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Chapter 701: Life and Death Realm

As this cultivator kept looking at Ning Cheng surmounting the tribulation, he simply couldn't believe it at all. Even the Eternal Realm's thunder tribulation wouldn't contain such terrifying thunder force, would it? The more formidable one's cultivation, the more powerful the thunder tribulation. This was something that everyone agreed. But who, when trying to surpass the ordeal, would not use weapons to resist it? Who would willingly rush into the core of the thunder tribulation to punch the tribulation arcs with his or her bare fists?

Was this a Dao Confirming Cultivator? But even Dao Confirming Powerhouses would not dare to do such a thing. At this moment, the cultivator mumbled to himself as if he had gone crazy. He simply couldn't figure out whether that thunder tribulation or that cultivator surmounting the ordeal was unreal.

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Ning Cheng didn't know whether thunder tribulations existed because of the laws of heaven and earth, or whether someone or something controlled it. But he could sense that after he grew angry, the thunder tribulation seemed to have also turned angry as well.

Ning Cheng didn't know whether the laws of the thunder tribulation were the same as the laws of heaven and earth, but it could not deter him. Even so, he still used his fists to resist the tribulation thunder arcs.

However, this time, Ning Cheng fists couldn't scatter the lightning arcs like the last time. This time, empowered by the laws, the lightning arcs managed to crack the bones in Ning Cheng's arms. Not only that, the next wave of thunder tribulation descended without any warning. These thunder tribulation arcs even locked down the area around him, making even the simplest movements difficult for Ning Cheng.

Even the laws of space accompanied this thunder tribulation. Ning Cheng felt even more anger at this. However, his mind turned rational. He understood that if he continued to fight like this, he would not be able to match up. He would eventually suffer even more losses, and there was even a high possibility of falling under this continuous thunder tribulation.

The reason why this thunder tribulation continues was that he was yet to advance to the Life and Death Realm. As long as he achieved the Life and Death Realm and broke through the cultivation barrier, the laws within the Life and Death Thunder Tribulation would start to dissipate. Even if it continued, once he advanced to the Life and Death Realm, this thunder tribulation would not pose any danger to him.

"Kaka" sounds of thunder continuously rang out. The accompanying laws of space contained within it tried to seal Ning Cheng within its range and turn everything within it to powder.

Ning Cheng took in a deep breath. Falling back on the last remaining piece of the broken starland, he let the thunder tribulation strike him. However, it couldn't move him at all; instead, it helped Ning Cheng crazily coalesce his celestial essence.

The moment another wave of dense tribulation lightning arcs struck him, he suddenly punched out. This was the first time that he used his own spirit technique during a thunder tribulation. This thunder tribulation had its own worldly laws to empower it, but he also has the support of a law-related spirit technique.

Sunset's Twilight!

The setting sun looked infinitely beautiful, almost nearing dusk! Even thunder tribulation has its sunset. In any case, thunder tribulation would not exist without life; this thought gradually allowed Ning Cheng to dissipate his fear against it. Since this tribulation came into existence due to the laws of heaven and earth, then it was equivalent of it having life. Since thunder tribulation existed because of life, it also meant that it had to adhere to constraints of the laws.

Therefore, every thunder tribulation also experienced dusk. Even if its sunset was very short, it still had an end.

As the scene of dusk appeared, the lightning arcs paused in just a blink of an eye. This momentary pause felt like a few breaths long, or maybe only one breath, or perhaps even a tenth of a breath.

But just for this moment, the tribulation thunder did stagnate under Sunset's Twilight.

The celestial essence that Ning Cheng had crazily coalesced within his meridians suddenly burst out, just like water flowing out of a broken dam. As if flowed out, it directly struck the barrier to the Life and Death Realm.

"Boom....." The shackles binding his cultivation exploded, and Ning Cheng's body and mind felt completely empty at this moment. His meridians rapidly expanded then quickly started filling up with celestial essence. At this moment, he felt enamoured by the sense of powerful cultivation and the laws of heaven and earth filling him up. The celestial essence flowing through his body felt like water from a sweet spring. In just an instant, it completed one heavenly cycle within his body's meridians. The power of laws also started to clear up within his mind at this moment. At the same time, his Starry Sky Sea of Consciousness rapidly expanded and spread out.

In just a single moment, Ning Cheng had utterly smashed apart the cultivation barrier and advanced to the Life and Death Realm.

"Bang-Bang-Bang....."

The endless lightning arcs finally managed to break through the dusk and landed on Ning Cheng. Ning Cheng's skin showed a few bloody marks at the points of contact, but those bloody marks disappeared in the blink of an eye. Even the arm that had cracked under the previous wave of thunder tribulation recovered in just an instant.

Ning Cheng rushed out again and punched. The thunder tribulation arcs of the next wave had not fallen when Ning Cheng's fist directly blew them away, forcing them to scatter.

When Ning Cheng fell on the remnant fragment of the broken starland, there were no more lightning arcs in the endless starry sky above his head. The entire starry sky around him seemed to have gone quiet.

He had finally surmounted the thunder tribulation to the Life and Death Realm. In this thunder tribulation, Ning Cheng had not only managed to evolve his body into the Starry Sky Body, but even his cultivation had truly advanced to the Life and Death Realm.

After using the Dust Removal Technique on himself a few times, Ning Cheng then changed into a fresh and clean robe. Immediately, his gaze then moved towards a point in the distance, where a cultivator had watched him surmount the thunder tribulation. The moment his thunder tribulation disappeared, the cultivator fled. Seemingly afraid of reckoning.

Ning Cheng did not particularly want to catch the cultivator, but he brought out the Starry Sky Wheel and immediately went after the cultivator. He wanted to ask where he was right now.

However, before Ning Cheng could catch up to the cultivator, he stopped. He had already recognised where he was. When that pale-faced cultivator had chased after him, it forced him to come to this place unknowingly. In other words, this place was the periphery of the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land.

Thinking about the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land, Ning Cheng immediately thought of the Foreign Heaven's Arrow. Back when he first saw the Foreign Heaven's Arrow, he only had a Heaven's Mandate Cultivation. Because of the lack of knowledge back then, when his spiritual consciousness swept out and reached the Foreign Heaven's Arrow, the powerful and suppressive death aura from it had forced him to vomit out a mouthful of blood.

Back then, his cultivation was still too low. Therefore, he couldn't take it away, even after knowing that this was the Foreign Heaven's Arrow and that it had shot the Everlasting Blue Thunder City into the void.

Ning Cheng had been coveting this arrow for a long time. He didn't know for how many years has that arrow remained untouched, but up until now, no one had managed to take it away. It showed that no cultivator could take it away.

Now that he had advanced to the Life and Death Realm, even if he had not come here, he would have made the trip to that place for the arrow in the future, let alone now when he accidentally come here.

Although his cultivation might not compare to the truly powerful Eternal Starry Sky Emperors, Ning Cheng believed that at least he could now contend against ordinary Eternal-level cultivators. Moreover, he still had the support of his biggest secret, his Starry Sky Sea of Consciousness. Potentially no one out there could compare to his Sea of Consciousness, even Eternal cultivators. Moreover, the cultivation method he used was the Mysterious Yellow Formless, which nothing else could compare.

Although Eternal experts cannot take away this Foreign Heaven's Arrow, it did not mean that he couldn't take it away. Even if he could not obtain, he had to try first before giving up.

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As soon as Ning Cheng found his bearings and rushed into the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land, the bleak, vicissitude-filled, and desolate aura quickly washed over him. Moreover, because he had come to the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land previously, he felt some familiarity with it. Therefore, instead of looking for the merchant ships around the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land, Ning Cheng quickly made plans to directly head to the location of the Foreign Heaven's Arrow.

However, when Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness swept around for a bit, he quickly found an old acquaintance, Warren.

In the past, Warren had worked with him and obtained many cultivation resources. But now that Ning Cheng saw him, Warren still hadn't managed to break through from Heaven's Mandate Realm to advance to the Heaven Seated Realm. Moreover, his aura also felt slightly unstable, even worse than when he had teamed up with them.

Ning Cheng shook his head. For the cultivators who stayed in the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land, they all had to carry their heads in their hands. It was quite reasonable to suffer some injuries due to the dangers in this place. Therefore, cultivators like Warren, who adventured through the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land perennially generally had a few lingering injuries. It would be strange if one did not sustain any injuries while roaming this place. What's more, Heaven's Mandate Realm was something of a bottleneck for a majority of the cultivators. Many cultivators could only linger and not break through Heaven's Mandate Realm in their entire life.

Just when Ning Cheng wanted to recall his spiritual consciousness, a cultivator standing not far from Warren suddenly raised his hand and slapped Warren's face. As the cultivator took back his hand from Warren's face, it left behind five distinct bloodstained marks.

Yet, Warren did not move at all despite the grievance in his eyes.

Ning Cheng frowned. The cultivator who slapped Warren, at best, had a Heaven's Mandate Cultivation. Why would Warren stand still and let others hit him? Why would he show such behaviour despite being a seasoned adventurer of the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land?

At this point, the cultivator who slapped Warren raised his hand again and hit Warren's face once again. Even then, Warren showed no sign of resistance.

Ning Cheng felt a little upset at this. He still had a good impression of Warren. The reason he obtained so many cultivation resources back then was mainly due to Warren inviting him to team up for exploring the Crow's Nest. Seeing Warren purposefully holding himself back made Ning Cheng uncomfortable. Warren was one of his former teammates and in a sense was someone he considered as a friend. Thinking of this, Ning Cheng immediately turned a corner and landed on the merchant ship where Warren stood.

The cultivator standing opposite to Warren raised his palm again to slap Warren's face, yet Warren still did not move. However, this time, that cultivator's palm could not strike Warren's face; instead, another palm seemed to have suddenly materialised out of thin air and grabbed on to the cultivator's wrist.

The cultivator felt shocked to see a person grabbing his wrist. However, he did not dare to say a word. He was a cultivator in the Heaven's Mandate Realm, yet this person grabbed his wrist and prevented him from any movement. How could he dare to say anything?

"Senior...." Warren immediately recognised Ning Cheng and exclaimed in surprise.

Ning Cheng slightly flicked his hand and threw away the cultivator who was about to hit Warren. Then he showed a smile to Warren and spoke, "It looks like you've had a rough time recently. Where are Yue

Yuanxue and Dou Di, hope they are okay? My name is Ning Cheng; don't call me 'senior' from now. Besides, we were teammates in the past."

Ning Cheng had come from Earth, and as such, did not care about cultivation hierarchy.

"Who are you? Why did you hit me?" After Ning Cheng's flicked away the cultivator, he finally managed to gain some courage and dared to question Ning Cheng.

"I'm Warren's friend. Besides, I haven't hit you yet. If I had actually hit you, did you think you could still stand here?" Ning Cheng calmly glanced at the cultivator and spoke up.

"Great timing, Ou Quan, go ahead and let him strike. I'd like to see how he tries to deal with people of my Ou Clan." A white-robed cultivator stepped out at almost the same time his voice spread out.

Warren quickly bowed and spoke, "Warren greets Senior Ou."

After that, Warren turned to Ning Cheng and said, "Brother Ning, this senior is Ou Zhentian of the Ou Clan, Ou Hongxin's uncle."

Ning Cheng suddenly understood a few things. Ou Hongxin had initially teamed up with them but later died in Crow Star. Ou Hongxin had perished under Ma Ximen's hands, and this matter had nothing to do with Warren. But seeing Ou Clan's people here, it looks like they want to hold Warren accountable for it. Something didn't seem right.

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Chapter 702: The Black Arrow's Killing Intent

"Ou Hongxin died at Ma Ximen's hands. I already killed Ma Ximen and avenged him. This has nothing to do with Warren." Ning Cheng said with a calm voice.

Ou Zhentian, who stood directly opposite him, had just advanced to Heaven Seated Realm. As such, Ning Cheng simply did not take him seriously. However, considering Ou Hongxin's death, he did not take offence towards Ou Zhentian's attitude.

Back then, Warren was the leader of the team; therefore, when Ou Hongxin died, he naturally had some of the responsibility. But slapped around by the people from Ou Clan, it seems like he had quite the bad luck.

"So you are the cultivator who went under the alias Cheng Nianqiong, right? Did you think you are someone famous? The responsibility of Hongxin's death also falls on your shoulders. Ou Quan, go slap him a few times and bring both of them back." Ou Zhentian spoke without emotions. He had come here mainly to find Cheng Nianqiong. Unexpectedly, this fellow brought himself to their doors.

Ou Quan's neck shrank, not wanting to get involved. How could he dare to go up and hit Ning Cheng?

Seeing Ou Quan not even daring to go forward, Ou Zhentian showed a frown. However, before he could speak, Ning Cheng smiled, "Looks like everyone from Ou Clan should take a nanny with them when out adventuring. Oh, yeah, they also need a butler to help dress and bathe. Haha, you people from Ou Clan sure have some expensive tastes. Why come out for trails and just stay hiding in the safety of your home?"

After that, Ning Cheng didn't even bother to deal with this Ou Zhentian and directly spoke to Warren, "Warren, come with me."

Ning Cheng knew that once he said this, Ou Zhentian would definitely initiate a fight. However, for the sake of Ou Hongxin, Ning Cheng did not intend to teach this Ou Zhentian a lesson.

"Brother Ning, I can't go. Ou Clan has taken Yue Wanxue, I, I...." Warren hesitated for a moment before whispering. He didn't know that Ou Hongxin had such a powerful family. He had thought that Ou Hongxin, like them, was just a rogue cultivator that no one knew. Who knew that Ou Hongxin's death would blow up into such a huge thing?

Ning Cheng's expressions darkened as he frowned. This time, his tone no longer contained the previous calm, "Ou Zhentian, did your Ou Clan also capture Yue Wanxue?"

Ou Zhentian stepped forward and raised his hand to grab Ning Cheng before saying, "You're right. Since you also share responsibility, let's go and bury you with Hongxin....."

Mighty waves of imposing aura rushed over. However, this imposing aura disappeared without a trace with just a wave from Ning Cheng. Ning Cheng took a step forward and reached out.

Ou Zhentian, as a Heaven Seated Cultivator, naturally was not an idiot. When Ning Cheng stepped forward, his domain collapsed, and his imposing aura instantly disappeared, replaced by a powerful killing force that bore down over his head.

Feeling such an aura crashing down, which made him unable to move, Ou Zhentian's face turned pale. At this moment, he understood that Ning Cheng did not have Heaven's Mandate cultivation at all, but was an Eternal Starry Sky Emperor. Apart from an Eternal-level expert, who could suppress him with just the imposing aura to the point that he couldn't even move?

Without waiting for Ou Zhentian to put up a resistance, Ning Cheng's hand grabbed Ou Zhentian's neck and lifted the relatively shorter Ou Zhentian into the air.

