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Chapter 651: Eternal Night Domain

The Perpetual Moon Pills turned into a Celestial Essence storm, which completely covered Ning Cheng's body without even Ning Cheng taking control of it. Ning Cheng's cultivation had already reached the peak of the Undead Realm, and the congealed Celestial Essence within his body had also reached such high levels of enrichment that it automatically tried to look for a weak point to lessen the pressure.

At this moment, Ning Cheng stood up on the broken meteorite and could only hear the buzzing of Celestial Essence within his body. In the past, every time Ning Cheng had to break through to a new realm, he needed to break down the barrier to that realm by himself while controlling his Celestial Essence to grow stronger. But at this moment, he didn't even try to break open that barrier at all; rather, the Celestial Essence pent up inside of him managed to break the shackles restricting his path of cultivation by itself. Once the cultivation barrier blew open, it immediately increased the speed with which Ning Cheng absorbed the pile of Perpetual Moon Pills outside. The pills quickly turned into Celestial Essence, allowing his cultivation climb at a rapid pace.

"Boom-Boom...." His Celestial Essence had not risen to its peak yet when lightning arcs started to rain down one after another.

Ning Cheng didn't even prepare any defences. It would have been a different matter if those lightning arcs descended before breaking through. But this time, he had already broken through before the tribulation fell; therefore, he felt confident that this tribulation would not pose many challenges.

This phenomenon once again highlighted the heaven defying nature of the Mysterious Yellow Bead. He had continuously cultivated for a long time within the Mysterious Yellow Bead, and it was also because of the Mysterious Yellow Bead's heaven defying characteristic that he could advance first before facing the thunder tribulation.

As those dense lightning arcs landed on Ning Cheng, it only managed to disintegrate Ning Cheng's robes, before Ning Cheng completely absorbed the thunder source contained within the lightning bolts. The first wave, which consisted of a dozen lightning arcs, only managed to leave behind a few bloody scratches on his body along with some slightly burnt hair. As Ning Cheng's Celestial Essence circulated once, those bloodstains also disappeared without a trace.

It felt as if the thunder tribulation had absolutely no effect on Ning Cheng. The second wave of the thunder tribulation was also not a lot stronger compared to the first wave of the thunder tribulation; rather, the only difference was that it contained a dozen more lightning arcs. As for Thunder Pearls and Thunder Waterfalls, which Ning Cheng had encountered in the past tribulations, he didn't see them at all.

Ning Cheng felt a little disappointed seeing this situation. He could only absorb the thunder source from these lightning bolts to try to condense his own lightning arc-based attack. As for using this thunder tribulation's lightning arcs to quench his body, Ning Cheng did think about it but quickly gave up on that idea.

Although this thunder tribulation might be immensely powerful for ordinary people, it really could not satisfy his body forging needs at all.

The thunderous booms continued as lightning arcs fell down one after another. Apart from using these lightning arcs to consolidate the cultivation improvement, Ning Cheng also used it to try to condense his own thunder-based technique. It was just that this thunder-based technique was not something that came from an inheritance, but something that he came up on his own.

Although Ning Cheng did not feel much pressure in surmounting this thunder tribulation, within this empty void, the dense lightning arcs still looked very conspicuous.

“Katcha....” The same moment that Ning Cheng finished consolidating his cultivation, the meteorite under Ning Cheng’s feet finally crumbled to dust under the continuous onslaught of the lightning arcs.

Moments later, the thunder tribulation over his head finally disappeared. It felt as if this thunder tribulation had only appeared to help him consolidate his cultivation.

Ning Cheng had just cleaned himself and changed into a fresh set of robes when his Spiritual Consciousness detected a shadow flying towards him.

A moment later, the shadow finally stopped beside Ning Cheng, revealing it to be a high-grade airship-type Dao Artefact.

On the deck of the airship stood three cultivators: one man and two women. Of them, a young woman stood in front, while the other woman and the man stood behind her on either side. Apparently, those two served under this young woman.

Ning Cheng’s pupils contracted slightly on seeing those three people. He noticed that although the two female cultivators were Heaven’s Mandate Cultivators, the male cultivator with them already had reached the Heaven Seated Realm.

Although he managed to kill Shang Mouliang back then, it was only because of the favourable conditions of both time and place, while also exhausting all his means. Even before that, when he battled with Mi Jin, Mi Jin had already suffered severe injuries due to the backlash from recalling her strength; as such, she did not dare to fight him with her full power. At most, she only used 30% to 40% of her cultivation against him. Even so, he still had to suffer some serious injuries.

Although he had grown stronger by a few notches compared to the past, Ning Cheng still didn’t think that he could beat an actual Heaven Seated Cultivator head-on. The Heaven’s Mandate Realm and the Heaven Seated Realm had an almost unfathomable ravine between them, this ravine was not something that could be made up with something else.

“A few moments ago, we observed some thunder rays lingering around this place, was it because of you?” Ning Cheng had guessed it right. The first one to ask a question was the female cultivator with the Heaven’s Mandate Cultivation standing in the front.

Ning Cheng cupped his fists and spoke with neither humble nor aloof tone, “Yes, I was trying out my thunder-based technique. Looks like it ended up creating a bit of noise.”

“Are you a cultivator with a primary Thunder Spiritual Root?” The female cultivator asked again in surprise.

Ning Cheng hesitated a little before replying, “No, but I have a thunder-attributed technique that I can cultivate using a secret method.”

The female cultivator nodded but did not ask any further questions. Ning Cheng had already shown enough politeness in answering her questions. Generally speaking, it was not something proper for her to ask someone about their Spiritual Roots and techniques.

Ning Cheng was just about to ask where this place was when the female cultivator once again asked, “Are you from the Eternal Night Domain?”

“Eternal Night Domain?” Ning Cheng repeated the words in surprise, before he finally responded, “I’m a starry sky wanderer. Although I wandered around in the starry skies for many years, I still ended up losing my bearings somewhere down the road inside a spacial collapse, but I’m pretty adaptable and flexible with things. Later, when I finally managed to gain control of my own starry skies battleship, I flew around for hundreds of years before reaching this place. To be honest, before meeting you all, I was planning to find someone to ask for directions.”

“You used a Starry Sky Battleship to fly for several hundred years to circumvent the interface? Which interface did you come from?” The female cultivator asked in amazement, apparently startled by the implications of Ning Cheng’s words. She also held no doubt about Ning Cheng’s statement about flying for hundreds of years. Moreover, since Ning Cheng could cultivate to this extent, then didn’t it mean that he has also lived for more than a thousand years?

Ning Cheng laughed with a rueful tone while grabbing onto his hair before replying with a somewhat helpless expression, “I don’t know. I only know that my planet is called Earth.”

“You’re saying that you’re from Earth?” The female cultivator asked again in surprise, mixed with shock.

This time, it was Ning Cheng’s turn to feel shocked. The only reason he said that he was from Earth was that he did not want to answer any more questions. Moreover, no one knew about Earth. He didn’t expect this female cultivator to react in surprise and shock on hearing this word. Did she know about Earth?

“Do you know about Earth?” Ning Cheng quickly asked. His words even contained a hint of intimacy. Only after experiencing the boundless universe could one understand the insignificance of Earth within the vast expanse.

The female cultivator shook her head before replying, “I don’t know about Earth, but I’ve heard someone talk about this place.”

“Who was it?” Ning Cheng quickly asked. He felt a kind of inexplicable happiness gushing within his heart on the understanding that he might not be alone. Was there someone else who left the Earth for the sake of cultivation besides himself?

The female cultivator showed a smile, “The only reason I can talk to you like this is due to our cultivations not being too far apart. However, when it comes to the senior who talked about Earth, I did

not dare to inquire into it. Moreover, I also don't know the identity of that senior. But I do know that this senior occasionally passes through the Eternal Night Domain."

Ning Cheng took in a deep breath and cupped his fists before asking, "Can I ask the three Dao Friends about the directions to the Eternal Night Domain?"

The female cultivator explained with a few quips, "The Eternal Night Domain is a void area between several interfaces and even positional planes, and a place from where you can travel to other interfaces or positional planes. The cultivators who come to Eternal Night Domain, although they would eventually leave to their respective destinations, some of them do end up lost without bearings like you. Some of them would also go there with some specific purpose. In any case, there are often cultivators leaving and cultivators coming in through that place."

Ning Cheng gained some understanding through those words. Looks like he still hadn't crossed-over to another interface. Specifically, he was somewhere in the middle of interfaces. Even though this was a middle zone, it was possible to head over to other positional planes from here.

Obviously, anyone who can manage to come to the Eternal Night Domain was not ordinary. Even him, if it weren't for the Mysterious Yellow Bead, he would have never reached this place. It seems that he better not go to the Eternal Night Domain, at least not for now.

"Are there a lot of powerhouses in the Eternal Night Domain, Senior Apprentice Sister? Are there any powerhouses in the Eternal Realm or above there?" Ning Cheng had no intention of going to the Eternal Night Domain. It definitely would be a dangerous place for him. Although he might be able to escape from the powerhouses in the Life and Death Realm, in front of the powerhouses in the Eternal or above realms, it would prove near impossible to escape from them without sufficient preparation.

The female cultivator nodded before speaking, "Yes, there naturally are powerhouses in the Eternal Realm in that place, but they usually don't stay for long and would leave the Eternal Night Domain eventually. Because this is the intersection point of several positional planes, the powerhouses from the other positional planes don't refer to this realm as 'Eternal' Realm. However, their cultivation definitely would not be any weaker than those powerhouses in the Eternal Realm."

On hearing this, Ning Cheng once again affirmed not to head towards the Eternal Night Domain and thanked her, "Many thanks to Senior Apprentice Sister. I wonder if Senior Apprentice Sister has any jade strip charts containing the location of the Eternal Night Domain. Or maybe a jade strip that introduces the Eternal Night Domain?"

Although he didn't want to go to the Eternal Night Domain right now, that didn't mean he didn't want to visit that place in the future. Once his cultivation grew to a sufficient level, he would anyways have to head to the Eternal Night Domain to find a way to return to the Grand Culmination Starry Skies.

"I naturally have such jade strips. But it would be perilous for you to go to the Eternal Night Domain alone. How about this, my Su Clan has taken up residence in the Eternal Night Domain for countless years, which means we also have a certain foundation in that place. Seeing this friend's courage, it would be better to join my Su Clan, that way, we can lend a helping hand to each other when in need." The female cultivator finished with a smile before locking her gaze on to Ning Cheng.

Although she said those words about lending a helping hand to each other, it was only to give Ning Cheng some face. To be more precise, joining the Su Clan meant him depending on them; otherwise, it would prove extremely difficult to do anything in the Eternal Night Domain alone.

Ning Cheng also understood why this female cultivator talked so much with him with a smiling face and genial tone. It was his apparent courage of his to wander alone in the void for hundreds of years which had caught her fancy. In other words, she wanted to recruit him to become her Su Clan's hired thug.

Ning Cheng didn't want to offend the three, especially since he didn't even know them, and quickly cupped his fists before speaking, "I'm used to wandering the starry skies by myself. Besides, I don't have any plans to visit the Eternal Night Domain for the time being. Many thanks for the offer though, Senior Apprentice Sister."

The female cultivator stared at Ning Cheng for a while before giving out a sigh. She then took out two jade strips and threw them towards Ning Cheng with the words, "In that case, I will also not insist on it. When you get tired of wandering around in this area, you can come to look for our Su Clan."

The female cultivator didn't mention the way to find her Su Clan, just saying to come to her Su Clan. From this, Ning Cheng speculated that this Su Clan should definitely have some significant status; at the very least, people within the Eternal Night Domain knew about this Su Clan.

Ning Cheng took the two jade strips before bowing towards them with cupped fists and saying, "Many thanks to Senior Apprentice Sister, many thanks to the rest of the friends here. This Ning will now take his leave."

With that, Ning Cheng's figure flickered slightly before turning into a shadow and slipping away.

The other woman behind that female cultivator snorted, "That man definitely has a secret because of which he does not dare to go to the Eternal Night Domain."

The man in the Heaven Seated Realm whispered, "Of all the people who come here, who doesn't have a secret of their own?"

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Chapter 652: Luofei's Adventure

A few days later, Ning Cheng found a broken starland. This starland, unlike the meteorites that quickly shot through the void, moved very slowly.

It was a much better place to use for secluded cultivation compared to a meteorite. Meteorites would regularly crash into other meteorite streams and splinter apart if one was not careful. But this broken starland, although not rich in Celestial Essence nor Spiritual Qi, it was definitely much safer. Because of the huge surface area, even if ordinary meteorites crashed into it, they would not be able to cause much damage.

In the temporary dugout cave, Ning Cheng took out the jade strips given to him by that female cultivator, which introduced the Eternal Night Domain.

The Eternal Night Domain was something like the Rootless Black City, where he once lived. It was just that the Eternal Night Domain was countless times larger and much sturdier compared to the Rootless Black City. In a more strict sense, it was akin to a well-regulated mainland and no different from an average planet.

If one had to point out the main difference, then it would be that the Eternal Night Domain had no natural light. The Eternal Night Domain was just a starland suspended within the void crack and had no sun to provide any form of sunlight to the Eternal Night Domain. That's why the name Eternal Night Domain came into being.

Therefore, within the Eternal Night Domain, one would find Clear Light Stones and Clear Light Array Formations everywhere. Although this place had no natural sunshine, it also did not bask in the complete darkness of the night; in fact, one would find no trace of nightly darkness within that place.

The Eternal Night Domain has existed for hundreds of millions of years and had countless cultivators passing through that place. Some of those travelling cultivators chose to settle down in this place and start to form their own family clans. Ning Cheng felt that Su Clan should also be such a family clan.

Because of the unique nature of this area, many powerhouses would decide to stop by at the Eternal Night Domain for many years before moving away. Moreover, as the Eternal Night Domain lay within the intersecting cracks of several positional planes, they would often have many powerhouses with differently named cultivation realms; however, regardless of these technical differences, they were all dominant parties. Moreover, the different realm names originated due to the slight differences between the planar locations and the laws governing those planes. It was only a difference in terminology. In fact, regardless of the laws, all paths lead to the same destination. Whatever path of cultivation one took, taken to the extreme, it would all converge on the same goal.

However, one point that stuck out the most was that one would find a lot of cultivation resources in and around the Eternal Night Domain. Someone in the past had even found a Perpetual Moon Pill Mountain. This Pill Mountain was actually composed of Perpetual Moon Pills, and after countless years of accumulating Celestial Essence gas, the Perpetual Moon Pills within that mountain had reached near-infinite numbers.

Ning Cheng shook his head and put away the jade strip. He now truly wanted to go to the Eternal Night Domain; after all, the Eternal Night Domain boasted of a much better cultivation environment compared to this place. Moreover, Ning Cheng could even do some business within the Eternal Night Domain by selling some medicinal pills and weapons. At the very least, he could exchange those items for Perpetual Moon Pills for cultivation.

