these caves were hollow while some looked no different from ordinary caves.

As Ning Cheng observed everything with his Spiritual Consciousness, he found that some of these caves were in the blind spots of the storms. That is to say, they were in a place where the winds could not reach.

After Ning Cheng observed this clearly, his heart finally started to loosen. If Luofei managed to find such a cave, it would be no problem for her to survive in this place for a decade or two with her cultivation.

At this point, Ning Cheng naturally did not enter those empty wind caves. Instead, he swam forward through the violent storms that formed the wind bridges while pushing his Spiritual Consciousness to its limits.

Not a single cave escaped Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness at this time.

After half an incense stick worth of time, Ning Cheng immediately realised that he had guessed correctly. That is because he saw a few cultivators scattered in different caves where the storms could not reach. This suggested that Luofei might also still be alive with her cultivation if she managed to get into such caves.

However, as Ning Cheng probed one windless cave after another using his Spiritual Consciousness, Ning Cheng once again started turning anxious. He had already noticed at least a dozen surviving cultivator, but none of them was Ji Luofei.

After another incense stick worth of time, a relatively large storm cavern appeared in the range of Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness.

This storm cave was at least dozens of times in size compared to the medium-sized storm caves out in the front and had a distinct interior. More importantly, in this vast storm cave, no storm blew inside. Instead, the raging bridge of winds intersected and created chaos outside of the cave. It was safe to assume that if any ordinary cultivator fell into this storm cave, then they could only preserve their life. As for escaping, one could simply forget about it. Even cultivators in the Domain Realm, if they tried to come out, they would be torn apart to pieces by the rampaging winds outside the cave entrance.

Although Ning Cheng could not completely stabilise his body, he still managed to control the speed of his body as the storms tried to blow it away. At the same time, Ning Cheng also used his Spiritual Consciousness to infiltrate the storm cave.

This storm cave not only contained cultivators, but there was also more than one person inside. It included both men and women, and each of these cultivators occupied a piece of land to concentrate on his or her cultivation. However, since they all were trapped in such a place, the starry sky Essence Qi in

this place could not satisfy them all. Moreover, without any medicinal pills and cultivation resources to help, they would find it extremely difficult to advance in such an environment.

Most of the cultivators trapped in this cave were in the Plundering Life Realm, and only a few were in the late-stages of Crucible Transformation Realm. Ning Cheng scanned past one cultivator after another, and when he saw a female cultivator wearing rough-looking robes in the corner, his eyes immediately turned red. Even his throat choked up. Luofei, he finally saw Luofei.

The raging wind around the bridges rolled in, trying to take Ning Cheng deeper. Why would Ning Cheng willingly let it take him further away? Raising his hand, he immediately punched at the wind bridge. Spirit Technique, Sunset's Twilight.

Time slowed down indefinitely at this moment, but Ji Luofei, sitting in the corner suddenly felt shocked. She quickly stood up and looked towards the cave's entrance in astonishment.

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Chapter 630: I've been waiting for you

As soon as Ji Luofei stood up, everyone immediately focussed on Ji Luofei.

This cave already had a balance that came into place a long time ago; without exceptional circumstances, no one would randomly move anywhere. Ji Luofei's cultivation had already reached the Seventh Level of Plundering Life Realm. Therefore, once such an expert suddenly stood up, it immediately alerted all the people. Many people immediately started to wonder if this woman had made some progress in her cultivation. Did she intend to redraw her territory?

In any case, Ji Luofei's cultivation and the location she occupied did not match. With cultivation at Seventh Level of Plundering Life Realm, she could have quickly taken up the best spot, not a small corner. If Ji Luofei truly wanted to grab more territory or even shift locations, it definitely would involve a scuffle.

Every time a new fellow came here, it would always involve a scuffle. Relatively speaking, when this female cultivator named Ji Luofei came here, it only created the smallest of fights.

Instead of starting a fight with her neighbours, Ji Luofei slowly walked towards the entrance of the cave. As she passed by where a middle-aged cultivator sat, the middle-aged cultivator immediately stood up, "What does this Dao Friend want? This is my place."

Ji Luofei behaved as if she hadn't heard the words and still kept walking forward.

Even if he wasn't Ji Luofei's opponent, the cultivator could not bear to ignore it in such a situation. Otherwise, he would have no place in this cave.

The cultivator raised his hand and brought out his weapon before attacking at Ji Luofei. However, he did not use his killer move, and just wanted to feign an attack to force Ji Luofei out of his territory. It was not that he did not want to kill her, but the fear of how Ji Luofei would act kept him in check. He was at the Third Level of Plundering Life Realm while Ji Luofei was at the Seventh Level of Plundering Life Realm.

