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Chapter 761: Exchanging Items

Despite sensing Duan Gantai's approach, Ning Cheng first arranged accommodations for Shen Mengyan and others and then explained the situation to Cang Caihe before leaving Jiangzhou Star once again.

Jiangzhou Star had Cang Caihe, a powerhouse in the late-stage Eternal Realm, along with several Heaven Seated cultivators. As such, nothing unexpected should happen with such a line-up.

Just as Ning Cheng sensed Duan Gantai's position, Duan Gantai also sensed Ning Cheng's location. This made Duan Gantai quite happy. He had made a fortune by himself, and now he had news about Ning Cheng. What was better than this?

Even if he could not find any news about Ning Cheng, he had still decided to visit Jiangzhou Star to search for Ning Cheng's traces. Unexpectedly, Ning Cheng appeared before he reached Jiangzhou Star. Moreover, he understood that since Ning Cheng unsealed the Connecting Spirit Silk, Ning Cheng also wanted to find him. Therefore, knowing that Ning Cheng wanted to see him, Duan Gantai also couldn't wait to come to Jiangzhou Star.

Just as Ning Cheng finished arranging accommodations for Shen Mengyan and others and came out, Duan Gantai appeared on the starry sky public square. The public square right outside Jiangzhou Star's Star Protecting Grand Array.

"Brother Duan, long time no see. Nice to see you after such a long time." Ning Cheng greeted Duan Gantai on the public square from a distance. However, he felt slightly surprised. Although Ning Cheng sensed Duan Gantai's location, he couldn't have made it to this place this quickly, even if he flew towards Jiangzhou Star at full speed.

But what made Ning Cheng even more shocked was that Duan Gantai's cultivation looked no weaker than him, at the middle-level of Life and Death Realm. He cultivated with the help of the Mysterious Yellow Bead, and the Mysterious Yellow Origin, along with the support of Starry Sky Spiritual Veins and many Permanent Essence Pills. Only with all that did he manage to advance to the middle-level of Life and Death Realm so quickly. So how come Duan Gantai managed to keep up with him?

Just as Ning Cheng felt shocked, Duan Gantai also felt shocked. He could not clearly see Ning Cheng's cultivation, but he could vaguely feel that Ning Cheng's cultivation was the same as his. It even felt slightly stronger. He had initially thought that he would quickly leave Ning Cheng behind in the dust with his cultivation speed. But facts proved otherwise. Ning Cheng's cultivation not only reached his level, it even showed signs of overtaking.

The only reason he managed to reach the middle-level of Life and Death Realm this quickly was because of a recent heaven-sent opportunity. He had obtained a part of a strange treasure belonging to the Guardian Temple, one of the three temples of Striking Order Starry Sky. It was this that allowed him to advance to the middle-level of Life and Death Realm. But what did Ning Cheng rely on? How did he cultivate so fast?

Unfortunately, he didn't have the real None-to-depend-on wine. Otherwise, he could have opened the deeper parts of the Guardian Temple and obtained better things. Opening the inner hall of the Guardian Temple required a spirit technique, the None-to-depend-on Spirit Technique. He had memorised the detailed introduction to the None-to-depend-on Spirit Technique inscribed on the entrance to the inner hall. However, without the None-to-depend-on Wine, he still couldn't understand even the surface of this spirit technique.

However, Duan Gantai believed that with his intelligence and aptitude, if he had a pot of None-to-depend-on Wine, he could understand the None-to-depend-on Spirit Technique.

"Haha. Brother Ning, there seems to be something wrong with my Connecting Spirit Silk. Fortunately, it rectified itself." Duan Gantai smiled and greeted Ning Cheng with the same warm enthusiasm.

Ning Cheng could feel the celestial essence fluctuations from Duan Gantai's body. So, he just laughed, "Brother Duan sure enjoys a lot of luck, and yet, here I am, only encountering bad luck. I entered the Ancient Shadow Temple but almost lost my life. By the way, since Brother Duan has shown up in Striking Order Starry Sky recently, did you find the Guardian Temple?"

Duan Gantai felt even more shocked. However, he quickly laughed it off. "How could that be possible. The Guardian Temple is one of the three great temples of Striking Order Starry Sky, ranked even above the Temple of Time. Besides, even if I did find it, I can't enter it by myself. Brother Ning, we are old friends and have not seen each other for a long time. Why not find a nice quiet place to have a drink first?"

Ning Cheng didn't doubt Duan Gantai's words. He anyway wanted to ask Duan Gantai about the Boundary Breaking Talisman. But he didn't expect Duan Gantai would propose to have a drink first.

He was just about to agree, but when the words appeared at the tip of his tongue, Ning Cheng's heart suddenly jolted. Duan Gantai reached here in quite a hurry. So, it was reasonable to say that the first thing he would put forward was to enter the Temple of Time together. Why would he suddenly propose to sit down and have a drink? Besides, how did Duan Gantai come here so quickly?

Swallowing what he was about to say, Ning Cheng sighed and said. "Oh, Brother Duan, I wish I had the time to have a drink with you and then head to the Temple of Time. Unfortunately,"

Duan Gantai suddenly felt a shadow creep up within his heart. He had asked Ning Cheng for a drink to naturally draw out the None-to-depend-on Wine. He already had prepared an excuse to ask Ning Cheng to give him some wine. And that excuse was that he liked the None-to-depend-on Wine a little too much.

He had already obtained information that Ning Cheng had taken out the None-to-depend-on Wine during a feast with Chuan Xinlou and the others. From this, he guessed that Ning Cheng most likely had killed Mutual Dependence Chamber of Commerce's Zhu Zhengfeng and taken away his things. If he wanted None-to-depend-on Wine, he could only find it on Ning Cheng.

Making the connection that Ning Cheng could kill Zhu Zhengfeng, Duan Gantai initially felt both shock and admiration in his heart towards Ning Cheng. If Zhu Zhengfeng could die this easily, he would have already murdered Zhu Zhengfeng a long time ago. Unexpectedly, before he could even attempt it, Ning Cheng had already finished it.