However, Ning Cheng quickly dismissed the idea of immediately heading to the Eternal Night Domain. At least not till he reached the Heaven Seated Realm. Since the last time his Mysterious Yellow Bead got exposed, he had decided to become even more careful when using it.

People might have followed some laws within the starry sky cities like in the Grand Culmination Starry Skies, but in the Eternal Night Domain, which lay in the crack between positional planes, if someone tried forcibly to capture him and conducted a search, he would not be able to defend himself.

Without entering the Mysterious Yellow Bead, Ning Cheng's cultivation speed immediately slowed down by a lot. Fortunately, he had a large number of Perpetual Moon Pills and other medicinal pills to help. At the same time, he could even use the Mysterious Yellow Aura to scour his meridians. Even though his cultivation speed had significantly slowed down, it was still far better compared to the average cultivator.

One could forget the passage of time while cultivating. As the Perpetual Moon Pills in Ning Cheng's stock kept decreasing, his cultivation also kept rising.

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The Radial Immortal Star, a remote planet within Grand Culmination Starry Skies' Night Essence Celestial River. Usually, only low-levelled cultivators came to this place, and cultivators with deep heritages would rarely ever show up in this place. Moreover, the Penannular Jade City was also a small and relatively inconspicuous city on the edge of the Radial Immortal Star.

Ji Luofei had concealed her along with Shi Qionghua within the Penannular Jade City, a city on the fringes of the star for over five years. During these five years, Ji Luofei bought a Miniature World and used up most of the cultivation resources that Ning Cheng had left for her and Shi Qionghua for cultivation. And with the help of the Harmonising Celestial Pills, she finally advanced to the Celestial Bridge Realm.

One could say that no single cultivator within the entire Night Essence Celestial River had such favourable cultivation conditions like Ji Luofei. With piles of Perpetual Moon Pills and various medicinal pills, she quickly broke through the multiple cultivation barriers through her own efforts. Moreover, on reaching the full-circle of the Celestial Gatherer Realm, she even had a large number of Harmonising Celestial Pills handy. With Ji Luofei having qualifications far superior to the other cultivators, she finally managed to break through from the Celestial Novice Realm to the Celestial Bridge Realm in just five years.

However, by this time, she had almost entirely used up all the Perpetual Moon Pills and other medicinal pills that helped in breaking through. If she wanted to cultivate further, she would have to go out and search for more cultivation resources.

"Senior Apprentice Sister Qionghua, I will be leaving for a while." Ji Luofei whispered softly to the unconscious Shi Qionghua within the Miniature World. Since Shi Qionghua last fell into a slumber and failed to show any signs of waking up, Ji Luofei decided to seal Shi Qionghua with whatever sealing restrictions she knew and always kept Shi Qionghua around her.

To purchase this Miniature World, she had used up ten Harmonising Celestial Pills and a bunch of Perpetual Moon Pills; however, this Miniature World was the lowest grade Miniature World. If not for Big Sister Qionghua, she would never use so many resources in exchange for a low-level Miniature World.

When she and Ning Cheng decided to split way as a temporary measure, she made a vow to Ning Cheng to take care of Big Sister Qionghua. Because Qionghua ended up in such a state, she couldn't help but continuously feel fear and anxiety within her heart. Ji Luofei also felt guilty towards Ning Cheng for not fulfilling the promise made to him. Therefore, for now, all she could do was to improve her cultivation.

Ji Luofei walked into the Penannular Jade City's Trade Union; she intended to leave the Radial Immortal Star and go somewhere else. However, before she left, she changed her mind and decided to come to the Penannular Jade City's Trade Union one last time. She had already grown habitual to living in the Penannular Jade City, and suddenly changing places did not sit right for her. As long as she could find sufficient cultivation resources within Penannular Jade City, she intended to stay here for some more time, preferably till her cultivation reached Heaven's Mandate Realm.

"Senior...." Just as Ji Luofei walked in, many cultivators immediately bowed and made way for her.

Elsewhere, nobody would bother with such treatment for just a little Celestial Bridge Cultivator. But in Penannular Jade City, Celestial Bridge Cultivators were equivalent to supreme existences.

Ji Luofei nodded, only wanting to look at the big screen, trying to find places or tasks that could provide her with better cultivation resources. However, she quickly honed in on a nearby discussion, "Ice Immortal Ridge suddenly opened up. I heard that Heaven Seated Cultivators from all over are coming here because of it."

Ji Luofei felt surprised on hearing this information. She had lived in the Radial Immortal Star for quite a few years, and naturally was not a stranger to the Ice Immortal Ridge. The Ice Immortal Ridge, though called a ridge, was surrounded and sealed in ice and snow all year round. This kind of sealing was not something even a top-grade powerhouse could break undo. If someone forcibly tried to open it, it will immediately cause the Radial Immortal Star to collapse. The Radial Immortal Star was a planet under the rule of the Grand Culmination Starry Skies and inhabited by hundreds of billions of people. As such, no single cultivator dared to initiate the collapse of the Radial Immortal Star, without having the strength to go against the entire Grand Culmination Starry Sky. Besides, ordinary cultivators simply wouldn't be able to destroy the Radial Immortal Star by themselves.

No one knows how or when the Ice Immortal Ridge had formed or even when the seal appeared. Ji Luofei only knew that the Ice Immortal Ridge had mysteriously cracked open once a hundred thousand years ago, causing countless cultivators to rush inside to look for opportunities. However, the Ice Immortal Ridge quickly closed up again and none of the cultivators who stepped inside at that time came out. It even included many Heaven Seated Powerhouses.

This time, since the Ice Immortal Ridge had cracked open again, she immediately felt an impulse to check it out.

Ji Luofei knew very well that although she had excellent qualifications, she would have never advanced from the Celestial Novice Realm to all the way up to the Celestial Bridge Realm in just five years without the cultivation resources given to her by Ning Cheng. She planned to reach the Heaven Seated Realm as soon as possible; whether to find Ning Cheng or to provide Ning Cheng with some help, she had to get strong herself, which meant having to take risks.

The starry skies were boundless and contained countless starry sky cultivators. So many cultivators wanted to search for cultivation resources, and if she weren't willing to take the risk, where would she get the good stuff for cultivation? When with Ning Cheng, Ning Cheng would have taken care of such things even if she did not want it. Now that she was not around Ning Cheng anymore, she would have to depend only on herself to obtain such resources. Since Ning Cheng could venture out by himself to search for cultivation resources, then she, Ji Luofei, could also do the same.

Thinking of this, Ji Luofei made up her mind, whether it meant life or death, she would take the risk and check out the Ice Immortal Ridge.

Ji Luofei looked up to see the big screen and immediately saw the information about the Ice Immortal Ridge cracking open, followed by requests from many cultivators looking to form or join a team to go explore the Ice Immortal Ridge together.

Ji Luofei did not intend to team up with others. She only stayed for a little while in the trade union before quickly turning around and leaving.

After half-an-incense stick worth of time, Ji Luofei left the Penannular Jade City, brought out a flight-type weapon, and directly flew towards the Ice Immortal Ridge.

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“Bang” Ning Cheng shattered apart another huge meteorite with a single blow. Ning Cheng stood over the debris of the shattered meteorite, after finally coming out of seclusion after five years.

The violent Celestial Essence condensed into a powerful punch, which then immediately intercepted a rapidly approaching meteorite. When Ning Cheng’s punch stuck it, it quickly slowed down and by the time Ning Cheng’s fist dispersed, the meteorite burst with a loud bang and split apart into rubble.

Ning Cheng retracted his fist and gave out a sigh. During the five years he had cultivated in seclusion, he used up almost all the medicinal pills in his possession along with a significant chunk of the ten plus million Perpetual Moon Pills. This only brought his cultivation to the late-stage of the Heaven’s Mandate Realm, still a long way from the full-circle of the Heaven’s Mandate Realm. Despite that, his strength had grown by leaps and bounds compared to the past. However, he still felt that he was not qualified to speak with Heaven Seated Cultivators on the same level in his heart.

Without enough cultivation resources, it would be impossible for him to continue with secluded cultivation. Although he didn’t want to go to the Eternal Night Domain before advancing to the Heaven Seated Realm, this time, he had no choice but to go to the Eternal Night Domain.

For Ning Cheng, his cultivation not moving forward was the most terrible thing. As long as his cultivation could keep moving forward, he would have continued with secluded cultivation. In any case, he can’t let his cultivation to stagnate.

Taking out the Directional Jade Strip given by that female cultivator, Ning Cheng quickly found the location of the Eternal Night Domain.

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Chapter 653: Entering the Eternal Night Domain

Three months later, Ning Cheng stood outside the Eternal Night Domain. Previously, Ning Cheng had guessed that the Eternal Night Domain was just like the Rootless Black City, only another city-like area suspended within the void.

But after arriving here, Ning Cheng knew that he couldn’t be any more wrong about it.

How was this a city? This was simply a starland. Standing outside the Eternal Night Domain, Ning Cheng could clearly feel its majestic, imposing aura.

From a distance, the Defensive Array covering the Eternal Night Domain kept sparking with some lights that resembled the stars in the sky. On seeing this, Ning Cheng went into a trance. He seemed to have recalled the night scenery from Jiangzhou, which gave off similar lights. But this place was unknown miles away from Jiangzhou; at the very least, countless billion miles. Thinking of Jiangzhou, he then thought of Ruolan, who ventured into the starry sky because of him, and if she was doing fine.

Ning Cheng quickly cleared up his mind and stabilised his mood. Within the vast universe, if one wanted to do whatever one wanted to do, then one needs the appropriate strength and influence to do it. Currently, his power was still far too low to command such luxuries.

Outside the Eternal Night Domain, there was a public square suspended within the void. In Ning Cheng's opinion, this public square was even more extensive than the public square outside the Culmination Starland. Moreover, this public square directly connected one to the Eternal Night Domain.

Ning Cheng carefully landed on the public square, and just as he fell, a white light suddenly erupted from beneath his feet. Ning Cheng felt startled and immediately wanted to escape when two Daoist shadows had already flown over.

"Is this your first time coming to the Eternal Night Domain?" One of the cultivators who came over asked while staring at Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng, at this moment, had already come back to his senses and couldn't help but think about that white light? Was it caused by the array that covered the public square? The cultivators who came here, they must have some sort of mechanism to let them move around the array like a jade card. Most likely, because he had no such jade card on him, so the array covering the public square reacted with discharging that white light.

As Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness infiltrated into the public square, it immediately saw a pattern of lines that blocked him off. Looks like he had not guessed it wrong.

At this moment, around a dozen Spiritual Consciousness had already swept over and landed on Ning Cheng. Sensing the powerful Spiritual Consciousness, Ning Cheng immediately realised that there were quite a few among them with cultivation exceeding the Heaven Seated Realm.

Ning Cheng took in a deep breath and cupped his fists before speaking, "It's not the first time I've come to the Eternal Night Domain. I'm a person from the Su Clan. I was looking for cultivation resources on the outside, and because of some dangers along the way, I ended up losing my storage ring."

If one lost one's storage ring, then it would typically mean that one had surely lost everything. As for the array cards, they certainly would also end up lost.

Hearing that this was not Ning Cheng's first time to the Eternal Night Domain, and even a person from the Su Clan, the two cultivators immediately lost interest. One of them then said to Ning Cheng, "In that case, you're gonna have to make up for that array card on your own."

After saying that, the two people simply did not bother to pay any attention to Ning Cheng and quickly left. Even those Spiritual Consciousnesses that had swept towards Ning Cheng promptly moved away. Apparently, they all thought that since Ning Cheng lost his storage ring, then it would also mean that he lost his array card.

Ning Cheng breathed a sigh of relief. Looks like the Su Clan enjoyed a special status within the Eternal Night Domain. When that Su Clan's female cultivator had given her that jade strip, it hadn't mentioned that one would need to obtain an Array Formation Jade Card the first time one came to the Eternal Night Domain. Regardless of if she had done this on purpose, he still had not expected such a reaction.

Ning Cheng walked into a lobby at the edge of the public square and quickly scanned through the area and found a huge sign. Eternal Night Domain's Array Controlling Jade Card House.

Before going in to get a jade card, Ning Cheng deliberately observed whatever happened in and around it and found that it was more of a rest stop than a jade card hall. He even saw a few cultivators chatting leisurely inside while sipping on Spiritual Tea or Spiritual Wine.

There still were a few cultivators inside trading amongst each other, but Ning Cheng found that they did not use celestial coins, the main form of currently commonly used in the four grand starry skies. Instead, most of the cultivators used Starry Sky Crystals, while a very few cultivators among them used Perpetual Moon Pills.

"Hey, why are you here?" Just when Ning Cheng wanted to go in to get the Eternal Night Domain's Array Formation Jade Card, a voice from behind called out to Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng also recognised the female cultivator; she was one of the three people he had met back then.

"Ning Cheng greets Senior Apprentice Sister." Ning Cheng had only recently said that he was a person from the Su Clan. Since someone from the Su Clan had appeared here, he quickly rushed up to greet her.

"So you're called Ning Cheng. Did you find out that our Little Miss is getting married and came here to congratulate her?" The female cultivator did not seem to regard him as an outsider. Seeing that Ning Cheng had come here, she immediately thought that Ning Cheng came to congratulate the Su Clan's Little Miss for her wedding.

When people thought that Ning Cheng had come here for the first time, a lot of Spiritual Consciousnesses had kept a close eye on him, making him get a sense of the dangers of the Eternal Night Domain. Now hearing about the female cultivator he met back then, whom this girl addressed as Little Miss, Ning Cheng immediately followed up and spoke, "Yeah, I heard about it while roaming outside; so I decided to come back. I hope I managed to make it on time."

It was truly a coincidence that he had just arrived at the Eternal Night Domain and the Su Clan's Little Miss was about to get married.

"Naturally, it's not too late. I'm anyway here to pick up people. You can go there first. I'll wait here for a little while longer for the others." When the female cultivator heard that Ning Cheng came here to offer congratulations, her tone immediately turned polite.

Ning Cheng immediately took advantage of the situation and spoke, "Although I just returned, I don't have an invitation. Moreover, I don't even know Senior Apprentice Sister's name."

The female cultivator giggled and took out an invitation before handing it over to Ning Cheng, "I'm called Ji Min. It's just an invitation. You can go ahead first. I have to pick up someone."

Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness immediately scanned the invitation and realised that the female cultivator who sent him the jade strip was called Su Baijiao and the man who was about to marry Su Baijiao had the name Duan Gantai.

"Many thanks, Senior Apprentice Sister Ji Min. But since I just returned to the Eternal Night Domain, I still need to get an Array Controlling Jade Card....." Ning Cheng had some Celestial Essence Crystals on him; but when he looked back at the Celestial Essence Crystals that he owned, they seemed inferior in quality compared to what he saw here. As for Perpetual Moon Pills, he had wholly used them up. Since this woman expected him to come here bearing gifts, then he might as well ask another favour from this Ji Min.

"Such a trivial thing, you don't need to buy it. I have an extra here." Ji Min took out a jade card and put it into Ning Cheng's hand before continuing, "This is an anonymous jade card, so remember to give it back before leaving the Eternal Night Domain. Okay."

