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Chapter 721: Jiangzhou Star

This was not a space spirit technique, but a simulated space spirit technique that Ning Cheng derived from the Maximal Flame Spirit Technique. However, it was more than enough to deal with Ji Yangyao.

After the explosion created from the collapsed space swallowed Ji Yangyao, Ning Cheng did not give him even a chance to resist and directly impaled his life essence with his Nirvana Spear.

By the time the explosion from the collapsed space subsided, Ji Yangyao had already disappeared, leaving behind only a huge gully in front of everyone.

In just a short exchange, Named Descendant Celestial River King Ji Yangyao, Second Revenant Star's Celestial Lord Ji Yaozhe, and Ji Clan's Heaven Seated expert Ji Baisen all died. The remaining cultivators from Ji Clan hiding in the back quickly understood that it was all over for their Ji Clan. A Celestial Bridge cultivator carefully picked up the unconscious Ji Hongliu and followed the other Ji Clan cultivators to sneak out of the crowd.

Ning Cheng watched those people retreat but didn't do anything. If Ji Yangyao hadn't moved to kill him, he would have only taken the Second Revenant Star. But since Ji Yangyao wanted to kill him first, blaming him for retaliation was not possible. Moreover, now that he found Ruolan okay, he no longer felt any interest in wiping off the rest of Ji Clan. In any case, with the atrocities committed by Ji Clan in Named Descendant Celestial River and Second Revenant Star, even if he didn't take any further action, someone would definitely make them pay.

The outside of the Ancient Shadow Temple had a large crowd, but no one dared to speak loudly; rather, all of them chose to remain silent. This new cultivator had completely frightened them to the core. He not only killed Named Descendant Celestial River King Ji Yangyao, he even drove away Orchid Borough Celestial River King Lilian Yanlang with just a few words. They could also tell that this person hadn't gone all out.

From this, they all understood that regardless of if Striking Ordering Heavenly Emperor helped Ji Clan or not, the leadership of Named Descendant Celestial River would definitely change.

Ning Cheng flew into the air and spoke to the surrounding cultivators with cupped fists, "Everyone, starting today, Second Revenant Star will be renamed as Jiangzhou Star. Jiangzhou Star will remain independent from any local powers and will also be independent of the starry sky....."

He decided against taking over Named Descendant Celestial River. In any case, a planet was more than enough for him. He had no energy to manage an entire celestial river. Moreover, if he took over a celestial river, it would force him to become a celestial river king, which Ning Cheng truly did not want and would be out of his character.

Besides, he mainly did it to give Striking Order Heavenly Emperor and Chuan Xinlou some face. In this regard, Ning Cheng acted in a relatively decent manner. He knew that when it came to cultivation within a grand starry sky, any celestial river would have to remain under the management of a starry sky, and

each starry sky had to be under the control of one of the four grand starry skies. No matter the size, this was something that unavoidable.

Now that he renamed Second Revenant Star and taken it out from under the jurisdiction of Striking Order Starry Sky, it was equivalent of taking it out from the governance of the Grand Culmination Starry Sky. Taking over a single planet would still be within reasonable limits, if he had decided to take over a celestial river, it would have definitely made Striking Order feel uncomfortable. Although he was not afraid of Striking Order Heavenly Emperor, he did not feel like fighting against him for it.

For Ning Cheng, he didn't want to manage, nor did he have the power to govern many planets. He just wanted a place where he could decide and do things for himself. A place where he could peacefully develop himself without looking at someone else's face.

He couldn't do such a thing in the past because of a lack of strength, but now that he had the power to do so, he naturally would do it. Moreover, on any planet, major forces would always clash against each other. Even if it adhered to some rules and regulations, it only applied to minor characters. For those from major forces or factions, those rules and regulations were tantamount to ornaments.

But on his turf, he would never allow such a thing to happen. As long as one was in the Jiangzhou Star, every starry sky cultivator would have to adhere to the law. A primary reason why he wanted to get rid of other's control over this place.

Moreover, Second Revenant Star was the first star of Named Descendant Celestial River, which meant that neither its topography nor the starry sky Essence Qi flowing in it could compare to ordinary planets and stars.

Ning Cheng's words immediately caused whispers within the crowd. As starry sky cultivators, they all clearly understood what Ning Cheng's words meant. Not subject to any local control, that in itself was equivalent to stealing a planet from a grand starry sky. Would Striking Order Heavenly Emperor tolerate it? Would the Culmination Grand Starry Sky not care about it?

Even if this person could kill Named Descendant Celestial River King, what he said was too outrageous, right? Wasn't it akin to looking for death?

Regardless of whether Ning Cheng wanted to seek death, after hearing Ning Cheng's words, all the cultivators felt completely awed by Ning Cheng. A person who didn't care about Striking Order Heavenly Emperor and even the Grand Culmination Starry Sky, would someone like him care about the ordinary cultivators? One could even say that whoever provoked this person would definitely perish at this person's hands.

Ning Cheng knew that he only stayed at the Second Revenant Star for just a short time. Therefore, only by displaying his might could he suppress those thoughts.

After the discussions of cultivators died down a bit, Ning Cheng continued, "Some friends here might have come here from other places, and some might have been from the Jiangzhou Star. Since Jiangzhou Star will be directly under my control from today, I am announcing a few things."

Silence reigned all around, all of them wondering what Ning Cheng would announce.

Ning Cheng raised his voice and said, "First, Jiangzhou Star will be closed for two years. It's not that I want to stop you all from visiting Jiangzhou Star, but I want to use these two years to rectify a few things in Jiangzhou Star....."

As soon as the crowd heard those words, the nearby cultivators suddenly made a huge noise. Even if they felt afraid of Ning Cheng's power, no one could help it. Wasn't closing the Jiangzhou Star the same as closing the Ancient Shadow Temple?

Many cultivators here came explicitly for the Ancient Shadow Temple. Now this new Celestial Lord came along and not only removed the powerful Ji Clan but also wanted to take everything here for himself. Sure enough, as long as sufficient benefits existed, everyone's hearts would turn black.

But despite the noise, no one dared to stand up and refute Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng didn't continue to talk; he waited for the noise to die down for a bit before explaining. He didn't intend on blocking the Ancient Shadow Temple. However, for rectifying Jiangzhou Star, Ning Cheng naturally cannot let other cultivators come to the Ancient Shadow Temple. Otherwise, with all kinds of scheming people here, how would he go about to rectify things?

If these cultivators did not leave Jiangzhou Star through verbal persuasion, Ning Cheng started to consider whether he should come down on them hard. Besides, after years of wandering the starry skies, Ning Cheng understood that without roots, he would also be the same as the faces he saw in front of him. It would always remain true no matter how high his cultivation soared.

Having high cultivation might keep me safe and sound, but what about the people around me?

If he had his own planet if he had his own territory, would Qionghua and Luofei need to go to the Everlasting Sacred Shrine? Would they have turned their faces to look at Everlasting Sacred Shrine's Seeking Intelligence?

Just as Ning Cheng tried to figure out what methods to use, a sharp cry erupted from the entrance of the Ancient Shadow Temple.

Almost instantly, a Daoist shadow rushed out from inside, followed by a few more shadows. A moment later, their bodies began to crack apart, and in just a few breaths, the cultivators who came out started to rot and die.

Some of the cultivators who were preparing to enter the Ancient Shadow Temple immediately stopped. What was going on?

Ning Cheng frowned; he quickly understood what was going on. Those fallen cultivators gave off an aura, an aura exactly like the aura from the mist around the door to the real Ancient Shadow Temple. From the looks of it, someone seemed to have triggered something, causing the fog to start spreading outwards. That mist he saw in front of the gate of the Ancient Shadow Temple really could tear people apart. Since he was a body-forging cultivator with a Starry Sky Body, he could ignore the poison mist, but not the other cultivators.

Cultivators kept rushing out, but almost all of them kept falling the moment they rushed out.

Some of the cultivators rushing out and muttered "Poison mist, poison mist....." before falling.

“Get out of the way. There is poisonous mist in Ancient Shadow Temple. Someone must have activated the poisonous mist. I will arrange an array formation to lock down the Ancient Shadow Temple.” Ning Cheng immediately shouted.

This poisonous mist came at the right moment. Otherwise, he might have really taken the hard-line here.

Ning Cheng’s words immediately aroused the approval of many cultivators, “Yes, lock the entrance. Hurry up.”

When Ning Cheng started arranging the array formation, there were not many cultivators rushing out. Two hours later, by the time Ning Cheng’s Locking Grand Array finally started to close up, no one else came seemed to come out. Most likely, the cultivators who did not manage to come out had already fallen inside the Ancient Shadow Temple.

After an hour later, Ning Cheng completely sealed the grand array. With the area locked down, the entrance to the Ancient Shadow Temple disappeared, and it became a typical mountain range again.

Some of the cultivators who didn’t die after coming out started to describe the horrors of what happened inside the mystic realm. A poisonous mist that could tear apart a person’s body seemed to have suddenly popped out of thin air before it quickly swept through the area in just a short time. Many cultivators with lower cultivation couldn’t even respond before the poisonous mist tore them apart.

With the Ancient Shadow Temple’s poisonous mist incident, Ning Cheng didn’t need to speak up for the second time. Most of the cultivators here came to Jiangzhou Star because of the Ancient Shadow Temple. Now that people couldn’t go into the Ancient Shadow Temple, it saved him from doing many unnecessary things.

“Friends, as long as you are not cultivators from Jiangzhou Star, please leave immediately. Two years later, may not even be two years, Jiangzhou Star will open once again. As for friends who already lived in Jiangzhou Star, please be prepared to re-register for identity jade cards. Three days later, all foreign cultivators who do not leave Jiangzhou Star, and were not originally from Jiangzhou Star, will be punished according to the new rules and regulations.....”

No one doubted Ning Cheng’s words. Ning Cheng even killed Named Descendant Celestial River King in front of them. For these ordinary cultivators, it would be strange if he actually went back on his words now.

Some cultivators who just came out from the Ancient Shadow Temple could not understand what was going on and immediately started asking around. Because of the closure of the Ancient Shadow Temple and hearing about the recent changes to the leadership of Jiangzhou Star, these cultivators immediately started to leave this place, unwilling to stay here, without the need of Ning Cheng to remind them once again. All of them brought out flight-type weapons and quickly left.

As to what happened before in the Ancient Shadow Temple, news quickly spread out to the others. Cultivators, who initially crowded around Jiangzhou Star wanting to rush inside, immediately turned tail and started to crowd out.

Someone killed a Celestial Lord and a Celestial River King; this was a big deal. Striking Order Heavenly King would definitely come here to settle accounts eventually. At that point, it wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that the planet might turn to ashes. Only the stupid would continue to stay on Jiangzhou Star. Even many of the cultivators who formerly lived in Jiangzhou Star started evacuating after learning the news.

"Gong Xiuzhu, Bei Junyi greets senior..." Two seemingly embarrassed-looking cultivators in Heaven's Mandate Realm came in front of Ning Cheng and bowed.

Ning Cheng looked at the two of them in doubt. He had too many things to do right now. What did these two cultivators in Heaven's Mandate Realm want with him?

Ning Ruolan and Helian Dai immediately came to Ning Cheng's side and said, "Brother, these two elder brothers helped us in the Ancient Shadow Temple. If it were not for them, others would have taken away our Perpetual Moon Pills."

Hearing Ning Ruolan talked about Perpetual Moon Pills, Helian Dai's face immediately turned red and said, "I'm sorry, Big Brother Ning Cheng. I didn't know that you were such a powerful expert, and yet I sent you those dark Perpetual Moon Pills....."

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Ning Cheng smiled and patted Helian Dai's head, "Little Sister Dai, as I said, the Perpetual Moon Pills you and Ruolan gave me are my treasured pills from now. Thank you."

Ning Ruolan took Helian Dai's hands and said, "Little Dai, my brother is right. Even my most precious gift is an ordinary pearl hair clip that big brother bought for me."

Ning Cheng smiled softly at Helian Dai again, before turning towards the Gongxiu Zhu duo and spoke with cupped fists, "Thank you both for helping Ruolan and Little Dai. If you are willing to stay at Jiangzhou Star, you can stay here and help me. But if you don't want to stay here, I Ning Cheng will definitely help with anything and at any time in the future as long as it is within reason."

Having said that, Ning Cheng took out two small jade bottles and sent them to Gongxiu Zhu and Bei Junyi, "Please accept this little gift from me as a show of gratitude for helping the two."

Seeing that Ning Cheng did not take out Dao Artefacts or any high-grade treasures, the Gongxiu Zhu duo felt a little disappointed. However, when the two people's spiritual consciousness swept into the jade bottle, they felt so surprised that they almost dropped the jade bottle.

They even thought that they had seen it wrong and scanned the jade bottle repeatedly, only to find that they were not wrong. Both jade bottles contained the same medicinal pills, Accordance Heavenly Pills.

Accordance Heavenly Pills, pills that could help Heaven's Mandate cultivators advance to the Heaven Seated Realm. Even if they struggled for another thousand years, they might never gather enough treasures or money to afford even a single Accordance Heavenly Pill. Not to mention being able to afford one, even if they had the capital to purchase these pills, where could they even buy it?

For Heaven's Mandate cultivators, no matter how good a treasure, it couldn't compare to an Accordance Heavenly Pill.

The two of them remained in a daze for a long time before coming to their senses and quickly bowed to Ning Cheng, "Many thanks, Senior. We are willing to stay here and do our best for you."

Both have been fooling around in the starry sky for many years, so they naturally were not cultivators without experience. For Ning Cheng to take out Accordance Heavenly Pills as gratitude for helping them with such ease, it showed that following Ning Cheng would definitely bring in many advantages. At the very least, it would be much better than scrounging for resources as rogue cultivators.

"That's good. If you don't have any other matters to attend, go find a place for secluded cultivation. After advancing, you can return to help me with things. But I have to say the ugly words first. I will be making a new set of rules and regulations for Jiangzhou Star. If anyone violates these rules and regulations, even if it's you guys, I won't make any exceptions." Ning Cheng said with a nod.

Gongxiu Zhu immediately spoke up, "Senior can rest assured. This Gongxiu Zhu will definitely comply with all the established rules and regulations."

"This Bei Junyi will also abide by all the laws formulated by senior. If there is any violation, I will give up voluntarily and not wait for punishment." Naturally, Bei Junyi did not want to fall behind and quickly spoke up.

Ning Ruolan asked from the side, "What about the other two elder brothers with you?"

Gongxiu Zhu's gaze turned a bit gloomy, "Ban Kang and Huai Yushan got swept up by the poisonous mist. They were a step slower."

Ning Cheng knew that there was no other way. Being a starry sky cultivator, one had to be prepared to die at any time. He turned his head and asked, "Lingfan, Zhang Qian, Ziyang; did you come here together? Were you also looking for Ruolan?"

Li Lingfan sighed, "Yup, have to say, cultivating within starry skies is not easy. We followed Uncle Master Zheng around initially, but couldn't find any foothold for ourselves. Whether as rogue cultivators, or starry sky wanderers, we found it too difficult to improve. But unfortunately, Uncle Master Zheng passed away sometime later during our journeys. Since we anyway didn't have a place to go, we decided to come here to look for Ruolan."

Ning Cheng sighed. He knew that Li Lingfan had excellent qualifications, yet he was still only a late-stage Celestial Novice cultivator. Most likely, they couldn't obtain anything good during their journey. If they had found anything suitable, others would have most likely killed them for it.