“What a pity? Is Brother Ning facing any difficulty? If Brother Ning doesn’t mind, you can talk to this brother of yours. If this brother of yours can help, he will never refuse.” Duan Gantai patted his chest and said impatiently.

Ning Cheng hesitated for a moment before nodding, “Okay then, can I ask how Brother Duan reached here this quickly?”

Duan Gantai chuckled and made a very embarrassed and simple gesture. “I know that I don’t have a quick speed. And I was afraid that I wouldn’t be able to meet with Brother Ning in time. So, I simply set up a temporary teleportation array outside Jiangzhou Star where Brother Ning lives. Fortunately, my attainments in array formations improved quite a bit....”

Hearing this, Ning Cheng suddenly realised that with Duan Gantai’s shrewdness and cunning, he should have thought about it a long time ago.

Duan Gantai continued with an honest voice, “But even so, I don’t think my array formations can match up to Brother Ning. Since Brother Ning can already arrange a Star Protecting Grand Array, I feel somewhat embarrassed about myself.”

Even he couldn’t have done it in one go. From this, he understood that Duan Gantai had most likely set up multiple Transmission Arrays to quickly reach this place. Moreover, from his words, Ning Cheng also realised that Duan Gantai wasn’t sure if he had personally arranged this Star Protecting Grand Array. Thinking of this, Ning Cheng gave a simple reply. “Truth be told, I had help in arranging this Star Protecting Grand Array. I couldn’t have arranged it by myself. Brother Duan thinks too highly of me.”

Duan Gantai couldn’t tell if Ning Cheng spoke correctly or not. But he still spoke with the same positivity, “Brother Ning, in any case, you managed to take over a celestial river and built a sect in such a short amount of time. Something that I wanted to do too. Compared to Brother Ning, it feels like I am just fooling around.”

Ning Cheng shrugged and didn’t want to continue such hypocrisy with Duan Gantai. Instead, he said, “I want to visit a place, but I lack a Breaking Boundary Talisman. I heard that Brother Duan has a Breaking Boundary Talisman. I don’t know if Brother Duan can give me that Breaking Boundary Talisman....”

Duan Gantai, on hearing that Ning Cheng wanted a Breaking Boundary Talisman, immediately felt his heart tightening. It wasn’t easy for him to get this Breaking Boundary Talisman, but now that Ning Cheng asked for it, should he give it to him or not? If Duan Gantai didn’t take it out, Ning Cheng might also not give him any None-to-depend-on Wine, and he should stop asking Ning Cheng for anything.

“I really do have a Breaking Boundary Talisman. But I obtained it from Yu Clan’s Corner. It’s just that I promised it to a friend already. He said that he would help me get a dozen pots of None-to-depend-on Wine for it. If not for that, I would have already given the talisman to Brother Ning.” Duan Gantai hesitated for a while before speaking up with some embarrassment.

Truth be told, for this Breaking Boundary Talisman, Ning Cheng would have even given up a portion of the shares from the Temple of Time. He had even contemplated giving one of the Time Keys to Duan Gantai. Yet unexpectedly, Duan Gantai didn’t even speak about the Temple of Time and spoke about None-to-depend-on Wine. For Ning Cheng, None-to-depend-on Wine was just a thing to drink. Even at

its best, it could only help people get a slightly more in-depth understanding of the None-to-depend-on Spirit Technique.

But Duan Gantai shouldn't know about the None-to-depend-on Spirit Technique. So, for what purpose did he want jars of None-to-depend-on Wine? Moreover, a dozen jars? Besides, how could a dozen jars of None-to-depend-on Wine be as valuable as a Breaking Boundary Talisman? At least not unless he took out the real top-quality None-to-depend-on Wine obtained from the secret Mo Clan's wine cellar.

As these thoughts flashed through Ning Cheng's mind, he smiled and spoke, "That's a real pity. I only have three jugs of None-to-depend-on Wine; otherwise, I would have given it to Brother Duan for free."

Duan Gantai internally cursed at Ning Cheng for such shamelessness. Three jars of None-to-depend-on Wine for a Breaking Boundary Talisman, wasn't this just too much? But then when he thought of the things within the Guardian Temple, he immediately suppressed the discomfort. Not to mention three pots of None-to-depend-on Wine, he only needed a single jar of None-to-depend-on Wine. If he comprehended the None-to-depend-on Spirit Technique and entered the inner hall of Guarding Temple, he wouldn't mind pinching his nose and finish the exchange.

"Three pots of None-to-depend-on is much better than nothing. Many thanks, Brother Ning, for giving it to me for free." Duan Gantai repeatedly thanked him.

Ning Cheng also replied in kind, "Okay, okay, it's only a small matter."

Duan Gantai, on seeing Ning Cheng not taking out the None-to-depend-on Wine, understood that Ning Cheng had a face no thinner than his own. He could not force Ning Cheng with just words. Therefore, he begrudgingly took out a jade box and opened it in front of Ning Cheng. "Ning Cheng, as long as you can give those three pots of None-to-depend-on Wine, I wouldn't care about this friend anymore. It's his own fault that Brother Ning and I met earlier. Brother Ning, please accept this Breaking Boundary Talisman."

Although he said those words, in fact, he did not hand over the box to Ning Cheng. Just like Ning Cheng didn't trust him, he didn't believe Ning Cheng either.

Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness scanned the jade box, making sure that it was the real Breaking Boundary talisman. Confirming that it indeed was the real one, he simply took out three pots of None-to-depend-on Wine and left it suspended in front of him. What he took out was the None-to-depend-on Wine from Zhu Zhengfeng's ring. As for the real top-quality None-to-depend-on Wine, he didn't even think about giving it to Duan Gantai.

With both quickly receiving what they wanted, they both felt quite happy. Moreover, Duan Gantai felt that Ning Cheng's None-to-depend-on Wine was of a higher quality than the real None-to-depend-on Wine he had once drunk before. This made him feel somewhat strange.

"Brother Ning, I had come here looking for you to head to the Temple of Time. Unfortunately, I must give this None-to-depend-on Wine to someone else. I can only meet Brother Ning again after I finish this task." Duan Gantai put away the three pots of None-to-depend-on Wine and spoke with some sadness.