Although she treated Ning Cheng as a guest, in Ji Min's eyes, Ning Cheng was obviously less important of a guest. After stuffing the jade card into Ning Cheng's hand, she quickly rushed off.

Ning Cheng hung the jade card at his waist and once again walked up onto the public square. The while light under feet finally disappeared. Seeing that, he felt relieved. In any case, he completed the first task to obtain an entry into the Eternal Night Domain. From now on, even if it were people from the Eternal Night Domain, no one would dare to come to inquire about him, at least not openly.

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Entering the Eternal Night Domain from the public square suspended in the void, Ning Cheng quickly realised that he had forgotten to ask Ji Min about Su Clan's location.

The Eternal Night Domain was not exactly a city. This place was no different from a starland. Moreover, it not only contained many cities, it also had many corner cities and a few sectarian forces.

Ning Cheng stopped a cultivator in the Celestial Bridge Realm before taking out a Jade Scale Pill and spoke, "This friend, I lost my Eternal Night Domain's jade strip map. Do you have one? Let me buy it from you."

The cultivator on seeing that the Jade Scale Pill in his hands was a real Grade 4 Celestial River Medicinal Pill, quickly took out a jade strip and stuffed it into Ning Cheng's hands. Then grabbing Ning Cheng's medicinal pill, he immediately turned away. Exchanging a Jade Scale Pill for an ordinary Eternal Night Domain's regular jade strip map, who would be stupid enough to refuse it?

But the cultivator quickly realised something. Even if someone lost the Eternal Night Domain's Jade Strip, why would one take out a medicinal pill to exchange for it? The Eternal Night Domain had too many places to buy such jade strips. At this moment, he fully realised something. It must be that cultivator's first time in the Eternal Night Domain. Usually, the cultivators who came to the Eternal Night Domain, as long as they did not have too high cultivations, were all fat sheep.

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Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness only needed to scan the jade strip once before realising that the Su Clan had its base in the Eternal Night Domain's largest City, the Eternal Night City. According to the map

within the jade strip, Eternal Night City was undoubtedly the largest city within the Eternal Night Domain and was located nearest to the Eternal Night Public Square.

Following the directions marked in the jade strip, Ning Cheng quickly reached the Eternal Night City in just an incense stick worth of time. The Eternal Night city had no walls, only a layer of array formations surrounded it, acting as a layer of defence.

After entering the Eternal Night City, and under the Clear Light Array Formations, one could clearly see the many festive signs on both sides of the street, the celebratory signs set up by the Su Clan for Su Baijiao's wedding. Looking at this, Ning Cheng realised that Su Clan held a high position in the Eternal Night City and even in the Eternal Night Domain.

Although there weren't many people on the street, Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness swept around and found several Heaven Seated Powerhouses. Sensing that, he quickly recalled his Spiritual Consciousness and did not dare to sweep out casually again.

Just a few thousand meters down the Eternal Night Street, a luxuriously styled doorway appeared in front of Ning Cheng. On the door, he found several big words inscribed in flamboyant font, Eternal Night's Su Clan. Showcasing the Su Clan's status within the Eternal Night Domain and displaying its imposing aura.

The front of the Su Clan's doorway was decorated in even more festivities, and two Heaven's Mandate Cultivators stood on each side of the door to receive guests. Of these four cultivators, any one of them had cultivation comparable to Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng took out the invitation and spoke, "I'm here to attend Senior Apprentice Sister Baijiao's wedding."

"Honourable guest, please come in." The four Heaven's Mandate Cultivators bowed to Ning Cheng at the same time and then ushered him through the door behind them.

Although Ning Cheng prepared some gifts, he had no opportunity to take them out; moreover, the four cultivators showed no indications of accepting any gifts at all. Therefore, Ning Cheng gave up the idea of giving any gifts and entered through the doorway.

As soon as he entered through the doorway, a pretty-looking server came towards him and bowed.

At this moment, another cultivator came inside with an invitation. The four people at the doorway also bowed towards this cultivator before ushering that fellow through the door, while another female cultivator came up to the cultivator to lead the way. Ning Cheng noticed that this cultivator also did not bring out any gifts.

This cultivator had a Heaven Seated Cultivation; therefore, Ning Cheng pretended to stop out of respect and let the cultivator in the Heaven Seated Realm walk in front. Since Ning Cheng stopped, the female cultivator leading the way for him also stopped.

That Heaven Seated Cultivator didn't know that Ning Cheng wanted to follow behind him and see what he did. He just thought that Ning Cheng was only showing respect to the seniors as a junior, and nodded in Ning Cheng's direction out of courtesy.

To the disappointment of Ning Cheng. The female cultivator guiding him did not follow the Heaven Seated Cultivator, but turned towards another direction and took him over to the other side. She soon brought Ning Cheng through an arch and into a huge lobby. Although he called it a lobby, it was better to say that it was no different from the main hall.

As Ning Cheng took in everything, he observed that the main hall contained luxurious and opulent decorations with nearly a hundred people already sitting in the main room. Looking at the absence of a Heaven Seated Cultivator among them, Ning Cheng realised that there was a difference between how the guests were treated here. Heaven Seated guests obviously didn't sit with them.

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Chapter 654: Prodigal Son-in-law

The leading female cultivator took Ning Cheng to a seat and indicated him to sit down before immediately retreating. A moment later, another person showed up to serve some Spiritual Tea.

Ning Cheng's Celestial Wheels looked vague, and even his imposing aura didn't feel mighty. From the people's perspective, he was at most a cultivator in the Undead Realm. Looking at such an ordinary cultivator, people would only glance at him before looking away. No one would care about Ning Cheng as if he was a bottle of soy sauce.

Ning Cheng also did not go looking for someone to talk with; in any case, the people who came here to attend Su Baijiao's wedding definitely would have some status around these areas. With his status, he most likely was not in a position to be taken seriously by these people.

Quietly sipping the Spiritual Tea on one side, he listened in on the cultivators conversing around him. Through these conversations among the cultivators, Ning Cheng learned a few more things about the Eternal Night Domain.

Although the Eternal Night Domain had the void surrounding it on all sides, one could still be blessed with good luck in the form of not just the Perpetual Moon Pill's Pill Mountain, or even Pill Ponds, but also in the form of Permanent Essence Pill Ponds.

Ning Cheng had never seen Permanent Essence Pills before, but he definitely knew that Permanent Essence Pills were a much higher grade of cultivation resource compared to the Perpetual Moon Pills. Moreover, it was not something that people could artificially refine, and could only form by the condensation of starry sky Essence Qi under stringent conditions and after countless years of scouring under unique environments. It contained no impurities and had no side effects, only pure Essence Qi for cultivation.

"This friend, I just heard people say that Senior Ji Gen had managed to find a Permanent Essence Pill's Pill Mountain. How is it that a lot of people already know about it, yet no one covets it?" Ning Cheng whispered a question to a Heaven's Mandate Cultivator from the side.

The cultivator glanced at Ning Cheng and spoke up in disdain, "Covet? After Senior Ji Gen obtained that Permanent Essence Pill's Pill Mountain, he not only advanced to the Eternal Realm but also surpassed the Eternal Realm. With this kind of power, who would dare to covet it? Moreover, since Senior Ji Gen had such cultivation, then he naturally would leave through the seams within the Eternal Night Domain."

Ning Cheng didn't care about the tone of the other party and still asked with a polite voice, "You said that Senior Ji Gin went beyond the Eternal Realm after obtaining the Permanent Essence Pill's Pill Mountain? Aren't Permanent Essence Pills only pills for cultivation? I've heard that one could only go beyond the Eternal Realm after confirming their Dao."

"What do you know? With a Permanent Essence Pill's Pill Mountain, one would naturally succeed in confirming his or her Dao....." The cultivator felt very dissatisfied with Ning Cheng's refutation of what he meant.

Although Ning Cheng did not care about it, a small-eyed cultivator sitting a little farther away from Ning Cheng suddenly spoke up, "If you don't know about it then don't speak nonsense. This friend definitely is right. Permanent Essence Pills are only cultivation pills and definitely cannot help in confirming one's Dao. The only reason Senior Ji Gin managed to confirm his Dao was due to him finding an opportunity to confirm his Dao on the Permanent Essence Pill's Pill Mountain and not because of the Permanent Essence Pills themselves."

"I wish I could have obtained such an opportunity...." The cultivator next to this fellow spoke up with a sigh.

Ning Cheng didn't interrupt. He did not think that void around the Eternal Night Domain would contain so many Pill Mountains. From the looks of it, the area around this domain was a good place for condensing Pill Mountains. If he could not find any opportunities of earning Permanent Essence Pills in the Eternal Night Domain, then maybe he could go out and explore the area. However, before heading out, he must thoroughly investigate the void around the Eternal Night Domain.

With his Starry Sky Wheel, Ning Cheng felt confident enough to travel to someplace that no one else had ever explored before.

At this moment, a pretty-looking female cultivator walked into the main hall. Walking up to the main stage, she bowed to everyone before speaking, "To thank all the guests coming to our Su Clan, Little Miss and her fiancé will be coming here to greet the distinguish guests personally."

The cultivators in the main hall quickly stood up and applauded. Ning Cheng also followed suit by standing up and applauding.

Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness was so powerful that he could still hear a whisper from the corner behind him, "That Duan Gantai sure is lucky to get into the Su Clan...."

"Don't talk nonsense. Prepare your gifts. It's impolite to talk about the future groom in this place." Someone immediately interrupted that fellow's following words.

Hearing this, Ning Cheng came to understand that Duan Gantai might actually be a prodigal son-in-law who married into the in-law's family. Moreover, he also understood why the ones attending the wedding did not present their gifts before. Looks like they had to offer their gifts here in person. When he pondered over it for a moment, he quickly realised what was going on. To all the people who came here to give their gifts, this ceremony was a form of comparison. Although not explicit, it caused people to look down upon others who brought lesser gifts.

Looks like this Su Clan definitely was not subtle about it. In China, the matter of presenting wedding gifts was very subtle. Even the ordinary act of giving and receiving gifts on other regular occasions was done in subtlety. However, when it came to the Eternal Night Domain, the entire process of giving gifts was a direct indication of one's sincerity. As he thought of all this, Ning Cheng decided not to take out the bottle of medicinal pills that he had prepared beforehand.

A few moments later, two young kids lead a man and a woman into the main hall and onto the main stage. The woman had a red cloud cape covering her and wore a Phoenix Crown over her head. Her appearance looked similar to that of a Chinese bride in ancient times. Golden tassels hung down the front of the Phoenix Crown, which completely covered her face.

Yet, Ning Cheng still recognised her. This female cultivator was the same woman he had met in the past, the one who gave him the two jade strips.

However, when Ning Cheng saw Su Baijiao's fiancé, he couldn't help but feel a burst of chill within his heart. This groom-to-be was just too ugly. His nostrils almost curled up towards the sky, while his thick lips protruded as if afraid that people wouldn't recognise them. This fellow even had huge eyes, round and without any edges at all.

Ning Cheng felt pity and almost laughed on thinking of Su Baijiao's charming appearance paired with such a fellow and wondered how any woman would willingly bear it. He simply couldn't figure out what advantage did this Duan Gantai had that made Su Clan's Su Baijiao marry him. In any case, he was not one to pry into such matters.

As for why Duan Gantai did not undergo cosmetic augmentations to his looks, Ning Cheng did not feel surprised about it. Cultivators were inherently different from ordinary people. Cultivators cultivated by going against the laws of the heavens. And the so-called appearance came from a combination of one's heart and one's soul. As such, one's appearance after birth may change after stepping onto the path of cultivation. However, this change would never be too big. Although one could still cosmetically change their appearance through surgery and other procedures, as long as one continued to cultivate, one's original appearance would gradually emerge before finally reverting to what it was once in the past.

As for female cultivators and those who had a feminine body, the modification of appearance was a slightly more subtle process compared to the male cultivators and those with dominant male characteristics. Quite a few cultivation methods out there even made female cultivators grow more beautiful through cultivation. Because of this reason, most of the female cultivators within the starry skies had a pretty appearance. Moreover, these levels of beauty could even be passed on to future generations, unlike the artificial beauty created through other means. Even if someone looked extremely beautiful due to artificial factors but after the birth of the next generation, everything would become apparent.

Ning Cheng observed Su Baijiao and Duan Gantai through his Spiritual Consciousness. And just when Su Baijiao's Spiritual Consciousness landed on Ning Cheng, Ning Cheng quickly recalled his Spiritual Consciousness and held up his cupped fists towards Su Baijiao. He understood that Su Baijiao had recognised him.

Sure enough, Su Baijiao gave a slight nod to Ning Cheng, which looked like an unexpected accident. However, a moment later, Ning Cheng immediately felt a trace of fierce killing intent sweeping over him.

It was from Duan Gantai. Looks like this fellow truly has acute sensitivity. He and Si Baijiao had only exchanged a slight nod as greetings, yet this fellow still managed to notice it. No wonder the Su Clan wanted to bring in Duan Gantai. Looks like this fellow was not simple. However, Ning Cheng didn't care about it. Duan Gantai was only at the full-circle of the Heaven's Mandate Realm. It was not enough to make him feel fear.

"This Meng Yangze felt fortunate to see Fairy Baijiao three years ago, who already felt like a celestial being. Yet in today's celebration. Fairy Baijiao looks even more amazing. Please accept this Meng Yangze's small gift as congratulations to Fairy Baijiao for her wedding....."

A handsome man dressed in white robes stood up, causing Duan Gantai to shift the focus of his killing intent from Ning Cheng to this fellow immediately. To be exact, it was after this white-robed man praised Su Baijiao's beauty that Duan Gantai shifted his killing intent on to this man called Meng Yangze.

Ning Cheng felt a little speechless about this. Looks like this Duan Gantai was a little too sensitive. Meng Yangze had only praised Su Baijiao's beauty as a courtesy, yet this fellow actually bared killing intent at him. If someone said an extra word about Su Baijiao or said something excessive, then wouldn't it mean that this fellow would immediately erupt in anger? How was he going to live with Su Baijiao in the future?

Meng Yangze was the first one to bring out a gift. Seeing that, a female cultivator standing behind Su Baijiao immediately came forward with a white jade tray. Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness swept out and saw Meng Yangze putting a storage ring onto the jade tray, along with a list of gifts. The list read, 'One middle-grade defensive-type Dao Artefact, Jade Hairpin; 100,000 high-grade Immortal Crystals; 5000 Perpetual Moon Pills.'

The storage ring had no restrictions, allowing Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness to seep into the storage ring and immediately see the high-grade Immortal Crystals. When he looked at it, it looked similar to the Starry Sky Crystals in his storage ring. The only thing different was that these crystals were much purer compared to his Starry Sky Crystals. From this, Ning Cheng also understood that the Starry Sky Crystals in his storage ring were only of low quality while realising that high-grade Immortal Crystals was just another name for the Starry Sky Crystal. Most likely, this different nomenclature originated from a different positional plane.