Everyone kept his or her gazes trained at Ji Luofei. They all wanted to know how Ji Luofei would handle this situation. Although Ji Luofei possessed high cultivation, she rarely provoked the cultivators inside this cave. She did not willingly fight with others. However, this was the first time she readily spurred others by her own initiative.

This was the reason why the cultivators here felt wary, as they had no idea about Ji Luofei's skills. When Ji Luofei came inside the cave, it caused a slight commotion, but after she killed a late-stage Crucible Transformation Cultivator with just a swipe of her hand 'accidentally', Ji Luofei then decided to occupy that deceased cultivator's territory and did not try to expand it. Therefore, although others feared here, they simply had no intuitive impression of her.

For example, Ji Luofei was also quite a beautiful woman, yet no one actively came up to court her. It's not that people inside this place thought that they were all in the same boat, but because of Ji Luofei's cultivation reaching the Seventh Level of Plundering Life Realm. Because of this, the other cultivators did not dare to come to find trouble for themselves.

Ji Luofei had a vague feeling that Ning Cheng's aura had appeared outside the cave and she couldn't stop herself from wanting to rush out of the cave to see Ning Cheng. At this moment, if someone actually dared to stop her, how could she tolerate it? Thoroughly stimulating her Celestial Essence, a colourful glazed light shot out and exploded onto the weapon of the cultivator who wanted to block Ji Luofei's path. The powerful Celestial Essence made it impossible for the cultivator to stay still and the Celestial Essence force directly flung him away before finally coming to a stop after he hit the wall on the other side of the cave.

As for Ji Luofei, she acted as if she felt nothing and still walked towards the entrance of the cave. She did not even think that her attack; the outburst of her strength had already gone beyond the scope of her cultivation.

Only silence reverberated around the cave. Even the only Eighth Level Plundering Life Cultivator looked at Ji Luofei in shock. He hadn't made a move before because he had focussed all of his attention on cultivation; moreover, he also held no interest in women. However, only now did that fellow realise that this woman held tremendous power within her. If he ended up in a fight against her, he would most likely lose.

At this time, the cultivators within Ji Luofei's path immediately moved aside as she walked forward. From this, one could see that Ji Luofei did not want to try seizing territory. Moreover, Ji Luofei's cultivation had also completely suppressed all the cultivators around her.

"Bang....." The bridge of storms outside the cave suddenly brought in a figure. Ji Luofei who kept her eyes peeled at the entrance of the cave, on seeing this figure, suddenly rushed up to hug this figure, even wrapping her arms around this figure tightly.

"Ning Cheng..... Dear..... It's really you....." Ji Luofei's body trembled violently. Not just her hands and her legs, even her voice trembled.

She could clearly make out that Ning Cheng was in her arm. No, even if she closed her eyes, she knew that the figure in her arms was the person she was wanted to find.

Although Ning Cheng was not seriously injured, coming inside had consumed too much energy. Even if he was a Celestial Bridge Cultivator, he could only head downstream on the Bridge of Storms once he exhausted his strength. Although he used the Dusk Spiritual Technique, it only forced the Bridge of Storms to a standstill; however, even Ning Cheng's cultivation would not be enough to rush back during that moment with most of his strength exhausted.

The instant Ning Cheng used the Dusk Spirit Technique on the raging Bridge of Storms, it had almost depleted his Celestial Essence and Spiritual Consciousness to the bare minimum. If it weren't for his strong determination and the heaven defying strength of the Dusk Spirit Technique, he would have gotten himself caught in the Bridge of Storms before it rolled him away to a different place.

Nevertheless, the Bridge of Storms still managed to draw blood from him, and he currently looked as if he was bleeding profusely.

But Ning Cheng knew that he hadn't suffered any severe injuries, just some superficial skin abrasions. With his body, even if he lost a majority of his Celestial Essence reserves, the Bridge of Storms would find it extremely difficult to tear his body apart, and would only give him some slight injuries. As long as his Celestial Essence and Spiritual Consciousness recovered from the exhaustion, he would return to normal in just a short while.

At this time, when Ji Luofei held him in her arms, he felt so excited that he even forgot to take out any medicinal pills and just stood there at the entrance.

"Luofei....." Ning Cheng finally felt immensely relieved. This kind of feeling almost made him groan out of happiness.

Ji Luofei could not see Ning Cheng's cultivation. She did not know that Ning Cheng had forced himself to go upstream in the Bridge of Storms by his own strength. She just thought that Ning Cheng had tried looking for her and coincidentally ended up being swept into this cave by the Bridge of Storms outside.

Watching Luofei walk back to her own territory with Ning Cheng still in his arms, the rest of the cultivators finally breathed a sigh of relief and looked at Ning Cheng with envy. Ning Cheng didn't particularly look handsome, so how was he able to get such a beautiful and high-levelled female cultivator like Ji Luofei?