Ou Zhentian was a genuine Heaven Seated Cultivator, yet Ning Cheng picked him up and held him in the air like a chicken up for slaughter. His feet swayed violently as his face started to turn into the colour of pigs' liver. As a Heaven Seated Cultivator, even if he could not breathe, he would never suffer suffocation. Yet, on this merchant ship, someone had picked him up like a chicken. Did he, Ou Zhentian, still have a face anymore?

"Are you saying that your Ou Clan has also taken away Yue Wanxue?" Ning Cheng's voice no longer held the same relatively genial tone from before; it had already turned cold to the point of freezing.

When Warren and Ou Quan saw Ning Cheng picking up Ou Zhentian, a genuine Heaven Seated Powerhouse, like a chicken and holding him up in the air, they couldn't help but speculate Ning Cheng's cultivation. Warren knew that Ning Cheng had deep cultivation, but even he could not imagine that Ning Cheng would turn out this strong.

At this time, many cultivators had already surrounded the deck of the merchant ship. However, they also felt shocked to see such actions from Ning Cheng. Where did this powerhouse come from?

Ou Zhentian had come here to investigate the death of Ou Hongxin; as such, everyone here knew him. They all knew that he was a real Heaven Seated expert. Yet, someone had picked up this Heaven Seated expert without even facing the slightest resistance.

“If Yue Wanxue lost even half a hair, I will make sure to make a trip to Ou Clan.” Ning Cheng brought Ou Zhentian closer to him and spoke with a cold tone to his face.

Ou Zhentian felt like someone had suddenly plunged him headfirst into ice-cold water. The previous feeling of humiliation had already disappeared and instead replaced with fear and panic.

Ou Clan did not even have a single Eternal-level cultivator. Since this powerhouse can easily pick him up and put him in such a state, then this expert could definitely eradicate his Ou Clan. Killing an Ou Zhentian was just like killing an ant.

Just when Ou Zhentian felt fear and panic taking over his mind, something suddenly appeared in his Dantian. Before he could understand what had happened, Ning Cheng threw him on to the deck of the merchant ship, “Ou Zhentian, I placed a restriction in your Dantian. I have nothing to talk with you right now, but once I finish a few things here, I will take a trip to your Ou Clan. If this restriction doesn’t come undone in a year, do you understand what would happen to you?”

“I know. I know.....” At this time, Ou Zhentian no longer cared about his reputation.

“Warren, I have something to do here. I will return in a year. If you have any news, send me a message. My communication pearl is still active since back then.” After Ning Cheng threatened Ou Zhentian into submission, he then spoke to Warren.

He currently wanted to refine the Foreign Heaven’s Arrow and had no time to go to Ou Clan. He believed that Ou Clan would not act in foolishness, and would not kill Warren and Yue Wanxue because of such things.

“Senior, Yue Wanxue has been taken away to the Culmination Starland. Within a year, this junior would not be able to bring her here....” Ou Zhentian’s tone almost felt like he was crying. In fact, he initially wanted to take away Yue Wanxue and Warren and completely vent his anger on them to restore some semblance of his prestige. Naturally, he also coveted the good things Warren and Yue Wanxue obtained from the Crow Star.

Moreover, even if one were an idiot, people knew that he coming here had nothing to do with Yue Wanxue or Warren. After just advancing to Heaven Seated Realm, Ou Zhentian learned that Ou Hongxin had fallen while gaining experience in the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land. As such, it was only natural for him to come here to seek revenge. However, when he came here, he found that the person who killed Ou Hongxin had already died, which meant that he could no longer get revenge. But after investigating things even more in-depth, he then learnt that a few good things had appeared in Crow Star and that a person named Cheng Nianqiong had taken away. Cheng Nianqiong was in the same team as Warren, Yue Wanxue and Ou Hongxin. Although most of the harvest went to Cheng Nianqiong, Warren and others definitely obtained some and wanted to get his hands on it.

“Then wait for me in Culmination Starland for a year. If I come to Culmination Starland and don’t see you, you know the consequences.” Ning Cheng’s tone did not even contain a shred of politeness.

Ou Zhentian quickly spoke up, "Yes, senior. But where is this junior supposed to wait for senior in the Culmination Starland?"

"Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City's Baichi Artefact Crafting Store." Ning Cheng gave a casual reply. Once he returned to the Culmination Starland, it was necessary to go to the Baichi Artefact-crafting Store to look for Jian Jiao.

"Ning... Senior, I'll go with them. Yue Wanxue had joined the team on my invitation. Since she got involved in this mess, I have to take responsibility for it." Warren quickly spoke up. He did not dare to continue to address Ning Cheng as Brother Ning after witnessing Ning Cheng's horrifying cultivation.

Ning Cheng did not feel any objection to it and turned to Ou Zhentian, "Bring Warren to Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City. I will come there in a year."

"Yes." How could Ou Zhentian dare to say even half a word of contradiction?

Ning Cheng estimated that Ou Clan would not get into a feud with him over Warren and Yue Wanxue. After obtaining the oath from Ou Zhentian, he spoke a few words to Warren and left.

If he could refine the Foreign Heaven's Arrow, then it wouldn't take more than a year. If he can't refine it, then it would be useless even if he spent a few more years. Therefore, Ning Cheng decided to make a one-year agreement.

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After Ning Cheng advanced to the Life and Death Realm, both his cultivation and physical body reached a very high level of strength. Therefore, although the periphery of Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land still contained many dangers everywhere, these dangers could no longer threaten Ning Cheng.

In just half a day, Ning Cheng reached the periphery of the Foreign Heaven's Arrow once again.

Unlike the previous time when he had swept out with his spiritual consciousness from afar, this time, Ning Cheng stood at the outer edge of the broken star. This broken star had a large black arrow embedded in it at an oblique angle that gave off an oppressive death aura that suppressed everything around it. Even Ning Cheng's Celestial River Domain gave out creaking-like noises under this suppression.

Back then, just an unintentional sweep with his spiritual consciousness had resulted in Ning Cheng spitting out a mouthful of blood. But today, even when Ning Cheng stood right in front of this giant arrow, it could not affect him at all.

Glancing at the top of the huge arrow, Ning Cheng only felt strands of powerful killing intent whistling through the sky above it. If it were a cultivator with a weak mind, these strands of killing intent would have forced them onto the ground by now.

Ning Cheng took in a deep breath and slowly approached the giant arrow. Even Eternal Cultivators cannot refine this object, but he wanted to try it. However, he also knew that he couldn't act out of recklessness.

When Ning Cheng came about a hundred miles away from this huge black arrow, the black arrow suddenly started vibrating and gave out high-frequency shooting-like sounds. Strands of invisible killing

intent emerged from the black arrow before quickly forming into what seemed like a solid arrow shadow before it shot out towards him. Ning Cheng's Celestial River Domain could not stop it all, allowing this killing intent arrow to rush into Ning Cheng's Sea of Consciousness.

Ning Cheng's expressions quickly changed, and he finally understood why no one had managed to refine this black arrow yet. Right now, he stood about a hundred miles from the black arrow, yet the killing intent arrow still managed to bypass everything and enter his Sea of Consciousness. If he came any closer, the killing intent shooting out from it would only increase in power. At that point, it would be a miracle if one could remain alive.

But Ning Cheng did not expect that the Everlasting Blue Thunder Fort, which always needed his activation to resist attacks, would also tremble and give out high-frequency sounds just like the black arrow. The moment the black array shot into Ning Cheng's Sea of Consciousness, his Everlasting Blue Thunder Fort also lit up.

A long line of lightning arcs suddenly burst out of the Everlasting Blue Thunder Fort and collided with the black arrow formed from killing intent. Ning Cheng's Sea of Consciousness, in just an instant, transformed into a battlefield. Yet, Ning Cheng had not even taken any conscious action.

Ning Cheng took in a deep breath. He understood the restlessness exhibited by the Everlasting Blue Thunder Fort. Although Everlasting Blue Thunder Fort's weapon spirit had gone missing, this black arrow had forced the Everlasting Blue Thunder Fort into the void. Moreover, this black arrow was also the main reason for its weapon spirit going missing. Meeting again at this moment was akin to meeting each other's mortal enemy. If the weapon spirit still existed, Ning Cheng feared that this hatred would have been a lot more intense.

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Chapter 703: Five-coloured Star Splitter

Although this black arrow contained immense power, it's been stuck here for many years, indicating that it was most likely an ownerless item. Therefore, even though its murderous aura invaded Ning Cheng's Sea of Consciousness, it quickly lost its intimidating nature after Ning Cheng's Everlasting Blue Thunder City automatically blocked its rampage.

When Ning Cheng took a step forward again, this black arrow seemed to have sensed Ning Cheng's intent to approach it. It started to vibrate even more and gave out even more 'weng' sounds. As increasingly powerful killing intent poured out from this black arrow, it continuously formed into more and more arrows. However, this time, the arrows did not target Ning Cheng's Sea of Consciousness but surrounded Ning Cheng.

Even if Ning Cheng advanced to the Life and Death Realm, his Celestial River Domain couldn't completely block the residual arrow intent's murderous aura.

"Puff-Puff-Puff-Puff....." The arrow intent's murderous aura quickly slammed on to Ning Cheng after sealing off all the escape routes.

However, despite the power contained within the murderous aura, it could only tear through Ning Cheng's robes and not hurt him at all. This also highlighted the strength of Ning Cheng's Starry Sky Body.

Ning Cheng gave out a dark sign in his heart. If he still had a Celestial River body, then in the face of this arrow intent's murderous aura, he would have had to bring out weapons and fight with his life on the line to defend against these arrows. If he had to bring out weapons to guard against it, it would be better to give up on the thought of refining this black arrow.

No wonder this black arrow remained here for so long and no one refined it yet. Not to mention the powerful killing intent that could ignore everything else and invade one's Sea of Consciousness, even the materialised arrow intent could rip apart one's domain. Just these two factors made it extremely difficult to defend against it.

Fortunately, he had the Everlasting Blue Thunder City in his Sea of Consciousness supported with a Starry Sky body. Therefore, even if others found these obstacles insurmountable, it did not pose too much danger to him.

As Ning Cheng kept approaching it step-by-step, the black arrow continued to vibrate more and more fiercely. It seemed to have turned even angrier and gave out even more powerful 'weng' sounds. The arrow intent exuding from it brought up even more powerful killing power with it.

However, Ning Cheng still kept moving towards it, ignoring the black arrow's killing intent. With a Starry Sky body, this arrow's killing intent couldn't do anything to him.

When Ning Cheng finally came to a stop in front of the black arrow, he suddenly raised his hand and placed it on its shaft, to allow his spiritual consciousness to pour into it.

However, the moment Ning Cheng touched the shaft of the black arrow, a traceless strand of killing intent suddenly rushed into Ning Cheng's Starry Sky Sea of Consciousness that even managed to avoid the blockade formed by the Everlasting Blue Thunder City.

A tearing pain suddenly erupted, shocking Ning Cheng to the core. He immediately understood that if this strand of killing intent pierced through his Sea of Consciousness, it might not kill him, but it would definitely cripple him. Even if he had the Sifting Ferry Grass, Ning Cheng would not be able to use it.

Without any hesitation or consideration, Ning Cheng's thoughts immediately connected to the Imperial Jade Seal filled with the Power of Hope.

Only the Imperial Jade Seal within his Sea of Consciousness could help him right now, apart from the Everlasting Blue Thunder City. Although his sea also contained the Celestial River Flame, its grade was still too low for any use against the current enemy.

With Ning Cheng's thought, the Imperial Jade Seal immediately erupted with golden light before turning into a giant seal and smashing down on the shadowless killing intent in his Sea of Consciousness.

"Boom!" A horrific explosion raged in Ning Cheng's Sea of Consciousness, which almost sent Ning Cheng into a shock. His Sea of Consciousness trembled as if an earthquake passed through it.

The shadowless killing intent fired by the black arrow gave out a faint but sharp tweet but under pressure from the Imperial Jade Seal, dissolved into nothingness.

Ning Cheng breathed out a sigh of relief, and started pouring more of his spiritual consciousness into the black arrow and began refining.

After Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness invaded the black arrow, it felt as if the black arrow had exhausted its power and could no longer attack Ning Cheng. Instead, it could only form one blockade after another in the form of restrictions to protect itself.

Ning Cheng had already determined to refine this black arrow. Even if this black arrow created more obstacles, his spiritual consciousness, together with his celestial essence, tore through one obstacle after another, just like a spear passing through layers of shields without showing any indication of stopping.

Time continued to pass since the moment his consciousness invaded it, but it caused the killing intent around the black arrow to start shrinking steadily. As the arrow's killing intent continued to shrink in on itself, the black arrow's defences grew even stronger. Yet, even then, it could not stop or slow down Ning Cheng's refining speed.

Not knowing how much time had passed, the black arrow suddenly gave out a 'katcha' sound that reverberated in Ning Cheng's Sea of Consciousness, following which the black arrow's resistance weakened almost immediately.

Ning Cheng finally felt somewhat happy. He understood that he had managed to refine the first layer of restrictions covering the black arrow.

Everything looked fierce in the beginning, but after refining the first layer of restriction, Ning Cheng quickly tore through the latter segments of the restriction layer like cutting through bamboo. 'Kaka' sounds continuously resounded as the black arrow slowly started to fall under Ning Cheng's control.

This was already the 37th day since Ning Cheng sat down in this place and started refining the black arrow. As Ning Cheng focussed on refining the black arrow, he completely forgot about all the interference around him.

Because Ning Cheng had started refining the black arrow, the killing intent surrounding the arrow continually converged on itself causing feelings of alarm, shock and surprise to run through the hearts of the cultivators going through that area.

After the first cultivator discovered someone refining the black arrow, and that the killing intent around it had started to weaken, more and more cultivators decided to make their way to this place. At this time, many cultivators had already surrounded the periphery of the shattered star where the black arrow lay embedded. These cultivators could not help but look at Ning Cheng in awe as he refined the black arrow in the distance.

"Is he a supreme master? How can one refine the Foreign Heaven's Arrow?"

"It should be a Dao Confirming Powerhouse. It has to be one. Even Eternal Starry Sky Emperors cannot do such a thing."

"I wish I could be that senior's disciple...."

"Stop dreaming. Experts at that level would never take in disciples from this place."

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Previously, they could not even get close to this shattered star; however, now that someone had started refining the black arrow, everyone could now finally see the black arrow up close.

Initially, of the cultivators watching Ning Cheng refine the black arrow, most of them were rogue cultivators who flitted around the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land. However, the news quickly spread and more cultivators started pouring in from afar. Even some Eternal Starry Sky Emperors received the report and promptly rushed towards the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land.

Who did not want to obtain a treasure like the Foreign Heaven's Arrow? Now that someone had started to refine it, who would willingly not care about it?

However, they were not destined to see the scene of Ning Cheng refining the black arrow, and even less able to participate in the competition for the black arrow. After refining the black arrow for around a month, Ning Cheng had already taken control of the black arrow. He then suddenly stood up and raised his hand to pull it out. The large black arrow gave out a whistling sound before finally coming out of the shattered star.