Ning Cheng felt even more suspicious in his heart. What the hell did Duan Gantai want to do with those pots of wine? What was more important than entering the Temple of Time? Despite the doubts in his mind, Ning Cheng did not ask. Besides, even if he asked, he wouldn't get a proper answer anyway.

Duan Gantai and Ning Cheng exchanged a few more 'polite' words before Duan Gantai quickly flew away on a flight-type weapon. In just an incense stick's worth of time, Ning Cheng could no longer sense Duan Gantai's position through the Connecting Spirit Silk. Sensing that, Ning Cheng understood that this fellow had once again sealed the connection of Connecting Spirit Silk, which meant that Duan Gantai was up to something.

Ning Cheng felt slightly helpless and could only seal his Connecting Spirit Silk. Duan Gantai, that cunning bastard, would not allow someone to follow him.

Besides, now that he obtained the Breaking Boundary Talisman, and confirming that Duan Gantai couldn't enter the Temple of Time, should he head to Graceful Star Mainland? But just as he thought about Graceful Star Mainland's law suppression, Ning Cheng immediately felt a headache welling up inside of him.

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Chapter 762: Returning to Graceful Star Mainland

Ning Cheng realised that this was the most appropriate time to go to Graceful Star Mainland. At this time, no one would care about him. Moreover, no one knew about the life and death of Chuan Xinlou and the others. Devil Domain and Demon Domain can't take care of themselves right now either. While Spirit Heaven Grand Starry Sky also has its own problems. As for Culmination Grand Starry Sky, only Chen Xingwen could stir something. However, even if he wanted to, he wouldn't come to offend his Mysterious Yellow Sect at this time.

Therefore, there shouldn't be any problems cropping up for the time being even if he left Jiangzhou Star. If he chose to leave Jiangzhou Star in the future, and in case Chuan Xinlou and the others escaped shortly after, he really wouldn't feel right about it. In any case, his sister Ning Ruolan still was in seclusion in Jiangzhou Star.

Moreover, Striking Order Heavenly Emperor had also not come out. Although his strength surpassed Striking Order, his influence was still not on the same level as Striking Order. He wanted to post notices to look for Luofei and Qionghua in all corners of Striking Order Starry Sky. But he knew it wouldn't generate much effect without the support from Striking Order Heavenly Emperor. Moreover, it had already been quite some time since he established the Mysterious Yellow Sect. Yet, he didn't receive any news about Luofei and Qionghua. From this, he guessed that the two were most likely living in seclusion and might not come out for the near future.

Therefore, he must take advantage of this opportunity and take a trip to Graceful Star Mainland. After thinking over the issues, Ning Cheng decided that now was the only appropriate moment to re-enter Graceful Star Mainland.

With the Breaking Boundary Talisman, the only other thing that could stop him was Graceful Star Mainland's law suppression. Ning Cheng clearly understood that it would be impossible to make a quick advancement to a level where a low-level mainland's law wouldn't affect him. Even if his Mysterious

Yellow Bead could go against the heavens to help him reach that level quickly, he simply didn't have the necessary cultivation resources.

Therefore, to get to the Graceful Star Mainland and get the giant's eye back, the only way was to prevent the lower-level interface's law from suppressing him. Ning Cheng thought that since he could simulate the celestial wheel, then maybe he could use the same principle to prevent the laws from crushing him in a low-level interface.

If this plan didn't work, he would then try suppressing his cultivation. Using the Mysterious Yellow 'Formless Traceless', he could completely suppress his cultivation down to the Domain Realm.

Without the Breaking Boundary Talisman, Ning Cheng would have definitely tried to look for opportunities to cultivate and advance to the Eternal Realm first. But now that he obtained a Breaking Boundary Talisman, Ning Cheng promptly made the decision to head back to Graceful Star Mainland. If Striking Order Heavenly Emperor had still not returned, he would then try to look for ways to take control of Striking Order Starry Sky. And then distribute the message to find Luofei, if she was still within the Striking Order Starry Sky.

A few days later, Ning Cheng stood on the Receiving Heaven's Stone, feeling a few deep emotions emerging in his heart.

Yan Ji was forced to escape on reaching this place, and he also had rescued Yi Zhuzhu, who was chained and tortured in this place. He had later saved Yi Zhuzhu's parents, Yi Jin and Chang Manyin, in Border City.

He had saved the dying Yi Zhuzhu and had even used the Essence of Wood to treat her, treating Yi Zhuzhu as family.

Yet, how did Yi Zhuzhu repay him? Luofei, who had taken her in as a sister, got tricked into entering the Storm Bridge by others. Not only did she not investigate it, but she also didn't even want to rescue her. Instead, she cleaned out his and Luofei's cultivation chamber and gave it to the male cultivator who framed Luofei.

After he returned, Yi Zhuzhu not only showed any remorse but also tried to help that male cultivator who wanted to harm Luofei. She had utterly forgotten the kindness they had shared with her. At that moment, even he couldn't believe that a heart could turn so cold.

If that was the case, it wouldn't have mattered too much. Ning Cheng would have still written off Yi Zhuzhu's behaviour as a result of not having any experience with dealing with people. But after he killed the man who framed Luofei, her eyes had turned grey from hatred. She might have managed to hide it from others, but it couldn't escape Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness. He could tell she had entirely erased the help and grace not just to her but also to her family.

Besides, with Luofei trapped in the Bridge of Storms, she didn't even bother about searching for her. Instead, she concentrated only on cultivating and serving her 'sweetheart'. If not for Yi Jin and Chang Manyin, Ning Cheng would have killed Yi Zhuzhu with a fireball right then and there. In life, the one thing he hated the most was people who willingly forget the gratefulness and gratitude shown to them by others. Yet, Yi Zhuzhu had blown past that limit.

These scenes continued to flash through Ning Cheng's mind. After a long time, Ning Cheng gave a sigh and took out the Breaking Boundary Talisman.