"Luofei, I'm all right." Ning Cheng finally took out a medicinal pill and put it into his mouth. With the help of a Grade 4 Celestial Pill, his Celestial Essence and Spiritual Consciousness started to recover rapidly.

"Ok...." Ji Luofei still hadn't recovered from her excitement. Ning Cheng, who had just gotten free from Ji Luofei's arms, finally stood up to get a good look at her.

The two people gazed at each other for a long time and even forgot to speak. It seemed as if this world contained only two of them, and everything else around them had disappeared entirely.

Time seemed to have frozen, with only the two people, Ning Cheng and Ji Luofei, in this place.

At this moment, no language could describe Ji Luofei and Ning Cheng's excitement, so they simply chose not to speak at all.

“Luofei, I’m sorry. I didn’t keep my promise to come back soon. I’ve made you suffer through a lot.” Ning Cheng reached out and finally spoke up while stroking Ji Luofei’s hair before dropping his hand onto Ji Luofei’s shoulder, feeling myriad emotions flowing through this heart.

Ji Luofei wore coarse robes, and only Ning Cheng knew the reason why. She wore this robe in the Cang Qin Province in the beginning. Back then, it was to attract less attention to her appearance, but now it was the most important thing to remember him.

Ji Luofei shook her head and spoke, “No, I knew you would return. You would definitely come back.”

As she spoke, she kept her gaze glued to Ning Cheng. “You once said, ‘just listen to me’ so I listened to you. I’ve been waiting for you, I knew that you would return.”

In Ji Luofei’s mind appeared Cang Qin 2-Star Academy in the Cang Qin Province. When she felt confused and didn’t know what to do, Ning Cheng had taken her hand and said to her, “..... Just listen to me.”

Since then, she believed those words with her entire heart and soul. Ning Cheng had told her to wait for him in the Rootless Black City; therefore, even though she had many opportunities to leave the Rootless Black City, she did not move and kept waiting for Ning Cheng to return. That is because she believed in Ning Cheng, she believed in his words ‘just listen to me’.

If it weren’t for the crystal ball, she would never have come to the Bridge of Storms.

Ning Cheng felt truly emotional as if a fire raged within his heart and immediately held Ji Luofei within his arms.

“Dear, we’ll stay with each other from now on. I used to feel a little lonely here by myself, but since you came in, I no longer feel lonely.” Ji Luofei spoke with a trembling voice. As she spoke, she raised her hand to help Ning Cheng out of his torn robes.

Ning Cheng tightened his hands and spoke, “Luofei, I don’t want to stay here. Let’s leave.”

Ji Luofei didn’t even think before nodding, “Okay, then let’s leave.”

The rest of the cultivators within the cave felt shocked again to see Ning Cheng and Ji Luofei walk towards the entrance to the cave. Were they looking for death? To tell the truth, in that horrifying Bridge of Storms, only those cultivators blessed by luck could actually get sucked into this cave.

But to rush out of the Bridge of Storms, it would definitely result in death. According to what the cultivators saw, under the horrifying Bridge of Storms, even the most formidable cultivator among them would end up torn to shreds.

“Two friends, please wait.....” A sudden voice immediately called out to Ning Cheng and Ji Luofei.

Ji Luofei stopped next to Ning Cheng looking calm and unaverred. Ning Cheng looked back at the cultivator, who asked them to wait. It was a cultivator in the intermediate-stages of Plundering Life Realm. This fellow had a thick chin and messy hair. From this, Ning Cheng could make out that this cultivator seldom cared about his image in front of others.

“What’s the matter?” Ning Cheng asked casually.

“Two friends, I also want to leave this storm cave and am willing to join forces with the two of you.” The cultivator cupped his fists towards Ning Cheng.

“Are you not afraid to die?” Ning Cheng asked with a calm voice, “Coming out of the storm caves, there would only be a slight chance of survival.”

“Since this virtuous couple is not afraid of death, then why should I, Meng Ku, fear death alone? I’m already tired of this birdhouse. Unfortunately, without like-minded friends to rush out together, I’m just too weak by myself.” The bearded cultivator then looked at the rest of the cultivators and spoke up with a calm voice.

Ning Cheng nodded and suddenly looked at the other cultivators and asked, “Who else would like to rush out with me? As this friend just mentioned, there is strength in numbers.”

Truthfully, Ning Cheng didn’t have to worry about getting out of this place at all. With his cultivation and strength recovered, if he couldn’t get out of this place, then it would truly be a huge joke. Moreover, Ning Cheng already understood the challenging conditions within this place. If someone wanted to go out with them, he wouldn’t mind lending a helping hand.

However, no one answered. Follow Ning Cheng, an already severely injured cultivator, who just came in? No one in the cave was a fool.

Ning Cheng laughed before speaking, “In that case, then friend Meng Ku let’s leave.” As he spoke, Ning Cheng put his arms around Ji Luofei and stepped out of the cave.