The female cultivator took Meng Yangze's gift and immediately declared, "Eternal Night Domain's Refining Heart Mountain's Disciple Meng Yangze sends one middle-grade Dao Artefact Jade Hairpin, one hundred thousand high-grade Immortal Crystals and five thousand Perpetual Moon Pills."

Even in Ning Cheng's opinion, this 'gift' was not a casual one. But to everyone's surprise, Duan Gantai snorted and said, "Today is my big wedding day with Baijiao. What do you mean by sending us medicinal pills[1]?"

Ning Cheng, just like the rest of the cultivators, felt surprised. Perpetual Moon Pills were only cultivation resources. Strictly speaking, it was not a medicinal pill at all. Besides, even if it were medicinal pills, Duan Gantai, as the son-in-law marrying into the wife's family, didn't have to make a big deal out of it right away; moreover, he didn't even show the slightest hint of subtlety when asking about it.

This fellow had only presented his gift with good intentions, yet this fellow, instead of accepting the gift out of kindness, actually treated it as donkey's liver and lungs.

Meng Yangze's expression suddenly turned ugly. He had thought long and hard about sending Perpetual Moon Pills as a part of the wedding gift. One had to know that these pills still played a significant role in cultivation for someone like him; as such, people similar to him would not easily take them out to present it as a gift. Yet, this fellow not only did not appreciate it, he even tried to find faults. This was too much.

At this moment, Su Baijiao suddenly spoke up, "Lord Husband, Senior Apprentice Brother Meng sent those Perpetual Moon Pills out of kindness. Moreover, Perpetual Moon Pills are not medicinal pills, and definitely not something unlucky."

Duan Gantai only gave a cold snort but did not continue to find faults. Just like that, this matter finally ended.

Su Baijiao did not seem to care about Duan Gantai's cold snort. Instead, she nodded to the female cultivator who received the gift. The female cultivator saw it and continued with a loud voice, "As a courtesy of receiving such a generous gift from Meng Yangze, please proceed to take a seat in the inner residence."

Meng Yangze's expressions immediately turned a little relaxed. He stood up, held up his cupped fists towards the rest of the people in the hall, and followed the same female cultivator, who had led him here, out of the main hall.

Ning Cheng realised that these gifts originally served as a sort of entry requirement so that one could go into the inner residence and continue to be a guest. Otherwise, one could only sit here for a while before leaving. To be more direct, only those who could provide satisfactory gifts could go to the inner courtyard and continue with the ceremony.

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Chapter 655: Purple Yin Spirit Spring Pearl

With Meng Yangze's example, the later cultivators started to bring out their gifts one after another. Most of the gifts comprised of Immortal Crystals, high-grade starry sky Spiritual Grasses, Dao Artefacts, starry sky battleships, and the like. However, no one brought out any Perpetual Moon Pills anymore, which Ning Cheng felt a bit hilarious.

This Duan Gantai truly was quite the idiotic fellow, his stupid actions invariably forced the guests to hold back on the most precious of gifts. What was the most important thing for a cultivator? It naturally was any form of cultivation resource. Moreover, Perpetual Moon Pills were undoubtedly a much better cultivation resource for Heaven's Mandate Cultivators compared to the high-grade Immortal Crystals.

Ning Cheng knew that he would have to change his gifts once again. Previously, he had prepared a bottle of Grade 4 Celestial River Medicinal Pills, the Harmonising Celestial Pills. However, with the example set by Meng Yangze, if he gave medicinal pills, which weren't even Perpetual Moon Pills, it would be akin to asking for trouble.

Sure enough, just as Ning Cheng speculated, the female cultivator receiving the gifts would only invite people to the inner residence if they provided gifts of relatively high value.

This was akin to a competition of reputation. Many cultivators in this place knew about each other. Therefore, if everyone else around them ended up invited to the inner residence as a guest, while they could not get inside, they would cause them to lose a lot of face.

But despite this, the cultivators who managed to enter the inner residence were not many. Not all the cultivators who came here were as wealthy as Meng Yangze was. Therefore, although most of the cultivators did not feel willing enough to lose face, they still could not bring out many precious things.

However, Ning Cheng didn't care about any of it. He didn't know anybody here. The only reason why Ning Cheng came here to give gifts was that Ji Min had helped him with a few things. He couldn't just tell Ji Min that he purposefully came here to attend Su Baijiao's wedding only to disappear into the Eternal Night Domain.

Ning Cheng prepared his own gift, a medium-grade Celestial River-class Battleship. It was a spoil of war that he had acquired sometime back, and just right as a gift for such an occasion. After giving this gift, Ning Cheng would immediately leave. As for trying to go into the inner residence as a guest, he simply had no interest in it.

Just then, the voice of the female cultivator announcing the received gifts almost caused Ning Cheng to jump up in surprise. Ning Cheng couldn't help but think that he might have heard it wrong. Listening to the words more carefully, he heard that female cultivator repeating that sentence for the second time. "Disciple Gongye Zhuo of the Eternal Night Domain's Weapon Pavilion sends ten drops of Purple Yin Spring Water. Please proceed to the inner residence....."

Ning Cheng has been searching for the Purple Yin Spirit Spring, which many people didn't even know. Yet, today he actually heard about the Purple Yin Spring Water. It's just that he didn't know if this Purple Yin Spring Water was the same Purple Yin Spirit Spring that he was looking for. But whether or not it was the same thing, Ning Cheng would not miss the opportunity to meet this Gongye Zhuo and try to find more about it.

He really had no idea if anyone in the Grand Culmination Starry Skies knew about the Purple Yin Spring Water, but even a server here knew that it was a good thing.

Gongye Zhuo followed another female cultivator into the inner residence. At this moment, only a few cultivators in the hall had not yet presented their gifts. In any case, when Ning Cheng saw the female cultivator walking towards him, he took out a storage ring and placed it on the white jade tray along with the list of gifts.

When the female cultivator saw Ning Cheng's list of gifts, her eyes immediately lit up and announced, "Eternal Night Domain's Ning Cheng sends one tail feather from the Starry Sky Grade 9 Flame Wind Crow, one middle-grade defensive-type Dao Artefact, and one intermediate-level Celestial River-class Battleship....."

Almost all the eyes within the hall swept towards Ning Cheng. A rogue cultivator with modest cultivation actually brought out so many good things. Needless to say, the tail feathers of a Starry Sky Grade 9

Demonic Beast like the Flame Wind Crow was worth a lot more than almost all the gifts presented by the cultivators previously.

Even Su Baijiao's gaze fell onto Ning Cheng, secretly marvelling at Ning Cheng's generosity and richness. She decided to talk to Ning Cheng later and try to rope Ning Cheng into the Su Clan. Although Ning Cheng was indeed a cultivator within the Celestial River's Three Realms, this cultivator definitely showed great potential. Evidenced by the fact that he could freely take out so many good things. It also indicated that this fellow definitely had more good stuff on him.

The only one with a hostile gaze was Duan Gantai. He had previously seen Ning Cheng greeting Su Baijiao before, and now Ning Cheng had even given such a significant gift. This made feel extremely uncomfortable. However, since Ning Cheng didn't give any medicinal pills, he also couldn't find any excuses to deal with him.

"Congratulations to Ning Cheng. Please take a seat in the inner residence...."

Ning Cheng felt a little relieved after hearing those words from the female cultivator. He had added a middle-grade Dao Artefact and a Celestial River-class Battleship on the last moment, afraid that the Flame Wind Crow's tail feather might not be sufficient as a wedding gift for Duan Gantai. When it came to any information about the Purple Yin Spirit Spring, why would he care about a middle-grade Dao Artefact and an ordinary Celestial River-class Battleship?

Although other cultivators considered middle-grade Dao Artefacts as precious items, for him, he could make them a dime a dozen as long as he had the required materials. Even when it came to the Starry Sky Grade 9 Flame Wind Crow's tail feathers, he had at least twenty to thirty of them in his storage ring.

Ning Cheng followed another female cultivator inside and walked into a hall that seemed to be made out of wood. Although the room did not look luxurious from the outside, as soon as Ning Cheng walked in, he immediately felt the difference. This difference was in the form of a gurgling vitality that oozed into the hall. Ning Cheng felt sure that although this hall looked like it was made out of pure wood, it definitely was a treasure. Since the Su Clan could construct such a room with this kind of vitality-oozing timber, then it definitely indicated that the Su Clan had a lot of money.

The hall had a few dozen cultivators sitting inside, and Ning Cheng saw several Heaven Seated Powerhouses among the crowd. Seeing no powerhouses in the Life and Death or the Eternal Realm, Ning Cheng finally felt a little relieved. He naturally didn't think that the Su Clan did not have any experts in the Life and Death or the Eternal Realm as guests. Most likely, these experts would have sent someone else to give their gifts, while the Su Clan hosted them separately.

The female cultivator leading Ning Cheng took him to one of the seats. But instead of sitting in the chair she indicated, Ning Cheng nodded to her and took the initiative to sit next to Gongye Zhuo. The female cultivator, the one who led the way, on seeing Ning Cheng finding his own seat did not say anything. She just offered some Spiritual Tea before voluntarily withdrawing.

The guests sitting in this hall most likely were the VIPs of the Su Clan. Apart from the seven or eight Heaven Seated Cultivators and some of the other cultivators with certain statuses, the rest were like Ning Cheng, who had come in through the gift-giving ceremony.

The cultivators in the Heaven Seated Realm naturally sat at the front and chatted amongst themselves. As for Ning Cheng and the others, who had not yet stepped into the Heaven Seated Realm, they only chatted amongst themselves through quiet voices.

Gongye Zhuo could see that Ning Cheng had deliberately come to sit down beside him; so, he just gave a nod to Ning Cheng in acknowledgement. Ning Cheng then cupped his fists towards Gongye Zhuo and spoke, "Rogue Cultivator Ning Cheng greets Brother Gongye."

Ning Cheng's courtesy immediately gained Gongye Zhuo's favour, and he also returned the greetings, "I dare not, it's a great honour for this Gongye Zhuo to get to know Brother Ning."

Ning Cheng certainly understood why Gongye Zhuo returned such polite greetings. However, he did not care about it. Instead, he whispered, "Brother Gongye, I just saw you come up with Purple Yin Spring Water. What is that, if I may ask? It seems that others know about it, yet I'm the only one who seems ignorant about it."

Gongye Zhuo on seeing Ning Cheng's sincere attitude, also spoke up in a frank manner, "Looks like Brother Ning has been gaining experience on the outside for a long time and has only recently returned to the Eternal Night Domain. A hundred years ago, two powerful Dao Confirming Cultivators fought with each other right outside the Eternal Night Domain. Of the two, one was a man and the other a woman, each of them with amazing cultivation. I'm afraid that even those Eternal Starry Sky Emperors would not dare to treat these two powerhouses on the same level as them. Back then, outside the Eternal Night Domain, the female cultivator had asked the man to surrender the Purple Yin Spirit Spring Bead. However, the man refused, resulting in the two people fighting it out outside the Eternal Night Domain."

At this point, Gongye Zhuo's tone turned even lower, "You know what? It turns out there are two broken planets somewhere outside but in the range of the Eternal Night Domain, but the two broken planets have their two array formations within the Eternal Night Domain. Between those two broken planets, people say that one would find a beautiful spiritual spring pool. But this starry sky spiritual spring pool is not something used purely for cultivation; instead, it's used for setting up Eternal Night Domain's imposing aura and spirituality."

"When those two powerhouses battled it out, even though far away from the Eternal Night Domain, the two broken planets' array entrances turned to dust from the shockwaves. If not for that, the Eternal Night Domain would be much more powerful than it is now. Fortunately, the two cultivators realised in time that there were many cultivators still living in the Eternal Night Domain. Therefore, after destroying the two broken planet's array formations in the Eternal Night Domain, they immediately departed."

When Ning Cheng heard of the Purple Yin Spirit Spring Bead, he grew more suspicious of the relationship between this Purple Yin Spirit Spring Bead and Purple Yin Spirit Spring. Because of this, he asked with even more anxiousness, "Brother Gongye, can I act out of line, and ask about where you obtained the Purple Yin Spirit Water?"

Gongye Zhuo, who also seemed quite interested in talking, replied, "The Purple Yin Spirit Water is related to those two powerful cultivators who ended up in a fight outside. That senior with the powerful cultivation, the female cultivator, seemed to be called as Ji Xi. At that time, that man had taken out a bead and spoke with a sneer, 'If you have the ability, then take it from me.' Unexpectedly, the man held and shown so much pride that the female cultivator called Ji Xi directly attacked him without another

word. In the end, the Purple Yin Spirit Spring Bead fell into the starry sky spiritual spring pool outside the Eternal Night Domain.”

“But the female cultivator was so fast that she managed to grab the Purple Yin Spirit Spring Bead from inside the spring and fled quickly. That man then became so angry that he immediately gave chase. From then on, no one heard any news about those two characters. The Purple Yin Spring Water is the water from the spiritual spring pool that soaked the Purple Yin Spirit Spring Bead.”

“So much?” Ning Cheng’s spoke up in a little louder voice in surprise, which immediately attracted a lot of attention. However, Ning Cheng’s didn’t care much about it at this time.

Gongye Zhuo continued with an even lower voice, “That’s right, that starry sky spiritual spring pool became even more special because of the Purple Yin Spirit Spring Bead that fell into it. The water from the Spiritual Spring Pool could help people gain a deeper understanding of their spirit techniques, and could even help Body Forging Cultivators to strengthen their meridians. Thus, this spring water naturally is a very precious commodity. However, I only managed to obtain ten drops accidentally. So today, I took the opportunity to give it away as a gift to Fairy Baijiao.”

Ning Cheng took in a breath of cold air. No wonder everyone here knows about the Purple Yin Spirit Water. Ning Cheng truly had never expected that he would hear about the Purple Yin Spirit Water in this place.

Back then, when the Purple Yin Spirit Spring Bead only dipped into the spring water, it ended up creating such a substantial effect. Didn’t this mean that the Purple Yin Spirit Spring Bead was just too powerful?

Nevertheless, Ning Cheng felt sure that even if the Purple Yin Spirit Spring bead was not the Purple Yin Spirit Spring he was looking for, the Purple Yin Spirit Spring Bead was definitely the one that he was searching. Not only was the name similar, but it was even a bead. Moreover, both of them also seemed to have the same function. Strengthening one’s spirit techniques and reshaping the meridians.

However, the Purple Yin Spring Water cannot help much in reshaping the meridians, because the Purple Yin Spring Water had only formed in an instantaneous moment when the Purple Yin Spirit Spring Bead had only dipped into it.

In any case, where would he find Ji Xi? Besides, even if he found Ji Xi, how could he retrieve the Purple Yin Spirit Spring Bead from her? Ji Xi and that other male cultivator fought outside the Eternal Night Domain, and their fight even destroyed the array entrances within the Eternal Night Domain. Moreover, no Eternal-level Starry Sky Emperors came out to stop them, which indicated that their cultivations were far stronger than even Eternal-level Starry Sky Emperors.