Zhang Qian also spoke up, "That's right. Sect Master, we were going to visit other places to see if we could find some old friends, but Senior Apprentice Sister Ziyang"

Zhang Qian subconsciously stopped. He felt it a bit inappropriate to speak about this matter. Luo Ziyang also bowed her head, feeling a little embarrassed.

However, Li Lingfan didn't feel any embarrassment. In any case, he was an informal person and had become friends with Ning Cheng when Ning Cheng had much lower cultivation compared to him.

Therefore, he spoke without any embarrassment, “Junior Apprentice Sister Ziyān’s beauty stands out a bit too much, causing us to encounter dangerous situations many times while roaming the starry skies. We felt that, like Junior Apprentice Sister Ruolan, it would be more appropriate to stay hidden in one place and not run around.”

Ning Cheng then glanced at the embarrassed Luo Ziyān and instantly understood what was going on. Although Luo Ziyān was not a troublemaker, she was quite a beautiful woman. In fact, Ziyān looked no worse than Luofei. Back then, people considered her as the premier beauty of the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect. Such a beautiful woman, coupled with low cultivation, would definitely attract attention, especially those who would want to use her as a cultivation furnace.

“Don’t worry about it from now on. Everyone can stay at Jiangzhou Star. In any case, I plan to make Jiangzhou Star my base from this day forward. Once I put everything in place for Jiangzhou Star, you will not have to worry too much about cultivation matters.” Ning Cheng comforted the trio.

Luo Ziyān then raised her head and asked in confusion, “Sect Master, are we going to establish Rainbow Fall Sword Sect here?”

Ning Cheng hesitated for a moment, “If I’m not wrong, Grand Culmination Starry Sky should already have a sect named Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, even a Heavenly Dao Sect. It’s just that they haven’t grown yet and not known widely. Therefore, I plan to establish a new sect named ‘Mysterious Yellow’.”

“The ‘Mysterious Yellow Sect’ sounds like a good name.” Li Lingfan was the first to praise it.

Ning Cheng was about to speak when several Daoist shadows rushed out of Covered Snow City. A moment later, more people rushed out of Covered Snow City, some of them injured.

At this time, the cultivators at the periphery of the Ancient Shadow Temple had already left. So when these people rushed out from Covered Snow City, it seemed very abrupt.

Ning Cheng’s spiritual consciousness swept out immediately. When he saw the chaos within the Covered Snow City, he suddenly became furious. Obviously, cultivators here knew that Jiangzhou Star was about to change, so they started looting and burning things before leaving.

“Chasing Bull, take Ruolan and others to wait inside the defensive formation. I’m going to Covered Snow City to settle a few things. Once things settle down, you can then enter the city with them. Lu Yu, if anything unexpected happens, immediately crush the jade talisman I gave you.” After Ning Cheng gave instructions, he quickly rushed towards Covered Snow City.

At this time, he acutely felt that there were too few people around him to use. Although he did have a few people around him, they would find it challenging to go head-on against others with their current cultivations.

Seeing Ning Cheng rush into Covered Snow City, Gongxiu Zhu said to Bei Junyi, “We need to advance quickly. Only then can we help build our Mysterious Yellow Sect.”

By this time, they whole-heartedly considered themselves as members of Mysterious Yellow Sect.

Ning Ruolan watched her big brother leave, and could immediately guess what might have happened. She quickly spoke up, “Big Brother is about to set up a sect, but he can only do some rough work. Setting

up a sect requires attention to all sorts of details. He also mentioned setting up new rules and regulations. Elder Brother Gongxiu and Elder Brother Bei, you two can focus on cultivation; since our cultivations are not too high, we can take care of building upon those details.”

Ning Ruolan had experience in setting up her own company; as such, she was much better suited at managing such matters compared to most cultivators.

“Ruolan, we’ll listen to you. We’ll do whatever you say.” Luo Ziyang came from Rainbow Fall Sword Sect and was very clear about Ning Ruolan’s talent for such matters.

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When Ning Cheng arrived at Covered Snow City, all he saw were people smashing and looting. With rows of shops smashed to pieces, many cultivators kept scrambling over each other for scraps. One could see all the dark facets of human nature in just a glance.

An Undead cultivator killed a Celestial Bridge cultivator, and after taking something from the dead body, another undead cultivator attacked him.

Ning Cheng stood in the sky above Covered Snow City and shouted, “All cultivators not belonging to Covered Snow City should immediately leave. If anyone dares to smash and snatch again, there will be no pardon.”

Although Ning Cheng’s voice spread throughout the Covered Snow City in just a few breaths, the robbing cultivators paid no heed to it. With Spiritual Consciousness Isolation Restrictions everywhere within the city, and combined with the size of Covered Snow City, everyone had the same thoughts in their minds. How could a single person see everything? How much could one person manage?

Unfortunately, these cultivators were too arrogant. Ning Cheng was not only a Life and Death cultivator but also not an ordinary cultivator in the Life and Death Realm. Despite the warning, he saw those cultivators continue with looting and pillaging. The anger in Ning Cheng’s heart instantly erupted, and invisible spiritual consciousness blade lights shot out from his Starry Sky Sea of Consciousness.

All isolation restrictions within Covered Snow City broke apart under Ning Cheng’s spiritual consciousness blades. The next moment, countless lightning arcs mixed with invisible blade lights came crashing down.

Ning Cheng did not specifically cultivate any thunder-based spirit techniques or cultivation methods. Therefore, his lightning arcs would not pose much threat to cultivators at or above Heaven Seated Realm. But for these ordinary cultivators, these lightning arcs posed a deadly threat. With his mighty Starry Sky Sea of Consciousness, as long as he didn’t intentionally weaken the intensity of the lightning arcs, his lightning arcs could cover the entire Covered Snow City.

“Boom-Boom-Boom.....” Explosion and flashes ripped through the air, while lightning arcs and invisible blade lights fell like raindrops.

“Puff-Puff-Puff-Puff.....” Blood splashed all over the Covered Snow City, while screams mixed with sounds of gushing blood. At this moment, lightning arcs overwhelmed the entire Covered Snow City, while blade lights cut through every looter that got in their way.

“Heaven’s wrath.....” All the cultivators froze. The looters and the victims, at this moment, everyone seemed to have turned stupid. None of them knew what to do. These large-scale lightning arcs directly killed every cultivator it touched. If this wasn’t the wrath of heavens, then what was?

Lightning arcs continued to fall from the sky, killing every single looter.

What was even more shocking to all cultivators was that Covered Snow City no longer had any restriction covering any area. In fact, their spiritual consciousness could now sweep across Covered Snow City unhindered. Their spiritual consciousness let them see that these lightning arcs were not concentrated in a single area, but covered the whole Covered Snow City. Under these lightning arcs, cultivators kept dropping dead in every corner.

The panicked cultivators started to kneel to the ground. Under the threat of death, no one dared to rob, and no one even thought to kill others.

Ning Cheng took a deep breath and stopped the bombardment. Standing over Covered Snow City, he reiterated once again, “From now on, Second Revenant Star will be renamed to Jiangzhou Star, and will be this Ning Cheng’s base. All cultivators who do not belong to Covered Snow City should immediately leave; any who stayed back will die without any mercy. As for those cultivators who originally belonged to Covered Snow City, stay in your own residences and wait to re-apply for identity jade cards. If I find anyone continuing with looting, you will be put to death without any chance of pardon.”

All cultivators in Covered Snow City immediately understood the intent and meaning of those words. Besides, most of the cultivators had already left Covered Snow City. Now that Ning Cheng said those words once again, most of the remaining cultivators quickly started flocking out of Covered Snow City. Even some who originally belonged to Covered Snow City did not dare to stay.

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Chapter 723: Rebuilding Jiangzhou Star

A powerhouse named Ning Cheng killed the Celestial River King of Named Descendant Celestial River, the Celestial Lord of Second Revenant Star, and scared away Orchid Borough Celestial River King. Then, this person changed the name of Second Revenant Star to Jiangzhou Star and committed wanton slaughter in Jiangzhou Star’s Covered Snow City. The news of the massacre of countless cultivators spread like a wild wind.

In just a short while, every corner of Jiangzhou Star received this news. At the end of the day, everybody understood that the new Celestial Lord of Jiangzhou Star not only was a starry sky powerhouse but also extremely brutal with his ways. He not only killed Named Descendant Celestial River King and Second Revenant Star’s Celestial Lord but also Fu Yinghe, the leader of Named River Chamber of Commerce. This person even painted Covered Snow City in blood by killing all the remaining cultivators in Covered Snow City.

At this time, there was no need for Ning Cheng to do anything. Whether or not from Jiangzhou Star, cultivators quickly fled one after other.

Although Jiangzhou Star was the first star of Named Descendant Celestial River, only about 100 million people now remained on it after most of the cultivators decided to flee. Jiangzhou Star’s major cities almost emptied overnight. Even the remaining four of the five Named Descendant Celestial River’s

chambers of commerce, including the larger sects, forces and families, they all also quickly decided to evacuate.

Those who stayed in Jiangzhou Star were those who had nowhere to go, those with low cultivation, and those cultivators without any backing. For them, leaving Jiangzhou Star was the same as ensuring death. It would be better for them to stay in Jiangzhou Star.

When Ning Cheng heard the news, he felt a little speechless. No matter where, if three men kept talking, they could make a tiger out of thin air[1]. However, Ning Cheng didn't take it to heart. For him, it would be better for these forces to go away on their own, lest he had to do it himself.

A few days later, Ning Cheng implanted the only remaining starry sky Essence Qi Spiritual Vein under Covered Snow City, arranged, and re-arranged various array formations and restrictions outside the city. He then handed over the management of Covered Snow City to Helian Mingzhe. Helian Mingzhe never dreamed that he, who a few months ago was just an ant anyone could slap around, would become a deputy city master a few months later.

As for Gongxiu Zhu and Bei Junyi, with Ning Cheng's aid, went into seclusion to attack the barrier to the Heaven Seated Realm.

Realising that Ning Ruolan, Helian Dai, and others had inadequate cultivation, Ning Cheng gave them each a bunch of Perpetual Moon Pills. After helping to set up the basic rules and regulations of Jiangzhou Star, they then prepared to go into secluded cultivation.

As to handle the re-issuing the identity cards to the remaining cultivators of Jiangzhou Star, along with taking control of other major cities within Jiangzhou Star, those matters would have to wait till Gongxiu Zhu and Bei Junyi advanced to the Heaven Seated Realm. Ning Cheng wouldn't do these things by himself, as he wanted to focus on arranging the Star Protecting Grand Array.

Ning Cheng was now an Array Emperor who could arrange Grade 8 Starry Sky Array Formations, but it would take some time to set up the Star Protecting Grand Array around Second Revenant Star alone. As for going to Grand Culmination Starry Sky and bringing back Jian Jiao, it would have to wait for some time.

Jian Jiao would definitely realise that he had visited the store, so he probably wouldn't run around for some time. If Ou Zhentian took Warren to Baichi Artefact-crafting Store and couldn't find him, he would definitely ask others. He could just ask around and reach Cheng Ruolan Artefact-crafting Store.

Therefore, Ning Cheng focussed all his thoughts on laying the Star Protecting Grand Array. Jiangzhou Star did not have many masters right now, which meant that setting up a powerful Star Protecting Grand Array was a critical step to complete.

But a Star Protecting Grand Array required not only many high-grade materials but also a strong foundation in constructing artefacts. Therefore, to set up a suitable Star Protecting Grand Array, he decided to set up the array base with different weapons.

Three months later, Ning Cheng finally managed to set up a rudimentary Star Protecting Grand Array around Jiangzhou Star that isolated it from everything else outside. By this time, Gongxiu Zhu and Bei Junyi also advanced to the Heaven Seated Realm with the support of Ning Cheng's medicinal pills.

Ning Cheng asked Gongxiu Zhu to select talents and promulgate the new rules and regulations to various major cities across Jiangzhou Star. At the same time, he also tasked him with issuing directives for renewing identification systems across the star. As for Bei Junyi, Ning Cheng tasked him to choose some people to guard the temporarily sealed Jiangzhou Star.

After doing all that, he then temporarily left Jiangzhou Star to evolve his Celestial River Flame. His Celestial River Flame's rating was just too low, which severely hampered the speed and quality of the array formations he wanted to arrange. If he wanted to construct better weapons and incorporate them into the array formation, he must evolve his Celestial River Flames. As for Scarlet Crow Flames, even though it had reached Nirvana Grade 3, it couldn't help him in this endeavour.

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Grand Culmination Starry Sky; Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain.

Chuan Xinlou looked at the report in his hand and frowned slightly. Sitting opposite to each other and next to him were Grand Spirit Heaven Starry Sky's premier expert Yi Jiufeng along with one of the top three rogue cultivators, Pill Emperor Cang Caihe.

"Brother Levelled Heart, what's the problem?" Cang Caihe saw Chuan Xinlou frown and asked with some doubts.

Chuan Xinlou sighed, "It's the guy we were just talking about."

"Ning Cheng? What about him?" Yi Jiufeng asked in doubt. She didn't have any wrong impression of Ning Cheng. On the contrary, she actually had a good feeling about Ning Cheng. She could tell that Ning Cheng treated her well when they met the last time, even better than Chuan Xinlou did.

Cang Caihe felt his heart tighten. In his heart, he truly felt scared of Ning Cheng. After watching Ning Cheng overcome that insane thunder tribulation, he always felt Ning Cheng's shadow looming over in his heart. Therefore, despite Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor asking him repeatedly for more information about Ning Cheng, he maintained that he only met Ning Cheng once in the past.

"After Ning Cheng left this place, he went to Everlasting Sacred Shrine and killed Seeking Intelligence and also destroyed Everlasting Sacred Shrine's Everlasting Sacred Tree. But that's not the end of it; he then went to Named Descendant Celestial River and killed Named Descendant Celestial River King Ji Yangyao and Second Revenant Star's Celestial Lord Ji Yaozhi. At the same time, he also announced that Second Revenant Star's name would change to Jiangzhou Star. He also declared that Jiangzhou Star has become independent and will no longer be under the control of anyone...."

Chuan Xinlou spoke with a tone filled with helplessness; these acts were an apparent provocation to Chuan Xinlou's authority. Besides, even if he didn't care about it, Striking Order Heavenly Emperor would not allow a star under his management to gain independence.

At this moment, another report that just arrived, "Striking Order Starry Sky's Striking Order Heavenly Emperor and Bright Heaven Starry Sky's Heavenly Emperor Wu Hong requests for an audience."

Chuan Xinlou shook his head; he guessed that Striking Order Heavenly Emperor must have come for this matter. So, he spoke up, "Send Striking Order Heavenly Emperor and Heavenly Emperor Wu Hong in."

Yi Jiufeng smiled, glanced at Cang Caihe, but didn't speak.

Chuan Xinlou noticed it and showed a smile, "Dao Friend Caihe is not an outsider. Besides, it looks like Junior Apprentice Sister Jiufeng has something to say."

Yi Jiufeng smiled again, "I have to say that this fellow is quite brave. This fellow owns a Wind Seeking Heavenly Bull; he had also taken away the Earth Origin Bead and the Starry Sky Wheel. At the same time, he also owns a Mysterious Yellow Origin Stone. But from what I see, Brother Levelled Heart doesn't have an excuse to deal with him directly, so you want me to give you that excuse, isn't that right?"