"Boom....." With the black arrow pulled out of the shattered star, the star then turned into dust dissipating into the endless void of the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land.

After the black arrow fell into Ning Cheng's hand, it quickly became smaller, and even its colour started to fade. In just a few moments, the black arrow had shrunk down to the length of a few feet.

Ning Cheng put the black arrow into his storage ring with a happy feeling and at the same time brought out the Starry Sky Wheel. In the next moment, the Starry Sky Wheel seemed to have split open the void around it and disappeared from the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land. Even one's spiritual consciousness could not find the slightest trace of it, let alone catch up to it.

Just when Ning Cheng left, some of the nearest Eternal-level powerhouses finally arrived. However, they reached a step too late and could not even see the black arrow.

"Someone actually refined and carried away the Foreign Heaven's Arrow?" An Eternal-level powerhouse stared at the spot where the remnant star had dissipated into dust and spoke with a voice fused with killing intent.

Who did not want to obtain a treasure like the Foreign Heaven's Arrow? Now that someone unknown had refined it and taken it away, how could he tolerate such a thing?

"Brother Peng, although we all want the Foreign Heaven's Arrow, I know a bit more than you. The person who took away the arrow is only at the Heaven Seated Realm, hehe....." A newly arrived Eternal Cultivator spoke up after hearing those words.

When the other Eternal cultivator heard those words, he gave out a sigh and even the killing intent in his eyes gradually dissipated. He understood what those words implied. If that person could refine the arrow with a Heaven Seated Cultivation and even managed to take away the Foreign Heaven's Arrow, it meant that he could not compare to that person. If one day he really started a fight with the expert who took the Foreign Heaven's Arrow, he might actually die.

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Since Ning Cheng dared to take away the Foreign Heaven's Arrow, it showed that he naturally did not fear the Eternal cultivators wanting to hunt him down. It was just that he did not want to start a fight with other Eternal cultivators right away. Therefore, the moment he gained control over the Foreign Heaven's Arrow, he decided to leave immediately.

Moreover, Ning Cheng had already refined the Starry Sky Wheel's 81st layer of restrictions, making it several times faster compared to the past.

After leaving, Ning Cheng called out Chasing Bull and let Chasing Bull control the Starry Sky Wheel to head to the Culmination Starland, while he continued to refine the Foreign Heaven's Arrow.

This black arrow seemed to contain an endless amount of restrictions. After Ning Cheng refined one layer of restriction, it immediately formed another layer of restrictions. However, the more Ning Cheng refined it, the smaller the black arrow became.

Seeing this, Ning Cheng suspected that one day, when he completely refined this black arrow, this black arrow might turn into nothingness.

Ning Cheng, regardless of the suspicions, decided to refine the black arrow to its limit. Even if the black arrow turned into nothingness during the refinement, he would not give up on it.

70th layer of restrictions, 71st layer of restrictions... 80th layer of restrictions...

92nd layer of restriction... 98th layer of restrictions...

As another month passed by, Ning Cheng had refined up to 106 layers of restrictions. By this time, the black arrow had already turned into a faint shadow, yet the refinement showed no sign of coming to an end.

107th layer of restriction, 108th layer of restriction...

"Katcha....." A faint sound emerges, and Ning Cheng looked at his palm in shock. The black arrow that looked like a soft shadow before had now disappeared entirely after he refined the 108th layer of restrictions.

How could the Foreign Heaven's Arrow disappear after refining? However, before Ning Cheng could ponder over the reason, a stream of information flowed into Ning Cheng's mind.

'Five-coloured Star Splitting Arrow, no bow, no arrow, no star, no split!'[1]

This arrow obviously had a black colour initially, yet it had the name 'Five-coloured Star Splitter Arrow'. Even if it had the title 'Colourless Star Splitter Arrow', Ning Cheng would not have felt surprised, but 'five-coloured', where were these five colours?

No bow, no arrow, no star, no split! What did this mean? Moreover, where did the recently refined five-coloured Star Splitter Arrow go?

Ning Cheng quickly found out where the arrow had gone. Observing his hand carefully, he found an extremely faint, almost indiscernible shadow on his wrist, so weak that even his eyes missed it initially. Focussing all his concentration, Ning Cheng finally felt the arrow sitting on his wrist. Yet, it still looked

colourless. Nevertheless, Ning Cheng confirmed that this arrow was the same Foreign Heaven's Arrow that he had just refined.

Ning Cheng's thoughts then concentrated with the intent to try out the power of this arrow. However, the moment he tried it, he felt the majestic and boundless murderous aura filling the entire body of the arrow. Ning Cheng had a hunch that if he wanted to bring out this arrow, he would have to exhaust almost all of his celestial essence and spiritual consciousness. Even then, he felt that he might not manage to bring out its full power.

The Five-coloured Star Splitter Arrow definitely contains terrifying strength, Ning Cheng thought as he took in a deep breath. He naturally had a clear understanding of his cultivation and had always held enormous confidence in his spiritual consciousness, yet he understood that he could not bring out the full power of this black arrow. This definitely implied that this arrow held terrifying powers.

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Chapter 704: Cheng Ruolan Artefact-crafting Store

"Master, we've reached Grand Culmination Starry Sky." Chasing Bull's voice came from the outside.

Ning Cheng didn't intend to use up all his celestial essence to try this arrow. Therefore, when Chasing Bull said that they had reached Grand Culmination Starry Sky, he decided to put this matter aside for now.

"Master, you look even mightier and brave, with unmatched spirit techniques. Even Starry Sky Emperors cannot match up to a finger of my master. Would it not be better if this little fellow follows master on the outside and increase your prestige instead of staying inside the ring?" Chasing Bull seemed to be in a good mood. When it saw Ning Cheng coming out, it quickly spoke with its most flattering voice.

Ning Cheng knew that Chasing Bull had a glib tongue, but its strength couldn't match against the Exploding Golden Wasps. Moreover, there were more than one Exploding Golden Wasps in his True Spirit World, which meant that Chasing Bull most likely did not have a peaceful time inside. Therefore, when Chasing Bull asked to stay outside, he did not mind it all. Even if it leads to exposing the fact that it was a Wind Seeking Heavenly Bull, Chuan Xinlou and others would also realise that he had the Starry Sky Wheel. So what could they do to him?

"This little one can converge its aura now; no one would recognise this little one as the Wind Seeking Heavenly Bull. They'll only see an ordinary bull." Chasing Bull, seeing Ning Cheng not talking about its motor mouth, took it as an assurance and pushed on with coaxing.

Ning Cheng gave out a sigh, "Since you don't want to enter the ring, I will help you with a few restrictions. This way, no one would be able to recognise you as the Wind Seeking Heavenly Bull."

In any case, Chasing Bull could help him with many things. At the very least, Ning Cheng felt it could help him more than the Exploding Golden Wasps. Therefore, he did not mind providing help to Chasing Bull.

"Many thanks, master." Chasing Bull quickly thanked him.

Although Ning Cheng did not fear Chuan Xinlou, it would not hurt to avoid detection. Moreover, helping Chasing Bull with a few restrictions also served his own interests. Unless someone forcibly tried to look at it through spiritual consciousness and break the restrictions, no one would be able to make out

Chasing Bull's real body. If someone forcibly tried to uncover Chasing Bull's real body, it would be equivalent to a provocation. At that moment, they cannot blame him for responding to the provocation in kind.

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Standing outside the Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City, Ning Cheng felt myriad thoughts going through his mind. He had returned after many years. Back then, Ning Cheng did not have any identity or backing and had to keep his head low. But today he returned as somebody with a straight back, followed by the proud-looking Chasing Bull.

"Excuse me, but have we met before?" A female voice rang out from Ning Cheng's side.

Those words came from a middle-aged woman, with cultivation in Heaven Seated Realm.

Ning Cheng showed a slight smile, "We naturally are acquainted. I was on the ship under the name 'Cheng Nianqiong'. You questioned me for some time."

At that time, this woman had almost seen through his disguise. Thankfully, this woman could not see through him; otherwise, he wouldn't be standing here.

"It is you!" The woman's eyebrows pricked up, and her imposing aura immediately rushed out to wrap around Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng didn't move at all. The moment this woman's Heaven Seated imposing aura reached Ning Cheng, it disappeared entirely. Sensing that, the middle-aged woman's expressions immediately changed. Apart from Eternal-level powerhouses, who else could disperse her imposing aura this easily?

Was this person an Eternal-level powerhouse, and had chosen to stay hidden back then due to some injuries? Thinking of this, the middle-aged woman suddenly broke out in cold sweat.

Chasing Bull spoke with disdain, "Little one....."

Having said that, Chasing Bull stopped and asked, "Master, what is this woman's cultivation?"

"Heaven Seated Realm." Ning Cheng knew that Chasing Bull, by now, had grown to the level of a Starry Sky Grade 6 Demonic Beast. However, it still had not reached the level where it could accurately gauge that woman's cultivation.

"Yes, a little woman in Heaven Seated Realm actually dares to use her imposing aura on my master. Watch this Grandpa Bull stomp you down." Chasing Bull purposefully took a step forward, raised his head and spoke with an even more disdainful tone.

No wonder it felt proud. Following Ning Cheng allowed it to amass an almost endless quantity of medicinal pills. With the body of the Wind Seeking Heavenly Bull, it would not be long before it advanced to Starry Sky Grade 7. At that time, this old bull would become a powerhouse comparable to those in Heaven Seated Realm. Of course, other people still might consider those stepping into Heaven Seated Realm as ants, but once Chasing Bull reached the Heaven Seated Realm, it would definitely become a powerhouse.

“Greetings senior.....” The middle-aged woman no longer had the same fierce aura from a few moments ago. Instead, she spoke with a meek tone with her head lowered.

Ning Cheng asked with a calm voice, “When you called me over on the ship, what did you want to investigate?”

The middle-aged woman thought that Ning Cheng wanted to investigate the events from back then and became even more frightened, “This junior heard that a strand of Rootless Green Bamboo had appeared on a drifting starland.....”

“So you wanted to know if I had taken the Rootless Green Bamboo.” Ning Cheng’s tone turned a little harsh.

The middle-aged woman quickly spoke up, “Junior doesn’t dare, please show mercy senior.”

“Forgiving you is no big deal. Besides, what other treasures appeared on that starland that year?” Ning Cheng only asked in passing. He felt disinclined to deal with this middle-aged woman. Although this middle-aged woman had acted fiercely towards him back then, she hadn’t really hurt him. He asked about it out of curiosity and due to the Rootless Green Bamboo from that drifting starland.

He just wanted to know if that drifting starland had anything else apart from the Rootless Green Bamboo, to gauge if it was something similar to the Immortal Jade Star.

“It also had a clump of Breath Soil.....”

Before the middle-aged woman could finish, Ning Cheng immediately interrupted her, “What did you say? ‘Breath Soil’? Did Breath Soil really appear on that drifting starland?”

Even Ning Cheng could not contain his inner excitement. He knew that any news relating to Breath Soil would mean an incredible matter.

He knew that Breath Soil was one of the essential materials to complete the crafting process for the weapon he wanted. However, because of the preciousness of Breath Soil, he had temporarily set aside the idea of refining the iron rod into a long spear. But today he actually heard some news regarding Breath Soil. Besides, even if he did not use Breath Soil to construct a long spear, Breath Soil still had many other important uses for him.

No, Ning Cheng felt that the matter was not as simple as when he asked about it. If that place did indeed contain Breath Soil, even a small pinch of it, this middle-aged woman would never reveal it. Even if pressured with his imposing aura, people would not admit such a thing.

Sure enough, the middle-aged woman immediately spoke up, “Senior, please forgive me, this junior did not make it clear. I was a small patch of soil that might have at some point in the past held Breath Soil. Since that patch stored Breath Soil in the past, it carried some of the aura from the Breath Soil.”

When she saw Ning Cheng’s reaction to the news of Breath Soil, it immediately reminded her of her reaction when she heard about it. She had almost gone out by herself to look for it. Besides, no cultivator could ignore the preciousness of the Breath Soil. Therefore, despite Ning Cheng’s show of eagerness, this middle-aged woman still made an effort to say that she had not made it clear.

Ning Cheng gave out a sigh. How could there be such a good thing of receiving news about Breath Soil during a casual talk?

"Where is this patch of soil?" Ning Cheng's tone once again returned to calmness. He knew that his performance just now was a bit inappropriate. Even if someone presented a clump of Breath Soil to him, he had to remain calm about it. He should not show such eagerness just because this middle-aged woman had lower cultivation.

"Cheerful Wave Chamber of Commerce had initially obtained that soil patch, and we later purchased it from them. We then auctioned it off in the Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City with other stuff." The middle-aged woman spoke with a respectful tone.

"Who bought it?" Ning Cheng asked with a calm voice, but with an unquestionable attitude.

The middle-aged woman quickly replied, "This junior does not know. We had auctioned all our materials from back then at the Eternal Heaven Merchant Hall."

Ning Cheng knew that the Eternal Heaven Merchant Hall was the largest merchant house in the Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City. He had also done business with the Eternal Heaven Merchant Hall before when he sold them a Time Stone.

"I see. You can go now." Ning Cheng nodded.

"Many thanks, senior. This junior will leave now." The middle-aged woman forced down her panic and slowly backed away.

Ning Cheng did not care about this middle-aged woman. With low cultivation back then, he also had no choice but to stand in front of this middle-aged woman with panic and fear in his heart.

Taking Chasing Bull into the Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City, Ning Cheng once again felt the prosperity running through this place, which indicated that nothing significant had changed since the last time he came here.

Seeing Ning Cheng enter the starry sky city with a demonic bull as a companion beast, no one felt surprised. In any case, many cultivators flitted through the streets with demonic companion beasts, and cattle-like demonic beasts were the most common.

Moreover, the Eternal Starry Sky City had many restrictions everywhere making it almost impossible to scan an area with one's spiritual consciousness. Because of this, Ning Cheng decided to walk down to the Baichi Artefact-crafting Store on the Celestial Immortal Street. However, the original Baichi Artefact-crafting Store had already ceased to exist, as expected, and a new store had come up in its place.

From the looks of it, the rumours of Zhongli Baichi coming back to fight against a Starry Sky Emperor at the Baichi Artefact-crafting Store and flattening it after the fight had some truth to it.

Ning Cheng then made his way to the new store 'gifted' to him by Chuan Xinlou, but found the entrance to the shop tightly closed. It also did not contain the plaque of Baichi Artefact-crafting Store that he had put up back then. Jian Jiao and Junior Apprentice Sister Yan were not there either. Even the restrictions and array formations around it were quite ordinary, apart from the ones he had arranged before leaving, indicating that no one had opened it.

Ning Cheng opened the restrictions on the store entrance and found no one inside. Carefully looking around, Ning Cheng concluded that no one had lived here for a long time, at the very least not during the past year. This also indicated that Jian Jiao still lived here until at least a year ago.

“Excuse me, but are you Ning Cheng?” A shop assistant from the clothing store next door immediately came over and asked after seeing Ning Cheng open the store.