Ning Cheng had just brought out the Breaking Boundary Talisman and activated it when it transformed into a white aperture, which immediately took away Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness spread out and quickly felt the various interfaces flashing past him. This made Ning Cheng relieved. With his cultivation and the Breaking Boundary Talisman, sure enough, he could choose the interface without the risk of entering the wrong place.

The next moment, a blue ocean appeared in front of Ning Cheng. The Graceful Star Ocean. Ning Cheng recognised it at a glance.

Without waiting for Ning Cheng to take any action, chaotic laws surrounded him. Even the surrounding space started to issue creaking-like noises. The power of space, time, and every other attribute squeezed towards Ning Cheng as if they rejected his very presence. It felt as if these laws would either self-destruct and turn this part of the world into nothingness or crush Ning Cheng into fragments.

Ning Cheng, on the contrary, felt as if he could easily tear apart the void and leave whenever he wanted.

Since he finally returned to Graceful Star Mainland once again, how could Ning Cheng leave? But just when he was about to suppress his own cultivation, the Mysterious Yellow Origin Aura from the Mysterious Yellow Bead suddenly started to spread out. At this moment, his Sea of Consciousness, meridians and even Dantian began to overflow with the Mysterious Yellow Aura. But what made Ning Cheng feel even more absurd was that he could feel a similar law aura starting to emerge within the Mysterious Yellow Bead.

In just a few breaths, the power of law suppressing Ning Cheng suddenly disappeared without a trace. Ning Cheng stood over the Graceful Star Ocean in surprise and didn't sober up from this change for quite some time.

The Mysterious Yellow Bead had actually assimilated the Graceful Star Mainland's law aura. In fact, the Mysterious Yellow Bead had even absorbed a part of all law forces suppressing him. By taking the law aura in, the Mysterious Yellow Bead ended up creating a balance between his strength and the law outside. This way, he could appear on this low-level interface without any restrictions over his cultivation. As such, he didn't need to suppress his cultivation at all and could walk anywhere he wanted.

In other words, even if he used his full power to waste the Graceful Star Mainland, the laws wouldn't suppress him at all.

Ning Cheng breathed in a sigh of relief and let his spiritual consciousness stretch out. With the laws here no longer affecting him, his spiritual consciousness could now scan almost the entire Graceful Star Mainland, except for a few places.

Graceful Star Ocean, he had travelled this particular area a few times and had even obtained a 9-coloured Mirage Tree.

Thinking of the 9-coloured Mirage Tree, Ning Cheng suddenly thought of a cultivator named Mu Xunlin. This Mu Xunlin was just a Sect Master of a small sect. Back then, this impoverished cultivator had asked to borrow a spiritual artefact[1] from him.

Ning Cheng sighed and took out a token. Mu Xunlin had asked him to take his Sect Master Token to his son Mu Nan, but he had too many things on his mind and had almost forgotten about this little thing. If Ning Cheng hadn't returned to Graceful Star Mainland today and recalled the 9-coloured Mirage Tree, Ning Cheng wouldn't have recalled such a trivial matter. Besides, the only reason he accepted this task back then was due to Mu Xunlin's Formless Sect sharing a somewhat similar name to his cultivation method.

As Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness slowly spread out, he found that the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect's imposing manner still stood over solid foundations. Although he didn't see too many familiar cultivators, it seemed that Rainbow Fall Sword Sect had developed quite well.

Seeing the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect doing well, Ning Cheng didn't plan to return to the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect. He, however, wanted to look for An Yi, Elder Sister Shu along with Taishu Shi and the others before going to the Forsaken Land.

Ning Cheng's powerful spiritual consciousness quickly found the Formless Sect in Tian Continent. However, what made Ning Cheng a little speechless was that the former 4-Star Formless Sect he had heard from Mu Xunlin's mouth was now nothing more than a bunch of broken-tiled houses. In fact, he couldn't find even a single decent building, nor any disciples coming and going.

If it wasn't for a huge stone stele with three engraved characters 'Formless Sect' lying on the ground outside the 'sect', Ning Cheng wouldn't have found this place. But even the stone stele of the Formless Sect looked mottled and covered with moss.

In just a few breaths, Ning Cheng stood in front of a relatively intact tiled-house. In fact, among the almost run-down buildings of the Formless Sect, this one looked only slightly better.

The tiled house only had one man and two women. The man had an Essence Building 2nd Level cultivation. Of the two women, the one in red robes was an Essence Building cultivator, while the other one wearing a grey dress was at True Condensation 3rd Level.

The woman in red robes had a storage ring, but the man and the grey-robed female cultivator used storage bags.

"Mu Shan, how long have we been living here? Most of Tian Continent's major sects are currently selecting disciples. What's the use of staying in this place? Over the years, our cultivation bases haven't improved at all. If you even have the slightest bit of motivation, don't stay here guarding this broken place. Why not come with me to participate in Rainbow Fall Sword Sect's Disciple Selection?" The one talking was the red-robed female cultivator. She not only spoke with an anxious tone and disjoint sentences but also looked emotionally unstable.

Mu Shan pursed his lips and said nothing. Regardless of what and how the red-robed female cultivator spoke, it made him look like a loser.

“Big Sister Hong Yi, don’t curse at Brother Shan. If you want to curse, curse at me. I’m the one who always asks Brother Shan to stay, sorry....” The one speaking was the grey-robed woman this time.

The woman in red robes hadn’t spoken to this woman in grey robes yet. But when she heard this grey-robed woman’s words, she immediately turned around and pointed at the woman in the grey dress.

“Cao Yun, do you always have to make cynical remarks? If it wasn’t for such a shameless woman like you, Mu Shan and I would have already become disciples of a big sect.”

“Big Sister Hong Yi, this is Brother Shan’s business. We both are also Brother Shan’s women, and should always stay with Brother Shan.....” The woman named Cao Yun spoke with an even more cowardly voice and a timid expression.

“Slap” The woman named Hong Yi raised her hand and slapped Cao Yun’s face. “It’s because of you that Mu Shan is like this today. Get the fuck out....”