Chuan Xinlou did not expect that Yi Jiufeng would actually voice his thoughts. If he knew that Yi Jiufeng would talk about this, he would definitely not let Yi Jiufeng speak. In fact, he truly was thinking about ways to extract some benefits from Ning Cheng. Although he invited Yi Jiufeng over, it was not for this matter. In the same way, he had invited Cang Caihe to come here to help him refine a vital medicinal pill.

But now that Yi Jiufeng spoke what was on his mind, Chuan Xinlou could only give an awkward smile. He was about to speak when he suddenly remembered something and stood up while mumbling to himself, "It's him, I understand...."

"Who is it, Brother Levelled Heart?" Yi Jiufeng felt a little curious and wondered who could actually surprise Chuan Xinlou to such an extent.

"Striking Order Heavenly Emperor took the liberty to visit unannounced. I hope the Heavenly Emperors here forgive me." Heavenly Emperors Striking Order and Wu Hong came over, interrupting Yi Jiufeng's questioning.

"Striking Order Heavenly Emperor, Heavenly Emperor Wu Hong, please do come in...." Chuan Xinlou quickly sobered up and politely let them in.

Striking Order Heavenly Emperor came in and sat down before speaking, "Presumably Heavenly Emperor should already know what I came here for today."

Chuan Xinlou nodded, "Well, I just received news that Ning Cheng killed Named Descendant Celestial River King, renamed Second Revenant Star to Jiangzhou Star, and announced Jiangzhou Star independence from Grand Culmination Starry Sky. Since Named Descendant Celestial River and Second Revenant Star both belong to Striking Order Starry Sky, what do you propose we should do about this?"

Chuan Xinlou quickly kicked the ball in Striking Order Heavenly Emperor's court. He did not just want to shift responsibility; he also wanted to make Striking Order accept his favour. What's more, after knowing Ning Cheng's real identity, he underwent some significant psychological changes.

How could Striking Order Heavenly Emperor not know what Chuan Xinlou meant? After pretending to ponder over the matter for a long time, he said, "In any case, Striking Order Starry Sky is also a part of Grand Culmination Starry Sky. I'd like to hear from Heavenly Emperor first to make my decision."

Chuan Xinlou gave a satisfied nod. In fact, although the Grand Culmination Starry Sky directly oversaw Striking Order Starry Sky, he could not manage many details by himself. Moreover, Striking Order

Starland also had responsibilities towards Grand Culmination Starry Sky in the form of cultivation resources and mystic realms in exchange for protection.

That's why Chuan Xinlou felt satisfied with the interest shown by Striking Order Heavenly Emperor.

Chuan Xinlou also pondered over the matter for a while before speaking, "Striking Order, you are the Heavenly Emperor of Striking Order Starry Sky, you should decide this on this matter on your own. But no matter what decision you make, I Chuan Xinlou will support you."

Chuan Xinlou once again handed the decision back to Striking Order. After thinking over about the word 'Jiangzhou', he finally understood Ning Cheng's identity. A few years ago, Ning Cheng had entered the Nine-by-nine Celestial Scryer Tower and even opened the 81st floor, leaving behind the words 'Jiangzhou's Wanderer'.

A cultivator with the ability to step onto the 81st floor of the Celestial Scryer Tower, it definitely pointed to someone with means that transcended the bounds of this starry sky plane. He took this as an ironclad fact.

Looking at the reports on how Ning Cheng quickly killed an Eternal-level expert today, it almost confirmed his speculations. All facts pointed to Ning Cheng having a big secret. If he can't kill this person in one fell swoop, then it was better never to offend such a person. It's only been a few years, but a cultivator who hadn't even reached the Celestial Bridge Realm back then had now advanced to the Eternal Realm. This was just too scary.

If he failed to kill Ning Cheng in one go, then in a few years, there was a good chance that this person would massacre his way into his Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain. But Ning Cheng owned the Starry Sky Wheel, which meant that it would truly be hard to kill him in one swoop without completely sealing away all escape routes. A risk that he Chuan Xinlou did not dare to take unless he felt fully confident about it.

But if Striking Order remained angry, he could definitely rake some benefit out of it. Even if Ning Cheng escaped, the main culprit would be Striking Order and not Chuan Xinlou.

"Many thanks, Heavenly Emperor." Striking Order Heavenly Emperor quickly stood up and thanked him before speaking, "Ji Yangyao has already done too much harm in Named Descendant Celestial River, which I didn't like. Since Brother Ning killed Ji Yangyao, it's only natural for him to take over. Besides, Brother Ning only took Second Revenant Star out of consideration of me. Plus, since Brother Ning comes from my own Striking Order Starry Sky, I had already planned to bestow Second Revenant Star upon Brother Ning long before this happened. The reason I came here today, was first, to report this matter to the Heavenly Emperors, and second, to inform you about the acceptance of that star's withdrawal from under the care of this Heavenly Emperor and go back to lend Brother Ning a helping hand."

Chuan Xinlou suddenly froze. What was going on? How did this Ning Cheng pull off snatching a primary star from Striking Order Starry Sky and even making Striking Order happy about it? One had to know that this Ning Cheng spoke of completely taking over it, and not just becoming a Celestial Lord.

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Chapter 724: Celestial River Nirvana

"I want to hand over Named Descendant Celestial River to Brother Ning. Maybe in Brother Ning's hands, there might be a big change for good in Named Descendant Celestial River." Striking Order Heavenly Emperor's next words almost drove Chuan Xinlou crazy.

With Ning Cheng's cultivation speed, if he controlled a celestial river, wouldn't his cultivation improve day after day at a terrifying rate? But just as he stated, he had already declared that Striking Order Heavenly Emperor could decide things for himself, which meant that he couldn't fight back without breaking all pretences.

"Striking Order, you know that Ning Cheng might want to take it away from you completely, not just be a Celestial River King....." Chuan Xinlou intentionally spoke a few words.

Striking Order made it very clear, "Naturally, I understand that a genius like Brother Ning wouldn't want to be just a Celestial River King under my command. Even if Brother Ning might show willingness for it, I would never dare to ask him for it. Anyways, I heard that Brother Ning not only changed the name of Second Revenant Star to Jiangzhou Star but also established a Mysterious Yellow Sect on it. So I plan to return and congratulate him immediately."

Heavenly Emperor Wu Hong, who came with Striking Order, didn't know or at least pretended not to know about Chuan Xinlou's thoughts. He simply cupped his fists and spoke up, "I also plan to head to Jiangzhou Star with Brother Striking Order and attend the founding ceremony of Brother Ning's sect."

Yi Jiufeng giggled, "That's perfect. I also plan to meet this Brother Ning. Last time when Brother Ning came here, he left in quite a hurry. I didn't get the chance to get to know him."

Cang Caihe quickly stood up, "Brother Striking Order, let me come with you too."

After hearing those words, he decided to go there immediately. If he didn't go and this information got to Ning Cheng's ears in the future, it might not be a good thing for him. Besides, he really was in awe of Ning Cheng and wanted to make it up to him.

Chuan Xinlou sighed, knowing that his current plans would not work anymore; he could only say, "In that case, let's go to Jiangzhou Star together and congratulate Sect Master Ning on the great event."

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A few days later, Ning Cheng once again arrived at the planet from where he obtained the Fire Origin Bead.

As he walked through the scorching cave passage and saw the magma lake, he finally felt some relief. Although he had lost it one time, nothing happened to the magma lake. Before coming here, Ning Cheng felt worried about the man with bark-like skin coming back to take away the magma lake. But from what he saw now, Ning Cheng understood that he was not the only one who did not know that the magma lake in front of him was actually the Fire Origin Pool.

At this time, the Fire Origin Pool looked calm, like a pristine and untouched freshwater lake.

Ning Cheng brought out the Celestial River Flame, but the flame showed no response. Even the Fire Origin Pool also showed no reaction. However, Ning Cheng believed in Dou Di. Although Dou Di appeared a bit mysterious, she had no reason to lie to him.

Ning Cheng simply threw the Celestial River Flame into the Fire Origin Pool. If this were not enough, he would definitely find a way to remove this Fire Origin Pool, take it back, and then experiment with it slowly.

The Celestial River Flame fell into the Fire Origin Pool like a stone thrown into a calm lake. It only produced a few ripples before the surface calmed down once again.

Ning Cheng felt a little disappointed and started planning to call back the Celestial River Flame and move the Fire Origin Pool to Jiangzhou Star. But just when he started on it, the Fire Origin Pool suddenly turned violent. Horrific heatwaves rushed out wave after wave from the bottom of the lake. These heatwaves even formed visible columns of red air.

The whole lake gave out steady drumming-like sounds and looked just like a pot of boiling water.

Finally, a reaction. Was this the start of Celestial River Flame's nirvana? Why was it causing this much movement? Ning Cheng stared at the now-violent Fire Origin Pool in shock. He had personally witnessed the Scarlet Crow Flame undergo nirvana, but it hadn't created much of a reaction. The Celestial River Flame had only entered the Fire Origin Pool, yet it created such a great response.

But this was not the end of it. The Fire Origin Pool's chaos steadily grew more substantial, and the red plumes of gases rushing out from it became thicker. In just a few moments, the red pillars of gas quickly turned blue. The flames erupting gave out crackling-like sounds as if it wanted to burn the space around it and devour the Fire Origin Lake.

If Ning Cheng were not a body-refining cultivator with a Starry Sky Body, he definitely would not be able to stand next to this pool. When Ning Cheng used his spiritual consciousness to communicate with the Celestial River Flame during this time, he only found an extremely faint connection.

There seemed to be a huge suction force within the Fire Origin Pool, which kept sucking in the flames that wanted to rush out.

Standing by the Fire Origin Pool, Ning Cheng could clearly feel the fire-elemental essence aura continually feeding into the pool from all sides.

The Fire Origin Pool kept tumbling in rage as it kept sucking in the fire-elemental essence aura from the surroundings. After a full seven days, the tumbling slowly subsided. But at this time, Ning Cheng felt a significant difference. There was no scorching aura remaining in the surroundings. It was as if everything around him had turned lifeless.

Looking at the Fire Origin Pool, Ning Cheng found that it had become extremely clear and calm. Apart from the liquid in the pool halving and turning transparent, it looked as if nothing else had transpired in these past few days. A moment later, a blue flame with an indigo flame core rushed out of the pool, coming to a stop in front of Ning Cheng.

A bright and overwhelming feeling of joy appeared in Ning Cheng's consciousness, and he immediately knew that this feeling of pleasure came directly from his connection to the Celestial River Flame.

His Celestial River Flame actually gave birth to a flame spirit. But this flame spirit was still young, and could only transmit some broken information through thoughts. Ning Cheng felt ecstatic. He held out his hand and the blue flame with the indigo core gracefully fell onto his palm, before it started jumping

around in joy. A faint golden light flashed through the flame, similar to the faint flashes of light within a starry sky.

"I finally understand why they called you 'Celestial River'. You actually look like one." Ning Cheng murmured to himself. He truly did not understand why the flame had the name 'Celestial River' before today. But looking at this flame in his hand, it looked just like a miniature version of a celestial river. Whether it was the aura, colours, or even form, it seemed no different from a celestial river in a starry sky.

A broken thought flowed in from the Celestial River Flame, "On growing up ... easily burn celestial rivers and starry skies."

Apparently, Ning Cheng's thoughts of comparing it to a celestial river based on appearance and colour, made the Celestial River Flame's spirit feel as if its owner looked down on it. Therefore, it actively tried to transmit a message to Ning Cheng.

"Good, good....." Ning Cheng felt utterly overjoyed. Unfortunately, it was still only a Grade 1 Nirvana Flame. If it were a Grade 3 Nirvana Flame, he could have used the Polar Star Nucleus to evolve the flame into a starry sky flame.

But despite it being a Rank 1 Nirvana Flame, it was enough for Ning Cheng. This Rank 1 Nirvana Flame surpassed the Scarlet Crow Flame, which was already a Rank 3 Nirvana Flame, by more than a few levels in strength. For him, it was more than enough as long as it could help him in arranging the Star Protecting Grand Array.

Putting away the Celestial River Flame, Ning Cheng immediately felt relief welling up inside his heart. He then collected all the 'freshwater' from the pool after the Celestial River Flame underwent nirvana. In all honesty, calling it 'freshwater' was a bit too much; as it was more of a colourless liquid that resembled clear water, not actual freshwater.

Maybe one day, he might be able to use this thing again. Even if it had no use, it wouldn't cost him anything to put it away.

Leaving the broken planet, Ning Cheng noticed that the original red planet had turned into nothing more than a grey ball with white specks, utterly devoid of vitality. Not long after Ning Cheng left, the now-grey planet silently turned to dust.

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Ning Cheng returned to Jiangzhou Star and continued arranging the Star Protecting Grand Array. The Star Protecting Grand Array needed many materials, which fortunately, he had in plenty within his ring.

Ning Cheng refined one high-rank Dao Artefact after another and then used those high-rank Dao Artefacts to arrange the array base. As time went by, the Star Protecting Grand Array gradually started shrinking.

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Under the management of Gongxiu Zhu and Bei Junyi, Jiangzhou Star came under the sect's full control in just a few days.

As long as one stayed within the bounds of Jiangzhou Star, no matter the city, everyone had to act in adherence to the new rules and regulations. Open snatching; forced trading; strong oppressing the weak; non-payment of taxes along with other matters that cultivators generally deemed insignificant, they all became significant from now on. If guilty, the authorities would immediately kick him or her out of Jiangzhou Star, or have their cultivation destroyed, or even killed directly in case of more severe crimes.

In Jiangzhou Star, even if you were an ordinary person without any cultivation, no one would dare to bully you. Of course, people could still do things in secret, but they had to do so with extreme caution and avoid detection.

Moreover, it was now not an easy thing to settle down after entering the Jiangzhou Star. If one wanted to join Jiangzhou Star, one had to accept a series of investigations and background checks. For Ning Cheng, he didn't care how many there were in Jiangzhou Star, what he cared about more was that Jiangzhou Star had to be safe. There was no room for unexpected factors as this was supposed to be his home from now on.

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With Jiangzhou Star on the right track, Ning Cheng's Star Protecting Grand Array also gradually started to close up. Three months later, rumbling sounds erupted outside Jiangzhou Star, and the new Star Protecting Grand Array finally closed.

This new Star Protecting Grand Array, whether the Primary Array or the Auxiliary Arrays, were all Grade 8 Starry Sky Arrays. All the materials used in arranging the array came from Ning Cheng alone. One could even say that the entire array formation was under Ning Cheng's complete control. Anyone who entered Jiangzhou Star, even Chuan Xinlou, could only leave with his consent.

After Ning Cheng gave one of Jiangzhou Star's Auxiliary Array Control Card to Bei Junyi, he then returned to Covered Snow City and continued to build the Mysterious Yellow Sect.

Covered Snow City originally covered an area of about a few ten thousand miles. But after Ning Cheng established the Mysterious Yellow Sect in Covered Snow City, the city's range expanded by a dozen more times.

Ning Cheng decided to connect the different precipitous mountain peaks and the continuous mountain ranges together and to the Covered Snow City. He even collected some mountain peaks from other places and placed them at the periphery of the Mysterious Yellow Sect.

After seeing Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain and the bases of other significant forces, Ning Cheng had already started to develop a prototype of the Mysterious Yellow Sect in his heart.