Even facing an Eternal-level Holy Emperor, he would have no choice but to escape with all his might. If he encountered Ji Xi, who was a cultivator much stronger than Eternal-level Starry Sky Emperors, he most likely wouldn’t even have the chance to escape.

Ning Cheng’s eyes darkened at the thought. To put it more bluntly, his strength was simply too bad.

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Chapter 656: The Ice Immortal Ridge Changes Again

While Ning Cheng worried about the Purple Yin Spirit Spring in the Eternal Night Domain, Ji Luofei finally reached the periphery of the Ice Immortal Ridge.

Ji Luofei only knew about the place called Ice Immortal Ridge, but she had never come here before. She only knew that this place remained frozen throughout the year, and no one could peer into the situation inside.

As Ji Luofei stood outside the Ice Immortal Ridge at this moment, she saw a three-foot-wide and ten-foot-tall crack. However, when her Spiritual Consciousness tried to sweep inside, she couldn't see anything at all. The ice inside seemed to freeze her Spiritual Consciousness solid.

Did this crack lead to the heart of the Ice Immortal Ridge? Ji Luofei looked at the crack in ice in front of her, which looked like the mouth of death, and subconsciously shuddered. She didn't know if going in was the correct choice or not.

In addition to the terrible cold coming from the depths, this crack also gave off a strong feeling of many good things just beyond it.

While Ji Luofei still kept hesitating, a few Daoist shadows quickly passed by from her side and rushed into the Ice Immortal Ridge's crack.

Ji Luofei suddenly felt ashamed for hesitating after seeing others weaker than her rushing inside without pausing. She had made up her mind to go inside and even prepared herself mentally to stay inside the Ice Immortal Cave for a period before coming here. But she finally wavered when she stood at the entrance of the Ice Immortal Ridge, yet she also felt inappropriate not to go inside due to fear.

At this moment, Ning Cheng's voice and smiling face once again appeared in Ji Luofei's mind. Seeing that, a steady and calm expression suddenly appeared over her face and with a flash of her body, she disappeared into the crack of this icy mountain.

After entering, Ji Luofei immediately felt horrifying layers of cold wrap around her, which forced her to crazily burn through her Celestial Essence while moving deeper inside.

This crack within the Ice Immortal Ridge seemed endless, and even though Ji Luofei rushed inside with all her might, she only encountered an occasional fork down the path. Some of these forks led to walls of impenetrable ice while some led to icy lakes. It was just that everything inside was utterly frozen. A snowy white colour seemed to cover everything the eyes could see.

To Ji Luofei's surprise, no matter for how long she kept moving, no matter how fast she ran, apart from the occasional fork, she seemed like the only living being in this place.

Ji Luofei kept flying for several days, but she did not encounter any cultivation resource, nor any secret places. Two more days later, she felt her Celestial Essence started to go out of control. It felt as if something within her body had begun to turn into a flame that wanted to consume her from the inside out.

This feeling of burning came from her body's meridians. It felt like she would end up burned to ashes because of this flame the next moment.

At this moment, Ji Luofei's cultivation, including her Celestial Essence and Spiritual Consciousness, felt like they had transformed into buckets of oil that then fed the flame within her body. It seems that the higher her cultivation, the more oil she produced.

"Poof....." As the terrifying fire swept through Ji Luofei's Zifu, her Zifu instantly cracked. The impact was so massive that she could not help but spit out a mouthful of hot blood. The hot blood immediately stained the surrounding ice. Even though the blood contained a high temperature, it still could not melt the surface of the ice.

Undoubtedly, the flame burning within her body was difficult to endure. But Ji Luofei still thought of Ning Cheng, remembering the tenderness and gentle feeling she felt when she and Ning Cheng were together. However, this made the flame in her body burn more fiercely, causing the temperature of her body to rise exponentially.

After spitting out another mouthful of blood, Ji Luofei's eyes flashed with despair. She finally understood what was happening to her.

She was succumbing to the devilish flames. One had to know that although she had advanced from the Celestial Novice Realm to the Celestial Bridge Realm in just five years, it was done by forcibly absorbing large amounts of Celestial Essence Gas. But from the looks of it, despite her talents and qualifications, her foundation finally could not keep up with such a huge increase.

If it hadn't been for the past few days of rushing through the Ice Immortal Ridge, which had forced her to stimulate her Celestial Essence to its limits, the devilish flames that had ignited within her body might not have arrived this quickly. However, it would have definitely erupted sometime in the future.

Ji Luofei gave out a heartfelt sigh. She wanted to improve her cultivation as soon as possible, and for that had absorbed a large quantity of Perpetual Moon Pills and even swallowed other medicinal pills without abandon. She had utterly forgotten the fundamental principle of advancing too quickly. If it were someone else with the same cultivation resources, it would have taken fifty to even five hundred years for others to consume it all. Yet she had forced herself to absorb it all within five years.

Although her cultivation method was formidable and could easily absorb these resources, her body couldn't assimilate it thoroughly and was now crumbling apart.

"Dear, it looks like I'll be leaving first...." As Ji Luofei spoke this sentence in despair, she looked back at the endless icy path behind her. She knew that there was a fork in the icy road behind that led into an icy lake.

Although this icy lake was inside the Ice Immortal Ridge, it had not frozen. However, the glacial lake had a bone-chilling mist that covered it, which was several times colder than the surrounding ice.

For Ji Luofei, rather than being burned to death by the devilish flames raging in her body, she would rather take the initiative to jump into the icy lake, which gave out a dense aura of death. She could feel the death aura because the glacial lake was just too cold and this chilling temperature induced the deathly aura.

Ji Luofei had just fallen into the lake, which could quickly freeze even a Body Refining Cultivator to nothingness when the chill immediately infiltrated Ji Luofei's body. When this icy chill encountered the

burning Celestial Essence flame within her body, it mysteriously gave off a very comfortable feeling to Ji Luofei.

As the devil flame and the icy chill continued to erode and fuse, the devilish flames within Ji Luofei's body gradually weakened. However, the fusion of this ice and fire also reduced her cultivation. Her cultivation gradually but quickly lowered from the Celestial Bridge Realm to the Celestial Gatherer Realm as she sank to the bottom of the frozen lake. However, the decline in her cultivation still didn't stop there and continued to grow weaker and weaker.

When Ji Luofei felt the chill, her heart sank once again after experiencing a moment of life. Although the icy cold had helped in counteracting the devil flames that had ignited within her due to her heart devil, it had also caused her cultivation to decline. Moreover, without the heart devil flames, she would not be able to resist the cold for long.

Maybe in a moment or three, instead of being burned to ashes by the devilish flames, the cold within this icy lake might just turn her into dust.

"Bang....." At this moment, Ji Luofei felt her feet hitting the bottom of the lake.

An iron gate appeared within the range of her Spiritual Consciousness. Ji Luofei, who was frozen purple all over, immediately struggled to rush towards the door and gave it a hard push. Contrary to her expectations, the iron door opened without any restrictions or obstructions.

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After Ji Luofei pushed open the door, the Ice Immortal Ridge experienced another change. The Ice Immortal Ridge that had cracked open slowly started to close up. Many cultivators who wanted to enter the Ice Immortal Ridge quickly withdrew on seeing this and watched the crack slowly close.

As for those cultivators inside the Ice Immortal Ridge, they saw the left and right ice walls starting to move towards each other, causing the space in between to grow smaller with each passing moment.

At this point, all the cultivators inside the Ice Immortal Ridge started to panic and quickly wanted to get out of this place. However, even if they pushed their speed to the limits, they still could not move faster than the speed with which the two ice walls closed in on each other.

Just at the moment before the two sides closed in on each other, the cultivators inside finally understood why none of the cultivators, who had entered the Ice Immortal Ridge in the past, managed to come out. The ice walls on both sides were extremely hard, even a cultivator in the Heaven Seated Realm could only watch himself or herself squished into a bloody ice sandwich by the ice walls.

When the Radial Immortal Star's Ice Immortal Ridge had opened again after a long time, it had attracted a lot of attention just like the last time. However, this time, it had only opened by a sliver before closing up. Even the timing was a lot shorter than when it had opened in the past. In just a few days since its opening, the crack completely closed up, as if it never existed. As for the cultivators who entered the Ice Immortal Ridge, none of them came out just like the last time it opened.

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Ning Cheng had no idea that Ji Luofei had entered the Ice Immortal Ridge or that she had succumbed to the devilish flames and had jumped into the ice lake. He still thought about ways to improve his cultivation as soon as possible. Maybe once he figured out a way to obtain more Perpetual Moon Pills or even Permanent Essence Pills, he could then enter the Mysterious Yellow Bead for cultivation.

However, since he had not yet obtained the Wood Origin for the Mysterious Yellow Bead, it would end up exposing the Mysterious Yellow Bead once he entered it to cultivate, just like the last time. Ning Cheng pulled at his hair in distress before finally clenching his fists. If it did not get exposed, then it was ok, but if exposed, he would immediately use the Starry Sky Wheel to escape. He can't continue wasting time like this.

He had ended up using the millions of Perpetual Moon Pills continuously for around five years along with the Mysterious Yellow Origin and a lot of other medicinal pills. But in the end, it still couldn't help him break out of the Heaven's Mandate Realm, or even reach the full-circle of Heaven's Mandate Realm. Although this speed might look extremely fast to others, it was just too slow for Ning Cheng. He truly couldn't go on like this.

A middle-aged man with a long beard walked into the lobby of the wooden residence, which immediately resulted in all the cultivators seated inside to stop talking. The next moment, all the cultivators simultaneously stood up and held up their cupped fists. Ning Cheng also quickly stood up and imitated the gesture. He didn't need to use his Spiritual Consciousness to gauge the cultivator who had just walked into the lobby. Just with his eyes, he could tell that this cultivator was at least an expert in the later stages of the Life and Death Realm, or maybe even a powerhouse in the Eternal Realm.

Su Baijiao and Duan Gantai walked side by side just behind this man and followed him into the residence.

"This Su Youqinghong truly feels grateful for all these distinguished guests to specially make time to come to my Su Clan and partake in the wedding of my little girl Baijiao. To express the gratitude of my Su Clan, and on behalf of my little girl Baijiao and son-in-law Gantai, I would like to propose a toast to all of you....." As the man, who claimed to be Su Youqinghong, finished speaking, he raised his hand and took out a jug. In the same motion, he opened the spout.

The rich aroma of quality wine instantly filled the entire hall. Just the aroma from the wine gave people an indescribable lingering sensation. This definitely was a good wine. Even those fellows who did not know anything about wine could tell that this wine was of the highest quality.

Ning Cheng immediately thought of 'None to depend on' wine. He had always wanted to drink a jar of the real 'None to depend on' wine, but because of his constant running around for cultivation, he simply never got that chance.

Duan Gantai brought out another jug and a wine glass while Su Baijiao went among the guests and personally presented each of the guests with a wine glass for the toast. A few moments later, a wine glass soon arrived at Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng reached over to the wine glass presented to him by Su Baijiao; however, he did not expect Su Baijiao to brush her hand by his fingers gently. Although it looked like an accidental touch, Ning Cheng knew that Duan Gantai had seen it.

Duan Gantai already felt pissed about him. Now that Su Baijiao did such a thing, it would truly be strange if that Duan Gantai didn't see it. Regardless, Ning Cheng did not feel any fear towards Duan Gantai. But at the same time, he had a feeling that Si Baijiao had done this intentionally.

Just when Ning Cheng thought that Duan Gantai would lock in on him with his murderous intent, he suddenly saw a smile over Duan Gantai's ugly-looking face, without any form of discomfort whatsoever. It felt like the man in front of him was not the same man he met in the previous hall.

Ning Cheng kept wondering about the change in Duan Gantai's temperament. However, when Duan Gantai and Su Baijiao were about to head over to the next cultivator for the toast, Duan Gantai's murderous intent slowly started to seep out. Ning Cheng breathed a sigh of relief seeing this. Although he felt a bit perplexed about the matter, this fellow really was akin to a dog that couldn't change its nature of eating shit.

However, this place also had Su Youqinghong, an influential expert; as such, even if Duan Gantai could conceal his murderous intent from others, he couldn't hide it from Su Youqinghong. Ning Cheng secretly shook his head. Could a fellow really have such an insecure heart?

When Su Baijiao's hand brushed past Ning Cheng's finger, she had left behind a Spiritual Consciousness message, which rang out in his ear a moment later, "Meet me at Eternal Night City's Perpetual Sand Rest Stop tomorrow night. I have something that you need."

How does Su Baijiao know what he needs? Ning Cheng looked up in shock and found that Su Baijiao was about to finish with her ceremonial toasts.

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Chapter 657: A Jade Strip

Ning Cheng reigned in his shock and took a sip of the wine in his glass, finding one-of-a-kind indescribable reluctance remaining on his lips. It seemed that a one-of-a-kind sentimental attachment and dependence had started to emerge from inside of him.

At this moment, Ning Cheng had a feeling that if he tried learning a new skill or spirit technique at this time, the effect would be much better than if he had not sipped this wine.

"Good wine....." Some of the Heaven Seated experts exclaimed in surprise.

Su Youqinghong's voice came in on time, "Many thanks to all of you for partaking in this joyous occasion. This is one of the few rare wines in my Su Clan's collection. Today, although I want to take this opportunity to be drunk with you all, this Su Youqinghong needs to leave for a while. You all are our distinguished guests, please do make yourselves comfortable. We even have Reluctance Fruit for you all to sample."

Ning Cheng looked at the empty glass in his hand and shook his head silently. He truly had taken a liking to this wine. It was only a single glass of wine, yet it still managed to get him drunk. Just as he guessed, Su Youqinghong most likely had to attend to other more distinguished guests. As for experts more important than Heaven Seated Powerhouses, they definitely would be experts in the Life and Death or the Eternal Realm.

Once Su Youqinghong left, Su Baijiao and Duan Gantai also followed him out after receiving everyone's blessing. At this moment, a server came forward to present the guests with the Reluctance Fruits, and Ning Cheng got one. From the name and the aura coming from the fruit, Ning Cheng could guess that this Reluctance Fruit should be one of the main ingredients in brewing the wine that they had just tasted.

Ning Cheng did not eat this spiritual fruit; instead, he took out a jade box and stored it inside it. He planned to leave the Su Clan immediately, and although he did not obtain any Purple Yin Spirit Spring, he did receive some news about the Purple Yin Spirit Spring Bead, which made it a worthwhile trip. The next thing to do was to look for cultivation resources and stay low until he advanced to the Heaven Seated Realm.

At this point, a cultivator from the Su Clan in the Heaven Seated Realm suddenly stood up and spoke to the cultivators sitting in the wooden hall with cupped fists, "Respected friends, it's rare for everyone to get together. All those who can sit here are the powerhouses in the Eternal Night Domain. Or, at the very least, unusually distinguished guests within the Eternal Night Domain."

"The Eternal Night Domain and the void surrounding it is simply too vast. We all have obtained quite a few treasures from in and around here. Maybe we all have what each other needs, but also things that are of little use to us. Therefore, on behalf of the Su Clan, I'm planning to set up an item exchange here. If you want to attend, then please stay. If you don't want to attend, you can continue enjoying the spiritual fruits in the guest rooms."