Cao Yun held her red cheek and backed away in panic.

“Enough.” Mu Shan shouted with a cold voice. “Wei Lengyu, do you still have any conscience? When the three of us obtained cultivation resources, you were the first one to use it all up. As for the only ring we obtained, you kept it too. What does Little Yun use? She’s still using a low-level storage bag till now, with a True Condensation 3rd Level cultivation. Not only do you not feel grateful, but you’ve also never shown any warmth towards Little Yun. I, Mu Shan, might not have the ability, but just as Little Yun said, this is my business. In any case, you already made it clear that this Mu Shan can’t even reach your level. If you want to go become a core disciple of Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, then go. Little Yun and I can just stay here.”

“Mu Shan, you....” Wei Lengyu didn’t think that Mu Shan, who loved her so much, would blame her like this. But when she saw the cold look on Mu Shan’s face, she felt aggrieved and rushed out while covering her face. Even though she saw Ning Cheng standing outside the entrance, she only stopped for a short while out of surprise before running away again.

“I’m sorry, Brother Shan, I’ll go and try to persuade Big Sister Hong Yi to come back. I’m sure she’ll get over her anger.” Still sporting the five fingerprints from the slap, Cao Yun came forward and anxiously spoke up.

Mu Shan shook his head, “Forget it, she’s not the one who can share the joys and sorrows with me. Thank you, Little Yun, I’ve really wronged you over these past few years. Besides, I’m staying here not because I want to stay, but certainly not because of your persuasion.”

Cao Yun’s eyes had already turned red, and she was about to speak when she saw Ning Cheng walking in towards them. She immediately swallowed the words and looked at Ning Cheng with confusion just like Mu Shan.

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Chapter 763: Mu Clan’s Stone Table

“Is your name Mu Shan? Who is Mu Xunlin to you?” Ning Cheng asked the male cultivator looking at him.

Mu Shan obviously couldn't see Ning Cheng's cultivation. So, when he saw Ning Cheng ask about Mu Xunlin, he quickly bowed and replied, "Answering to senior, Mu Xunlin is my grandfather."

"That means Mu Nan is your father?" Ning Cheng could see some similarities between Mu Shan and Mu Xunlin, which allowed him to guess at a few things.

"Yes, did Senior come here for my father?" Mu Shan showed some caution in his eyes. A person he had never seen had come to ask about his grandfather and father. This made him somewhat cautious and suspicious.

"Your grandfather gave me this token before he died and asked me to give it to his son Mu Nan. But because I got held up by a few personal matters, I couldn't come here immediately. It was only a coincidence that I caught sight of your sect and came here. Since your father Mu Nan is not here, you can have it." With that, Ning Cheng put the Sect Master Token into Mu Shan's hand.

Mu Shan heard Ning Cheng's words calmly but received the token with trembling hands. At the same time, his eyes also turned red after confirming the authenticity of the symbol. His father had told him repeatedly before death that grandpa would definitely return. In fact, the only reason he stayed here, apart from guarding the already finished Formless Sect, was to wait for his grandfather to return. But now grandpa hadn't returned, all that came back was a sect master token.

Mu Shan grabbed the token with both hands and bowed to Ning Cheng, "Many thanks, for bringing back my Formless Sect's token. Can benefactor honour me with your name, this junior will always remember your kindness."

For Mu Shan, he knew that he most likely would have no chance to repay Ning Cheng's kindness. So, this kindness, he could only bear in his heart.

Ning Cheng nodded, "It's just a minor thing, you don't have to worry about it. Besides, your grandfather and I only interacted a few times. Your grandfather only wished for the growth of the Formless Sect. So, I hope that you can work hard at cultivation and fulfil your grandfather's will. Since the token returned to you, I'll take my leave."

Ning Cheng had come here purely to return a favour. He had helped Mu Xunlin back then, now, in a strange twist of fate, he brought back Mu Xunlin's Sect Master Token. Besides, it didn't take any extra effort at all.

Seeing Ning Cheng about to leave, Mu Shan quickly spoke up, "Senior, please stay for a moment. This junior has a few words to say to this senior."

After he finished speaking, Mu Shan turned his head and said to Cao Yun, "Little Yun, you go out first. I have a few words to say to this senior in private."

"Okay." Cao Yun made a well-behaved sound before turning around and leaving.

Ning Cheng had a strange expression over his face. He had just now noticed a few weird things with Cao Yun as she went out. Moreover, with what he saw of Mu Shan's attitude towards Cao Yun, it was quite reasonable to assume that he would not ask her to leave.

“Senior, this junior’s father had passed on a few things to me before he passed away. He said that if Grandpa really doesn’t manage to return, and if someone else came back with his Sect Head Token, I was supposed to take them to the Formless Sect’s Stone Stele and then disband the Formless Sect. I’m here not to just guard the Formless Sect but also to guard the stele.” After Cao Yun went out, Mu Shan spoke up with a humble voice.

Stone stele? Ning Cheng thought to himself in doubt.

“It’s the stone stele with the three characters ‘Formless Sect’ engraved. The one currently covered in moss. In fact, one of the three characters for ‘Formless Sect’ was added later.” Mu Shan, on seeing Ning Cheng’s doubt, quickly explained.

Ning Cheng’s spiritual consciousness immediately fell on the initially unremarkable stone stele currently sprawled on the ground. This time, he paid more attention and found that one of the three characters for ‘Formless Sect’ had a different feel to it. In fact, the first two characters ‘Formless’ had a subtle grandeur embedded into it. It even had a hint of a vague unrecognisable aura. As for the word for ‘Sect’, it looked flat and dull, without any sign of grandeur.

What shocked Ning Cheng, even more, was the small area within this stone stele that his spiritual consciousness could not penetrate. Not only that, but he also felt a somewhat familiar aura coming from it.

This stone stele definitely held a secret.

Ning Cheng didn’t immediately go to the stone stele. Instead, he had decided to help out Mu Shan. Regardless of the strangeness of this stele, Ning Cheng could tell that Mu Shan had diligently followed his father’s instructions to guard Formless Sect’s stone stele. Ning Cheng might not have fully agreed to it, but he still admired such people in his heart.