“That’s right. I’m Ning Cheng.” Ning Cheng replied.

The shop assistant quickly spoke up, “Jian Jiao went out adventuring with others in a team. He asked me to bring a message to his Senior Apprentice Brother Ning Cheng once he comes back. He said that he would definitely come back in two years, and if he doesn’t return within two years, then there was no need to wait for him.”

“Do you know where Jian Jiao’s Senior Apprentice Sister Yan went?” From the looks of it, Jian Jiao seemed to have gone out to look for cultivation resources. Ning Cheng felt a little guilty as he thought about it. If something happened to Jian Jiao, he definitely would not be able to forgive himself. After all, Cang Wei had entrusted Jian Jiao to his care.

“Yes, Senior Apprentice Sister Yan’s master had returned sometime back and took her away.” The shop assistant answered quickly.

“Thank you very much.” Ning Cheng thanked the shop assistant and walked into the store. Sure enough, Zhongli Baichi had taken away Cen Yan but ignored Jian Jiao.

He originally planned to hang another plaque with the name ‘Baichi Artefact-crafting Store’, but since Zhongli Baichi only took Junior Apprentice Sister Cen Yan and ignored Jian Jiao, he decided that there was now no need to use that name. In any case, his apprenticeship with Zhongli Baichi was just a temporary one, with practically no apprenticeship ceremony. As for Zhongli Baichi’s acceptance of him, it most likely was to dupe him into participating in the artefact-crafting competition.

As for Ou Zhentian, Ning Cheng guessed that he should not have managed to reach the Culmination Starland this fast. Even if he found that Zhongli Baichi’s Artefact-crafting Store was no more, Ou Zhentian surely could inquire about the location. With his threat to Ou Zhentian, Ou Zhentian would definitely wait for him outside the original site of Zhongli Baichi’s Artefact-crafting Store.

Thinking of this, Ning Cheng then rearranged the array formations and restrictions of this store and renamed the store as ‘Cheng Ruolan Artefact-crafting Store’.

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Chapter 705: Invitation to the Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain

“Aunt Xu, are you sure you didn’t meet the wrong person?” Striking Order Heavenly Emperor suddenly stood up and looked at a middle-aged woman standing in front of him in amazement.

This middle-aged woman was the same female cultivator Ning Cheng met just before entering the city. But at this time, she recounted all that had happened with Ning Cheng to Striking Order Heavenly Emperor.

Aunt Xu spoke with even more certainty, "Lord Heavenly Emperor, that cultivator admitted it himself. Moreover, when I investigated him in secret, I found that he goes by the name Ning Cheng. After entering the Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City, that person then went to a store owned by a cultivator named Jian Jiao, which always remained empty, and took over the store. He then put up a plaque in front of the store reading 'Cheng Ruolan Artefact-crafting Store'."

"Show me his image," Striking Order Heavenly Emperor frowned. If this person had such strength, what did he want by hiding in a store after coming to the Culmination Starland?

Aunt Xu raised her hand, and an image of Ning Cheng appeared suspended in the air.

"Him!" Striking Order Heavenly Emperor looked at Ning Cheng's image and blurted out with a shocked voice.

"Does Lord Heavenly Emperor know this person?" Aunt Xu asked carefully.

Striking Order Heavenly Emperor thought about it for a long time before finally speaking, "I have seen this person once. He should have participated in the Celestial Scryer Genius Tryouts on behalf of a certain Celestial River. But at the Dao Discussion Convention in Striking Order Starland's Lucky Heaven City, he only looked like a Celestial Novice cultivator without any celestial wheels. It's only been a few years since then, but even with a quick cultivation speed, he wouldn't turn into an Eternal-level powerhouse."

Although Ning Cheng sat in an inconspicuous corner back then, a casual spiritual consciousness sweep from an expert on the level of Striking Order Heavenly Emperor would leave behind at least a vague impression in his memory. The image projected by Aunt Xu gave off a feeling of vicissitude and more beard, but seeing the projected image, it immediately kindled a few blurry memories from the past.

"Wait... I think I saw this man participate in an artefact-crafting competition... That's not right, if he really came from Striking Order Starland, how could he become Zhongli Baichi's disciple?" Striking Order Heavenly Emperor didn't initially care about a small man like Ning Cheng. But once he carefully scrutinised Ning Cheng's image, memories quickly started to emerge. Even if Ning Cheng had changed appearances, as long as even the tiniest bit of his original aura remained, it could immediately connect back to him.

"Could he have hidden his cultivation back then?" Aunt Xu spoke without surety.

Striking Order Heavenly Emperor shook his head, "I don't think so. If he really were an expert, there would have been no need for him to come to the Dao Discussion Convention. The only possibility is that he really cultivated from Celestial Novice Realm to the Eternal Realm during these years. Of course, there is also a possibility that his Celestial Novice cultivation back then was 'fake'. It also shows that I couldn't figure out the concealment cultivation method back then through the casual sweep, indicating that he is not simple at all."

Aunt Xu took in a deep breath and asked, "Lord Heavenly Emperor, even with Celestial Gatherer cultivation, he couldn't have advanced to the Eternal Realm in such a short time. Besides, even if he somehow did advance to the Eternal Realm, this speed would definitely cause a major, if not fatal, instability in his foundation. How could anyone survive through that instability?"

“If that is the case, then this person definitely has some powerful treasures to help him.” Striking Order Heavenly Emperor replied. Then thinking for a moment, he spoke again, “Aunt Xu, don’t tell anyone else about this matter. It wouldn’t be good for either of us. If we end up annoying this person, it would mean one more enemy. I’ll visit him personally in a while so let’s put off this discussion until later.”

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After Ning Cheng renamed the store ‘Cheng Ruolan Artefact-crafting Store’, it didn’t really get or do any business. Therefore, after telling Chasing Bull to look after the store, Ning Cheng decided to use the Scarlet Crow Flame to improve his alchemy. His proficiency in alchemy had already reached the point of breakthrough, and he could now refine Starry Sky Grade 7 medicinal pills. However, Ning Cheng did not plan to come out of seclusion right away; instead, he decided to come out only after successfully refining Starry Sky Grade 8 medicinal pills.

He had some free time now, along with sufficient spiritual grasses. Therefore, he decided to make full use of the opportunity.

When Striking Order Heavenly Emperor came to visit, Ning Cheng still had not come out of seclusion since he started half a month ago.

“Who are you looking for?” Chasing Bull scrutinised Striking Order Heavenly Emperor from top to bottom before raising its head and asking without hesitation.

Recently, it had been living ‘the life’. Without the ‘weng-weng’ sounds of those little wasps flying around, it could now enjoy the peaceful yet bustling scene of the Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City. What else could be more comfortable than this?

Just a Starry Sky Grade 6 demonic beast, yet it dared to speak in front of him in such a manner. Striking Order Heavenly Emperor felt a little angered. However, thinking of the Eternal Realm expert behind Chasing Bull, he decided to hold back his anger and spoke up with a sonorous voice, “Excuse me, can you tell me if Dao Friend Ning Cheng is in here? I’m one of his old acquaintances and here for a special visit.”

Chasing Bull flicked its tail and spoke, “Come back in another month. Master said he would remain in seclusion for at least a month.”

Striking Order Heavenly Emperor gave a cold snort. He was an Eternal Starry Sky Emperor and even controlled an entire starry sky. Even if this were the Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City, he would not stand such an attitude.

However, when his spiritual consciousness swept towards the array formation upstairs, his anger disappeared instantly. All the array formations he found were Tier 7 Celestial Arrays[1], which not only included defensive arrays but also several killing formations.

Although Striking Order Heavenly Emperor was a genuine Eternal-level Powerhouse, he could not arrange even a single starry sky array. Insights into array formations had nothing to do with one’s cultivation; instead, it required countless hours for verification and deduction. Therefore, even if Ning Cheng wasn’t a Starry Sky Emperor, just the level of array formations in this place had shocked him immensely.

“What do you want?” Seeing Striking Order Heavenly Emperor not leaving, Chasing Bull spoke up with some displeasure. It had not seen this part of the world before, as its previous owner didn’t have high cultivation. Therefore, with Ning Cheng’s cultivation on the rise, it didn’t even bother to put Striking Order Heavenly Emperor in its eyes. It was even ready to get into a dogfight... No, it should be a bullfight.

Striking Order Heavenly Emperor felt dissatisfied at this but still spoke up with a begrudging tone, “Well, a month later, Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain is hosting a Spirit Fruit Banquet. I got three invitations to it, and since Dao Friend Ning and I are old acquaintances, I came here especially to invite him.”

If Ning Cheng really came from Striking Order Starland, Striking Order Heavenly Emperor felt confident of winning him over. Higher the number of cultivators in the Eternal Realm coming from a starry sky, the more influential the starry sky would become. Moreover, of the invitations he received, he had already sent one to Tang Yitang. This time, he came to visit Ning Cheng just to gauge Ning Cheng’s strength. If found worthwhile, he wouldn’t mind sending one of the invitations to Ning Cheng to create a friendship.

However, he couldn’t meet Ning Cheng right away, and instead saw the array formation arranged by Ning Cheng. Therefore, he knew that even if Ning Cheng had not reached the Eternal Realm, it would be worth drawing in such an expert in array formations.

When Chasing Bull heard about the Spirit Fruit Banquet, its tone immediately turned polite, “Spirit Fruit banquet, huh, my master will definitely come. You can leave the invitation with me; I will send it to master.”

Striking Order Heavenly Emperor did not want to talk in circles with this stupid bull; therefore, he gave it the invitation card and said, “Since that is the case, I’ll wait for Brother Ning at the Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain.”

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Ning Cheng did not stay inside for the entire month. After successfully refining a batch of Starry Sky Grade 8 medicinal pills, he decided to come out.

After advancing to the level of a Starry Sky Grade 8 Pill Emperor, Ning Cheng did not choose to continue with seclusion. One, because his flame could not refine Starry Sky Grade 9 medicinal pills at all, and two, because he did not have a large amount of top-grade starry sky spiritual grasses.

“Master, a person calling himself Striking Order came to find you. When I said you were in seclusion, he left an invitation saying that Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain was hosting a Spirit Fruit Banquet and invited you to join.” Chasing Bull happily took out the invitation. It really wanted and looked forward to going to the Spirit Fruit Banquet with Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng did not expect that Striking Order Heavenly Emperor would remain in Culmination Starland. However, he was not surprised that the heavenly emperor came to find him. Since he came here, he must have gotten the news from that middle-aged woman. Ning Cheng looked at the date on the invitation and found that the banquet was in just two days.

Putting away the invitation, Ning Cheng had no plans to go to the Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain. He had no relationship or friendship with Chuan Xinlou. Moreover, this invitation did not come through Chuan Xinlou himself; as such, it wouldn't matter if he went or not.

"I'm going to the Eternal Heaven Merchant hall, wait for me here." Ning Cheng left a message with Chasing Bull and left the artefact-crafting store.

Chasing Bull felt a little unhappy about Ning Cheng going out alone without it. However, since its master told it to stay here, it didn't dare to bargain. In case master turned upset, there was a good chance it would end up in the ring again. Even the thought alone felt depressing enough.

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This time, Ning Cheng did not change his appearance and entered the Eternal Heaven Merchant hall directly.

Upon arriving at the Eternal Heaven Merchant Hall, Ning Cheng intentionally revealed his formidable imposing aura. With just a glance, the cultivator receiving guests at the Eternal Heaven Merchant Hall understood that a powerhouse had arrived. Seeing that, a Heaven Seated Cultivator quickly came out to greet him.

"How can our Eternal Heaven Merchant House help this Dao Friend?" The Heaven Seated Cultivator spoke to Ning Cheng with a respectful tone; however, he refrained from addressing Ning Cheng as 'senior'.

Ning Cheng acknowledged it with a nod and then put up a look of a profound mystery before asking, "I heard that a few years ago a patch of soil that used to store Breath Soil had been auctioned off at the Eternal Heaven Merchant Hall. Who bought that patch of soil?"

The cultivator in the Heaven Seated Realm replied politely, "Everyone who does business with our Eternal Heaven Merchant House is our esteemed guest. Therefore, it is our merchant hall's policy to not disclose the information of the guests who exchanged auction items through us."

Ning Cheng already knew that he would get such an answer, but he felt unwilling. He stood up and deliberately pressured this person with his imposing aura.

The cultivator in the Heaven Seated Realm immediately buckled under Ning Cheng's formidable imposing aura and found it difficult to breathe. His expressions quickly changed. Previously, he had thought that Ning Cheng was at most at the Life and Death Realm. Although people might consider a cultivator in the Life and Death Realm as a powerhouse, they still would not be able to shake the Eternal Heaven Merchant hall.

However, judging by Ning Cheng's formidable imposing aura, it clearly felt like that of an Eternal-level expert. Nevertheless, even if they met an unreasonable Eternal-level expert, the Eternal Heaven Merchant House still would not particularly fear them, but it would definitely turn into something troublesome.

The cultivator in the Heaven Seated Realm quickly stood up and spoke up with an even more respectful tone and expression, "Senior, our Eternal Heaven Merchant hall has been standing in the Grand

Culmination Culmination Starry Sky for many years only because of its reputation. I hope senior can forgive me for this.”

Ning Cheng felt a little helpless. If the other party didn’t want to say it, then he really couldn’t oppress others without any reason.

Seeing the expressions on Ning Cheng’s face changing slightly, the cultivator quickly spoke up, “There are still two days till Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor hosts a Starry Sky Spirit Fruit Banquet at the Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain. If senior wants to know more about this, then you can go to this and ask one or two questions about it.”

Ning Cheng’s formidable imposing aura had forced the cultivator to change the form of address from ‘Dao Friend’ to ‘Senior’.

“Many thanks.” Ning Cheng nodded. He understood that this cultivator in charge of greeting guests had indirectly told him that the person who bought that patch of soil that used to contain Breath Soil would also come to the banquet.

When the cultivator in the Heaven Seated Realm saw Ning Cheng leave, he couldn’t help but feel somewhat weird in his heart. This expert in the Eternal Realm looked very temperamental. So why did he say something so casually and then leave just like that?

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Chapter 706: Endless Void Dock’s Dock Master

“Master, this place looks stunning.” Chasing Bull stupidly stared at the Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain in the distance.

“Stunning indeed.” Ning Cheng also praised it. This was his first time visiting the Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain; it looked like a real fairyland from their point of view. It had lush green hills, continuous pavilions, and dense celestial essence that formed a faint fog lingering close to the mountain range.

It also had colourful clouds, with different kinds of rare birds flying around, making it hard for people to believe that this place was still within the Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City.

In fact, Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain truly stood within the Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City; however, the Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City had two distinct divisions, one was what people referred to as the Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City, and the other was Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain.