As for Helian Mingzhe, he took the responsibility of the significant constructions around the Mysterious Yellow Sect, while Ning Cheng personally took charge of arranging the Mysterious Yellow Sect's array formations.

As for the cultivators left in Covered Snow City, who had nowhere to go. They all thought that Ning Cheng would treat them as trash, but the facts spoke louder than words. Not only did the new Celestial Lord not treat them as trash, but he also enacted a series of rules and regulations in their favour. These

new rules and regulations not just helped the weak; it also prevented the strong from preying on the weak.

These ironclad facts quickly won the support of all cultivators who stayed behind in Jiangzhou Star. These people didn't even need Helian Mingzhe asking them for help, they actively participated in the construction of Mysterious Yellow Sect. Not only the ones in Covered Snow City but even cultivators from Jiangzhou Star's other areas also got involved.

With everyone's help, all the constructions around the Mysterious Yellow Sect finished in just one month. They were even faster than Ning Cheng's deployment of the array formations.

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As if pre-determined, the moment Mysterious Yellow Sect finished construction, several flight-type weapons appeared at the periphery of Jiangzhou Star.

"What a beautiful Star Protecting Grand Array, was it Ning Cheng who arranged all this?" Yi Jiufeng spoke while standing on her flight-type weapon and looking at the Star Protecting Grand Array outside Jiangzhou Star in shock. The last bit of disapproval lingering at the bottom of her heart completely disappeared without a trace.

Not only she, but even Chuan Xinlou and the other Eternal Starry Sky Emperors also stood in silence while looking at Ning Cheng's efforts. If one wanted to set up a single Rank 8 Starry Sky Defensive Array, the capital required was not something an ordinary Starry Sky Emperor would be able to afford.

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Chapter 725: To Each Their Own Purpose

Ning Cheng knew that he was the new person in town, but he had no intention to invite any great powers for the opening and the establishment of his sect. Therefore, he had purposefully not sent out any invitations.

Therefore, he didn't expect Chuan Xinlou and Yi Jiufeng to show up outside, let alone together with Striking Order Heavenly Emperor, Heavenly Emperor Wu Hong, and the Premier Pill Emperor Cang Caihe. In addition to them, the line-up also consisted of Tang Yitang of Striking Order Starland, Cheng Xingwen[1] of Spirit Heaven Sect, and Snagging Ascendance Starry Sky's Starry Sky Emperor Shen Mao.

With so many prominent figures showing up at Jiangzhou Star, Ning Cheng naturally had to come out to meet them in person.

"Haha, Brother Ning, you secretly come to Jiangzhou Star and start a new sect, yet you didn't even come to say hello to this Striking Order." Striking Order Heavenly Emperor spoke up, and seeing Ning Cheng coming over, said hello from afar.

Ning Cheng felt slightly relieved; since Striking Order said Jiangzhou Star, it was tantamount to giving his tacit consent. He quickly gave a small bow and apologised, "Brother Striking Order, this little brother knows that he didn't do things properly. I wanted to finish things here first before coming to Grand Culmination Starry Sky to ask for elder brother's forgiveness. But before I could do this, Brother Striking Order arrived here first."

Striking Order Heavenly Emperor casually waved a hand and said, "Just like I said to Brother Ning when we first met, Brother Ning and I come from the same place, we both belong to the Striking Order Starry Sky. When I heard someone say something about Brother Ning setting up a sect in Striking Order Starry Sky and live next to each other, I couldn't be any happier. As a matter of fact, I came here to gift the entire Named Descendant Celestial River to Brother Ning, and Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor also agreed....."

Chuan Xinlou quickly interrupted Striking Order Heavenly Emperor's words, "Congratulations to Dao Friend Ning for establishing your sect."

"Sect Master Ning, you won't let us stand here and talk, would you?" Yi Jiufeng spoke with a crisp voice, with a hint of charm.

Ning Cheng didn't expect that Striking Order would actively give Named Descendant Celestial River to him; however, he felt more concerned about Chuan Xinlou's vague intentions. Therefore, he quickly spoke up, "I just set up a small sect. I didn't expect that it would alarm Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor and Nine Phoenix Heavenly Emperor. I know Brother Cang and Wu Hong, but who are the others?"

Striking Order Heavenly Emperor quickly came forward and made the introductions, "These three are Sect Master Chen Xingwen of the Spiritual Heaven Sect, Tang Yitang of my Striking Order Starry Sky, and Starry Sky Emperor Shen Mao of Snagging Ascendance Starry Sky."

Chen Xingwen and his name complemented each other. He had a scholarly aura to him with a faint touch of elegance. Combined with a long beard, it seemed to give him the touch of a celestial. As for Tang Yitang, Ning Cheng knew about him for a long time. It's just that when Tang Yu asked him to help him out back then, this fellow acted quite timidly. As such, Ning Cheng didn't intend to form any kind of deep relationship with a person like him. But when it came to Snagging Ascendance Starry Sky Emperor Shen Mao, it was truly Ning Cheng's first time meeting him face to face. This cultivator looked incredibly skinny but was already at the later stage of the Eternal Realm.

"All of you can enter my Jiangzhou Star today to celebrate the Mysterious Yellow Sect's grand ceremony. You all are distinguished guests of this Ning Cheng." Ning Cheng spoke a few polite words to everyone before leading everyone into the Jiangzhou Star.

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Although Bei Junyi had advanced to the Heaven Seated Realm, he was still not eligible to speak with Heavenly Emperors. Therefore, he felt shocked when he saw Ning Cheng and Striking Order Heavenly Emperor talking to each other like brothers, with even Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor and others congratulating him. He had thought that Ning Cheng was just a newly ascended powerhouse who came here to grab some territory. In Bei Junyi's heart, he had already prepared himself for a fight.

He initially had a strong feeling that once Striking Order Heavenly Emperor returns, it would definitely result in a dispute. Therefore, if he could not take on the enemy, he at least would be able to escape with a Heaven Seated cultivation.

But he never thought that what he expected would never happen at all. Striking Order Heavenly Emperor did come, but with even more prominent. However, these people came here not to drive away

Ning Cheng but to congratulate him, which was a dazzling affair. Although they came to see Sect Master Ning, it indirectly told everyone that they were not rootless bottomless people.

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As soon as everyone entered Covered Snow City, the group immediately felt the vibrant starry sky Essence Qi. Although no one asked, everyone understood that Ning Cheng had placed a Starry Sky Essence Qi Vein under Covered Snow City. It really was truly a generous move. Yi Jiufeng thought to herself as she looked at Ning Cheng with a deep gaze.

“Sect Master Ning, looking at your Mysterious Yellow Sect’s style, I’m afraid that even Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain might not compare to it.” When Yi Jiufeng arrived outside the Mysterious Yellow Sect, she couldn’t help but speak up in amazement.

Ning Cheng showed a slight smile, he naturally knew what Yi Jiufeng meant. He always had shown a friendly face to this woman, so he did not expect this woman to play him off against Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor right off the bat.

But Ning Cheng also knew that even if Yi Jiufeng didn’t instigate things, there was already a ‘relationship’ between him and Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor. However, it would never be as good as his rapport with Striking Order Heavenly Emperor.

Seeing Ning Cheng showing no response, Yi Jiufeng spoke up once again, “Whether it’s the Star Protecting Grand Array outside, or the City Protecting Grand Array here, both look spectacular. I think it’s possible to arrange this Star Protecting Grand Array by myself. But within the entire Grand Culmination Starry Sky, even if I looked at my Grand Spirit Heaven Starry Sky, I’m afraid that only a few can arrange such array formations. Looks like Sect Master Ning has a limitless future, this Nine Phoenix definitely admires you.”

Ning Cheng sneered internally. The reason I remained cordial with you Yi Jiufeng, is not that I feel afraid of you, but that I want to exchange the Wind Thunder Apricot Tree on you. Seeing Yi Jiufeng’s constant provocation, Ning Cheng no longer bothered to give Yi Jiufeng any face and spoke calmly, “Although my Jiangzhou Star has just been established, it still remains within the bounds of Culmination Starry Sky. In the future, if anything happens to Grand Culmination Starry Sky, I hope my level of array formations would provide it with at least some help. As for your Grand Spirit Heaven Starry Sky, hehe, even if it contained a few good arrangements, I wouldn’t be able to help.”

This is Jiangzhou Star, my base. Even if you Yi Jiufeng were a real phoenix, you will have to listen obediently.

As if not knowing what Yi Jiufeng’s words implied, Chuan Xinlou spoke up, “Yes, Sect Master Ning’s insights into the Dao of Arrays would be beneficial for my Grand Culmination Starry Sky in the future.”

“Please do come in. This is the guest hall of my Mysterious Yellow Set. It’s just that we have only recently finished constructing the Mysterious Yellow Sect, so we currently do not have a welcome boy. Hope you can forgive me for this.” With a smile, Ning Cheng brought everyone into the guest-welcoming hall.

Heavenly Emperor Wu Hong had already set his mind and heart to cultivate a heart-to-heart relationship with Ning Cheng. Therefore, he spoke up with a smile, "For Sect Master Ning coming out in person to meet us, that itself is the highest honour we can receive."

Striking Order Heavenly Emperor also quickly spoke up, "Yes, Yes, that's what I was about to say."

Ning Cheng showed a smile before replying, "Although Elder Brother took the effort to come here, I have nothing to entertain to you all right now. However, I did obtain some good wine from a place not too long ago. I can take it out, and we can at least get drunk over it."

After saying that, Ning Cheng waved and directly brought out nine jade cups, each of which filled with fragrant wine. The rich and intoxicating aroma of the wine overflowed, giving people a strong sense of nostalgia.

"None-to-depend-on!" Yi Jiufeng spoke up in shock, before speaking again with even more excitement, "That's not right, this is the real None-to-depend-on Wine; moreover, it's even the best quality None-to-depend-on Wine. How could this wine still exist?"

Ning Cheng understood the meaning behind Yi Jiufeng's words. After all, he was one who killed Zhu Zhengfeng in the first place. Moreover, the wine Ning Cheng served was the same None-to-depend-on Wine stored in Zhu Zhengfeng's ring. However, this None-to-depend-wine was far worse than the bucket of best quality None-to-depend-on Wine he had obtained from the cellar. From this, Ning Cheng also understood that Zhu Zhengfeng's None-to-depend-on Wine was not the true None-to-depend-on.

Chuan Xinlou's complexion also changed slightly, and spoke up with a dignified voice, "It really is the real None-to-depend-on. I truly never expected to see it, let alone have the honour to drink such a fine wine here."

Wu Hong, Cang Caihe, Striking Order, Tang Yitang, Cheng Xingwen, and Shen Mao also found it truly unexpected.

"Where did Sect Master Ning obtain this good wine? This is definitely the long-lost None-to-depend-on." Chen Xingwen asked in doubt.

Ning Cheng showed a faint smile, "It was merely by chance, nothing more."

Yi Jiufeng took a sip of None-to-depend-on before closing her eyes and drowning herself in intoxication for a short while before waking up and speaking, "In fact, this wine was originally called the Mutual Dependence. As for None-to-depend-on....."

"I heard that this wine was initially brewed by a person surnamed 'Mo', wasn't it because of this surname that people started to call it None-to-depend-on?" Cang Caihe obviously was familiar with None-to-depend-on.

Yi Jiufeng sighed, "Yes and no. People from Mo Clan were the only ones who could make it, but they called it 'Mutual Dependence'. The taste of this wine brought along a strong sense of dependence, more specifically, the feelings of love and affection between two people. It made people reluctant on ever giving up, and to never abandon."

“Later, for some unknown reason, the most beloved person of that cultivator surnamed Mo, the one who created the Mutual Dependence Wine, suddenly left him, causing a significant change in the temperament of that cultivator. As a result, the wine he brewed also significantly changed, from a feeling of dependence arising from never giving up, it turned into a special kind of sadness, filled with bitterness and disappointment. Later, he added the character ‘Mo’ to Mutual Dependence to reflect that sentiment. Everyone thought that this addition was to indicate that people with surname Mo made the Mutual Dependence Wine. But in fact, it did not indicate the name Mo at all, but the meaning behind the character ‘Mo’[2].”

“‘Always apart, abandoned heart; looking at the distant stars, none to depend on....’ These words tell others that one can look across the stars to see each other, but one should never be dependent on the other.”

“Today is the day of establishment of the Mysterious Yellow Sect; let’s not talk about such sad things.” Striking Order Heavenly Emperor smiled and downed his cup.

“Good wine, it truly is a good wine....” Even if Striking Order was an Eternal-level expert, the moment he downed the cup filled with wine, he immediately felt a stream of endless destitute thoughts starting to bubble up inside of him.

Although the wine Ning Cheng brought out had strength, ordinary cultivators wouldn’t be able to bear it at all. However, all the people here were Eternal-level experts; as such, just a cup of wine was not enough to get them drunk.

After drinking the wine, Chen Xingwen also praised the wine several times, before turning to Ning Cheng and speaking up with cupped fists, “Sect Master Ning, I came here to congratulate you for the establishment of the Mysterious Yellow Sect on behalf of the Spiritual Heaven Sect. Sect Master Ning presumably should be Jiangzhou’s Wanderer who set foot on the 81st floor of the Celestial Scryer Tower, am I right? He is the only person to have done so in a long time.”

Ning Cheng quickly thanked him with a sentence. Admitting that he renamed the Second Revenant Star to Jiangzhou Star because of the name Jiangzhou’s Wanderer. Besides, within the starry sky, having a famous name also provided a layer of deterrence against others.

“I’ve heard people say that someone managed to refine the Ancient Desolace Abandoned Land’s Foreign Heaven’s Arrow. Does Sect Master Ning know anything about it?” Chen Xingwen once again asked.

Ning Cheng already knew that he had no connection to Chen Xingwen, which meant that Chen Xingwen had no reason for coming here. But from the looks of it, he understood that this fellow came here for information about the Foreign Heaven’s Arrow. However, Ning Cheng still had yet to figure out Yi Jiufeng and Chuan Xinlou’s intentions for coming here.

“Foreign Heaven’s Arrow? I’ve heard of it in the past, any ideas on who refined it?” Ning Cheng asked in surprise.

Ning Cheng would never admit that the Foreign Heaven’s Arrow was on him. This was his trump card. Everyone here could turn into his potential enemy the next moment, so he naturally would never tell others about his trump cards.

Cheng Xingwen didn't show any disappointment, but spoke with slight regret, "So you also don't know."

Yi Jiufeng spoke up suddenly, "Let's not talk about that. I heard that Sect Master Ning has an Earth Origin Bead. I happen to be interested in the Earth Origin Bead. Would Sect Master Ning be willing to part with it? Naturally, I would not let Sect Master Ning suffer."

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Ning Cheng's sneer grew even wider; these fellows really did come here with plans. Chen Xingwen most likely suspected that the Foreign Heaven's Arrow was on him, so he came here to inquire about it in a roundabout way. At the same time, this fellow wasn't even kind enough to pass on the news of Foreign Heaven's Arrow to others.

As for Yi Jiufeng, she obviously came here for the Earth Origin Bead. Not to mention that the Earth Origin Bead had already integrated into the Mysterious Yellow Bead, even if it had not integrated into the Mysterious Yellow Bead, he would never exchange the Earth Origin Bead.

When everyone heard the words 'Earth Origin Bead', they immediately focussed on Ning Cheng. Even Striking Order Heavenly Emperor looked at Ning Cheng in confusion.