No one felt unwilling to part with such activities. Moreover, as the cultivator from Su Clan said, no one here had an inferior status. At the same time, such kinds of item exchanges were usually tough to get in, even with their respective ranks. Now that an opportunity came knocking, only a fool would willingly leave this place. Even if one did not exchange anything, the insight and information gained would definitely provide him or her with a valuable experience.

Even Ning Cheng dispelled the idea of leaving.

The Heaven Seated Cultivator from the Su Clan seemed to have already known that no one would leave and took out a jade box before speaking, "Then please allow me to start the show by throwing in brick to attract jade[1]. This is a strain of Ascending Dragon Orchid. I presume I don't need to explain the role of the Ascending Dragon Orchid, as you would already know all about its uses. I just want Perpetual Moon Pills or Permanent Essence Pills in exchange for it."

Ning Cheng knew about the Ascending Dragon Orchid. It was a top-grade starry sky spiritual grass used for body forging. A mature Ascending Dragon Orchid could easily reach the level of a Grade 8 Starry Sky Spiritual Grass. Frankly speaking, even Ning Cheng wanted to obtain this starry sky spiritual grass. At the same time, he also understood that this cultivator from the Su Clan had used this item as a trigger. Otherwise, this fellow would never come out with such a treasure, and definitely not exchange it for Perpetual Moon Pills for cultivation. In any case, people already had inklings that he was a foreign cultivator; therefore, it was better to stay low-key for now.

Apparently, Ning Cheng was not the only body-forging cultivator in this hall. Therefore, when the Ascending Dragon Orchid came out, it immediately drew in the attentions of several cultivator. Even two

Heaven Seated Experts competed for it. In the end, it was taken away by another Heaven Seated Cultivator for a price of 400,000 Perpetual Moon Pills.

With the exchange of the Ascending Dragon Orchid, it immediately invigorated the atmosphere. Numerous other cultivators started bringing out a variety of things to trade. Unlike the item exchanges Ning Cheng had seen before, most of the things taken out this time were all relatively rare item. It even included medicinal pills and weapons. However, there were only a few requests to trade the items for Perpetual Moon Pills.

Ning Cheng didn't take out anything or trade for any of the items. It was not that he did not want these things, but that the objects on him were either too precious or just plain ordinary.

After a cultivator in the Heaven's Mandate Realm just finished trading for an artefact-crafting raw material, a Heaven Seated Cultivator sitting in the front of the hall suddenly stood up and raised a jade strip in his hand, "I have a jade strip here. This jade strip contains a Void Positional Chart to a maelstrom that formed out of a spacial collapse. Although I do not know what is inside, I know that every forty-nine days, the maelstrom would cough out a lot of extremely pure Celestial Essence gas. It's just that this Celestial Essence gas dissipates too quickly, making it uncondusive for cultivation....."

This Heaven Seated Cultivator had not yet finished, but Ning Cheng had already guessed what this fellow wanted. From the looks of it, this cultivator had found this place due to an accident and thought that the maelstrom formed by the spacial collapse might contain a Perpetual Moon Pill Pond after examining it from the outside for a relatively long time. Judging by this fellow's actions in bringing out the jade strip containing the direction chart, he most likely had not found any way to get through the spacial collapse safely to search for the pill pond. Out of desperation, he could only choose to come here to make a deal.

Since Ning Cheng could guess this, then the other cultivators would also be able to speculate it. All the people intently stared at this jade strip in this fellow's hand. At the same time, everyone knew that even if someone here obtained the jade strip, he or she might not be able to get the Pill Mountain or the Pill Pond inside the spacial maelstrom.

"I don't have any particular requirement to trade for this jade strip. As long as you can take out something that could interest me, you can have it." It was very unusual for a Heaven Seated Cultivator, who brought out a jade strip to trade, to ask people to bring out something that could interest him, without mentioning exactly what he wanted.

"I can give you 300,000 Perpetual Moon Pills for that jade strip." One of the cultivators immediately called out.

Arguably, 300,000 Perpetual Moon Pills was not a small number, but the Heaven Seated Cultivator only shook his head in disapproval. This caused everyone to feel that although this person said that he did not want anything, this fellow already had something in his mind.

People immediately tried to offer him different kinds of starry sky spiritual grasses, weapons and other things; yet, none of the items stated could satisfy the Heaven Seated Cultivator.

Ning Cheng wanted to wait a little longer. When he saw the cultivator from the Su Clan finally leaving the hall, he immediately took out a jade box and threw it to the Heaven Seated Cultivator, "You don't have to open the jade box immediately. Just use your Spiritual Consciousness to peer into the box to see

its contents. If you like it, then give me the jade strip. If you don't, then just forget about it. However, if you agree to trade with me, you will have to swear on the Thunder Tribulation that you would not go to this place for at least ten years. At the same time, you will also not tell another soul about this place in any form."

The restriction that Ning Cheng had laid out was a special one. Only when one's Spiritual Consciousness penetrated into it could the one holding the box feel the aura of the item stored inside.

The Heaven Seated Cultivator glanced at Ning Cheng with some disdain. Ning Cheng looked like a cultivator with messy Celestial Wheels; as such, he at most was a Heaven's Mandate Cultivator. How could a Heaven's Mandate Cultivator feel daring enough to ask him to swear over the Thunder Tribulation? This fellow sure had a lot of guts.

However, when his Spiritual Consciousness penetrated into the jade box, his hand immediately shook, and he almost dropped the jade box to the ground. He immediately put away the jade box and threw the jade strip in his hand to Ning Cheng with the words, "Ok. I will trade for it. Since I, Yang Jun, decided to trade it with you, I take an oath to not intentionally come anywhere near the place marked on the jade strip for ten years. At the same time, I swear that I will not tell another soul about this location in any form. If I violate this oath, may the Thunder Tribulations turn me to ashes."

He anyways had no intentions to go to this place. As such, there was no difference if he swore on it or not. Even so, he took care to use the word 'intentionally' in the oath. Therefore, if he accidentally ended up going to this place, he wouldn't end up violating the oath.

Although Ning Cheng picked up on the subtleties in this fellow's words, he did not care much about it. What he wanted was actually the following sentence; that is, this cultivator named Yang Jun would not share the information on the jade strip with any other person in any form.

The rest of the cultivators felt amazed. What did Ning Cheng actually take out? Not only did this Heaven Seated Expert agree to trade for it immediately, but even made such an oath.

Under the gazes filled with amazement, Ning Cheng calmly put away the jade strip. He had taken out a small Time Stone, and since the cultivator in question was a Heaven Seated Expert, he would certainly understand the value of a Time Stone. Sure enough, the Heaven Seated Cultivator could not resist the temptation of the Time Stone. This treasure contained the Laws of Time.

After Ning Cheng put away the jade strip, all gazes immediately focussed on Ning Cheng. No one dared to ask the Heaven Seated Cultivator about what Ning Cheng had given him, but everyone wanted to know about the treasure that moved the Heaven Seated Cultivator to quickly finalise the exchange and even swear such an oath.

The eyes of some of the cultivators who knew about Ning Cheng's background immediately shone with greed. Previously, Ning Cheng had casually given away a tail feather from a Starry Sky Grade 9 Demonic Beast, the Flame Wind Crow, and now had only taken out a single thing to trade for a jade strip. From this, they could easily guess that this cultivator definitely had many good things on him.

Ning Cheng planned to leave immediately while pretending that nothing happened. Initially, he had thought of opening an Alchemy or Artefact-crafting Store in the Eternal Night Domain to gather Perpetual Moon Pills for cultivation. He knew that it was a last resort of sorts. Moreover, no matter it

was Alchemy or Artefact-crafting, none of them could satisfy his terrifying consumption of cultivation resources.

At the same time, both Alchemy and Artefact-crafting consumed a lot of time, which would further affect his cultivation.

Knowing that the void outside the Eternal Night Domain had many unknown Perpetual Moon Pill Mountains, he had another idea to go out and search for them. And this jade strip further reinforced this thought. His circumstances were different from others, and only a windfall could help him quickly advance to the Heaven Seated Realm.

Just before Ning Cheng got up, Su Youqinghong came into the hall once again. Su Baijiao and Duan Gantai still walked behind him, like two tails. He smiled and greeted the crowd before turning to Ning Cheng and speaking with a gentle voice, “Dao Friend Ning Cheng, you just traded for a jade strip from Dao Friend Yang Jun. I’d like to buy that jade strip from you. Whether it is Perpetual Moon Pills or Permanent Essence Pills, or something else, you just need to ask for it.”

Ning Cheng felt suspicious in his heart on hearing those words. If he didn’t have the Mysterious Yellow Bead, he would have definitely agreed to Su Youqinghong’s terms entirely and ask for Permanent Essence Pills. Permanent Essence Pills were anyway the best type of cultivation resource. However, because he had the Mysterious Yellow Bead, he subconsciously felt something beneficial to him within that maelstrom formed by the spacial collapse that Yang Jun had mentioned.

Some of the cultivators also looked at Yang Jun and wondered if Yang Jun would show regret now that Su Clan showed such sincerity about paying such a huge price for the jade strip.

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Chapter 658: Unexpected Visitor

However, Yang Jun looked calm, he naturally did not regret it. Cultivating to this level, although Perpetual Moon Pills and Permanent Essence Pills were undoubtedly good stuff, but how could they compare to Time Stones?

“This junior has just arrived at the Eternal Night Domain and hadn’t seen a Void Collapse yet, so I would like to check it out by myself. I hope senior would understand.”

The cultivators in the hall, on hearing Ning Cheng’s words, shook their heads in disdain. Hadn’t seen a Void Collapse before, who was this fellow lying to, aah. Of all the cultivators who managed to come to the Eternal Night Domain, who hasn’t seen a Void Collapse?

Su Youqinghong still had a face filled with smiles, as if he really believed Ning Cheng’s words. He only nodded and said, “If that is the case, then I won’t ask for it. Dao Friend Ning Cheng, please do have a seat and enjoy the rest of the day with us..”

Ning Cheng didn’t sit down and still spoke in a very polite tone, “This junior has been disturbing you all for a long time already, and thinks that it’s already time to leave. Many thanks to all of you for such heart-warming hospitality.”

Su Youqinghong nodded and then spoke to the server standing next to him, “Go, and escort the guest to the door.”

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Ning Cheng, still in all smiles, allowed the server to lead him away from the Su Clan. When he walked out of the Su Clan's archway, the server even presented him with a low-grade defensive-type Dao Artefact to show the Su Clan's satisfaction of him attending their wedding.

However, after Ning Cheng finally left the Su Clan, the smile on his face disappeared. Su Youqinghong definitely was a person who hid his knife under the guise of a smile. Don't look at the warm words from this fellow's mouth, Ning Cheng felt sure that this fellow would definitely send someone to track him down the moment he left the Eternal Night Domain.

With Su Clan's status in the Eternal Night City, no one who obtained this jade strip would reach the place marked in the jade strip in peace. However, Ning Cheng did not worry too much about it. With his current cultivation, he could quickly leave the Eternal Night Domain and then move away using the Starry Sky Wheel. It would truly be a strange thing if the Su Clan could still manage to catch up to him.

Nevertheless, Ning Cheng decided not to immediately leave the Eternal Night City. He believed that with the Su Clan's status in the Eternal Night Domain, they would not try to do anything outrageous within the Eternal Night City. Even if they coveted his things, they would have to wait until Ning Cheng left the Eternal Night Domain. Either that or Su Clan felt sure that he would not be able to leave the Eternal Night Domain.

In any case, the only reason Ning Cheng did not immediately try to leave the Eternal Night Domain was to meet with Su Baijiao. Su Baijiao had mentioned that she had what he wanted. The only explanation for it was that she must have noticed his desire to obtain the Purple Yin Spring Water. Although Ning Cheng felt that the Purple Yin Spirit Water would not have much effect over Qionghua's injuries, as long as it had even the slightest effect, Ning Cheng would not mind getting his hands on some.

Also, whether it provided little effect or not, he couldn't tell without actually trying it.

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Ning Cheng had initially thought that the Perpetual Sand Rest Stop would be at least a decent place in the Eternal Night City. However, after he inquired about it, he found that it was just a small inconspicuous rest stop. If not for Su Baijiao deliberately mentioning the name, even he would find it difficult to find this rest stop in the Eternal Night City, let alone go in to meet someone.

Su Baijiao had asked him to meet tomorrow night at the Perpetual Sand Rest Stop. However, Ning Cheng decided against taking up a room at the Perpetual Sand Rest Stop after locating it. Whether or not this rest stop had anything to do with the Su Clan, since the meeting was scheduled tomorrow, he would only come here tomorrow.

Deciding on that, Ning Cheng went to another rest stop in the Eternal Night City, called the Perpetual Immortal Rest Stop. He did not have many Starry Sky Essence Crystals on him, but it was more than enough for staying overnight in a regular rest stop. Ning Cheng, however, did not pay for just a night; instead, he paid for five nights.

Even if he was sure that he wouldn't live in this place for more than two nights, he didn't care much about spending these Starry Sky Crystals for some insurance. With Su Clan's status in the Eternal Night

Domain, they definitely would keep an eye on his every move. Instead of this, he might as well pay extended stay to confuse them a bit. He really did not have any Immortal Crystals or Perpetual Moon Pills; otherwise, he would have definitely paid for at least a month.

If not for the jade strip, Ning Cheng most likely would have wandered around in the Eternal Night City to look for a place to let him set up an Artefact-crafting Store. But now, he can't go anywhere. He had no choice but to wait until tomorrow to see Su Baijiao.

Therefore, as soon as he entered the room, Ning Cheng began to arrange a variety of defensive arrays. Defensive, shielding, warning.....

At this moment, Ning Cheng fully realised how important was it to master array formations. But to avoid attracting unnecessary attention, Ning Cheng only arranged relatively low-levelled array formations. Most of them were Grade 4 Celestial Arrays or Grade 5 Celestial River Arrays. If he laid out Grade 6 Celestial River Defensive Arrays, it would definitely alarm a lot of people in the Eternal Night Domain.

After arranging the array formations, Ning Cheng then took out the jade strip that he traded with Yang Jun for a closer look. From what he saw from Yang Jun's jade strip, this maelstrom formed by the spacial collapse was very far from the Eternal Night Domain.

But for Ning Cheng, the farther this place was from the Eternal Night Domain, the better it was for him. He was more afraid of this place being somewhere close enough to be found by others.

The directional indicators marked on the jade strip were marked clearly, which made Ning Cheng doubt if Yang Jun had actually engraved it himself. Maybe Yang Jun had obtained this jade strip from other people, but because he couldn't get inside, he decided to trade it away.

After sweeping through the jade strip, Ning Cheng finally closed his eyes. Without Perpetual Moon Pills for cultivation, he truly didn't want to be in this place. The only thing that he could do right now was to continue deducing array formations.