A layer of restrictions purposefully separated the two, forming a distinct boundary in between. Typically, the restrictions here did not allow anyone to reach the Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain. In fact, even when open, this layer of restriction would not allow ordinary people through it. However, the invitation left behind by Striking Order Heavenly Emperor for Ning Cheng acted as an array flag, allowing the bearer to open it and pass through. Moreover, each invitation bearer can bring along one person, which made it possible for Ning Cheng to let Chasing Bull follow him.

While Ning Cheng pondered on whether to pass through the layer of restriction around the Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain, he noticed Striking Order Heavenly Emperor and the middle-aged woman from before coming towards him, which made him stop. Since Striking Order Heavenly Emperor had

sent the invitation and had even personally come to visit him, he at least could stop and greet him out of courtesy.

Striking Order Heavenly Emperor also saw Ning Cheng waiting and immediately quickened his pace. Before he came to Ning Cheng, he showed a warm smile and spoke up from a distance, “Dao Friend Ning, I have to say I felt a little bit worried that you might have not finished with your secluded cultivation. I honestly didn’t expect to meet you here. It really is a lucky thing.”

“Greetings, Senior Ning.” The middle-aged woman addressed as ‘Aunt Xu’ quickly came forward and greeted him.

Ning Cheng also cupped his fists and spoke, “Many thanks for Heavenly Emperor to grace my little store with a visit. This Ning Cheng really didn’t know where Heavenly Emperor resided; otherwise, I would have definitely come to your door to thank you.”

“Dao Friend Ning, it would be better if you called me Striking Order[1] and dropped the ‘Heavenly Emperor’. You and I are both from Striking Order Starry Sky. We both are from the same place. Besides, it’s my fault for being rude to you previously. I should have invited Dao Friend Ning back to my residence when in Lucky Heaven City. So this time, when I learned that Dao Friend Ning came to the Eternal Heaven Starry Sky City, I decided to make the visit immediately. Unfortunately, you were still in seclusion when I arrived. Otherwise, we could have met a few days earlier.” Striking Order Heavenly Emperor spoke with a very kind smile.

Even he could not accurately judge Ning Cheng’s cultivation, which meant that Aunt Xu’s words had some truth to it. Ning Cheng likely was an Eternal-level expert. Therefore, when he spoke about Lucky Heaven City, he did it purposefully to test Ning Cheng while covering bases.

Ning Cheng knew that Striking Order wanted to rope him in, so Ning Cheng gave a simple reply, “Since Brother Striking Order says so, then I will not be polite about it. I hope that this stupid bull didn’t trouble Brother Striking Order too much. I had instructed it to not call me out during seclusion.”

Ning Cheng naturally put things out in a polite manner. If Chasing Bull had really called him out for this kind of thing, then it really deserved the title of ‘stupid’ and would have definitely earned a lesson from him. As for Striking Order Heavenly Emperor’s attempt to rope him in, he pretended not to hear about it.

“No, no, Brother Ning, you don’t have to mind it. This time, several experts and powerhouses had decided to come here on the invitation of Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor. I heard that even Yi Jiufeng[2] of the Grand Spirit Heaven Starry Sky’s Nine Phoenix Palace would also come to participate in this banquet.” Striking Order Heavenly Emperor reached out and spoke with a kind and friendly tone. Although he had tried to ask about Ning Cheng’s origins, since Ning Cheng did not answer it, he also could not continue down that line of questioning without breaking all pretexts.

The few people had just entered through the restrictions around the Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain when a servant boy came over to introduce the Ning Cheng trio to the guest hall of the Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain.

There were already many cultivators inside the guest hall. As Ning Cheng glanced around, he found that many of the experts gathered here were in the Life and Death Realm or above. However, of the one or

two followers each expert brought along, all of them had shallow cultivations. Presumably, they came out to experience the world with their elders.

However, Ning Cheng didn't see anyone who had come here with a companion beast.

As soon as Striking Order heavenly Emperor came in, the cultivators familiar with him immediately greeted from afar. Striking Order Heavenly Emperor gave Ning Cheng an apologetical look before taking the initiative to go and greet those cultivators.

As for Ning Cheng, everyone thought that he was Striking Order Heavenly Emperor's junior and did not pay attention to him. If one had three invitations, bringing three followers was quite reasonable.

Ning Cheng reached out and patted Chasing Bull's head. "It's better if you go back into the ring. I don't see any other companion beasts here, which means you stick out a lot."

"Master, didn't you see that person brought a One-horned Thunderbolt Leopard. He is still riding the Thunderbolt Leopard." Chasing Bull really didn't want to stay in the ring; moreover, this Spirit Fruit Banquet has not started yet, yet there were already various excellent drinks going around the area. What would be the point for it go back inside the ring only to spend time with those little wasps?

When Chasing Bull pointed it out, Ning Cheng immediately noticed that a white-haired cultivator in the Eternal Realm rode around over a One-horned Thunderbolt Leopard. Moreover, this white-haired cultivator had late-stage Eternal cultivation, indicating that this person's strength had exceeded Ning Cheng, at least superficially.

"Since that's the case, don't create a scene and behave yourself." Ning Cheng still didn't feel relieved.

"Oh, Junior Apprentice Brother Ning, why are you here?" A familiar startled voice arrived, and then Ning Cheng saw Tang Yu rushing over.

Ning Cheng did not feel surprised seeing Tang Yu in this place. Her father, Tang Yitang, was an Eternal-level expert in Striking Order Starry Sky. It was no surprise that he would receive an invitation.

"I'm just basking in someone's light. I haven't seen you in a long time, but it looks like your cultivation has made quite a progress."

Tang Yu's cultivation growth had exceeded the usual standards. At this moment, her cultivation had already reached the Undead Realm. If all things went right, it would not take long for her to advance to Heaven's Mandate Realm. I guess that was an effect of having a good backing. Tang Yu's father was an expert in the Eternal Realm, which meant that she did not have to worry about cultivation resources.

"Your cultivation should have also improved a lot, right? By the way, you still haven't told me how you came here?" Tang Yu felt very perplexed about this issue. It was usual for her father to bring her to such a gathering, as he was an expert in the Eternal Realm. But she knew that Ning Cheng was a rogue cultivator, without a backing. This made it strange to see him in this place.

"Junior Apprentice Sister Yu, who is this?" Another voice came over and interrupted Tang Yu's questioning.

Tang Yu quickly replied, "Senior Apprentice Brother Xiao Yu, this is Junior Apprentice Brother Ning Cheng. He and I both come from Striking Order Starland. We haven't seen each other for a long time, and didn't expect to see him here at the Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain."

After that, Tang Yu introduced Ning Cheng again, "Junior Apprentice Brother Ning, this is Senior Apprentice Brother Xiao Yu of the Spiritual Heaven Sect, the one with unmatched talent and qualifications."

Xiao Yu showed a smile and was about to say a few polite words in rebuke, but Ning Cheng unconsciously blurted on recalling Xiao Yu, "I remember. You're the first ranked cultivator in the Celestial Scryer Tower...."

Ning Cheng immediately reeled in his words as he quickly recalled that he had replaced Xiao Yu's position at the top. However, he didn't care about his own ranking at that time, so he didn't attach much attention to it. Besides, it also felt inappropriate to point out the ranking part. However, Ning Cheng had to admit that this person had unbelievably good looks. This Xiao Yu was a stunning man to look at.

Moreover, this fellow also had quite the talent and qualifications. Back then, he heard from Ziche Jun that Xiao Yu had forcibly erased his cultivation down to the Celestial Gatherer Realm to enter the Immortal Jade Star. Yet, Ning Cheng unexpectedly saw that Xiao Yu now had a late-stage Heaven's Mandate Cultivation.

Sure enough, Xiao Yu's face sank. He thought that Ning Cheng intended to ridicule him, but he then felt Ning Cheng's tone and voice not matching up with each other.

Tang Yu, however, thought that Ning Cheng's words were a bit inappropriate, so she quickly showed a smile and spoke up, "Senior Apprentice Brother Xiao Yu later advanced to the Celestial Bridge Realm and naturally could not leave behind his name on the array formation display of the Celestial Scryer Tower. Currently, the first ranked person in the Celestial Scryer Tower is a cultivator named Wanderer from Jiangzhou. However, because this fellow entered the 81st floor, his name remains at the top. Junior Apprentice Brother Ning, your bull looks quite cute."

The last sentence was Tang Yu's attempt to diverge the topic, but it felt a bit obvious.

"Haha, I didn't expect to meet you here, ha-ha....." The laugh appeared first then the words before a pale-faced cultivator suddenly appeared in front of Ning Cheng.

"Senior Guo...." Tang Yu and Xiao Yu, on seeing the pale-faced cultivator, immediately bowed in greeting.

Ning Cheng sneered. He had planned to search for this pale-faced cultivator to settle some old scores, but this fellow had actually come to him. When cultivating on a secluded star, someone had found a trace of the Mysterious Yellow Aura and had immediately chased after him to seize the source of the Mysterious Yellow Aura. That person was this pale-faced cultivator.

At that time, if he was even a moment or two late, this fellow would have successfully caught him. For Ning Cheng, it was truly a narrow escape. If this person had captured him back then, how could he have survived?

He had initially thought that this person was an expert, but now it looked like this person's cultivation roughly equalled that of Striking Order Heavenly Emperor. In fact, it actually felt slightly weaker than Striking Order, which was at most at the middle-level of the Eternal Realm.

"Junior Apprentice Brother Ning, this the Dock Master of the Endless Void Dock and Third Heaven's Heavenly Emperor, Senior Guo Sangan[3]. You should quickly greet him." Seeing Ning Cheng not moving, Tang Yu turned anxious.

The pale-faced man waved his hand and said, "No need to offer respects. Just tell me your name and who brought you here?"

He believed that as a Starry Sky Emperor, he could easily take a minor character away from this place and no starry sky emperor would dare to stop him. Moreover, it did not matter if he had to offend one starry sky emperor or even several starry sky emperors, he would take Ning Cheng away no matter what it cost him.

"I came here with Striking Order Heavenly Emperor, so what do you want from me? Want something for your sickness?" Ning Cheng said with a calm voice.

Tang Yu's heart sank and quickly stepped back to rush towards Tang Yitang and spoke up anxiously, "Dad, please help Junior Apprentice Brother Ning Cheng. He offended Third Heaven Heavenly Emperor....."

"What?" Tang Yitang, who was talking to another Eternal Starry Sky Emperor, suddenly changed expressions and quickly pulled Tang Yu towards him. "Tang Yu, I've told you before, this place has no ordinary people. You can't run around as you please."

As for Tang Yu's plea to help Ning Cheng, he ignored it. He didn't care about this 'Junior Apprentice Brother Ning Cheng'. Since this fellow offended Third Heaven Heavenly Emperor, this brat was sure to die. He was not stupid enough to go against Third Heaven Heavenly Emperor just for some nobody.

Not to mention him, even Striking Order Heavenly Emperor would not easily offend Third Heaven Heavenly Emperor. Who here did not know the ruthless nature of Third Heaven Heavenly Emperor, the Dock Master of the Endless Void Dock? Moreover, the Endless Void Dock came under the jurisdiction of Culmination Starland, while Third Heaven Heavenly Emperor also shared a relatively good relationship with many other Eternal Starry Sky Emperors.

Besides, the only reason many cultivators in the Eternal Realm came here from different starry skies was to search for things they needed. In other words, they all came here to serve their own self-interests and not to act out in selflessness.

Noticing the situation, Striking Order Heavenly Emperor quickly pushed his way forward.

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Chapter 707: Senior

Without waiting for Striking Order Heavenly Emperor to speak, Third Heaven spoke up with cupped fists, "Brother Striking Order, this disciple you brought here today has not only offended me but has also stolen some of my stuff at the Endless Void Dock. I won't let it go today; I must take him back to the

Endless Void Dock for identification. If there is any offence, someone will come to you later for apologies.”

After Third Heaven said this, everyone stood there stunned. This was a clear statement to warn Striking Order Heavenly Emperor from meddling into this matter. Even if Striking Order wanted to ask for forgiveness, Third Heaven would not give up. From the looks of it, this disciple brought by Striking Order Heavenly Emperor really did many things that annoyed Third Heaven.

Everyone immediately focussed their gazes on Striking Order; since Striking Order brought this person here, it meant that this person had close ties to Striking Order. Third Heaven clearly stated that he would take away the disciple of Striking Order Heavenly Emperor; therefore, they all wanted to see if Striking Order Heavenly Emperor would allow it or not. In the end, it all depended on the closeness of the relationship between Striking Order and this disciple. They also knew that if Striking Order Heavenly Emperor did not allow Third Heaven to take that disciple away, it could result in a fight with Third Heaven.

Striking Order Heavenly Emperor showed a frown. He wanted to make friends with Ning Cheng, but at this moment, if he and Ning Cheng were to become friends, he would have to contend against Third Heaven. No matter which side he picked, he felt unwilling to do either.

He also knew about the brutal and bloodthirsty nature of Third Heaven. If Third Heaven was by himself, Striking Order would definitely take him on, but the Endless Void Dock was a force that stood amongst the top of the Culmination Starland, so much so that even Chuan Xinlou had to show them some respect.

But he also knew that if he didn't say anything today, he would definitely offend Ning Cheng, effectively eliminating any chance to form a friendship with Ning Cheng. Just when he wondered on what to do, three more people walked into the area.

It turned out to be Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor personally accompanying two cultivators, a man and a woman.

“Greetings everyone. Sorry for the delay, I had to pick up Nine Phoenix Heavenly Emperor and Dao Friend Cang, who were a little late.” Chuan Xinlou came over with a smile, which eased the tension permeating this area by a bit.

Anyone who enjoyed a personal welcome from Chuan Xinlou definitely had extremely high status. Therefore, everyone quickly came forward to greet him. Besides, Chuan Xinlou was also the master of the Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain while Nine Phoenix Heavenly Emperor was the premier powerhouse from the Grand Spirit Heaven Starry Sky. As for the other person, the one referred to as Dao Friend Cang, Ning Cheng recognised him despite not hearing about him. That's because he had seen this person in the past.

“Brother Levelled Heart, I'm really sorry about today. An insignificant cultivator stole from my Endless Void Dock; I want to take him away for a thorough examination. But this minor cultivator came here with Brother Striking Order. I will be taking this insignificant cultivator to my Endless Void Docks for identification, even if I have to go to Striking Order Starland afterwards to apologise.” Third Heaven laid out the groundwork of what he wanted to do with those words.

He believed that with his friendship with Chuan Xinlou and the strength of the Endless Void Dock, Chuan Xinlou would certainly not hinder him. Not to mention him, even the nearby cultivators, including Striking Order Heavenly Emperor also thought the same.

Sure enough, Chuan Xinlou spoke up with a straight face, "As a starry sky cultivator, one's character is the most important thing. I believe that Brother Striking Order will understand. Besides, I believe that Brother Guo will not hurt a junior because of such a trivial matter."

As Chuan Xinlou said those words, it neither offended Striking Order Heavenly Emperor nor offended Third Heaven; he ended up helping both sides speak. One thing for sure was that Ning Cheng would not escape from this place. He didn't even ask Third Heaven about this person.