Ning Cheng showed an everyday smile, "Nine Phoenix Heavenly Emperor, do you know why my sect is named 'Mysterious Yellow'?"

Yi Jiufeng nodded and smiled before replying, "Yes, it's because you obtained a Mysterious Yellow Origin Stone. If I had such a treasure, maybe I would have also renamed the Spirit Heaven Grand Starry Sky to the Mysterious Yellow Grand Starry Sky."

Ning Cheng smiled before replying with a solemn expression, "That's right, it is because of this Mysterious Yellow Origin Stone that I managed to reach my current level in such a short time. One could even say that without this Mysterious Yellow Origin Stone, I would have no chance to sit here with you. Although I used up the Mysterious Yellow Origin Stone, I could not forget the root cause of why I advanced so quickly. Therefore, I set up a Mysterious Yellow Sect."

The primary purpose of Ning Cheng establishing the Mysterious Yellow Sect was not because of the Mysterious Yellow Origin Stone, but for Luofei and Qionghua. Both Luofei and Qionghua knew that he had the Mysterious Yellow Bead. Therefore, as long as they heard about the Mysterious Yellow Sect, they would definitely come here to check it out.

Chuan Xinlou, Yi Jiufeng, and others glanced at each other; they had already suspected it to be the root cause of Ning Cheng's cultivation advancing so rapidly. But even if the Mysterious Yellow Origin Stone allowed Ning Cheng to develop to this level in such a short time, it was a piece of old news by now.

Yi Jiufeng giggled, "Sect Master Ning, I naturally dare not ask for your Mysterious Yellow Origin Stone, but just want to conduct an exchange for the Earth Origin Bead."

Ning Cheng sighed before speaking, "That's exactly what I wanted to say. The reason I obtained the Mysterious Yellow Origin Stone is the Earth Origin Bead. I exchanged the Earth Origin Bead for a Mysterious Yellow Origin Stone. Therefore, even if I wanted to exchange it with Nine Phoenix Heavenly Emperor, I wouldn't be able to take out the Earth Origin Stone."

Yi Jiufeng showed a frown, "Is Sect Master Ning joking with me? It's already impossible for ordinary people to obtain a single Mysterious Yellow Origin Stone. So why would such people use a Mysterious Yellow Origin Stone in exchange for the Earth Origin Bead with you?"

Although she didn't say it directly, everyone definitely understood Yi Jiufeng's meaning and intent loud and clear. How could an ordinary cultivator give out a Mysterious Yellow Origin Stone? People already know that you have the Earth Origin Bead in your hands, which means you must have obtained it by killing and stealing it from others. I'm only trading with you because I have some free time.

Ning Cheng smiled, "When I obtained the Earth Origin Bead, I hadn't even reached the Celestial Bridge Realm. Besides, those who have such treasures are not necessarily powerhouses like Nine Phoenix Heavenly Emperors. Of course, I'm not saying that the person who traded with me was not a weak person like me. In fact, the senior who exchanged the Earth Origin Bead with me is indeed an absolute powerhouse. I dare say that even if we added up all the people present here, we wouldn't even be able to stop a casual wave of his hand without suffering serious losses."

"Is there really such a powerhouse?" Hearing Ning Cheng's words, everyone, including Chuan Xinlou, looked at him with some doubts. They didn't believe that Ning Cheng could have such a chance encounter with such a powerhouse, much less manage to trade with him.

"Sect Master Ning, it's not that we don't believe your words, it's just that your words appear to be quite shocking. I don't know if Sect Master Ning can show us this senior's appearance." Yi Jiufeng's tone no longer remained as relaxed as before, it quickly turned solemn.

Ning Cheng nodded, "Naturally."

After speaking, he drew a clear portrait with his hand and spoke, "This senior goes by the name Cang Wei. I caught the favour of this senior, and he passed on a spirit technique to me."

"I feel like I heard this name before." Yi Jiufeng stared at the portrait and spoke up after some time. She could tell that Ning Cheng wasn't lying to her about this person.

Whether the others believed it or not, Ning Cheng didn't care. In any case, Cang Wei existed, and he didn't exaggerate his connection to him at all.

Striking Order smiled, and wanted to help Ning Cheng clear the air, "Now that the Earth Origin Bead is gone, so be it. But since we rarely get together, wouldn't it be good to trade for something else. Let's start with me first; I'm putting up Time Stones. As for what I want for it, I'll accept anything that will please me. If you have a body-forging cultivation method, it would be even better."

Having said that, Striking Order Heavenly Emperor took out two Time Stones; moreover, the two Time Stones were not small at all.

Ning Cheng realised that Striking Order Heavenly Emperor really wanted to help him out. Striking Order always regarded Time Stones as his personal treasure. Even during high-profile auctions, he would never take out even one. Although he didn't know why Striking Order Heavenly Emperor had such an attitude towards him, Ning Cheng definitely took note of this gesture.

Sitting in this place, who didn't want Time Stones, except for Ning Cheng? This treasure seemingly contained the Laws of Time. However, none here was ordinary. As such, they would not readily compete with each other to snatch the items like in an auction.

Cang Caihe smiled when he saw this and took out a jade box before placing it on the table, "This box contains an Eternal Emperor Continuance Pill, but unfortunately, because of some flaws in my refining, it resulted in a poor-quality pill. All I need are some Starry Sky Grade 9 Spiritual Grasses."

The medicinal pill from Cang Caihe immediately attracted the attention of everyone. If he had put this Eternal Emperor Continuance Pill in an auction, it would definitely cause the entire venue to erupt in flames. Eternal Emperor Continuance Pills allowed cultivators in the Life and Death Realm to advance to the Eternal Realm. Even if not of high quality, it was still a rare treasure, almost impossible to obtain even for Eternal-level experts.

Except for Ning Cheng, all the cultivators here were in the Eternal Realm. Even so, this medicinal pill still looked attractive to them. Imagine, who wouldn't want to own such a medicinal pill, and then use it to cultivate a loyal helper in the Eternal Realm?

"Pill Emperor Caihe really does have a good hand and an even better spirit." Heavenly Emperor Shen Mao exclaimed. Despite personally wanting this medicinal pill, he knew that everyone here also wanted it.

Compared to Heavenly Emperor Shen Mao, Sect Master Chen Xingwen of Spiritual Heaven Sect wanted this medicinal pill even more. Logically speaking, Ning Cheng needed this Eternal Emperor Continuance Pill the most. But in fact, Ning Cheng was the last person who wanted this medicinal pill. Despite the allure of the Eternal Emperor Continuance Pill, the quality of Cang Caihe's medicinal pills was not up to standard for him. Using such a low-quality item, although it could help him advance to the Eternal Realm, it most likely would affect his future development.

If he could obtain a treasure like the Starry Sky Radish Grass, Ning Cheng could then produce the Eternal Emperor Continuance Pill with relative ease by himself in the future.

"Thank you, Dao Friend Caihe." Ning Cheng thanked him with cupped fists. He knew the reason Cang Caihe came up with such a top-grade medicinal pill was mainly to obtain his approval. Although Cang Caihe regarded him as his senior, Ning Cheng knew that this time he must not project of himself as one. Otherwise, it would definitely cause others to look down on him.

Yi Jiufeng suddenly laughed, "I think anything you bring out is a top quality treasure. But I'm just a poor woman; I really don't know what to do. By the way, does Sect Master Ning has something he wants to exchange?"

Ning Cheng didn't reply; instead, he took out two jade bottles and said, "Of these two jade bottles, one contains a drop of Glimmer of Dawn Ice Essence and the other is a bottle of Accordance Heavenly Pills....."

After hearing Ning Cheng's words, Yi Jiufeng immediately stood up in surprise. Even Striking Order Heavenly Emperor stood up in shock.

“Sect Master Ning, did this Glimmer of Dawn Ice Essence come from Time Wilderness?” Striking Order Heavenly Emperor asked in shock. He knew that Time Wilderness contained Glimmer of Dawn Ice Essence, but no one had ever obtained it. He never expected that Ning Cheng would unearth this treasure.

“I want this thing, what does Sect Master Ning want for it?” Yi Jiufeng couldn’t keep her expressions straight anymore.

As for the Accordance Heavenly Pills, nobody even thought about it. Although one could consider Accordance Heavenly Pills as treasures, it was only relative to ordinary cultivators. When it came to the several Eternal-level powerhouses here, they didn’t think much of the Accordance Heavenly Pills. In fact, people here actually wondered why Ning Cheng came up with such low-levelled medicinal pills like the Accordance Heavenly Pills.

Ning Cheng turned to Striking Order Heavenly Emperor and cupped his fists before speaking, “That’s right Brother Striking Order. I was lucky enough to obtain a drop of Glimmer of Dawn Ice Essence within Time Wilderness. But today is the day my Mysterious Yellow Sect has just opened, so I only have a few good things on me, and decided to take them out for everyone.”

With that, Ning Cheng continued, “This drop of Glimmer of Dawn Ice Essence and the bottle of Accordance Heavenly Pills, I only want to exchange them for two things. One is materials that could help upgrade Nirvana flames. The second is the Wind Thunder Apricot Tree.....”

Yi Jiufeng slowly sat down and spoke up in a dull tone, “Sect Master Ning, although your Glimmer of Dawn Ice Essence is truly precious, if you want to exchange for these two things, I’m afraid that it’s still not enough, don’t you think?”

Ning Cheng didn’t care, “Nine Phoenix Heavenly Emperor, I don’t want the entire Wind Thunder Apricot Tree, I just want a small segment of the Wind Thunder Apricot Tree’s branch. Besides, this bottle contains not just one Accordance Heavenly Pill, but fifty. Moreover, all are top-quality Accordance Heavenly Pills.....”

“WHAT?” Ning Cheng’s words immediately shocked the cultivators all around.

Fifty Accordance Heavenly Pills; moreover, all top-quality pills. What kind of a concept was this? One could consider one or two Accordance Heavenly Pills as normal, but taking our fifty Accordance Heavenly Pills; it definitely was a rare thing to see. Almost equivalent to being a real treasure. That’s because even if there was a Pill Emperor who could refine Accordance Heavenly Pills, there were not many Great Heaven Essence Fruits in circulation to refine that many pills.

Besides, it would be impossible for any cultivator to take out fifty Accordance Heavenly Pills. Unless that cultivator refined those pills himself. At the same time, it was practically impossible to buy so many, as one couldn’t buy these pills in the market at all.

“Is Sect Master Ning also a Pill Emperor?” Cang Caihe asked with a flushed expression.

Ning Cheng cupped his fists, “I’m indeed an Alchemy Master, and would love to ask for advice from Dao Friend Cang.”

Cang Caihe's eyes flashed with excitement, "Can Sect Master Ning let me take a look at those Accordance Heavenly Pills?"

"Of course, you can." Ning Cheng took out an Accordance Heavenly Pill without hesitation and sent it to Cang Caihe.

Cang Caihe carefully placed the medicinal pills in the palm of his hand and looked at it for a long while before exclaiming, "A treasure pill! Even I can't refine such a medicinal pill."

After saying this, Cang Caihe stood up, respectfully returned the medicinal pill to Ning Cheng and immediately bowed to Ning Cheng, "Sect Master Ning, I'm a person who drifts around in the starry skies. I always thought that the medicinal pills I made were of top quality. But after looking at Brother Ning's medicinal pill today, I realised that I was just a frog looking at the sky from the bottom of a well. I hope you don't mind if this Cang makes a presumptuous request."

Ning Cheng had a good impression of Cang Caihe. Therefore, after hearing Cang Caihe's words, he smiled and spoke up, "If Dao Friend Cang has something to request, I will not refuse it as long as I can do it."

"I'd like to stay here permanently to discuss the Dao of Alchemy with Sect Master Ning." Cang Caihe spoke up with a slight embarrassment.

Ning Cheng felt shocked. He never thought that Cang Caihe would actually want to stay here. This was truly a huge deal. Cang Caihe was a Starry Sky Tier 9 Pill Emperor. Moreover, he was also a late-stage Eternal Realm powerhouse. If Cang Caihe joined him, wouldn't it propel his Mysterious Yellow Sect into a top-class starry sky sect?

Not to mention Ning Cheng's shock, even the rest of the people here felt stunned. Chuan Xinlou frowned slightly. But just when he was about to speak, Ning Cheng immediately stepped up and spoke, "My Mysterious Yellow Sect has just formed, so I do require a capable person like Dao Friend Cang. If Dao Friend Cang does not mind, I would really hope that you can become the Deputy Sect Master of my Mysterious Yellow Sect, what do you think Dao Friend Cang?"

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Chapter 727: Leaving In Frustration

It didn't matter if Cang Caihe wanted to become the Deputy Sect Master of Mysterious Yellow Sect. Ning Cheng wanted to show Cang Caihe that he was willing to forge a genuine friendship between the two; otherwise, how could Ning Cheng offer him the Deputy Sect Master's position in Mysterious Yellow Sect?

Besides, Cang Caihe also wished for it, as he felt in awe of Ning Cheng. The thunder tribulation that Ning Cheng had surpassed was truly a thunder tribulation that no one could ever overcome. From this, he understood that Ning Cheng's achievements would far exceed those of Chuan Xinlou and others in the future. Staying in Mysterious Yellow Sect and becoming the Deputy Sect Master of Mysterious Yellow Sect, he could not only have a high degree of contact with Ning Cheng but also wholeheartedly discuss the Dao of Alchemy with Ning Cheng.

“This Cang is truly willing to take it up. Many thanks, Sect Master for showing so much care. Starting today, this Cang Caihe will take the position of Mysterious Yellow Sect’s Deputy Sect Master as requested.” Cang Caihe quickly responded.

How could any cultivator who managed to cultivate to the Eternal Realm be an idiot? Moreover, Cang Caihe was a true rogue cultivator, who reached this level through his own ability and hard work. Therefore, he naturally could pick up one or two clues about Chuan Xinlou and Yi Jiufeng’s thoughts; however, he had his own thoughts.

“Haha, great. With Sect Master Cang supporting the Mysterious Yellow Sect, it definitely will go a step further.” Ning Cheng said with joy.

Timber had already turned into a boat[1], so everyone stood up to congratulate Ning Cheng. Ning Cheng already had unfathomable cultivation. Now, with the addition of Pill Emperor Cang Caihe, the prospects of Mysterious Yellow Sect looked extremely bright.

Chuan Xinlou showed a refreshing smile, “This truly is a joyous event. With Striking Order Starry Sky now having four Eternal Starry Sky Emperors, it will definitely soar once again.”

If Striking Order Heavenly Emperor believed Chuan Xinlou’s words this easily, then he was not Striking Order. Besides, he came here to make friends with Ning Cheng. Therefore, just after Chuan Xinlou finished his words, Striking Order also spoke up with a smile, “You bet. Regrettably, Jiangzhou Star does not belong to my Striking Order Starry Sky from now. However, with Brother Ning and Premier Pill Emperor Caihe in Mysterious Yellow Sect, it will make it easier for me to ask for medicinal pills in the future.”

Chuan Xinlou wanted to say that Ning Cheng was much better and much stronger compared to him, to cause at least some alarm in Striking Order Heavenly Emperor’s heart. He knew that Striking Order knew about Ning Cheng having a bright future. Therefore, if Striking Order wanted to fight against Ning Cheng, Striking Order would not have waited until Cang Caihe joined. Moreover, he would have never talked about handing over Named Descendant Celestial River to Ning Cheng.