Half a day passed by quickly. Just when Ning Cheng started to go deeper into deducing array formations, his defensive array suddenly shook, and a shadow quickly emerged from his defensive array.

Ning Cheng suddenly opened his eyes and stood up. At the same time, a spear-type Dao Artefact appeared in his hand, while he readied the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds.

Although his array formation was not of a high grade, he had personally arranged it. Therefore, apart from powerhouses on the same level of Zhongli Baichi, only a few people could enter his defensive array formation without breaking it open, much less undetected.

"Why don't you reveal your distinguished self?" Ning Cheng stared at the cultivator shadow who entered his defensive array and asked with a cold tone. Although not nervous, he still felt a little bit surprised. He could feel that the cultivation of the cultivator who entered his defensive array was not much higher compared to him. This cultivator has definitely not stepped into the Heaven Seated Realm.

A cultivator, whose cultivation was not much higher than his own, had managed to enter his defensive array almost undetected. This was truly a concerning matter. There were only two reasons for such a thing to happen. First was that the opponent's real strength far exceeded his surface strength, or second, the opponent had much more profound attainments in array formations compared to him.

“You already know me. Have to say, your attainments in array formations are quite good.” With a familiar voice, the cultivator took off the mask covering his face.

“You?” Ning Cheng felt surprised. He didn’t think that the cultivator who came to find him would be Duan Gantai. In his mind, Duan Gantai should be rolling around with Su Baijiao in their private chambers at this time. So how come he came to find him here? Did this fellow finally snap due to his jealousy? No, that should be the case. Even if he felt extremely jealous, he wouldn’t necessarily squeeze out of his chambers at this time to teach him a lesson.

Despite the thoughts going off in Ning Cheng’s mind, Duan Gantai did not show even a shred of killing intent or had any hint of jealousy over her face. Instead, he only looked at Ning Cheng with a calm gaze, “Are you thinking that I should be sleeping with Su Baijiao in my arms right now, right? So why would I particularly take the time to come find trouble with you?”

Ning Cheng had to acquiesce that he was definitely surprised by Duan Gantai’s accurate judgement of his thoughts. Was this fellow really the same jealous person he met before?

“I have my own skills, so even though I came here, no one knows about it. Another ‘me’ lies in bed with Su Baijiao right now. Of course, I also know that Su Baijiao would never sleep with someone like me. I do have some self-awareness, you know.” Duan Gantai spoke and without waiting for Ning Cheng’s invitation, took the initiative to step inside and sit down.

Ning Cheng also sat down and poured Duan Gantai a cup of Spiritual Tea, “So, tell me why you came looking for me this late. In any case, you must already know that I have no interest in Su Baijiao and your relationship.”

Duan Gantai smiled before speaking, “I know that you have no interest in Su Baijiao. Moreover, I believe that I have not judged wrong about you, people like Su Baijiao anyway are not worthy of you. Anyway, I came here today to ask for a favour from you. Of course, I will not mistreat you.”

Ning Cheng fully understood at this moment that this Duan Gantai definitely was a very cunning fellow. Such people would never let jealousy and discontentment lead their actions. Looks like the Duan Gantai he saw with Su Baijiao was not the real one.

He then thought back to Duan Gantai’s performance in that wooden hall. After Su Baijiao had intentionally brushed her fingers across his hand, Duan Gantai had remained calm without any waves. That calm facade was all an act to show his pretentiousness in front of Su Clan’s people. But after Su Baijiao started walking past Ning Cheng, he behaved as if he could no longer suppress his murderous intent towards Ning Cheng, reverting to his previous jealous self. This showed to others that although he wanted to pretend to be generous, he couldn’t readily erase his insecure nature. In any case, even if it was just a pretence, one cannot act for eternity.

As for the people back in the Su Clan’s hall, they naturally would not put a superficial cultivator like Duan Gantai in their minds.

However, this fellow truly had a devious mind. This fellow ‘pretended’ to endure his jealousy in front of the elders from the Su Clan but ultimately could not entirely ‘pretend’. This kind of acting was much more realistic compared to acting out on his jealousy directly. It was truly an act within an act.

Ning Cheng replied using a calm voice, "What could I help you with? I've only arrived at the Eternal Night Domain and have limited ability. It's already questionable if I can help you."

"Just as I know that the Su Clan is eyeing my stuff, I also know that Su Clan also wants your stuff. You don't have to refuse to work with me immediately. I won't ask what you want nor would I tell you what you want. I'll only tell you this, we will have to work together; if not, then we would never escape the Eternal Night Domain."

Hearing Duan Gantai's words, Ning Cheng sneered, "Whether I can escape the Eternal Night Domain or not, that's my own thing. It does not need you to worry about it. Besides, I'm already planning to spend some time in the Eternal Night Domain."

Duan Gantai laughed, "Brother Ning, we both are of the same type. I can already guess one or two things about what you're thinking. If the two of us were to work with each other, then it would be better if we didn't rely on individual guesses. Maybe you're relying on an Escape Talisman or a strong flight-type weapon. You may have also thought that by using those items to leave the Eternal Night Domain, no one could do anything to you. But let me tell you, you're looking down on the capabilities of Su Clan too much. Not to mention whether you can use an Escape Talisman or a flight-type weapon for escape, I am certain that you will remain inseparable from the Eternal Night Domain."

Ning Cheng's expressions changed slightly. This was precisely what he felt worried about the most. Ning Cheng knew that he could use the Starry Sky Wheel to escape; as such, he did not feel any fear even in the face of Duan Gantai's threat. What stuck fear the most was his inability to separate from the Eternal Night Domain.

"We have no choice but to work together. Moreover, I also want to leave the Eternal Night Domain. You already saw my means, I can easily pass through your array formation. However, I can only trick the Su Clan with my methods for a short time, it's not enough to plan a successful escape from the Eternal Night Domain. Therefore, just as much as I need your help, you also need my help." Duan Gantai spoke with a frank tone.

"Conditions." Ning Cheng spoke without hesitation. Since Duan Gantai came to find him at this time, then it definitely indicated that Duan Gantai was in a much more dangerous situation compared to him. Therefore, he decided to put in some conditions.

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Chapter 659: Duan Gantai's Wealth

"A million Perpetual Moon Pills." Duan Gantai gave a simple reply.

Although Ning Cheng had a calm face, without any abnormalities, his heart felt like it had skipped a beat. A million Perpetual Moon Pills, this Duan Gantai had given out such an outrageous figure without even batting an eye. This fellow was just too wealthy. Ning Cheng had always thought that he was a rich person compared to an average cultivator, but compared to Duan Gantai, he truly was a poor person.

In the beginning, when he had to 'give up' the Baichi Artefact-crafting Store, because of those Eternal-level Starry Sky Emperors that lusted after the Good Fortune fragment inside it, he had still managed to obtain only half a million Perpetual Moon Pills from those experts. Yet it ruffled some feathers. But this

Heaven's Mandate Cultivator named Duan Gantai could actually quote a million, it was a number that even he couldn't counter.

Moreover, this Duan Gantai had spoken about Perpetual Moon Pills, which means he somehow knew that he needed Perpetual Moon Pills. With this many Perpetual Moon Pills, he could advance to the full-circle of Heaven's Mandate Realm, and then surmount the tribulation to step into the Heaven Seated Realm. From this, Ning Cheng understood that this fellow was not just wealthy, this fellow also knew how to figure out the other party's weakness.

"I do not want the Perpetual Moon Pills. I need Permanent Essence Pills." Ning Cheng secretly took in a deep breath before speaking out in a calm tone. Despite the offer, he wouldn't accept just a million Perpetual Moon Pills despite the temptation.

Duan Gantai remained silent for a moment before replying, "I do not have many Permanent Essence Pills on me, but I truly want you to work with me with full sincerity. If you want to change to Permanent Essence Pills, I can give you 10,000 Permanent Essence Pills."

This time, Ning Cheng felt even more shock in his heart. Although a million Perpetual Moon Pills could theoretically be exchanged for ten thousand Permanent Essence Pills, the fact was that no one in their right mind would make that exchange. Yet this Duan Gantai readily quoted ten thousand Permanent Essence Pills just to work with him, this cooperation definitely would work out to his favour, at least on the surface. Excluding the so-called desperate situation, this fellow's net worth definitely exceeded ordinary cultivators by several times.

Ning Cheng spoke slowly, "Brother Duan, these 10,000 Permanent Essence Pills might not even be a fraction for your net worth. If you sincerely want to cooperate with me, such a level of good faith feels a little less...."

Duan Gantai stared at Ning Cheng for a few moments before speaking in the same gentle tone as before, "Brother Ning. I came here looking to cooperate with you, not force you to cooperate with me. This cooperation definitely would benefit both of us. The only reason I took out something was to show you my sincerity. Even though I have only ten thousand Permanent Essence Pills, I still decided to give them to you. Compared to my life, cultivation resources are nothing. Moreover...."

At this moment, Duan Gantai's tone turned indifferent, "Moreover, I know that you might have a secret much bigger than mine. I only have some relatively precious cultivation resources, but who can say how many good things you have. Although you can count them yourself, the Su Clan also have their numbers tallied up. I can only take out these things. If you really do not want to cooperate with me, then I do not have any other choice but to take my leave. I don't believe that I can't find my way out by myself."

Ning Cheng suddenly felt a little helpless. If Duan Gantai's limit were just these things, he would also have no other choice. Seeing Duan Gantai stand up to leave, Ning Cheng immediately called out to stop him, "Brother Duan, all I have are some good weapons and few raw materials, but these things cannot turn into cultivation resources. It's the main reason why decided to risk it by exchanging for Yang Jun's jade strip. How about this, as long as you can take out the one million Perpetual Moon Pills and the ten thousand Permanent Essence Pills, we can come to an agreement. Otherwise, I would have to send Yang Jun's jade strip to the Su Clan...."

“Okay, it’s a deal then.” Duan Gantai did not wait for Ning Cheng to continue. He immediately took out a storage ring and passed it on to Ning Cheng. Even Ning Cheng could not believe that he would take such decisive actions.

Ning Cheng grabbed the storage ring and let his Spiritual Consciousness penetrate inside, and found that it truly contained a million Perpetual Moon Pills and ten thousand Permanent Essence Pills. Seeing this, Ning Cheng couldn’t help but feel a little bitter in his heart. It now truly felt like he had asked for too little. With Duan Gantai’s wealth, maybe he could have obtained more if he tried pushing this fellow.

Duan Gantai seemed to have understood Ning Cheng’s thoughts and calmly spoke out, “First, I can only take out these things after stretching myself to the limit. If you want more, then I would have no way to strike a deal with you. Second, Su Clan is not looking for your jade strip, but the rest of the treasures on you. Even if you give the jade strip to the Su Clan, you will not be able to escape their clutches. Third, whatever you traded with Yang Jun, it will soon appear in front of Su Youqinghong. You have no idea how the Su Clan works.”

“By the way, I’ll give you a piece of advice. After you escape the Eternal Night Domain, if you really go to the place marked on the jade strip, you will definitely die without even a burial. I’m sure that Su Clan would have people waiting for you there. I know this not because I know more than you think, but I know the Su Clan much better than you.”

“Thank you for the reminder.” Ning Cheng put away the storage ring. At the same time, he also completely calmed down, without giving off any fluctuation. Since this Duan Gantai was such a savvy fellow and had judgement abilities that far surpassed others, it was not surprising that a person like him would have many good things.

Duan Gantai showed a smile that did not look like a smile as he spoke, “No, you owe me a favour. Remember to pay it back to me in the future.”

Ning Cheng also showed a slight smile, “You’re wrong. This is still within the scope of cooperation. I don’t owe you any favours. You came to me because you feel optimistic about me. When dealing with the Su Clan in the future, you want to have some solid insurance in your favour. The Su Clan and I don’t have any hatred or even any relationship for that matter, which means I can still leave if I want. But you definitely don’t have a simple relationship with the Su Clan, right? If you want, I wouldn’t mind doing you a favour now for the future.”

Duan Gantai nodded, “Speaking with smart people truly saves a lot of energy. If you say you don’t owe anything, then you don’t owe anything.”

“Less nonsense now. Tell me the details of this ‘cooperation’.” Ning Cheng felt too lazy to exchange more words with Duan Gantai. This fellow’s mind was just as unique as his appearance.

Duan Gantai was also a smart and no-nonsense kind of a man. Therefore, after hearing Ning Cheng’s words, he directly spoke up, “Before the toast, my ‘wife’ grazed her fingers past your hand.....”

“That’s true. That woman might have fallen for me, and wanted to ask me out. This woman really does not follow the normal conventions of women folk, she still hasn’t seen the bridal chamber, yet already trying to rope in another man. We had a particular name for such women in my hometown, you know.....” Ning Cheng seemed to speak from Duan Gantai’s perspective.

Duan Gantai's face remained calm, without any fluctuation. Yet, he still interrupted Ning Cheng's words, "She told you to meet in the Perpetual Sand Rest Stop tomorrow night and that she had something you need, right?"

Ning Cheng felt truly surprised that this Duan Gantai was so perverted that he could even read the information stored inside the Spiritual Consciousness Imprint. Could this fellow also use Spiritual Consciousness Thorns like him? However, Ning Cheng did not find any indication of another Spiritual Consciousness peering into the Spiritual Consciousness message, let alone Duan Gantai's Spiritual Consciousness.

Ning Cheng continued acting as if nothing happened, "Yes, she did say that she had something I need."

Duan Gantai smiled once again, "If I hadn't guessed it wrong, then what you need should be the Purple Yin Spring Water, right?"

Ning Cheng felt a sense of helplessness well up inside of him. At this moment, he had no choice but to admit it, "Yes, I need the Purple Yin Spring Water."

Duan Gantai's expressions turned severe, "I don't know why you want the Purple Yin Spring Water, but I can tell you that the Purple Yin Spirit Water is not worth much. Only the Purple Yin Spirit Spring Bead or the real Purple Yin Spirit Spring has worth. As for the Purple Yin Spring Water, which only had the Purple Yin Spring Bead in it for a moment, is not even worth the soup made out of chicken ribs."

Although Ning Cheng did not speak, he wholeheartedly agreed with Duan Gantai's judgement. He also thought the same way. Looks like this Duan Gantai also shared the same thoughts as him.

Seeing Ning Cheng remain silent, Duan Gantai continued, "Moreover, Su Baijiao doesn't have a lot of Purple Yin Spring Water on her. She only said that to try to rope you in with the Purple Yin Spring Water. Although I gave you a million Perpetual Moon Pills and the Permanent Essence Pills, it's up to you whether you want to take up or give up on this impractical and useless bait."

"Tell me about your thoughts." Ning Cheng spoke without revealing any intentions.

Duan Gantai's voice turned solemn, "I know where the two great powers who fought over the Purple Yin Spirit Spring Bead went, and I can also provide you with the information about this place. It's called the Temple of Falling Stars. Think of it as a gift from me. What I'm asking from you is to go to the appointment tomorrow evening as if nothing happened. I'll then catch you and accuse you both of adultery. With my temper, I will immediately start a fight with you on the spot. You then say that you can't fight in the Eternal Night Domain, but you will take up the fight in the Eternal Night Duelling Tower."