Third Heaven immediately became happy, as long as he could take away Ning Cheng, whether he killed Ning Cheng or not, it all would depend on just a single thought.

Ning Cheng didn't even care about Third Heaven or Chuan Xinlou. His gaze fell on Yi Jiufeng as he felt the aura of the Wind Thunder Apricot coming from her. Ning Cheng already had two Wind Thunder Apricot Fruits on him, which made him quite sensitive to this aura. If Yi Jiufeng carried around the Wind Thunder Apricot Tree, could he try trading with this woman?

The cultivator surnamed Cang, standing beside Yi Jiufeng and Chuan Xinlou, on seeing Ning Cheng's gaze move towards him, immediately lowered his head and even wanted to step back.

Ning Cheng laughed, "Friend, I haven't seen you in the past few days, hope you didn't forget about me?"

The cultivator surnamed Cang's face immediately turned pale. He had already recognised this person talking to him as that young-looking powerhouse going through that insane and terrifying thunder tribulation. Back then, this person had chased after him for some time, but suddenly gave up just when he was about to catch up to him. Therefore, he truly felt dread on the thought of meeting that fellow once again. Yet, unexpectedly, he encountered that person once again today.

He thought back to the horror inducing and crazed thunder tribulation that Ning Cheng had surmounted, which had unknowingly created a lingering shadow over his heart. Even though that thunder tribulation occurred thousands of miles away, he could still feel the insane amount of killing intent within each bolt. He knew that if he had to encounter such a thunder tribulation, he would definitely die before even the first wave ended, probably under the first strike.

Naturally, he didn't know that Ning Cheng currently had his thoughts set on Yi Jiufeng. He felt that if he didn't do something immediately, Ning Cheng might end up dissatisfied with him. With Ning Cheng's power, if he ended up dissatisfying Ning Cheng, he might not be able to walk away from this place alive before he even finished eating. In any case, it was a taboo to peep at other people trying to surmount tribulations.

"Junior Cang Caihe greets senior. This junior didn't mean to...." Cang Caihe did not dare to step back anymore and quickly came forward and spoke with the most respectful attitude while bowing.

"Senior?"

When Cang Caihe addressed Ning Cheng as 'senior', the entire hall turned silent. Who was Cang Caihe? A late-stage Eternal powerhouse.

If it were just the late-stage Eternal Realm, it would still not be worth for Chuan Xinlou to greet him in person. What was more important was that Cang Caihe was one of the three Heavenly Emperors representing the rogue cultivator faction in this plane. At the same time, he was also the most formidable Starry Sky Pill Emperor, someone who could refine Grade 9 Starry Sky Medicinal Pills for other powerhouses.

It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that no one in this plane's cultivation world could exceed Cang Caihe in the Dao of Alchemy. A crowd would willingly gather from all corners of the plane for a simple greeting from Cang Caihe.

Yet, such a powerhouse actually addressed Ning Cheng as 'senior'?

Chuan Xinlou stood there in stunned silence. Looking closer, he felt some familiarity with Ning Cheng.

Guo Sangan also froze.....

Yi Jiufeng and Tang Yitang, along with everyone else, stood frozen in shock. Such a joke from a powerhouse like Cang Caihe did not feel funny at all.

Even Striking Order Heavenly Emperor felt shocked. He knew that Ning Cheng was powerful, but he never thought that Ning Cheng was powerful to the point that Pill Emperor Cang Caihe would address him as 'senior'. What was going on?

Seeing Chuan Xinlou about to talk, Ning Cheng showed a smile, "Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor, when I helped Baichi Artefact-crafting Store to participate in the artefact-crafting competition, it was nice of you to send me a new store."

"It's you....." Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor took in a deep breath as he finally recognised Ning Cheng.

When Guo Sangan heard Cang Caihe call Ning Cheng as 'senior', he knew that things had gone entirely out of his control. Everyone knew that Cang Caihe was not a person who bullied people. At the same time, no one would ever dare even to think of bullying Cang Caihe. Yet, such a person had addressed Ning Cheng as a 'senior'. How could he even talk about taking away Ning Cheng now?

When Ning Cheng saw Cang Caihe wanting to speak, he just waved his hand and said, "Dao Friend Cang, I just wanted to say hello, I don't mean to blame you for anything."

After that, Ning Cheng nodded to Yi Jiufeng. Although he wanted to make a trade with Yi Jiufeng, the current situation made it necessary for him to act like a senior.

Ning Cheng also wanted to have a fight with Guo Sangan, but he knew that this was not the place to duke it out. Moreover, if Guo Sangan did not take the initiative to strike, he also couldn't take action.

He simply spoke up with cupped fists, "Everyone, I am Ning Cheng from Striking Order Starry Sky. Endless Void Dock's Guo Sangan wants to create some trouble for me. But I believe that you, as Heavenly Emperors, can see things clearly. To be honest, I don't blame Guo Sangan, because if he hadn't come to bother me today, I would have come to find him later. Endless Void Docks? Hehe, is it famous? Although I haven't been there before, I now want to see it."

Guo Sangan's expressions turned ugly to look at, as he didn't know Ning Cheng's background at all. Before today, he didn't pay any attention to a minor character like Ning Cheng. But after Cang Caihe addressed Ning Cheng as 'senior', he found that his spiritual consciousness could not see Ning Cheng's cultivation.

Ning Cheng didn't plan to hide this matter at all and said in a loud voice, "Guo Sangan and I share a little connection; you see this kid seems to want one of my stones. In the past, I had got a Mysterious Yellow Origin Stone....."

As soon as Ning Cheng spoke those words, everyone within the guest hall sucked in a breath of cold air. Mysterious Yellow Origin Stone, just how precious was such an object? Just the words 'Mysterious Yellow Origin' could move the heart of any Heavenly Emperor, as anything containing those words meant that it was a treasure originating from the origins of heaven and earth. If the conflict between Guo Sangan and Ning Cheng was due to a Mysterious Yellow Origin Stone, then it also explained Guo Sangan's current behaviour.

"When I was using the Mysterious Yellow Origin Stone to comprehend law-related spirit techniques, this guy secretly attacked me. At that time, I was in a vulnerable position and had almost died to this bastard. You say if I shouldn't go to the Endless Void Dock to repay this kindness, especially since this Guo Sangan has so graciously invited me?" As Ning Cheng spoke those words, his tone seemed to turn even more pronounced, with a hint of killing intent.

Guo Sangan shivered for no reason at all, and he began to suspect that Ning Cheng really had a Mysterious Yellow Origin Stone back then.

Cang Caihe looked at Guo Sangan sympathetically and even started to regard Guo Sangan as a dead man walking. Guo Sangan was just about to explode when he saw Cang Caihe's sympathetic gaze, and could no longer find the courage to attack. Back then, was Ning Cheng really in a weakened state? Or was it because of this fellow's weak cultivation?

Tang Yitang, who didn't want to intervene, also felt shocked at this time. He could only whisper to Tang Yu, "Little Yu, who is he? Is he really the Junior Apprentice Brother Ning you said he was?"

Tang Yu seemed to have not heard Tang Yitang's question, and still kept looking at Ning Cheng in shock. Back when they first met, Ning Cheng obviously had a Celestial Novice Cultivation, how many years had passed since? How could he become Plucking Harmony[1] Heavenly Emperor's 'senior'?

"Haha....." Striking Order Heavenly Emperor felt relieved, and his laugh interrupted the temporary silence and embarrassment. Then turned to Ning Cheng and spoke with an even happier voice, "Brother Ning, Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor, after this Spirit Fruit Banquet ends, I plan to return to Striking Order Starland. Brother Ning, if you're free in the future, please consider visiting me in Lucky Heaven City."

Ning Cheng smiled and replied, "Naturally. I'm currently waiting for my martial nephew here. When he returns, I will leave for Nine Plate Starland's Everlasting Sacred Shrine. After that, I will definitely visit Brother Striking Order at Lucky Heaven City."

"Is Dao Friend Ning familiar with Junior Apprentice Sister Seeking Intelligence[2]? That's perfect. Last time, when Junior Apprentice Sister Seeking Intelligence became a Starry Sky Emperor, I could not go

visit her because of some matters. I hope Dao Friend Ning can take along an apology from me to her.” Chuan Xinlou’s expressions and tone changed quickly. He could vaguely perceive that Ning Cheng’s imposing aura did not lose out to his own. Moreover, with Cang Caihe and Striking Order showing such respect to Ning Cheng at the same time, how could he not believe the extraordinariness of Ning Cheng?

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Chapter 708: Blasting open the Mountain Protecting Grand Array

“I went to the coronation of Everlasting Sacred Shrine’s new Sacred Lady on the invitation of Dao Friend Seeking Intelligence. Have to say, Dao Friend Seeking Intelligence’s Dao Laws grow more exquisite every year.” Another dark-faced Eternal Starry Sky Emperor spoke from the side.

The dark-faced Eternal Starry Sky Emperor wanted to take the initiative to talk with Ning Cheng.

It didn’t matter if Ning Cheng had the power everyone suspected he had; he felt it worth the time to get to know Ning Cheng due to the respect shown by Cang Caihe, the friendliness shown by Striking Order and the initiative from Chuan Xinlou.

Ning Cheng frowned, and asked in doubt, “Everlasting Sacred Shrine’s new Sacred Lady?”

Luofei and Qionghua were staying at Everlasting Sacred Shrine, which had put him at ease about their safety. After all, Everlasting Sacred Shrine had the Everlasting Sacred Tree, which could help Qionghua heal slowly. Ning Cheng also knew that even if he returned this time, he might not be able to take away Qionghua if she hadn’t fully recovered; moreover, he had also not yet found the Purple Yin Spirit Spring.

Another factor that had reassured Ning Cheng of that decision was not Seeking Intelligence, but Everlasting Sacred Shrine’s Seeking Caution[1]. Ning Cheng felt confident in his assessment of that woman. He could tell that Seeking Caution would not break her word and that she would keep Luofei and Qionghua safe.

Therefore, Qionghua should still be the Sacred Lady of the Everlasting Sacred Shrine. So how could they elect a new Sacred Lady?

“Bright Heaven Starry Sky’s Wu Hong greets Dao Friend Ning.” The dark-faced cultivator cupped his fists towards Ning Cheng and said, “Everlasting Sacred Shrine’s previous Sacred Lady had fallen, so they chose to select a new Sacred Lady.”

Wu Hong had intentionally spoken up to try to get into Ning Cheng’s good books. Therefore, he did not miss the opportunity to introduce himself.

Ning Cheng’s face turned pale, and an incomparably sharp aura rushed out from him. Several Eternal-level powerhouses standing near him felt an oppressive chill suddenly descend.

With that feeling, the surrounding cultivators felt wholly convinced about Cang Caihe’s words. Ning Cheng truly had powerful cultivation, maybe he really was a ‘senior’ to all of them.

“Brother Wu, you said Everlasting Sacred Shrine’s previous Sacred Lady had fallen, is that really true?” Ning Cheng’s words trembled in disbelief and permeated through almost every word.

Wu Hong hesitated slightly before realising that Ning Cheng most likely had a relationship with the previous Sacred Lady. Thinking of that, he quickly replied, “That’s right. I heard that the previous Sacred

Lady, who went by the name Qionghua, had fallen. This was why they had to establish a new Sacred Lady.”

He had only heard about it through the mouth of others. As an Eternal-level Powerhouse, he naturally wouldn’t care about the life and death of a Sacred Lady.

“Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor, this Ning Cheng will visit next time.....” While talking, Ning Cheng grabbed Chasing Bull and suddenly disappeared from the guest hall.

“Humph, so rude and disrespectful. I’d like to see.....” Guo Sangan, on seeing Ning Cheng leave, gave a cold snort and began to put out hatred for Ning Cheng.

But before he could finish the sentence, a huge golden seal fell. There seemed to be a fierce-looking bird above this giant seal. Although the bird stood still on the giant seal, it added an extra layer of magnificent and intense imposing aura to it.

The raging imposing aura swept through the entire hall as it blasted towards Guo Sangan. Facing that imposing aura’s oppression, the surrounding cultivators immediately backed away.

Guo Sangan quickly shut his mouth and brought out his Bathing Fire Golden Censure. Just when the two golden lights collided, the force of impact blew Guo Sangan back, and he crashed into two Eternal Cultivators behind him. If it weren’t for the two cultivators in the Eternal Realm stopping him, he would have crashed directly into the wall of the hall.

That seal also blew aside his Bathing Fire Golden Censure, but the golden light shrouding the sky also faded.

After sending Guo Sangan flying with that golden seal with the bird on top, Ning Cheng did not pursue the matter and disappeared from the outside of the hall. However, Ning Cheng left behind a few words, “Guo Sangan, remember to keep your head clean. Endless Void Dock, I will visit it in the future.”

Guo Sangan’s face turned red, but he could not utter even a single word under Ning Cheng’s imposing aura.

One strike, just one hit had blown away Guo Sangan and forced him into such a pitiable state. This scene turned the entire hall silent once again. Even though Ning Cheng might have used a hidden weapon, it had still blown back Guo Sangan easily and without any effort. From this, everyone could see it clearly that Ning Cheng’s strength at least exceeded Guo Sangan. As for whether the difference in power was small or large, no one could tell as the exchange between the two happened suddenly and finished quickly.

Moreover, even if Ning Cheng had used a hidden weapon, no one could see through it; that itself was the strangest thing. One had to know that no one in this hall was a pushover, apart from the juniors that each expert brought.

“He seemed to be using an Imperial Jade Seal with the Power of Hope.” It was a long time before an Eternal Starry Sky Emperor spoke up.

The sentence from the Eternal Starry Sky Emperor caused another round of silence in the hall. Using a weapon powered with the Power of Hope to blow away Guo Sangan, just how much ‘hope’[2] did it need? Where did this unusual cultivator come from?

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Ning Cheng felt anxious at this time. Back then, he had decided to leave in confidence because he felt that Everlasting Sacred Shrine could keep Qionghua safe. Besides, Everlasting Sacred Shrine had the Everlasting Sacred Tree that was the only thing available that could help her heal. This meant that even if he went to the Everlasting Sacred Shrine, he wouldn’t be able to take away Qionghua; at least not without the Purple Yin Spirit Spring.

Unfortunately, despite being the place with the highest safety, he received the news of Qionghua’s fall from the Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain. This news jolted him to the core, turning him anxious to reach the Everlasting Sacred Shrine as quickly as possible.

Everlasting Sacred Shrine not only housed Qionghua but also Luofei. If something happened to Qionghua, would Luofei remain safe?

For this reason, he not only gave full control of the Starry Sky Wheel to Chasing Bull, Ning Cheng even gave Chasing Bull a good portion of Permanent Essence Pills to burn and push the Starry Sky Wheel’s speed to its limits.