“That being the case, let’s continue trading things. I do have a Purple Light Treasure Eye, but I guess I’m not the only one with a purple eye today.” Heavenly Emperor Wu Hong chuckled, and diverged the topic.

Chuan Xinlou knew that more words would not work anymore, and could only live with it. He had tried drawing people like Cang Caihe to his side for many years, but no one had joined Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain. He never expected that Ning Cheng would easily pull this fellow over, or even the fact that Cang Caihe would actually take up the offer. This showed that this fellow was much better than he was, and it made him truly angry. Moreover, this was just when Ning Cheng made his debut. If Ning Cheng had debuted a few hundred or a thousand years ago, the current Grand Culmination Starry Sky might have had nothing to do with Chuan Xinlou.

Ning Cheng felt surprised, and quickly asked, “Does Brother Wu Hong really has Purple Light Treasure Essence[2]?”

Purple Light Treasure Essence was one of the few materials that could help upgrade Nirvana Flames and was an extremely precious treasure. After Ning Cheng’s Celestial River Flame underwent nirvana, he

started to feel worried about not having enough materials to upgrade it further. Ning Cheng truly never expected Heavenly Emperor Wu Hong to have it. Moreover, Heavenly Emperor Wu Hong mentioned that he was not the only one here with it.

“Naturally.....” Heavenly Emperor Wu Hong raised his hand, took out a jade box, and sent it to Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng opened the jade box and felt a terrifying heatwave surge out. Sure enough, it was the Purple Light Treasure Essence. Unfortunately, there was only a single piece inside. A single Purple Light Treasure Essence could only upgrade the Celestial River Flame to Nirvana Grade 2, which was still quite far from the level of a Starry Sky Flame.

“If Brother Wu Hong requires something, please do state it.” Ning Cheng spoke up in excitement. He wanted to immediately put away this Purple Light Treasure Essence and ask who else here had this thing.

Wu Hong laughed, “Brother Ning, us two hit it off quite well the instant we met. Plus, today is your sect’s opening ceremony. Please consider this Purple Light Treasure Essence as a gift.”

Although there were so many ‘guests’ here, no one offered any gifts. From this, everyone could see that although these people came here to congratulate Ning Cheng on the establishment of his sect, they did not take it seriously.

Ning Cheng cupped his fists, before speaking with some caution, “Many thanks, Brother Wu Hong. Then, I won’t be polite about it.”

Ning Cheng didn’t purposely didn’t express gratitude about such a matter. He had a vague feeling that Wu Hong wanted to befriend him. If Ning Cheng received something, and Wu Hong then immediately asked something in return, it would show that Wu Hong had something else in his mind. However, if after receiving the gift, he didn’t mention anything in return, it would mean making a friend with a Starry Sky Heavenly Emperor.

Sure enough, Wu Hong did not say anything resembling a transaction after seeing Ning Cheng put away the things, and immediately spoke up with great joy, “Since today is the Mysterious Yellow Sect’s establishment, this is how it should be.”

Shen Mao also stood up before speaking with a bitter smile and cupped fists, “Although I also obtained two pieces of Purple Light Treasure Essence, I also had obtained a flame. So I already used up the Purple Light Treasure Essence. If not for that, I would have definitely given it to Sect Master Ning.”

Ning Cheng felt some pity. He also understood that Wu Hong and Shen Mao must have gone to the same place to obtain these treasures. But Ning Cheng didn’t continue to question him about it. If he wanted to, he could ask Heavenly Emperor Wu Hong privately about it in the future.

Yi Jiufeng could see that Shen Mao and Chen Xingwen wanted to act as neutral parties, while Striking Order Heavenly Emperor and Wu Hong intended to strike up a friendship with Ning Cheng. As for Cang Caihe, he actually became the Deputy Sect Master of Mysterious Yellow Sect. From this, she also understood that her provocations had failed miserably. Even if she and Chuan Xinlou joined hands, they wouldn’t necessarily obtain any advantage in this place.

Although Yi Jiufeng had a strong personality, she was not an idiot. She understood that the Mysterious Yellow Sect now had two Pill Emperors. Since they couldn't force them, it would be better to try to make friends.

"Congratulations Dao Friend Cang for becoming the Deputy Sect Master of Mysterious Yellow Sect, and also congratulations to Sect Master Ning for obtaining the Purple Light Treasure Essence. As for Sect Master Ning's request for a branch of Wind Thunder Apricot Tree, it wouldn't be completely impossible. I know that when Sect Master Ning obtained the Earth Origin Bead, you also picked two Wind Thunder Apricots. If Sect Master Ning can give me those two Wind Thunder Apricots, as well as the Glimmer of Dawn Ice Essence and the bottle of those Accordance Heavenly Pills, I will send a branch of the Wind Thunder Apricot Tree to Sect Master Ning." Yi Jiufeng spoke with a smile, trying to show a friendly attitude.

Ning Cheng felt moved in his heart, he really liked this idea. If his Twin Wings of Heavenly Clouds could also undergo nirvana, it would allow his strength to soar to new levels. Moreover, none of these things had much use to him anyway.

Even though Ning Cheng felt interested, he spoke with a bland tone, "Nine Phoenix Heavenly Emperor, there's a small problem with what you just said. I'm not asking you to send me a branch of Wind Thunder Apricot in pity, but to exchange it with what I have. If Nine Phoenix Heavenly Emperor doesn't want to trade with me, then at least don't treat my things as 'gifts' [3]."

Yi Jiufeng smiled, "Sect Master Ning, why would a big man like you care about a little girl like me? If Sect Master Ning says that it's not a gift, then it's not a gift."

Ning Cheng remained unmoved. Yi Jiufeng's methods were not even a half-point worse than Chuan Xinlou's methods. If one considered this woman as a little girl, then it would be almost impossible to find any 'grown women' in the universe. But he didn't point it out to Yi Jiufeng. Instead, he asked with some confusion, "Nine Phoenix Heavenly Emperor, as far as I know, that Wind Thunder Apricot Tree had eight fruits. Since I took two, there should still be six more fruits on it. So, the question is, why does Nine Phoenix Heavenly Emperor particularly need these two fruits?"

"I think of the eight fruits as siblings. With two fruits missing, it makes me feel regretful." Yi Jiufeng spoke with a slightly aggrieved tone.

Cang Caihe suddenly asked, "Sect Master, the two fruits you picked, are they a red fruit and a purple fruit?"

Yi Jiufeng's expression suddenly changed after hearing Cang Caihe's words. Cang Caihe, as if oblivious to Yi Jiufeng, spoke up, "The Wind Thunder Apricot Tree typically has eight fruits, that is, seven red-coloured Wind Apricots and a purple-coloured Thunder Apricot. Giving it a name 'Seven winds and a thunder'. If you planted a living Wind Thunder Apricot, it would produce seven red-coloured Wind Apricots every year. But the precondition is that the purple-coloured Thunder Apricot remains on it untouched."

"If you picked the purple-coloured Thunder Apricot, the Wind Thunder Apricot Tree would no longer bear fruit. In other words, if Sect Master Ning picked the purple-coloured Thunder Apricot, it would be equivalent to cutting off the possibility of Wind Thunder Apricot Tree bearing fruits. It would also

eventually lead to the complete death of the Wind Thunder Apricot Tree. Only the Wind Thunder Apricot Tree's branches would show some growth before stopping; however, it can't grow any Wind Thunder Apricot Fruits."

"Moreover, Wind Apricots had many functions, and could be refined into many wind-attributed medicinal pills, and even help in cultivation for wind-attributed cultivators. At the same time, if you plant the Wind Apricot and Thunder Apricot's Apricot Kernel together, and as long as you can supply it with sufficient Earth Origin, it would grow into a new Wind Thunder Apricot Tree."

Yi Jiufeng's expressions grew uglier the more she heard; however, Ning Cheng grew more and more happy the more he heard. He didn't expect that of the two fruits he took back then, one was the highly valuable Thunder Apricot. No wonder Yi Jiufeng wanted the two fruits with him.

Ning Cheng felt happy but spoke with a sad expression, "Oh, what a pity. I gave the two fruits from the Wind Thunder Apricot Tree from back then to my companion beast. No wonder it helped to improve my companion beast's speed by a huge margin."

"What about the Apricot Kernels?" Yi Jiufeng couldn't care less about it.

Ning Cheng shook his head, "It used up everything, not even leaving behind any dregs. Besides, with my Earth Origin Bead gone too, we can't do anything even if the Apricot Kernels survived. Oh, by the way, since Nine Phoenix Heavenly Emperor can support the Wind Thunder Apricot Tree, does it mean that you have some Earth Origin?"

Yi Jiufeng's tone calmed down, "No, my Wind Thunder Apricot Tree is also dying. Since Sect Master Ning does not have the apricot kernels, then let's forget about this transaction."

With disappointment in his eyes, Ning Cheng put away the Glimmer of Dawn Ice Essence and Accordance Heavenly Pills. Besides, he already achieved his purpose.

Chuan Xinlou and Yi Jiufeng no longer were in the mood to stay here. After taking out some simple things and trading it for other miscellaneous items, they immediately choose to leave. After Cang Caihe's announcement of joining the Mysterious Yellow Sect, Chen Xingwen and Tang Yitang didn't talk much and almost went mute but stood around for some more time. As for the two Time Stones from Striking Order Heavenly Emperor, he traded them with Shen Mao, while Cang Caihe exchanged the medicinal pill for two Starry Sky Grade 9 Spiritual Grasses from Chuan Xinlou.

Ning Cheng understood that Cang Caihe had deliberately given some face to Chuan Xinlou; otherwise, two Starry Sky Grade 9 Spiritual Grass would not be enough to exchange for an Eternal Emperor Continuance Pill.

At the same time, Wu Hong left a jade strip with Ning Cheng before taking his leave. Ning Cheng did not need to scan it at all. He guessed what was in the jade strip. The place where he obtained the Purple Light Treasure Essence.

Tang Yitang also left eventually after leaving behind a few words, but Striking Order Heavenly Emperor chose to stay behind.

Cang Caihe knew that Ning Cheng and Striking Order had something important to talk about in private, so he stood up and said, "Sect Master, I'll go get my place arranged. Please take your time talking to Brother Striking Order."

Ning Cheng smiled and said, "Caihe, you're not an outsider. You can also sit down and talk with us."

Cang Caihe waved his hand and said before stepping out, "Sect Master doesn't have to be polite with me. If you have anything for me to do, just give me the orders. Besides, I'm still a layman when it comes to managing a sect."

Striking Order quickly spoke up after making sure that Cang Caihe had left, "Sect Master Ning, Chuan Xinlou kept provoking you and me today. I think Brother Ning must have also realised it."

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Chapter 728: Re-entering the Time Wilderness

"Chuan Xinlou should already know that I had taken away the Earth Origin Bead, so he wants to stir up everyone's hatred against me. Moreover, I took Jiangzhou Star without the consent from Brother Striking Order. If it were any other Heavenly Emperor, I'm afraid he or she would have definitely fallen out with me. But since Brother Striking Order has been quite magnanimous, this Ning Cheng now owes a big favour to Brother Striking Order." Ning Cheng spoke with sincerity.

If it were any other Starry Sky Emperor, and if he had taken away a star from under their jurisdiction, it would have definitely resulted in a huge fight. But seeing Striking Order's attitude, Ning Cheng truly felt grateful. If Striking Order had decided to come at him hard, he wouldn't have cared at all. But since Striking Order Heavenly Emperor showed such open-mindedness, it made him feel a little sorry towards this fellow.

Striking Order replied, "Brother Ning, I still do mean to give you the Named Descendant Celestial River."

Ning Cheng smiled, "Brother Striking Order, Jiangzhou Star is more than enough for me. You also know that I have no interest in managing a celestial river. If I had that much time, I would rather use it for cultivation."

Striking Order shook his head, "Brother Ning, you are a Pill Emperor, and your Deputy Sect Master is also the premier Pill King under this sky. This means that Jiangzhou Star would at least have many Heaven Seated experts in the future. At that point, even a celestial river might not be enough for you. Besides, you don't have to 'manage' the celestial river. You can just leave it to someone in your sect. Moreover, a large sect cannot survive on a single star."

Ning Cheng felt moved in his heart. Striking Order Heavenly Emperor spoke the truth. He was a Pill Emperor, one with many top-quality Accordance Heavenly Pills, which meant that his Mysterious Yellow Sect would end up with many experts in the Heaven Seated Realm. If that was the case, then owning a celestial river naturally would give him a much better developmental potential compared to just a star.

"Many thanks, Brother Striking Order. If Brother Striking Order needs any help, this Ning will definitely do his best." Ning Cheng stood up and thanked him.

He knew that Striking Order Heavenly Emperor wanted to make friends with him. However, since he spoke of such 'generous' benefits, it meant that he also had another purpose in mind.

Seeing that Ning Cheng understood things clearly, Striking Order Heavenly Emperor felt happy and no longer held back, "Brother Ning, you should be aware that the strength of my Striking Order Starry Sky is the lowest within the entire Grand Culmination Starry Sky. Brother Ning had already experienced it, as even a Dock Master of the Endless Void Docks did not put you or even me in his eyes."

Ning Cheng nodded to indicate his understanding of the situation. Striking Order Heavenly Emperor was a genuine Starry Sky Emperor; as such, he had a far higher status compared to that of Gua Sangan. However, Gua Sangan didn't even look at Striking Order Heavenly Emperor as equals. If someone said that Gua Sangan didn't have support from Chuan Xinlou, Ning Cheng would never believe it.

"I believe Brother Ning should have already guessed that the Endless Void Docks has Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain's support. Therefore, if Brother Ning plans to go to the Endless Void Docks in the future, you must keep this crucial point in mind."

"I know." Even if Striking Order Heavenly Emperor didn't say it, Ning Cheng wouldn't head to the Endless Void Docks until he advanced to the Eternal Realm. However, if Gua Sangan dared to find trouble with him on Jiangzhou Star, he can't blame him for taking action.

Striking Order Heavenly Emperor gave a sigh and said, "My Striking Order Starry Sky is short on resources. The only place famous within this starry sky is the Time Wilderness. But it takes a long time for Time Wilderness to open. Moreover, there is even a strict cultivation restriction to enter, which makes it quite attractive to others. People would simply send others to participate secretly, instead of blatantly entering the Time Wilderness. However, it's different now...."

"Did something change?" Ning Cheng asked in mild surprise.

Striking Order spoke up with some resentment, "I don't know which bastard released the rumours, but it essentially states that the Temple of Time is in the Time Wilderness, and that all three Perpetual Moon Keys have emerged, and that the Temple of Time is about to open. What's the Temple of Time? That's where Perpetual Moon Holy Emperor stored his treasures. Where one could perceive and understand the Laws of Time. Who wouldn't be jealous of such a place?"

"Is the Temple of Time in Time Wilderness?" Ning Cheng felt truly surprised. Although Duan Gantai had given him a jade strip that supposedly contained the temple's location, he had not opened the restriction over it. In any case, even if he did unlock it, Duan Gantai would need to cooperate with him to open the Temple of Time. It would be useless for either of them to go there alone. However, now that he heard Striking Order's words, he did feel somewhat strange about it.

Ning Cheng, however, quickly understood that these rumours most likely came from Duan Gantai. This means that it's not a rumour, but a fact. Duan Gantai most likely released it as rumours because he felt dissatisfied with him for not making contact in a long time. Therefore, he decided to reveal the actual location of the Temple of Time, to remind Ning Cheng to get to the Temple of Time early and work together with him.