“Mu Shan. I can see that you and Cao Yan share quite a good relationship with each other. So why did you send her out to talk to me?” Ning Cheng asked with some doubt.

Mu Shan responded quickly, “Senior, my father stressed on this point too much and even forced me to make a vow. He said that information about the stone stele cannot spread out and that I can only speak about it to the person who brought back the Formless Sect’s Sect Master Token. Moreover, when speaking about the stone stele, I should not have anyone else around. Otherwise, it would only bring harm to everyone involved.”

There was one other sentence that Mu Shan did not say. His father had also said that any cultivator who can return the obscure 4-Star Formless Sect’s Sect Master Token, was entitled to own this stone tablet.

“Do you know the origin of this stele?” Ning Cheng asked again.

Mu Shan nodded, “It was my great-grandfather who had obtained this stone stele and was also the one to uncover the word ‘Formless’ on the stele. My great-grandfather felt that this stone stele had some extraordinary characteristics to its, and added the character for ‘Sect’ after ‘Formless’ to establish the Formless Sect. It got passed down from generation to generation until it reached me. With the stele sent away, the Formless Sect will also disappear forever.”

So, this was the case. Ning Cheng immediately had an improved impression of Mu Shan. He also understood Mu Nan's intent. The Mu Clan couldn't solve the mystery of this stone tablet even after several generations. At the same time, Mu Shan only had average qualifications and talent, and thus shouldn't be able to solve it. Because of the strangeness of this stele, if he left it in Mu Shan's care, then not only would it waste Mu Shan's time, it might create even more trouble for his family. Therefore, Mu Nan simply asked his son Mu Shan to give away the stone stele.

"From what I saw just now, you seem to have two lovers...." Instead of asking about the stone tablet, Ning Cheng asked about the two women.

When Mu Shan heard Ning Cheng's words, his face suddenly turned red. He spoke up with some embarrassment, "This junior's family affair will only make Senior laugh."

Ning Cheng only showed a slight smile, "I'm not laughing. I'm just asking about what you plan to do?"

Mu Shan didn't know why this senior wanted to ask about such things. But since Ning Cheng asked, he had to speak up. "Hong Yi and Little Yu are both women I love. But I feel like Hong Yi is not someone who I would like to share life's joys and sorrows with. So, I decided to take Little Yun out of this place and become a rogue cultivator."

"I heard Hong Yi speak about Rainbow Fall Sword Sect recruiting disciples. She is right you know, why not go to Rainbow Fall Sword Sect?" Ning Cheng asked in doubt.

Mu Shan shook his head, "Rainbow Fall Sword Sect is just too far from this place. I simply don't have the spiritual stones to reach that place. Besides, even if I could go, I know that Rainbow Fall Sword Sect wouldn't select me. I know my own limits."

Ning Cheng said, "Mu Shan, if I were you, and I had to choose between those two women, I would choose Wei Lengyu instead of Cao Yun to share your joys and pains."

"Ah...." Mu Shan looked at Ning Cheng in disbelief. Facing the very selfless woman who accompanied him through all the hardships, why would he choose a very selfish woman? Why would he even consider such an option?

Ning Cheng gave a calm reply. "That Cao Yun doesn't share the same sincerity as you. She not only has a lot of cultivation resources on her, but she has also sealed her cultivation. Her real cultivation is at Profound Core 2nd Level, not True Condensation 3rd Level."

During the random scan before, Ning Cheng had really thought that Cao Yun was at True Condensation 3rd Level. For an ordinary female cultivator, he naturally did not care too much about it. Moreover, he wouldn't stoop to that point where he would consciously look at her through his spiritual consciousness. Later, however, when Cao Yun walked by him, his gaze once again fell on her for the second time. Only then did he notice the restriction over Cao Yun.

Moreover, Cao Yun had placed that sealing restriction on herself, so it didn't create any unusual fluctuations. Combined with the fact that he didn't care, he had ignored it at first sight. But now that he decided to help Mu Shan, he naturally started to care about it.

Cao Yun had not only sealed her cultivation through her own restrictions but also had a storage bracelet. It's just that she kept her storage bracelet hanging between her breasts, something Ning Cheng wouldn't

consciously pay any attention. However, now that he looked again, Cao Yun's storage bracelet had a lot of high-rank spiritual stones.

In contrast, the number of spiritual stones in Mu Shan's ring looked quite pitiful. Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness then caught up with Wei Lengyu and forcibly opened Wei Lengyu's ring. But found the number of spiritual stones inside just as pitiful. Not at all more than Mu Shan's amount.

Mu Shan opened his mouth wide and couldn't believe Ning Cheng's words. He felt just too familiar with Cao Yun. Why would she put a restriction on herself and seal her cultivation? He had nothing on him worth anything. Besides, if Cao Yun really wanted something from him, wouldn't it be much easier to just ask him directly or even kill him?

"Does Wei Lengyu usually pick on Cao Yun?" Ning Cheng asked Mu Shan again despite his surprise.

Mu Shan apparently hadn't recovered from Ning Cheng's previous words and took a while to answer. "No, this was the first time Hong Yi cursed at Little Yun."

Ning Cheng sneered, "If I'm not wrong, then as long as Wei Lengyu does not dare to come back, Cao Yun will kill her."

"Why?" Mu Shan still felt reluctant to accept Ning Cheng's words.

Ning Cheng did not answer. As his domain stretched out, he raised his hand and made a grabbing motion. In just a few moments, a crystal ball appeared in Ning Cheng's hand. He then threw the crystal ball at Mu Shan and said, "You can see for yourself."

This crystal ball was Ning Cheng's memory crystal ball[1] about Cao Yun. Cao Yun had come to the Formless Sect to find something. She only knew that this 'thing' was something very remarkable, and was acquired by Mu Xunlin's father in the past. As for what it was, she didn't know at all.