At the same time, he continued to refine the Imperial Jade Seal. Bolstered by the Power of Hope, the Imperial Jade Seal had tremendous power, which had helped him during numerous critical situations. If Qionghua’s death really had something to do with the Everlasting Sacred Shrine, he would definitely fight with the Everlasting Sacred Shrine. At that time, the Imperial Jade Seal would bring him significant advantages.

One month later, when Ning Cheng just finished refining Imperial Jade Seal’s 76th layer of restriction, Chasing Bull sent a message that they had arrived at Nine Plate Starland.

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Nine Jewels Starry Sky’s Everlasting Sacred Shrine was not a small academy, but it was also not a top-grade academy. However, after Everlasting Sacred Shrine’s Sacred Master Seeking Intelligence advanced to the Eternal Realm, the status of Everlasting Sacred Shrine quickly started to rise to the peak and moved closer to becoming a top-grade force. Even the Starry Sky Emperor[3] would pay attention to and try roping in any power with a cultivator in the Eternal Realm. Moreover, Everlasting Sacred Shrine’s Sacred Master Seeking Intelligence also had a close relationship with Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor of the Grand Culmination Starry Sky.

“This broken place is far worse than the Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain.” Chasing Bull looked at the entrance to Everlasting Sacred Shrine and spoke up with disdain.

In fact, Everlasting Sacred Shrine definitely was not a broken place. On the contrary, it was one of the ten densest areas of Celestial Essence within the Nine Plate Starland.

With several heavenly rivers stretching between the mountains, it added a fairyland-like atmosphere to the Everlasting Sacred Shrine.

“Wait for me here.” Ning Cheng ordered Chasing Bull and landed in front of the Mountain Protecting Grand Array of the Everlasting Sacred Shrine.

He ordered Chasing bull to wait for him outside the Everlasting Sacred Shrine out of precaution. After all, he hadn’t battled any cultivator in the Eternal Realm head-on. Securing a path to retreat would be of critical importance if he could not take on the Eternal Cultivator in this place.

“Stop, this is the area of Everlasting Sacred Shrine. You are not allowed to come any closer.” A female cultivator from Everlasting Sacred Shrine stopped Ning Cheng just before he arrived at the entrance to the Mountain Protecting Grand Array of the Everlasting Sacred Shrine.

Ning Cheng forcibly quelled his anxiety and spoke with a calm voice, “I’m looking for Ji Luofei.”

In any case, he had to see Ji Luofei first. Whether Qionghua’s fall had something to with the Everlasting Sacred Shrine, he couldn’t confirm it just yet.

“Humph, a shameless woman who slept with a man, the Sacred Master has already killed her. How dare you talk about that filthy name in my sacred shrine? Get lost before ...” Before she could even finish her words, a huge foot landed on her chest, kicking her away as she spewed mouthfuls of blood.

After Ning Cheng kicked away that cultivator in anger, he directly brought out a long spear-type Dao Artefact and struck the Everlasting Sacred Shrine’s Mountain Protecting Grand Array at its array base.

If Seeking Intelligence had really killed Ji Luofei and Shi Qionghua, as that female cultivator had said, he would wash the entire Everlasting Sacred Shrine in blood today.

“Boom.....” The Everlasting Sacred Shrine’s Mountain Protecting Grand Array trembled violently. Ning Cheng himself was an Emperor Array Master who could arrange Grade 7 Starry Sky Array Formations. Therefore, it was already incredible that a Grade 8 Starry Sky Mountain Protecting Formation could handle his full-powered strike.

Striking it a second time, the entire Mountain Protecting Grand Array trembled even more violently.

“Stop, don’t you dare attack the Mountain Protecting Grand Array of my Everlasting Sacred Shrine.....” A clear voice came from behind Ning Cheng. A sword light then followed, aimed at Ning Cheng’s heart. Not caring about the sword light, Ning Cheng threw a backhanded slap at it, while the long spear in his other hand kept bombarding the Mountain Protecting Grand Array. Facing such continuous attacks from Ning Cheng, the Mountain Protecting Grand Array finally gave a slight ‘katcha’ sound.

The sword light couldn’t even come near to Ning Cheng when Ning Cheng’s Celestial River Domain suppressed it completely. Then, under Ning Cheng’s slap, even the voice from behind him disappeared.

“Stop.” A loud voice filled with rage erupted as the Mountain Protecting Grand Array gave out a loud rumble. It seemed as if someone was about to open the grand array from the inside.

However, Ning Cheng did not stop the bombardment with the long spear still in hand. Gathering every scrap of celestial essence in his body, he blew one last shot at the Mountain Protecting Grand Array’s Array Base.

“Katcha.....” Finally, that last spear strike from Ning Cheng managed to blast open Everlasting Sacred Shrine’s Mountain Protecting Grand Array.

Seeking Intelligence appeared in front of Ning Cheng with anger all over her face, and behind Seeking Intelligence, cultivators flew out one after another. Within a short while, hundreds of cultivators stood opposite to Ning Cheng.

“Sacred Master, I couldn’t stop him.” A weak voice came from afar, followed by a cultivator in Heaven Seated Realm appearing beside Seeking Intelligence the next instant, embracing a female cultivator with blood dripping down her chest.

“Sacred Lady Qiang is seriously injured.” The cultivator in Heaven Seated Realm anxiously spoke up, pointing towards a beautiful young female cultivator in her hands.

This female cultivator was the one who had attacked Ning Cheng just now and told Ning Cheng to stop but ended up seriously injured by Ning Cheng’s slap.

“It’s you?” Seeking Intelligence stared at Ning Cheng and spoke in a cold voice. She knew Ning Cheng. In the past, this little ant said he liked Qionghua in front of her. Today, this tiny ant broke open Everlasting Sacred Shrine’s Mountain Protecting Grand Array when she was just about to go into seclusion....

Wait, breaking Everlasting Sacred Shrine’s Mountain Protecting Grand Array... Seeking Intelligence suddenly felt her heart tighten up. Even she could not break open Everlasting Sacred Shrine’s Mountain Protecting Grand Array at full strength. Didn’t this mean that this person’s strength exceeded her?

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Chapter 709: Ice Bind against Setting Sun

“Where are my wives Qionghua and Luofei?” Ning Cheng’s killing intent merged with his domain and slowly spread out, forcing cultivators with lower cultivations who could not bear it to retreat one after another.

Seeking Intelligence never cared about the life or death of an ant, especially one like Ji Luofei. So when Ning Cheng asked, she just gave a snort and spoke, “What qualifications do an unclean woman has to live in my sacred shrine.....”

Having heard those words, how could Ning Cheng bear it? His killing intent instantly exploded outward, and the long spear in his hand shot out, creating a hollowed-out black space around it. At the same time, he sneered, “Did your parents not commit the same sin when giving birth to something like you? Or did you forget that you also came from a mother and a father.....”

The hollowed-out black space around the spear was the result of Ning Cheng’s killing intent and not because of the space around it cracking. His killing intent had become so powerful and concentrated at this moment that it ignored the surrounding area entirely. Facing such dense killing intent, people immediately got the illusion that the spear created numerous black holes in the space around it.

The surrounding space seemed to shrink under the influence of Ning Cheng’s spear. It felt like Ning Cheng’s spear would crush through and kill every single person that came in its way.

Everlasting Sacred Shrine’s low-levelled cultivators instinctively retreated. If they did not retreat quickly, they felt that the vacuum created by the spear intent would harvest the hearts and the life essence of everyone in its path.

However, the one feeling the most significant psychological shock was Seeking Intelligence. Facing such a powerful and monstrous spear intent, Seeking Intelligence forgot the anger induced from Ning Cheng's words. She was not someone who hadn't seen the world, but when she saw Ning Cheng's spear thrust, she saw it pierce through a planet and completely obliterating it to dust. Although she could tell that the planet in question was just a tiny one, she felt that if she continued to wait, this spear would turn her to dust just like the planet.

With her cultivation advancing to the Eternal Realm, Seeking Intelligence quickly understood that this phenomenon was a result of mental oppression brought forth by Ning Cheng and his spear. Regardless of if she realised it or not, she knew that she could only use the Everlasting Sacred Sword to guard against it.

Ning Cheng's invisible spear intent left no traces at all, so even as an Eternal-level powerhouse, Seeking Intelligence couldn't find the real source of the murderous spear intent. That's because this was his Traceless.

Seeking Intelligence, however, did not try to search for the source of Ning Cheng's spear intent. Her Everlasting Sacred Sword did not bring out any sword light; instead, it brought forth an icy white sky that started to cover the area under it in snow.

The murderous aura from Ning Cheng's Traceless Spear Intent coalesced instantly into a point. The snowflakes, manifestation of the majestic and seemingly incomparable sword rays, then quickly wrapped around Ning Cheng's spear intent. A moment later, an icy explosion erupted.

Ning Cheng gave a grunt just before the explosion. He knew that cultivators in the Eternal Realm were powerful, but Seeking Intelligence was only a cultivator in the early stages of the Eternal Realm, so it did not make any sense for her to be this strong. She actually manifested a sword domain that stopped his Traceless Spear Technique and exposed the technique's traces.

"Boom" When the spear intent and sword domain exploded, Ning Cheng's powerful celestial essence and imposing aura blew away Seeking Intelligence. At the same time, Ning Cheng also flew back a few tens of meters because of the explosion.

"Crumble....." Although Ning Cheng stood tall, he saw the shaft of the high-rank Dao Artefact long spear in his hand split into two with the top half crumbling apart as it fell down.

That sword actually broke a high-rank Dao Artefact long spear. Seeing this, Ning Cheng frowned. Looks like the sword in Seeking Intelligence's hand definitely was an unusual one.

Ning Cheng simply dropped the other half of the long spear and raised his hand to bring out the Nirvana Spear before stepping forward once again. The long spear had not left his grasp, but it still stirred up monstrous killing intent.

Seeking Intelligence, on the contrary, felt even more shaken, feeling that Ning Cheng had a much stronger spiritual consciousness. Otherwise, her sword domain wouldn't have just pushed back Ning Cheng. But the fact was that Ning Cheng had truly blown her away. If not for the Everlasting Sacred Sword in her hand, the second-ranked treasure of Everlasting Sacred Shrine, she would have suffered even more injuries, let alone just breaking Ning Cheng's weapon.

Seeing Ning Cheng bring out a new weapon, Seeking Intelligence took in a deep breath and uttered a sharp cry, "Falling Snow Ice Bind....."

Ning Cheng turned out much more powerful than she had imagined.

All of a sudden, the Everlasting Sacred Sword in Seeking Intelligence's hand started crumbling, transforming into snowflakes that began to flutter around in the sky. In just a moment, everything in the world around it changed into snowflakes. Even Seeking Intelligence, just like the rest of the things, transformed into snowflakes that began fluttering around in the sky.

Strong restrictive forces and repression started to spread out from the snowflakes, and Ning Cheng felt his body turning cold. He then saw cracks forming on his skin, giving him the impression that his body would break apart the next moment and transform into the same ice-cold snow all around him.

A spirit technique.....

Ning Cheng quickly understood. In just an instant, the endless snowflakes started to gather around him. Icebergs began to form in the sky as they grew bigger and bigger as they rushed towards Ning Cheng like comets. The combination of snowflakes and icebergs squeezed the space, restricting Ning Cheng's movement.

The ice and snow carried whisperings that affected one's heart and soul, while the icebergs cast death-like repression; however, it targeted Ning Cheng alone. Only death could dissipate this repression, and only death could release him from those whisperings.

The sky seemed to have turned misty, and the disciples around Everlasting Sacred Shrine could only see a white world at this moment, feeling a cold aura permeating throughout the area. Occasionally whispering, occasionally roaring!

Beautiful-looking snowflakes kept raging in this world, filling it with a one-of-a-kind death aura. No one's spiritual consciousness could penetrate into this ice and snow world, and no one could touch this ice and snow world. It seemed that as soon as one approached this world, one would dissolve into nothingness and devoured by the ice and snow.

"That's our Everlasting Sacred Shrine's strongest spirit technique, Falling Snow Ice Bind....."

"Such a mighty spirit technique, Long live our Everlasting Sacred Shrine!"

"Long live Sacred Master...."

"Kill that ant that does not know the immensity of heaven and earth...."

"Kill....."

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When this Ice Bind Spirit Technique created this world, everything within this world came under the control of the technique, which in turn powered it further.

At this moment, no one thought that Ning Cheng would survive. Who could stay alive under such a spirit technique? It would be a huge joke otherwise. At this time, the disciples of the Everlasting Sacred Shrine

only had a single feeling. That is, every one of them felt proud to be a disciple of the Everlasting Sacred Shrine and about having such a powerful Sacred Master.

With Everlasting Sacred Shrine having such a powerful spirit technique, and with such a powerful Sacred Master leading it, it would only result in death for anyone daring to challenge its authority.

However, Ning Cheng did not come to Everlasting Sacred Shrine to find death. He came here to take away Luofei and Qionghua. He came to tell Everlasting Sacred Shrine who Luofei and Qionghua were to him.

No matter the power contained within the snow and ice, it only caused some superficial marks over Ning Cheng's skin, and cracked Ning Cheng's robes. Even if Ning Cheng did not actively try to resist it, this Falling Snow Ice Bind Spirit Technique wouldn't be able to tear through Ning Cheng's Starry Sky Body. In fact, this level of a spirit technique was far from enough to pose any danger.

Ning Cheng intentionally allowed the icebergs to suppress him, and let those whisperings of the ice and snow world tear away at him. After experiencing the full extent of this technique, he took a step forward and drew a semicircle with the long spear in his hand with him at the centre before pointing it at Seeking Intelligence.

With that point, the ice and snow world stopped moving. Even the icebergs shooting towards Ning Cheng also stopped at this moment. Not only that, even the snowflakes formed by the Ice Bind Spirit Technique came to a standstill.

A dustpan-sized sunset then appeared in the ice and snow world, bringing with it the sadness of dusk. Sadness birthed from the feeling of imminent decline.

As long as anyone looked at this sunset, they would all think that they would all meet the same fate as the setting sun one day, gradually sinking down, turning into dead bones, and ultimately forgotten.....

This indicated despair, the stillness of desperation, the stillness of desperation for life.

The beautiful setting sun, yet so close to its dusk!

Spirit Technique, Sunset's Twilight!

"Will I be the same as this dusk, gradually falling into obscurity one day?" Seeking Intelligence completely forgot about her spirit technique and muttered to herself while gazing at the sunset's twilight as it kept sinking in front of her eyes.

No, I will never end like this dusk. I'm a powerhouse in the Eternal Realm. I will continue as an Eternal, I will live as long as the heaven and earth, I will make the Everlasting Sacred Shrine the same as heaven and earth, let it shine through the starry skies...

No, this was not the twilight of a sunset. A spirit technique, a spirit technique had suppressed her...

But why do I feel stillness all around me? Was this a spirit technique relating to the Laws of Time?

As Seeking Intelligence gathered her wits, her soul was already in a state of flux. Although she had heard about Laws of Time related spirit techniques in the past, this was the first time for her to experience one.