Striking Order nodded before giving a serious reply, "The rumours are indeed true."

"So, Brother Striking Order is worried that Chuan Xinlou would want you to hand over the Temple of Time to Grand Culmination Starry Sky, and not let it stay in Striking Order Starry Sky?" Ning Cheng asked.

Striking Order spoke with a definite tone, "It's already a given. With Chuan Xinlou's nature, how could he let the Temple of Time fall under my control? But he can't do it openly; instead, he most likely would try to find other methods to provoke me. For example, through the Dock Master of Endless Void Docks or some other Eternal-level powerhouses. Once he successfully provoked me into retaliation and then killed me, the new Starry Sky Emperor of Striking Order Starry Sky would be someone directly under his control."

Ning Cheng remained silent. In any case, he believed Striking Order Heavenly Emperor's speculation had a well-founded belief. Chuan Xinlou truly had a scheming nature.

Striking Order's tone turned even more exasperated, "But that's not even the real problem, what really threatens my Striking Order Starry Sky is a different rumour. About the 'Four Heavens' Three Temples' being in my Striking Order Starry Sky."

"Four Heavens' Three Temples?"

"That's right; these are the three most mysterious temples within the four grand starry skies. These three temples are the Temple of Time, the Guardian Temple, and the Ancient Shadow Temple....."

Ning Cheng immediately interrupted Striking Order's words, "The Ancient Shadow Temple?"

Striking Order nodded, "That's right, the Ancient Shadow Temple. You should already know about it. More importantly, this rumour is most likely true. The Ancient Shadow Temple has already appeared outside the Covered Snow City. From this, one can easily infer that the Guardian Temple will also come out eventually. Chuan Xinlou wants me to completely submit to him and give him complete control of Striking Order Starry Sky. He must have thought that all the three temples are in Striking Order Starry Sky, which puts my Striking Order Starry Sky in a very unusual spot. I guess that after taking complete control over Striking Order Starry Sky, he wants to search it inch-by-inch to find all the secrets. I'm sure that he didn't expect me not to submit to him but cooperate with you, which is most likely why he didn't mention anything about the Ancient Shadow Temple today. However, he is bound to stir up something later."

Ning Cheng took in a deep breath, and he finally understood why Striking Order Heavenly Emperor showed such generosity to him. However, Ning Cheng didn't criticise his actions. If it were he, he might have also tried pulling in an ally, especially if there was such a big difference in strength.

"Brother Striking Order, rest assured, even if Chuan Xinlou is strong enough, he can't forcibly get rid of you and me. Moreover, within Striking Order Starry Sky, combined with my Named Descendant Celestial River, we have four Starry Sky Emperors, so I don't think we need to fear him, or do we?" Ning Cheng spoke without hesitation. He anyways didn't have a favourable impression of Chuan Xinlou since the time they first met.

Striking Order spoke up with a happy tone, "Okay, then I'll stall things for as much as I can for Brother Ning. But I'm afraid that if Chuan Xinlou and Yi Jiufeng joined forces, we might be at a disadvantage. Thankfully, Cang Caihe decided to join us as the Deputy Sect Master, which definitely is a good thing for us."

Ning Cheng showed a slight smile, "Chuan Xinlou most likely will not dare to openly join forces with Yi Jiufeng, as we could potentially use that opportunity to join forces with the Grand Demon Starry Sky or

the Grand Devil Starry Sky or both. Since this is an internal matter of his grand starry sky, then he most likely would try to resolve it without involving other grand starry skies. But still, thank you, Brother Striking Order, for sharing these concerns with me. I will change Named Descendant Celestial River's name to Mysterious Yellow Celestial River from this point on."

"Mysterious Yellow Celestial River, Mysterious Yellow Sect, good, good." Striking Order Heavenly Emperor truly felt delighted to draw in a powerful alley like Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng took out a jade strip, gave it to Striking Order Heavenly Emperor, and said, "Brother Striking Order, this contains my body-forging cultivation method. Since I received a celestial river from Brother Striking Order, I hope you can accept this body-forging cultivation method. In the future, when I decide to enter the Ancient Shadow Temple, I will definitely invite Brother Striking Order to team up and explore it together."

Striking Order Heavenly Emperor was also looking for suitable cultivation methods, and now that Ning Cheng suddenly sent him one, he felt quite surprised and happy about it. Moreover, Ning Cheng even said that he would team up with him to enter the Ancient Shadow Temple. Both of these things made him even happier.

He put away the body-forging cultivation method given to him by Ning Cheng, and took out several Time Stones before handing them to Ning Cheng with the words, "Brother Ning, these Time Stones are for you. Regardless of if the Temple of Time opens up sometime later, these Time Stones can at least help you get a glimpse at the Laws of Time."

Ning Cheng already had many similar Time Stones; as such, he had no need of these Time Stones. He was just about to refuse when his gaze suddenly stopped and intently focussed on one of the Time Stones.

Just when Striking Order Heavenly Emperor felt puzzled, Ning Cheng took a dragon fruit-sized Time Stone from the collection of Time Stones brought out by Striking Order Heavenly Emperor and looked at it for a long time, before asking, "Brother Striking Order, who gave you this Time Stone?"

Ning Cheng had recognised this Time Stone the moment he saw it. He had deliberately taken the Time Stone into his hand to confirm that he had guessed it correctly. Although most of the Time Stones were dark-grey in colour, the appearance of each Time Stone differed slightly.

When Ning Cheng's gaze had landed on this Time Stone, it looked similar to the first Time Stone he had let Shen Qinyu pick up. When he finally held the Time Stone in his hand, he confirmed his guess. This Time Stone truly was the first Time Stone that Shen Qinyu had picked when they travelled together. Shen Qinyu definitely would not hand over her Time Stones to Striking Order Heavenly Emperor. So, why did it appear in the hands of Striking Order Heavenly Emperor?

At this moment, Striking Order did not want any cracks to appear between him and Ning Cheng. Therefore, when he felt the seriousness in Ning Cheng's tone, he immediately explained, "This was handed in by a female cultivator named Shen Qinyu. After returning from Culmination Starland, she specifically came to find me and handed over ten Time Stones. She wanted to take another trip to the Time Wilderness. She said that the most important person to her had not managed to come out from the Time Wilderness, so she wanted to go in and look for him."

“But isn’t the Time Wilderness closed? Even if you want to go in, wouldn’t you have to wait for the next time it opened?” Ning Cheng asked in doubt.

Shen Qinyu clearly came out, so why did she want to go in again?

How could a person like Striking Order not understand that there existed a relationship between Ning Cheng and Shen Qinyu? Therefore, he quickly replied, “Shen Qinyu had taken out ten Time Stones by herself, which forced me to sit up and listen to her request. You already know that Cen Fei, the one who took the first spot back then, only obtained four during his time in Time Wilderness. Moreover, she also said that she was from Culmination Starland’s Yu Clan Corner City. So, I practically had no choice but to listen to her and ended up helping her enter the Time Wilderness once again.”

Striking Order still felt some regret about it. The Yu Clan Corner City was not really a prominent force at all. However, he still gave in, because the Yu Clan Corner City was in Culmination Starland and had some powerful connections.

“Brother Striking Order, can you let people enter Time Wilderness again?” Ning Cheng felt surprised.

Striking Order Heavenly Emperor spoke with some regrets, “I only have ten Transfer Talismans, which one can use to enter Time Wilderness after it closes up. However, I have almost used up all ten Transfer Talismans. Besides, even if I gave them to you, you might not be able to get in.”

Ning Cheng cupped his fists and said, “Brother Striking Order, I really have to enter the Time Wilderness right now. Shen Qinyu went inside to find me, so I cannot give up.”

“Brother Ning, this....” Striking Order spoke after hesitating for a long while, “You must know that if you go inside, you most likely would never be able to come out again.”

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“Moreover, with your cultivation, you most likely will be transferred out immediately after entering.” Striking Order Heavenly Emperor reminded him once again before taking out two Transfer Jade Talismans and passing them to Ning Cheng. “You can have these two jade talismans. It doesn’t matter if I have them or not.”

Ning Cheng took the jade talismans and thanked Striking Order, “Many thanks, Brother Striking Order. In any case, from now on, Brother Striking Order and I are brothers under the same sky. As for these Time Stones, I only need this one.”

Striking Order Heavenly Emperor put away the rest of the Time Stones with a warm smile over his face. However, he still left behind this sentence, “Brother Ning, let me say this before leaving. As long as Brother Ning needs my help, this Striking Order will never hesitate to come to your aid. Also, Brother Ning, these Transfer Talismans will not take you to the inner regions of the Time Wilderness. But you can enter the Time Wilderness after activating it from anywhere.”

“If Brother Ning doesn’t get transferred out, please do keep in mind not to venture to some of the dangerous places. Once inside, crush the other talisman before a year ends, and it would immediately send you out. Also, let me remind you once again that no one has ever come out after entering the Time Wilderness using these Transfer Talismans. That’s the main reason why I suspect that you might not

have a way of coming out after entering Time Wilderness with these Transfer Talismans. Brother Ning, I sincerely urge you to find someone else to enter instead of going by yourself.”

Despite the advice, Striking Order believed that Ning Cheng would not go in by himself. But he still had to warn Ning Cheng to not venture into dangerous areas, and to send someone else inside Time Wilderness instead of going personally. Cultivating to such a level, no one in his or her right mind would take such a risk. Therefore, he did not particularly feel worried about Ning Cheng falling inside that place. Besides, the reason he gave Ning Cheng two Transfer Talismans was so that he could create a better bond with Ning Cheng and let Ning Cheng send in two people.

“I understand.” Ning Cheng thanked him again.

Striking Order felt very satisfied and said his goodbyes to Ning Cheng. He already achieved his purpose in coming here. If Chuan Xinlou wanted to move against him, he would have to face four Eternal-level powerhouses of Striking Order Starry Sky. Moreover, two of them were even Pill Emperors, which needed special considerations.

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After Striking Order Heavenly Emperor left, Ning Cheng quickly handed over the Mysterious Yellow Sect to Cang Caihe. He also let Gongxiu Zhu take charge of Named River Celestial River, rename Named Descendant Celestial River to Mysterious Yellow Celestial River, and serve as the king of Mysterious Yellow Celestial River.

Cang Caihe focussed on Alchemy and showed no enthusiasm about management. Besides, Ning Cheng did not expect him to manage Jiangzhou Star. Instead, the reason he let him stay at the Mysterious Yellow Sect was due to his younger sister Ruolan and the others who decided to go into seclusion within Mysterious Yellow Sect. With Cang Caihe, an expert in the Eternal Realm and a Pill Emperor, there definitely would not be any problems.

But just in case, Ning Cheng also arranged an emergency transfer array near the area where Ruolan and the others went into seclusion. Ning Cheng believed that they would not have to use this transfer array.

As for Jiangzhou Star, Ning Cheng put it into Bei Junyi’s care and told him if Warren and others came over, he should settle them down. Warren was a kind-hearted person, so Ning Cheng hoped that he would stay in Jiangzhou Star to help him in the future.

After taking care of everything, Ning Cheng left Jiangzhou Star and activated the Transfer Jade Talisman.

Striking Order didn’t know about Ning Cheng’s nature. He thought that Ning Cheng would never enter the Time Wilderness on his own, but Ning Cheng just did.

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The Transfer Jade Talisman shone with a bright light before instantly sending Ning Cheng away. Ning Cheng had already prepared things beforehand. If the Time Wilderness pushed him out, he arranged for his sister Ruolan to take control of his Mysterious Yellow Bead and take him inside. Besides, as long as the wilderness did not push him out in half a breath’s time, he would have a chance to enter the Mysterious Yellow Bead, and then find a way to enter the Sea of Twilight.

But what surprised Ning Cheng was that when he landed on the ground, he didn't experience even the slightest rejection. In other words, he now stood in the Time Wilderness, just like the last time he came in. Except for the faint flow of time around him, he found nothing abnormal at all, let alone any indications of rejection.

However, before Ning Cheng breathed a sigh of relief, a powerful suppressive force descended. Ning Cheng immediately felt shocked and wanted to enter the Mysterious Yellow Bead. However, he quickly realised that this suppressive force showed no indications of transferring him out, rather it tried to suppress his cultivation. In just a short while, his cultivation at the Life and Death Realm quickly slipped to the full-circle of Celestial Gatherer Realm.

As expected, this place truly had many restrictions. For Ning Cheng, this suppression of cultivation was a much better option compared to transferring out. Definitely, a lot better. Back then, he was still far from reaching the full-circle of Celestial Gatherer Realm, yet he managed to cross the Sea of Twilight. Now that he had a deeper understanding of the Laws of Time, he definitely would not have any problems while going through the Sea of Twilight.

Ning Cheng did not care about the surroundings and immediately shot towards the Sea of Twilight. Shen Qinyu said she wanted to find him. Therefore, Shen Qinyu would have had to go through the Sea of Twilight to reach him. After so many years inside, Ning Cheng truly felt worried if she encountered any misfortune. Although Shen Qinyu went in by herself and on her own accord, Ning Cheng couldn't ignore it. He just couldn't look the other way in this matter. Knowing that she had risked her life to save him, Ning Cheng truly could not pretend not to know anything about it. Nor could he make any excuse of not going in.

Coming to the Sea of Twilight for the second time, Ning Cheng once again saw the Sea of Twilight's magnificent and splendid view. The light from the twilight formed a beautiful scene of a sunset over a sea, but Ning Cheng knew that this beauty was only superficial. Once one entered the Sea of Twilight, Time Wheels would most likely devour one at any time. Trapped within Time Wheels, one's lifespan would quickly wither up. Besides, unlike its name, one wouldn't find even a drop of water in this place. Therefore, if someone died here, only a bark-like corpse would remain before it eventually scattered to ashes.

Ning Cheng did not stop at all and stepped into the Sea of Twilight. The endless vicissitudes of life suddenly pressed down on him, forcing him to stumble a little.

Although this place had suppressed his cultivation to the Celestial Gatherer Realm, Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness could still extend much farther compared to his first visit here. He could see everything within a range of hundred miles through his spiritual consciousness.

After walking around for some time, Ning Cheng suddenly flew up. He understood that if he wanted to reach the deepest part of the Sea of Twilight, he had to fly up; it was what Shen Qinyu had told him.

Sure enough, the moment Ning Cheng flew up, a powerful tearing force and time blade-lights immediately stuck him. Then a whirlpool of time rolled over and took away Ning Cheng.

"Crack-Rip." Ning Cheng's robes disintegrated after a few rips appeared; however, the attacks couldn't damage Ning Cheng's body at all; they couldn't even leave behind the slightest trace.

This place might have successfully suppressed his cultivation, but it could not shackle the strength of his corporeal body.

When the powerful whirlpool threw Ning Cheng to the ground, the range of his spiritual consciousness almost instantly shrunk from a hundred miles to just a few miles. Sensing this change, Ning Cheng understood that the vortex of time had sent him to the deepest part of the Sea of Twilight.

It was here that he and Shen Qinyu had walked together for several years.

Standing here alone, Ning Cheng felt a little lost. The last time he had appeared here, it was due to an accident; but this time, he had come here intentionally.

At this time, he realised that even Qionghua and Luofei had never walked with him for months in a row. He had also never carried either of them on his back for so long.