It's just that when she came here, Mu Xunlin's father had already fallen and Mu Xunlin had also gone missing a long time ago. Mu Xunlin's son, Mu Nan, had also fallen, leaving behind only Mu Nan's son, Mu Shan. With Cao Yun's strength, she couldn't search Mu Shan's soul as he had already reached the Essence Building Realm. As such, she could only stay beside Mu Shan and put up an act.

It's just that Mu Shan always kept his father's words in his mind and never revealed the secrets of Formless Sect's stele.

But staying together for a long time, Cao Yun started to develop some feelings for Mu Shan. Besides, she also wanted to find a chance to kill Wei Lengyu, but Wei Lengyu never left Mu Shan's side. But this time, Cao Yun had successfully angered Wei Lengyu. But before she could take any action, Ning Cheng appeared with the Sect Master's Token. This development immediately caught her attention. Unfortunately, despite hiding outside and trying to listen in for a long time, she heard nothing.

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Chapter 764: Luofei's Sister

After Mu Shan watched this memory crystal ball, his hands couldn't stop trembling. He never expected that Cao Yun, who showed so much consideration and understanding to him, would actually have such a

scheming mind. No wonder she always tried to reassure and be considerate of him to not be anxious and emphasised on rebuilding the sect slowly. She did everything to help herself.

After a few minutes, Mu Shan finally calmed down. He then bowed to Ning Cheng and spoke, "Senior, this junior wants to leave this place to find Hong Yi. This junior beseeches senior to let Cao Yun go this once. She...."

Mu Shan really couldn't say any more. The higher the expectation, the bigger the disappointment.

Ning Cheng showed a faint smile, "Cao Yun and I have no quarrel or hatred. Why should I deal with her?"

"In that case, this junior returns Cao Yun's crystal ball to you. This junior will take his leave now." Mu Shan respectfully handed over the crystal ball to Ning Cheng before turning away to leave.

"You wait...." Ning Cheng called out to Mu Shan and took out a ring before handing it to him. "This ring should be enough for you to cultivate to the Crucible Transformation Realm. It also contains three Sword Talismans inside and can protect you three times. Even Crucible Transformation cultivators wouldn't be able to do anything against you with those."

Ning Cheng was not a sword cultivator. He was actually not that proficient with swords, but with spears. But in a place like Graceful Star Mainland, just one of his Sword Talismans could sweep through almost every obstacle.

Mu Shan took the ring given by Ning Cheng in amazement and immediately understood that this senior had truly given him a heavenly opportunity. There were just too many things inside. Wasn't this opportunity presented by this Senior a bit too big? Could it really help him cultivate to the Crucible Transformation Realm? Three Sword Talismans that could counter Crucible Transformation cultivators? Was this a dream or something?

"Where do you want to go?" Seeing Mu Shan's bewilderment, Ning Cheng had to ask.

"I'm going to find Hong Yi, and then take her to Rainbow Fall Sword Sect to test my luck...." Mu Shan gave a subconscious reply.

"I'll take you there. By the way, I also left a crystal ball in that ring with a message. If you really want to join Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, just take this crystal ball out to the cultivators in charge of recruiting disciples. Tell them my name, Ning Cheng...."

After Ning Cheng finished, he simply waved his hand and Mu Shan, standing in front of him, disappeared without a trace.

Thousands of miles away, a female cultivator in red robes sat on a bluestone with her head down, looking very lonely. She had seen many people in her life who left wanting to become stronger, yet she never said a word. Was it wrong to scold him for not showing any ambitions and not looking for opportunities? Living in the broken and run-down Formless Sect all day long, in addition to increasing sorrow and dispelling ambition, it didn't serve any purpose.

A breeze blew by, immediately sobering her up. She looked up and froze, staring at Mu Shan standing in front of her in a daze.

“Mu Shan, you....” Wei Lengyu immediately screamed in surprised. Since Mu Shan could appear here, then he must have followed her. This made her feel less wronged in her heart. She had followed Mu Shan for many years, and it looks like Mu Shan had also not forgotten her completely.

Mu Shan felt terrified. He had been to this place before, so he knew this place like the back of his hand. This place was at least a few thousand miles away from the Formless Sect. That senior named Ning Cheng had only waved his hand and the next thing he knew, he had appeared here. Even Crucible Transformation experts didn’t have such great spirit techniques, right?

“Mu Shan, what’s the matter with you?” Seeing Mu Shan looked a little confused, Wei Lengyu quickly called out.

Mu Shan recovered, stepped forward and grabbed Wei Lengyu’s hand, “Hong Yi, I’m sorry, I shouldn’t have yelled at you.”

“That’s all in the past. Since you don’t want to go to a big sect, let’s go back to our Formless Sect.” Although Wei Lengyu really wanted Mu Shan to come with her, she knew that Mu Shan wouldn’t leave Formless Sect quickly.

Mu Shan shook his head, “No, Hong Yi, let’s go to Rainbow Fall Sword Sect together. I got a recommendation from a senior, he said that as long as I took out the crystal ball..... eh, wait....”

Speaking of which, Mu Shan stopped talking and muttered to himself, “Ning Cheng, Senior Ning Cheng.....”

“Ning Cheng?” Wei Lengyu felt really happy when she heard Mu Shan willing to go with her to participate in the Disciple Selection of a major sect. But now seeing Mu Shan muttering the words ‘Ning Cheng’, she also looked at Mu Shan in confusion. She didn’t understand what Mu Shan meant by ‘Senior Ning Cheng’.

“I understand now. Senior Ning Cheng is Rainbow Fall Sword Sect’s Sect Master. Back then, he had fought against several big sects by himself and even eradicated the Red Star Sword Faction. He had even taken out the Mirage Tree to perfect the entrance to Heaven’s Way. Sect Master Ning.....” Mu Shan trembled with excitement. He finally recalled who Ning Cheng was. This person was the most influential and the most authoritative expert, famous throughout the Tian Continent.

“Did you say Sect Master Ning recommended you to Rainbow Fall Sword Sect, Senior Ning Cheng?”

Wei Lengyu finally reacted, feeling even more excited than Mu Shan. She also recalled the young cultivator she saw when she had rushed out of the sect.