No, I can't die! Seeing the long spear arrive in front of her glabella, Seeking Intelligence gave out a crazed tearing cry.

She succeeded; she finally broke away from the Sunset's Twilight cast by Ning Cheng. However, her success came a little late, as Ning Cheng's long spear had already pierced through her glabella.

"Old tramp, today this Ning Cheng will wash your Everlasting Sacred Shrine with blood...."

When Seeking Intelligence heard those words, she completely forgot that she was about to die under Ning Cheng's spirit technique and even completely forgot about her pride. Instead, she fell to her knees and moaned, "Please don't destroy the Everlasting Sacred Shrine...."

Some remorse and regret finally poured into her mind, and she recalled what Seeking Caution had told her. That Ning Cheng did not seem simple and not to push him too much. Yet, she still did everything.

"Poof....." The long spear pierced through the glabella of Seeking Intelligence and brought forth a canopy of blood as the tip exited from the opposite side of her head.

Seeking Intelligence still kept staring at Ning Cheng with her dead eyes while murmuring, "Please don't destroy my Everlasting Sacred Shrine. Let the Everlasting Sacred Shrine's inheritance get passed on...."

Ning Cheng clenched the long spear and spoke in a cold voice, "What qualifications do you have to speak to me about passing on its inheritance? You, trash who even forgot your parents, asking me to spare your shrine's inheritance, could you be any more shameless?"

After saying that, Ning Cheng twisted the Nirvana Spear in his hand and crushed the already shattered life essence of Seeking Intelligence.

Maybe it was Ning Cheng's words reminding her at the dying moment, but Seeking Intelligence suddenly thought of her parents. She had already forgotten about her parents even before she started cultivating at the Everlasting Sacred Shrine. Did she truly not have the right to speak about its inheritance? The question rang in her mind before her consciousness finally blurred into oblivion...

Still immersed in the beautiful dusk, the Everlasting Sacred Shrine's disciples finally sobered up at this moment and saw the scene of Sacred Master Seeking Intelligence's body falling to the ground.

"Sacred Master....." The new Sacred Lady, still severely injured, gave a loud cry and rushed up.

Ning Cheng held on to the Nirvana Spear tightly and did not move. Although he spared no effort to kill Seeking Intelligence using the Sunset's Twilight, he also realised that the stronger the opponent's cultivation, the more powerful Sunset's Twilight had to be.

Fortunately, he was also a body-forging cultivator with a robust body-forging cultivation method. Otherwise, under the effects of Seeking Intelligence's spirit technique, he might not have obtained an upper hand against her, even when using Sunset's Twilight.

Looking at the frightened expressions of the Everlasting Sacred Shrine's disciples, Ning Cheng's eyes once again turned red and killing intent began to rise in his heart. From the moment he learned that Luofei had died due to Seeking Intelligence, the killing intent in his heart continued to grow stronger and stronger.

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Chapter 710: The Ancient Shadow Temple

As Ning Cheng's killing intent swept out, it blew away Everlasting Sacred Shrine's new Sacred Lady before she could even approach the body of the Sacred Master.

At this moment, not a single disciple from the hundreds of disciples from Everlasting Sacred Shrine dared to move. They all just stood in their spots like lambs waiting for slaughter.

"Stop!" An anxious voice came over, interrupting Ning Cheng's consciousness that had almost blacked out from the raging killing intent. Suddenly, Ning Cheng felt a little lost in his heart. In truth, he didn't intend to kill these disciples. He did not want to kill indiscriminately; all he wanted was to get back Luofei and Qionghua.

But Luofei died here. How could he not get justice and revenge for Luofei?

"Dao Friend Ning, Luofei hasn't fallen. Please stay your hand against my Everlasting Sacred Shrine." Seeking Caution, dressed in a grey robe, stopped in front of Ning Cheng and spoke up as quickly as possible, with eyes filled with anxiousness.

After experiencing Ning Cheng's strength when they had first clashed, she knew that the way Sacred Master handled things would bring disaster to Everlasting Sacred Shrine. For this reason, she went all out to improve her cultivation in seclusion. However, Seeking Caution never expected that disaster would strike so quickly. She had just advanced to the Life and Death Realm when Ning Cheng killed Everlasting Sacred Shrine's Sacred Master. No matter how crazily she cultivated, she knew it was useless at this point. Not to mention that she had just advanced to the Life and Death Realm, even if she miraculously stepped into the Eternal Realm, she knew that it would be impossible to stop Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng already possessed the strength to kill Everlasting Sacred Shrine's Sacred Master; it meant that even Nine Jewels Starry Sky's Starry Sky Emperor would not come out help. The only force capable of helping Everlasting Sacred Shrine was Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain's Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor. But Ning Cheng currently stood in the Everlasting Sacred Shrine, so what could Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor do?

Taking a step back, even if Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor decided to help Everlasting Sacred Shrine, by the time he arrived, there was a good chance that Everlasting Sacred Shrine would have turned to ashes.

"Did you say Luofei is still alive?" Ning Cheng quickly moved towards Seeking Caution. He even raised both his hands and grabbed Seeking Caution's shoulder.

Seeking Caution, trying to resist the fear in her heart, spoke up, "That's right. Sacred Master wanted to kill Qionghua and Luofei, but I asked Yiyi to take them away. Jing Yiyi will be here soon. You can just ask her then....."

Ning Cheng took in a deep breath, and the red in his eyes gradually faded, "How about Qionghua? How is Qionghua?"

Seeking Caution's eyes flashed with guilt as she spoke, "I'm sorry, I couldn't fulfil my promise. Sacred Master didn't allow Sacred Lady Qionghua to cultivate under the Everlasting Sacred Tree. I could only let Luofei secretly take Qionghua and leave the Everlasting Sacred Shrine."

Ning Cheng looked up, and tears streaked down his face silently. It was a long time before he suddenly let out a soul-tearing roar.

Qionghua had risked her life to use the forbidden technique, but since she could not heal by cultivating under the Everlasting Sacred Shrine's Everlasting Sacred Tree, there was a good chance that she had already fallen. This was Qionghua's last reincarnation, if she died in this life, it would mean there would no longer be a Qionghua anymore. Why did Qionghua have to go through such a wretched destiny?

"I'm sorry, Dao Friend Ning, I really did my best. This matter has nothing to do with my Everlasting Sacred Shrine. Please don't take out your anger at my Everlasting Sacred Shrine." Seeking Caution spoke with a trembling voice.

Even if Everlasting Sacred Shrine's Seeking Intelligence fell, it would still be a significant force in the Nine Plate Starland. But in front of Ning Cheng, it couldn't amount to much.

"Elder Brother Ning, Uncle-master Seeking Caution speaks the truth. I was the one who brought out Luofei and Qionghua out of the sacred shrine. The rest have nothing to do with it." Jing Yiyi hurried over and bowed to Ning Cheng. At this time, she had already reached the Celestial Bridge Realm.

"Thank you, Junior Apprentice Sister Yiyi. Do you know where Luofei went?" Ning Cheng took in another deep breath and thanked her sincerely for confirming that Luofei had not died. Even if he slaughtered a hundred Everlasting Sacred Shrines, it would not bring the same relief those words just did.

Jing Yiyi bowed again and said, "I'm sorry, Elder Brother Ning, but I really don't know."

After saying that, she seemed to have recalled something and said, "Many thanks for saving my life last time, Senior Apprentice Brother Ning."

Ning Cheng knew that Jing Yiyi spoke about the Changing Earth Mountain incident. But he just shook his head and didn't answer.

Seeing Seeking Caution about to speak, Ning Cheng waved his hand and said with a cold voice, "Dao Friend Seeking Caution, I will not destroy the Everlasting Sacred Shrine, but you will have to take me to the Everlasting Sacred Tree."

Seeking Caution still wanted to say something, but seeing the look in Ning Cheng's eyes, she knew that she could not afford to offend this person by even the slightest bit, "Please come with me, Dao Friend Ning."

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Ning Cheng stood in the most mysterious area within Everlasting Sacred Shrine looking at the verdant Everlasting Sacred Tree in front of him. Sensing the vitality coursing through the Everlasting Sacred Tree, he gave out a sigh in his heart. If he had this cultivation back then, would Seeking Intelligence dare refuse to let Qionghua heal under this tree?

Seeking Caution, along with several others, followed Ning Cheng but did not dare to show any dissatisfaction.

After a long time, Ning Cheng suddenly brought out the Nirvana Spear. Then, with a burst of violent imposing aura, thrust it into the Everlasting Sacred Tree.

“Don’t....” Seeking Caution screamed in horror, but it was already too late.

“Boom.....” The verdant Everlasting Sacred Tree, filled with strong vitality, quickly crumbled under Ning Cheng’s spear, and its spirit dissipated almost instantly.

Ning Cheng turned his head and looked at Seeking Caution, who still stood there in terrified shock before speaking coldly, “Even the disciples of your own sacred shrine cannot come to heal under this Everlasting Sacred Tree, so what’s the use of keeping it around? Since you saved Luofei once, I’ll spare you this once. Goodbye.”

In the middle of the conversation, Ning Cheng’s figure flashed and disappeared from the Everlasting Sacred Tree’s garden. He didn’t take anything from the Everlasting Sacred Shrine and didn’t even look back at the Everlasting Sacred Sword.

Sacred Lady Qiang, who Ning Cheng had blown back twice, once again moved towards the corpse of Seeking Intelligence and picked up the Everlasting Sacred Sword. After watching the Starry Sky Wheel disappear with a calm expression, she knelt on the side of Seeking Intelligence’s body and clenched her fists slowly before murmuring to herself, “Master, please rest assured. One day, I will kill this person with my own hands and put his head in front of Master’s tomb. If I disobey this oath, this Shu Qiang will turn to dust.....”

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“Master, where are we going now?” Chasing Bull still regretted leaving the Starry Sky Spiritual Fruit Banquet at Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain. Unfortunately, it didn’t know how long it would have to wait before it could attend such a banquet.

Where should I go? Ning Cheng silently pondered. As this moment, he found himself at a complete loss as to where to go from here.

Chasing Bull understood that its master was in a bad mood and could only shut up and concentrate on controlling the Starry Sky Wheel’s flight. After a long time, Ning Cheng finally spoke up, “Look for places close to the Nine Plate Starland.”

With Luofei’s limited cultivation, even if she left the Nine Plate Starland, she would not be able to go far.

“The celestial river closest to Nine Plate Starland is the Night Essence Celestial River. Master, do you want to go to the Night Essence Celestial River?” Chasing Bull carefully spoke up after looking at the positional display of the Starry Sky Wheel.

“Let’s go to the Night Essence Celestial River first. If I find no news there, we’ll then return to Culmination Starland.” Ning Cheng gave a sigh. He knew that this kind of search was akin to looking for a needle in a haystack. The chances of succeeding were almost non-existent.

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Tipping Rainbow City, one of the starry sky cities of Night Essence Celestial River.

Although Ning Cheng knew about the extremely remote chances of finding information about Ji Luofei, who would have kept herself hidden, he still decided to come here.

Ning Cheng made his way to Tipping Rainbow City's trade union to inquire about any new mystic realms opening in recent years. Although Luofei had a soft character on the outside, she was an extremely strong-willed woman on the inside. Once the cultivation resources he gave Luofei dried up, Luofei would definitely venture out to search for more cultivation resources.

If she wanted to get hold of sufficient cultivation resources quickly, she would have to explore at least one mystic realm or other dangerous places. Although risky, it could bring high payoffs if successful.

"This guest, what can I do for you?" The person in charge of the trade union was a middle-aged female cultivator, but with only a Celestial Shatterer cultivation. Although such people spoke politely, if you didn't come here with a specific purpose, you'd only get some polite words and nothing else.

"I want to post a team mission for the Ancient Shadow Temple." A Heaven's Mandate cultivator came over, cut in line to the front of Ning Cheng, and spoke up.

The middle-aged female cultivator immediately left Ning Cheng aside and spoke to that Heaven's Mandate cultivator with a face full of smiles, "Of course, please tell us your requirements."

But after that Heaven's Mandate cultivator posted his task and left, the middle-aged female cultivator did not turn to Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng took out ten Perpetual Moon Pills, put it in front of the middle-aged female cultivator, and asked, "I want to find out about the new mystic realms that opened up in Night Essence Celestial River during recent years, or places with rich cultivation resources."

When this female cultivator saw Ning Cheng actually take out ten Perpetual Moon Pills, she immediately stood up, and the Perpetual Moon Pills in front of Ning Cheng suddenly disappeared. At the same time, she not only turned more enthusiastic, even her tone turned more polite, "Night Essence Celestial River has a lot of mystic realms, but the most famous of all is the Devouring Bone Sea. Although dangerous, there are many good things in that place. Many rogue cultivators like to adventure within Devouring Bone Sea for this reason. Some people even obtained Celestial River Essence Qi King Pills while adventuring. Apart from the Devouring Bone Sea, Thorn Tooth Lake and Internal Enjoyment Valley are also good places to find cultivation resources. I have a jade strip map with me here. If you want to go to any of the places listed, please let me know. I can help you put up team tasks here....."

While talking, this female cultivator politely handed over a jade strip map to Ning Cheng.

"Many thanks." Ning Cheng thanked her and accepted the jade strip map.

The female cultivator continued, "There's no need for that. However, I want to remind you that you should steer away from the Ice Immortal Ridge on Radial Immortal Star. That place is strange. I heard countless cultivators died there, and only a few managed to come out alive. It didn't matter initially, as the Ice Immortal Ridge always remained closed. But something happened a few years ago, and an ice passage and cave appeared inside the Ice Immortal Ridge. Many people continue to lose their lives because of this passage, but found nothing good in it."

“I want to post a team mission for the Ancient Shadow Temple.....” Another Heaven’s Mandate cultivator came over and spoke.

Ning Cheng secretly wondered, what exactly was this Ancient Shadow Temple? In just a short span, two people cut in line to post team missions for this place. From this, how could he not extrapolate the number of cultivators teaming up for this place in just a day?

This time, the female cultivator did not ignore Ning Cheng; instead, she first said to Ning Cheng, “Please do look at the jade strip map. If you have any questions, you can ask me about it. I’ll do my best to answer them.”

Ning Cheng waited for that Heaven’s Mandate cultivator to post his task. After the cultivator finished posting the assignment and left, Ning Cheng asked, “Two other people posted individual team mission for the Ancient Shadow Temple while I talked to you. Is this Ancient Shadow Temple near here?”

The middle-aged female cultivator quickly explained, “The Ancient Shadow Temple is a new mystic realm that opened up in Named Descendant[1] Celestial River’s Second Revenant Star. I have to say, the mystic realm is massive. I heard that it contains countless treasures in it; even many experts in Heaven Seated Realm have tried exploring it. However, to get to Named Descendant Celestial River from here, you need to be at least at Heaven’s Mandate Realm; moreover, it’s costly. If you want to go there, you might be better off going to the Devouring Bone Sea first.”