It was in this place too that he saw Shen Qinyu's real face for the first time. Her beauty had almost suffocated him. Even Ning Cheng wholeheartedly admitted that Shen Qinyu was the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. However, his heart only held Luofei and Qionghua. Therefore, even if he admired Shen Qinyu's face when looking at it, he still only thought of Luofei and Qionghua.

As time passed by, Ning Cheng acutely felt his lifespan draining out of him; at the same time, he found himself falling into an epiphany, which seemed to counter that loss. Therefore, even though 'time' passed by Ning Cheng without stopping, it could not take away a single shred of Ning Cheng's lifespan.

Back then, he carried Shen Qinyu on his back, while still immersed in an epiphany, causing both their hair to turn white due to the loss of lifespan. Now, when he stood alone, immersed in another epiphany within the Sea of Twilight, the force of life within him actually started growing stronger and stronger.

In just a short while, Ning Cheng started running, gathering the flow of time around him, which then formed circle after circle of law halos.

Ning Cheng's understanding of the Laws of Time was now no longer limited to Sunset's Twilight, which had only touched the surface of the Laws of Time. He vaguely felt that he was about to catch a more elusive corner of the Laws of Time, but this corner always felt a little bit distant from him, despite being right in front of his eyes.

"Boom....." A bright shimmering light explosion forced Ning Cheng to wake up from the epiphany.

Ning Cheng then looked up at the beautiful sunset in the distance and sighed. In the end, he couldn't move past that small distance. Just a little more and Ning Cheng could have caught on to a corner of the real Laws of Time. But that short distance felt like a huge chasm, something that he couldn't currently cross.

Ning Cheng quickly put the feeling of loss aside. He didn't come here to understand the Laws of Time. He came here to find Shen Qinyu.

Suddenly everything became clear at once; Ning Cheng roared and rushed into the setting sun's glowing sunset.

The moment Ning Cheng passed through that setting sun's glowing sunset; he suddenly felt a burst of shock coursing through his heart. He suddenly realised something. He finally had grabbed onto that corner of the Laws of Time.

That epiphany hadn't let him really grasp that corner of the Laws of Time; it only allowed him to look at it from up close. However, when he put all thoughts of it aside and focus on something else, he actually managed to understand that corner of the Laws of Time.

An icy chill swept up, but Ning Cheng's didn't pay any attention to it at all. Only a one-of-a-kind heat remained within his heart, a kind of wildness that even he couldn't explain. What he had caught was a type of form, that's right, something tangible. Everything tangible had some sort of a structure. He immediately recalled the time when he gained an understanding of Returning-to-one, "Darkness gave birth to light. Existing order gave birth to form, while consciousness gave birth to Dao. Form comes from essence, while myriad beings shaped one another....."

When he gained enlightenment of 'time', he found that 'time' also was something tangible. At the same time, he also understood why 'time flies like an arrow, the sun and moon go by like a shuttle.....'[1]

As long as one could catch the arrow of time, one could then manipulate its speed, slowing it down or even stopping it. When one reached a certain degree of understanding on how to do this, one could then hold this arrow of time in one's hand and stop its flight. Perhaps one could even make this arrow of time shoot backwards one day.

When one controlled all of this law, one could then even stop and reverse the sun and the moon...

This was a peerless grand spirit technique.

As this feeling grew within his heart, Ning Cheng suddenly raised his hand and grabbed onto something in front of him.

Everything around him immediately stopped, turning entirely still. Sunset's Twilight only created an illusion of time slowing down to a standstill for the opponent, but this time, everything truly came to a stop. This was the result of a real Law of Time spirit technique.

A feeling of weakness washed over, but Ning Cheng didn't stop and waved his hand again.

"Poof...." A mouthful of blood spewed out, forcing Ning Cheng to sit down on the ground. He quickly took out a medicinal pill and swallowed it while breathing slowly.

His strength still could not match up to his insights. Even though he caught a corner of the real Laws of Time and understood the surface, he could not stop 'time' for long periods. As for trying to reverse time, he couldn't do it, not even for a moment.

Ning Cheng swallowed a few more medicinal pills and waited for his injuries to stabilise before standing up again. He didn't feel frustrated about it and understood that he tried to run before learning to walk. A type of impatience. It was the same as when he couldn't catch the corner of the Laws of Time even after a long time and had put it aside. But during his passage through the setting sun's glowing sunset, he finally grasped onto the real Laws of Time.

Dao was a spontaneous course of events, 'Man follows the ways of the earth, the earth follows the ways of heaven, heaven follows the way of Dao, and Dao follows the ways of spontaneity.[2]'

Understanding that deliberate actions would not help in making any significant progress, Ning Cheng realised that he had been acting with too much deliberation.

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Chapter 730: The ten ice walls

In the distance, he could still see the beautiful glow of dawn. But Ning Cheng felt worried in his heart. He feared that Shen Qinyu might not have made it to this place. Although Shen Qinyu had come here once with him, it was mainly due to his help. If not for him, could Shen Qinyu walk into the depths of the Sea of Twilight and pass through the sunset alone?

If Shen Qinyu could not reach this place, finding Shen Qinyu in the endless Sea of Twilight might come impossible, especially with the restrictions over his spiritual consciousness.

Ning Cheng turned around and looked at the endless icy plains in front of him. Ning Cheng had once taken Shen Qinyu through this ice plain.

A Time Wheel passed by in the distance, slicking across the icy plains, turning it even flatter than what it was initially. In this place, Time Wheels would wipe out anything raised out of existence.

Ning Cheng quickly walked past the icy plains and reached the edge of the ice crystal forest, which exuded even more chill than the icy plains. Ning Cheng's heart started to sink as he felt the biting cold, which tried to suppress him.

For the current him, even if he did not operate any cultivation method, the chill here could not hurt him at all. However, if Shen Qinyu came here, she would surely die.

Ning Cheng sighed; he really couldn't understand Shen Qinyu's thoughts, especially her decision to return to this place to find him. It felt incomprehensible to him. Besides, were he and Shen Qinyu even familiar with each other? Ning Cheng suddenly frowned. He quickly realised that he and Shen Qinyu might actually be more familiar with each other than what he initially thought.

Even though he didn't talk much with Shen Qinyu, he did walk around within the Sea of Twilight while holding her hand for several months. He had even carried Shen Qinyu on his back for several years. Shen Qinyu's aura, he can't imprint it any more clearly than that. Whether the sensation of her body, her appearance, or even her breathing, he felt familiar to all of it.

After entering the ice forest, a strong feeling of sadness came crashing down, forcing Ning Cheng to stop subconsciously. His spiritual consciousness swept out and quickly saw a collapsed ice cave about a dozen or so meters in front of him.

Ning Cheng took a deep breath and let his spiritual consciousness sweep in. However, he found only walls of ice inside. He breathed in a sigh of relief, on not see Shen Qinyu inside. If Shen Qinyu fell in such a cold place, she would have died even if she had ten lives.

Just when he was about to move away, his spiritual consciousness swept across one of the ice walls and found some words etched onto it. With a lousy premonition, Ning Cheng immediately shot towards this collapsed ice cave.

A row of precise and elegant handwriting appeared in front of his eyes, but the familiar aura coming from it made Ning Cheng 100% sure that Shen Qinyu had carved these words.

Ning Cheng stopped before the first ice wall, "I don't think I can get out, but I never thought I could get this far. Just a little bit closer. Unfortunately, that little bit seems too far. But I don't regret it. If I hadn't come here again, my heart would never be at peace."

Moving to the second wall of ice, "When he asked me why advancing to the Celestial Shatterer Realm didn't invoke a thunder tribulation, it truly caught me off-guard for a moment. Compared to him, I felt like I cultivated while soaking in honey. I never thought there would be cultivators out there who didn't know that advancing to the Celestial Shatterer Realm would not invoke thunder tribulations. But he truly didn't know."

"At that moment, I felt pity for him. No, something even harder to say. Even my nose turned a little sour. I never thought that I would ever get to experience such a tender feeling. Maybe the reason I let him see my face was to plant a seed for this moment."

The third ice wall, "He didn't know that one cannot fly in the Sea of Twilight. As a result, the Whirlpool of Time dragged us into the depths of the Sea of Twilight. But I don't blame him. He pulled me along for many months. If not for him, I would have definitely died in the Sea of Twilight. But despite encouraging me repeatedly, there came a time when I couldn't walk anymore. So I let him see my face, thinking that I would die anyway. Truthfully, some of me really wanted him to stay with me for the last few years of my life. But he kept thinking of someone else. She must be someone significant to him."

"I told him, I'm sorry you will need to walk alone from now. But in my heart, I kept thinking about the woman he kept thinking about while looking at me, something I believed would never happen to me in the past. I vaguely remembered his words, something about not having any hope if we stayed here, but if we continued to move forward, maybe one day we can get out. He always seemed to have hope in him, but today I'm the only one here."

The fourth ice wall, "That day, I thought I had finally died. But when I opened my eyes, I was on his back. Even after all that, he didn't give up on me. Even it was cumbersome, he still carried me in the Sea of Twilight on his back. That shoulder truly felt wide and his back warm. I now long for it in my heart. If I could just lean on those shoulders once again at this time, I could die in satisfaction."

"I regret that I got immersed in an epiphany while on his back. If not for that epiphany, I could have continued to experience that warm and broad back that brought me peace. To understand the Laws of Time, I lost the most precious thing. If I had to do it again, I would never have bothered with that epiphany. I'd rather be a simple woman and let him carry me on his back."

On the fifth wall of ice, "Today, I went through the Sea of Twilight again, I just want to find him. When I first came in, I didn't think much about it. I didn't even think about what would happen after I found him. But after I came here, I knew, I knew that I would never be able to live happily without him."

"I'll never forget standing beside him at the edge of the glimmering dawn, watching the distant twilight of the sunset... Maybe, that was the happiest day of my life. We went through dusk and stood at the glimmers of dawn. That kind of happiness, I wish it could have lasted for a moment more."

The sixth wall of ice, "I felt really excited when I found my first Time Stone. Perhaps it was something that he ignored among those around him, but he was the one who gave me that first Time Stone. I felt happy back then, but I still lost the best thing. If I could do it again, I would never choose the Time Stone, I would instead choose to stand by him for all eternity. Even if that eternity was only for a moment."

"I hated myself when he said, 'Man's life between heaven and earth is like a white colt passing a crevice, and suddenly disappearing.....[1]' At that time, I couldn't see through it, but when I finally saw through it, he was no longer there. Life truly was like a white colt passing through; if you missed it, you missed it. It would never come back."

"Now I understand that he intentionally left those Time Stones for me. Even the rest of the Time Stones that I picked up later were things he intentionally left for me. He was a wanderer I couldn't understand, someone who never possessed the greed typical to starry sky cultivators. He followed his own heart and had a mind of his own. He saved me but asked nothing in return. Even if I could stay alive for another thousand years, I probably would never meet such a person again in my life."

The seventh wall of ice, "The first time I came here, I felt cold. But carried on his back, it made me feel comfortable. This time when I returned to the ice crystal forest, I still felt cold, but there was no warm broad shoulder to help me block the ice. I was the only person here."

"Maybe I'm destined to die here. But if I could move past this place, I could perhaps reach a point closer to him. It's a pity that I still cannot move past that short distance; if I could, I'd rather move in a little further and then jump into that canyon to die beside him."

The eighth wall of ice, "The moment I saw the transfer formation back then, I only felt joy in my heart. Maybe I shouldn't have been too happy, as a deep glacial valley cracked open between the transfer array and us, kicking up a huge storm. Relatively speaking, I was just a casual collaborator. But he still threw me onto the transfer formation while falling down the glacial canyon. I think it was at that moment that everything brewing in my heart burst out, and I could no longer think of Time Stones."

"I always had thought of myself as a rational person, but at that moment, I felt an impulse. I wanted to rush down and save him immediately. I didn't leave through the transfer formation; instead, I dug ice-steps one after another leading down the glacial valley. I kept thinking that maybe one day, I could finally dig enough steps to reach the bottom of the valley to find him."

"But it was just too difficult to dig those ice-steps. It was already time to get out, but I was still far from reaching the bottom of the valley. I had to go out and send those Time Stones out first. I don't like to owe others, not even to my family. After sending the Time Stones, I chose to come back here again and came with a calm heart. Even if I had to die, my heart would also fall here. I no longer had anything to do on the outside, nor did anything outside had to do with me. There really was no other way. Nothing and no one can now stop my impulse."

The ninth ice wall, “I can’t last any longer. It’s freezing here, and I’m cold. I’m dying, but it looks like I can’t die with him after all. Fortunately, I finally got to a place closer to him. Maybe that could give my soul some relief.”

“If there is an afterlife, I’ll tell him. Tell him to hold me for a few months, carry me for a few years, and save my life as Wanderer once again. My name is Yu Qing, from Culmination Starland’s Yu Clan Corner City. My name is the homonym of the last two words of Shen Qinyu. Maybe I do have something to be proud about, having accompanied by someone until the seas ran dry and the stones went soft. Within the Sea of Twilight, accompanying him till the oil lamp finally ran dry...”

The tenth ice wall, the surface looked bare without a single etch.

An impulse emerged in Ning Cheng’s mind, to use all his Essence Blood and life span to take control of the cycle of time and reverse it to the point when Yu Qing got here. Or maybe to the point that allowed him to meet Yu Qing on the way to the Culmination Starland, and let her know about everything.

Ning Cheng found that he could no longer control his emotions anymore; Ning Cheng just wanted to do what he thought he should do.

Yu Qing, where did Yu Qing go?

No, Ning Cheng immediately sobered up from the panic. He suddenly felt something wrong with the tenth ice wall. Sure enough, after careful observation, he found a hidden Array Disc inside. Taking out the array disc, a small space then opened up in front of him.

The mask on Yu Qing’s face had disappeared long ago. She wore a beautiful cyan robe and sat there leaning against an ice sculpture. Her unparalleled beautiful face pale, almost white.

Ning Cheng’s heart immediately sank at this sight. Yu Qing showed no signs of vitality, and he could not tell how long ago she had fallen into such a state. Some ice flowers bloomed on one side of Yu Qing’s black hair, looking just like a white pearl hair clip, creating an even more mournful yet touching appearance.

Ning Cheng felt his heart tremble, something he had never experienced for a long time. It felt like a huge ice stone stirring in the depths of his heart, making him depressed and sad. It was as if the softest part of his heart had frozen over and then shattered apart.

His gaze then turned to the simple ice sculpture behind her. Although one could only see the outline through the simple ice sculpture, he immediately recognised it as his appearance as Wanderer.

“I’m sorry....” Ning Cheng’s eyes turned blurry as he carefully stepped forward to pick up Yu Qing.

[1] The full phrase is “人生天地之间，若驹之过郤，忽然而已。注然勃然，莫不出焉；油然漻然，莫不入焉。已化而生，又化而死，生物哀之，人类悲之。解其天弢，墮其天袞，纷乎宛乎，魂魄将往，乃身从之，乃大归乎！”

‘Man’s life between heaven and earth is like a white colt’s passing a crevice, and suddenly disappearing. As with a plunge and an effort, they all come forth; easily and quietly they all enter again. By a transformation, they live, and by another transformation, they die. Living things are made sad (by

death), and humankind grieves for it, but it is (only) the removal of the bow from its sheath, and then emptying the natural satchel of its contents. There may be some confusion amidst the yielding to the change, but the intellectual and animal souls are taking their leave, and the body will follow them: This is the Great Returning home.