"I know about the Eternal Night Duelling Tower." Ning Cheng nodded. The jade strip from Su Baijiao also had information regarding the Eternal Night Duelling Tower. This place was on the public square outside the Eternal Night Domain. Once you enter the Eternal Night Duelling Tower, one of the parties involved has to die before anyone can come out of it. Arguably, this was the most brutal challenging platform that Ning Cheng had seen till now. Although many of the challenging arenas that he encountered in the past also had such a statement, it would rarely turn into reality. However, within the Eternal Night Duelling Tower, one side had to die for the other to live.

“That’s right, the Eternal Night Duelling Tower. The Eternal Night Duelling Tower is located on the Eternal Night Public Square outside the Eternal Night Domain. Of course, we won’t actually enter the Eternal Night Duelling Tower. But only by reaching the Eternal Night Public Square would we have any chance of escaping from this place. The Su Clan, even if it acted more blatantly, would not dare to stop us from fighting over my wife in the street. Therefore, we definitely would succeed.” Duan Gantai seemed to be afraid that Ning Cheng would not understand his plan and carefully tried to explain it to him.

Ning Cheng didn’t know too much about the Su Clan. Therefore, when he heard those words, he frowned slightly, “You mean that if we don’t leave the Eternal Night Domain, we can’t escape even if we tried to escape right now?”

“We absolutely cannot escape. You will know about it in the future. I don’t have the time to explain it to you. In any case, with your attainments in array formation, you should have at least some understanding about how an Aura Locking Grand Array works.” Duan Gantai spoke with conviction.

Ning Cheng now felt truly shocked. Duan Gantai did not know his current attainments in array formations; therefore, when Duan Gantai spoke about this, he started to understand why Duan Gantai held so much fear in his heart.

Ning Cheng was an Imperial Array Master, someone who could arrange Grade 6 Celestial River Array Formations. As such, he invariably had some understanding of the Aura Locking Grand Array. This grand array, as long as one collected the aura of a cultivator and integrated it into the grand array, it would then lock the cultivator inside the grand array on activation. Once the cultivator in question tried to escape from inside the grand array, the grand array would automatically start and lock in the cultivator whose aura it contained.

Fortunately, he had not decided to leave the Eternal Night Domain immediately; otherwise, he most likely would have ended up the prisons of the Su Clan.

Ignorance gives birth to fearlessness. Ning Cheng realised this and felt a cold tremor passing through his heart. If he had known that he was locked in by an Aura Locking Grand Array, he probably would have done the same thing, i.e. seek out cooperating with others like Duan Gantai. Fortunately, Duan Gantai thought that his attainments in array formations were not too high and that he had little knowledge about it, which made it slightly favourable for him. Looks like it was the right thing to keep a low profile.

Without waiting for Ning Cheng to ask, Duan Gantai took the initiative to continue with the explanation. “The Su Clan, on seeing us on fighting, and on the verge of such a scandal, would have no choice but to take the initiative to release the Eternal Night Domain’s Aura Lock and let us go to the Duelling Tower over the Eternal Night Public Square. That will be our only chance to make our escape.”

“What if the Su Clan doesn’t agree to it?” Ning Cheng knew that Duan Gantai must have taken great pains to come up with the best possible plan, but after knowing the danger, he still had to make sure of it.

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Chapter 660: Catching Someone Red-handed

Duan Gantai took a deep breath before speaking, "With my understanding of the Su Clan, they would definitely let us go to the Eternal Night Public Square. As one of the largest family clans in the Eternal Night Domain, the Su Clan would not shamelessly lock up the two of us in public as long as we show no intentions of escaping."

"If the Su Clan did this, then it would be akin to trying to find lice on a bald head. It would immediately make it clear to the public that they definitely locked us up, especially me, because they coveted our stuff. Of course, if the Su Clan really acted this shamelessly and without any regards to the consequences, then we would have no choice but to accept our fate."

Ning Cheng clenched his fists, he could feel that Duan Gantai's analysis was not made out of despair. In other words, if the Su Clan refused to play by the rules, then Duan Gantai did have a way to circumvent it. However, this method most likely would cause severe harm to Duan Gantai and might even injure his foundation. Most likely, it would be Ning Cheng, who would have to resign to his fate if he could not escape.

Although this situation was not a disaster outright but would turn into a life and death situation if he could not escape from it. As Ning Cheng thought of it till here, he might as well go with the flow for now. Since he can't walk away immediately, then it's better to stay and talk. Moreover, he had an inkling that Duan Gantai's plan had a success rate of at least 90%. Only when putting one's life on the line, would one find success within a plan. In any case, 90% confidence was still a large chunk.

"Brother Duan, I understand. Don't worry, I will follow your plan tomorrow. However, I would have to ask Brother Duan to give me the Directional Jade Strip for the Temple of Falling Stars. Maybe I'll decide to visit it in the future." Ning Cheng put the current matter to rest and immediately started planning.

Duan Gantai showed a faint smile before putting down a jade strip, which he seemed to have prepared beforehand. Then, with a flash, he disappeared from Ning Cheng's room. Ning Cheng's defensive array formations only rippled like a thin curtain over a door, this fellow didn't even have to touch it to push it aside.

Ning Cheng's Spiritual Consciousness had already noticed the changes that happened with this fellow's body and his array formation. When he saw Duan Gantai preparing to leave, he had seen a flash of light coming from his body. This flash of light made it easy for him to pass through his array formation.

Ning Cheng remained silent. He had never seen or even heard of such means of breaking through an array. That flash of light from Duan Gantai's body, most likely, came from a heaven-defying weapon, which allowed the wielder to bypass ordinary array formations. If this person became his enemy in the future, he definitely would be a difficult opponent to counter.

In any case, Ning Cheng felt that Duan Gantai should have no reason to lie to him. He picked up the jade strip that Duan Gantai had put down and casually scanned it with his Spiritual Consciousness and found that it contained a positional chart with directional indicators of a seemingly boundless starry sky. As for the Temple of Falling Stars, it was located in a relatively remote location within this starry sky positional diagram.

Putting the jade strip away, Ning Cheng didn't have any plans of going to the Temple of Falling Stars, at least not sometime soon. With his current cultivation, going there to talk to that powerhouse about the

Purple Yin Spirit Spring Bead would be nothing more than courting death. However, he had to admit that this Duan Gantai definitely had many secrets. He even knew about this matter in such detail.

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Ning Cheng left the rest stop early and went to the Perpetual Sand Rest Stop. He didn't even use his Spiritual Consciousness to search for cultivators trying to track him.

Perpetual Sand Rest Stop was not only a small place, but there were also not many people frequenting it. The hall on the ground floor was not very spacious and had even fewer people. Including Ning Cheng, it only had three guests.

Ning Cheng didn't look for a booth, he asked for a pot of Spiritual Wine and picked a table on the ground floor before sitting down. He didn't think about Su Baijiao's words, but more about Duan Gantai's words and actions.

Strictly speaking, he and Duan Gantai's cooperation was something mutually beneficial, at least on the surface. But in this 'cooperation', made it look like he was the one in an advantageous situation. In this cooperation, one could say that Duan Gantai not only had a good heart but also was quite generous.

Ning Cheng picked up the jug on the table and put it to his mouth. It was purely a subconscious movement, but when the pitcher neared his mouth, he suddenly felt something wrong. Even if he didn't understand the Aura Locking Grand Array, as long as that fellow explained things in some detail, even if it wasted some time, Duan Gantai could have explained it to him.

As long as he explained the working, or at least the strength, of the Aura Locking Grand Array, Duan Gantai wouldn't have any need to come up with any Perpetual Moon Pills and Permanent Essence Pills at all to get him to cooperate. Maybe, he had overlooked something.

How could someone like Duan Gantai, especially one with a shrewd mind, not have the patience required to explain such a crucial detail? Moreover, it wouldn't take an extremely long time to explain the essential workings, would it? The two of them didn't even know each other before today. So why did he willingly expose himself from his advantageous position, just to cooperate with him, when he could just sit back and enjoy the show?

That's not right, Ning Cheng thought to himself as he subconsciously stood up. There definitely were a few problems. Duan Gantai definitely was not the kind of person who gave away benefits to others without any reason. Even if he knew that the Su Clan wanted to use him when he and Su Baijiao exchanged 'flirtatious' glances, he would still have felt somewhat upset about it, it was a subconscious thing which people wouldn't be able to control. Because of this, it was even less likely that he would actually help him. Although extending this kind of help to him also helped Duan Gantai, but Ning Cheng still felt that there was a critical flaw in here somewhere.

However, no matter how hard Ning Cheng pondered over it, he still couldn't figure out what Duan Gantai had hidden from him. In any case, as long as he and Duan Gantai created enough ruckus, he could then head to the Eternal Night Grand Public Square. Once they reached the Eternal Night Grand Public Square, both of them can each go their own separate ways and would share no relationship with each other. Even if Duan Gantai had some means to his name, he would still find it impossible to

suppress him. As for the Temple of Falling Stars, he currently did not intend to go there in the short term.

With his speed, he did not feel any fear towards Duan Gantai. Even if the Su Clan wanted to catch him, it would prove almost impossible for them to catch up with his speed, as long as he escaped from this place.

Did he really consider Duan Gantai as a kind-hearted person in his heart? As Ning Cheng frowned and pondered over his thoughts, a small voice washed over, "Brother Ning, sorry for keeping you waiting."

"Oh, Senior Apprentice Sister Su, don't worry about it, I just arrived." Ning Cheng quickly turned around and smiled.

Su Baijiao's eyes revealed a hidden bitterness that no one else could notice, as she softly spoke up to Ning Cheng, "Let's go to a booth. I've booked a booth here."

Although the hidden bitterness that flashed through her eyes went unnoticed by others, Ning Cheng definitely caught it. Ning Cheng's eyes immediately showed some joy and a slight uneasiness after seeing Su Baijiao's hidden bitterness and quickly spoke up, "As commanded by Senior Apprentice Sister Su...."

Su Baijiao nodded and went upstairs first. At the same time, a softer voice reached Ning Cheng's ears, "Big Brother Ning, please call me Baijiao from now on."

Ning Cheng and Duan Gantai had already discussed the plan for leaving the Eternal Night Domain with the help of Su Baijiao. Therefore, in Ning Cheng's opinion, he'd better make a fuss as big as possible, so that Duan Gantai's reasons became even more compelling.

"That sounds good, Sister Baijiao." Ning Cheng called out at once.

Su Baijiao's face turned slightly red, and she sped up her pace before quickly entering a booth on the second floor. She waited for Ning Cheng to come inside first and then immediately activated the restrictions within the cabin.

Ning Cheng looked around the booth and found a bed in it. Seeing that, he sneered in his heart. It just the day after the wedding night, yet she really is trying to seduce people.

"Baijiao....." Ning Cheng hesitated for a moment. It seemed as if the next sentence was proving very difficult to speak.

Su Baijiao took out some array flags and threw them out before activating a few more hidden restrictions within the booth before speaking, "Big Brother Ning, the truth is, I shouldn't have come here to see you today. When I first saw you, I could immediately tell that you were not an ordinary person. You have not reached the Heaven Seated Realm, yet you still came to the Eternal Night Domain..... I felt happy seeing you at my wedding this time, and you even gave me such a precious gift. After guessing that you were looking for the Purple Yin Spring Water, I just had to tell you what I knew as soon as possible. I hope that you don't look down on me because of this."

"Sister Baijiao....." Ning Cheng's eyes glowed with gratitude, and he even took a step forward and grabbed Su Baijiao's hands.

Su Baijiao's face quickly turned red. She tried to squirm away, but Ning Cheng held on to her with a 'very tight' grip, which did not allow her to 'break free'.

"I...." Su Baijiao's palms instantly turned damp in Ning Cheng's hands. Even her voice trembled slightly, "My Su Clan has half a bottle of Purple Yin Spring Water..... Big Brother Ning, you should quickly let go of me, I....."

"Baijiao, although the Purple Yin Spirit Spring is important to me, I feel more grateful to you. Despite today being so important to you, you deliberately came out to tell me about such a trivial thing, thank you....." Ning Cheng's eyes glowed with heat. However, he sneered in his heart. Sure enough, she really didn't bring it with her. Most likely, if he wanted to get it, then he still would have to head over to the Su Clan to get it.

If this half a bottle of Purple Yin Spring Water could really cure Qionghua, he would do everything he could to get it. But Ning Cheng felt sure that this half a bottle of Purple Yin Spring Water would have only a slight effect, if any, on Qionghua. Moreover, he was confident that even if he went to the Su Clan, he would not get even a drop of it. At best, he would only be delivering himself to death.

"Please don't do this. You should let me go." Su Baijiao's blushing face looked like it was covered in rouge, but Ning Cheng still did not let her go.

"Bang...." The door of the booth suddenly blasted open.

An angry Duan Gantai stood at the door, with a trembling finger pointed at Ning Cheng and Su Baijiao. His eyes looked red and on the verge of bleeding, while murderous intent poured out in waves. Behind Duan Gantai stood several shop assistants from the rest stop, who also saw the 'intimate' scene between Ning Cheng and Su Baijiao.

Su Baijiao quickly took back her hand from Ning Cheng while her face immediately turned pale. Whether true or not, Duan Gantai was now her nominal husband. Yet she was in such a place with another male cultivator on the second day of her wedding. If this news spread out, it would definitely result in a massive loss of face.

"Aah....." Suddenly Duan Gantai brought out a long backed knife, wanting to smash the rest stop into slag.

"Surnamed Ning, I knew that you were not a good person the moment I laid my eyes on you. It's not even the second day of my wedding, and you try to seduce my woman. Die for me...." Duan Gantai's forehead had blue and green veins popping all over, while murderous intent oozed out of him. If seemed like he would not stop before he cut up and swallowed Ning Cheng whole.

Duan Gantai had shouted with a loud voice, and in just a moment, all the surrounding people knew what was going on. The news instantly exploded, and a large crowd of cultivators flocked over to watch the proceeding with excitement.

Su Clan's Su Baijiao had just got married in the presence of many influential people and powerhouses from all over the Eternal Night Domain. It had only been a day at most, yet Su Baijiao was having a 'private meeting' with another man in a private booth within a tiny rest stop and was caught by the clan's son-in-law red-handed.

“Gantai, don’t do this. You really misunderstood. Let’s go back and talk it out.” Su Baijiao spoke up urgently. She truly was feeling anxious.

It wouldn’t have mattered if such a thing happened after Duan Gantai died as planned, but currently, this matter happened just when she and Duan Gantai had just gotten married. This resulted in a complete loss of face for her and the clan. At this moment, she could only complain about it to herself and couldn’t help but feel anxious about it. As things stood, she knew that she would have to discuss this issue with her family, and then slowly try to figure it out.

Ning Cheng had to admire it. Duan Gantai not only accurately pinpointed their location without others knowing about it but also correctly grasped the timing to open the door. This was a perfect partner to work with but a powerful opponent to go against.