Mu Shan spoke up with an incoherent voice, “Yes, it has to be Sect Master Ning. Let me see...”

After Mu Shan recalled Ning Cheng’s identity, his spiritual consciousness immediately swept into the ring he had received. The next moment, he couldn’t help but feel shocked. Piles of medicinal pills, piles of spiritual stones, top-grade cultivation methods, top-ranked True Artefacts.....

Only after a long time did Mu Shan take in a deep breath. It was no wonder that Senior Ning Cheng said that these things could help him cultivate all the way to Crucible Transformation Realm. With so many things, did he still want to go to the Rainbow Fall Sword Sect?

“What’s wrong?” Wei Lengyu felt both excited and worried about Mu Shan’s current state.

Mu Shan took a deep breath to calm himself and pulled Wei Lengyu, “Hong Yi, let’s go.”

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Cao Yun still stood outside the broken building. Just when she felt her head turning a little dizzy, Ning Cheng came out.

“Senior....” Cao Yun quickly bowed to Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng nodded, “The thing Mu Shan’s grandfather Mu Xunlin got was the stone stele of the Formless Sect. Mu Shan stayed here to protect it before passing it to me. I’ve already sent away Mu Shan and also taken the stone stele. You don’t need to stay here anymore and can also undo the restriction you put on your body.”

“Ah, senior, this junior doesn’t understand what senior means.” Cao Yun spoke up with some fear.

Ning Cheng sighed, even he had to admit that Cao Yun put up a really compelling performance. He took out a crystal ball and sent it to Cao Yun. “Mu Shan asked me to leave it to you. You don’t need to return it to me.”

During his words, Ning Cheng raised his hand and put away the stone stele with the words ‘Formless Sect’ written on it.

Cao Yun shivered after watching the crystal ball. She didn’t expect anyone to read the deepest memory in her heart. It made her truly terrified.

“Remember, don’t try to create any trouble for Mu Shan; otherwise, your cultivation will really stop at True Cultivation 3rd Level forever.” Ning Cheng’s soft voice rang out, but the person had already disappeared.

Cao Yun looked at the place where Ning Cheng disappeared in horror. She didn’t expect that Graceful Star Mainland would have such an expert who could actually read her thoughts.

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Ning Cheng’s spiritual consciousness spread out once again, and soon his spiritual consciousness found the Celestial Moon Pill Sect. He had actually found a Celestial-level Restriction here. How could there be a Celestial-level Restriction in a place like Graceful Star Mainland?

After a few breaths, Ning Cheng arrived right in front of this restriction. It turned out to be a sealed-off cemetery, but with a vaguely familiar aura.

“Who are you, to dare come here and offend my Celestial Moon Pill Sect?” Someone yelled from somewhere behind Ning Cheng. Apparently, it belonged to the cultivator looking over this cemetery.

“Who built this cemetery? Who arranged the surrounding defensive arrays and restrictions?” Ning Cheng spoke with a calm voice. However, the pressure from his powerful imposing aura wasn’t something that the cultivator guarding the cemetery could resist.

Half-an-incense stick later, Ning Cheng left Celestial Moon Pill Sect. He did not expect An Yi to tear the void here and leave. Tearing the void and not having to face any suppression of laws in this place, it definitely implied an expert above the Eternal Realm. Not everyone was like him, having a powerful forged body and the Mysterious Yellow Bead.

But how could An Yi's cultivation rise above the Eternal Realm? Even if An Yi had heaven-defying talent and qualifications, she wouldn't have the necessary cultivation resources. Unless she was initially a cultivator above the Eternal Realm and came here with suppressed cultivation, which she then released later to leave.

Ning Cheng immediately thought back to when he had met her. An Yi's master had mentioned that An Yi wasn't an ordinary person. She had also said that An Yi couldn't marry anyone. As those thoughts churned, he then thought of the statue that looked like An Yi. The one that Ning Cheng had taken from the Temple of Fallen Stars. It felt like he had caught onto a vague secret but at the same time couldn't understand anything at all.

An Yi's first master didn't have very high cultivation. In fact, it was quite low. But since she could tell that An Yi was not someone ordinary, something must have happened when she took An Yi under her. However, she didn't mention anything about it.

In any case, An Yi could leave by herself, which meant that An Yi no longer was the soft and weak little nun from back then. This made Ning Cheng feel genuinely happy for An Yi.

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Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness did not find Taishu Shi and Lan Shu but found his old acquaintances Zhu Mu'er, Cang Shuo, Zhangsun Yan and others. However, he didn't go to meet them.

Half an hour later, Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness stopped outside a makeshift market. His sweep had found a young female cultivator who looked quite similar to Luofei. But when his spiritual consciousness left this female cultivator and swept through one of the corner shops of the makeshift market, he saw two more acquaintances. Ji Luofei's mother Xiong Qihua and Zhu Hongwen who never left Xiong Qihua's side. Xiong Qihua seemed injured, but Zhu Hongwen still accompanied Xiong Qihua at her side.

This place was located near the edge of the Lost Mountains, near a river called Dragless River[1]. It was another place Ning Cheng had been to in the past. When he and Meng Jingxiu had come out of the Angry Axe Valley, they had come out near the edge, close to Dragless River.

It used to be a deserted place before. But now it had a sizeable makeshift market with many cultivators coming in and out of the Lost Mountains. Ning Cheng had already guessed that something might have changed in the Lost Mountains when he had come out in the past, but now it didn't look like it posed much danger. Otherwise, ordinary cultivators would never dare to enter it.

Ning Cheng didn't need to guess. He knew that the female cultivator, who looked similar to Luofei, was Xiong Qihua's second daughter. Thinking back to how Xiong Qihua breached the subject of her pregnancy to Luofei, Ning Cheng just shook his head. He planned to leave, not intending to stop and say hello.

Ning Cheng was just about to recall his spiritual consciousness when he saw a green-robed woman walk towards the female cultivator who looked similar to Luofei. She seemed to say something to her in a loud voice. But just after speaking a few words, the woman raised her hand and slapped Luofei's step-sister.

The green-robed woman yelled a few more words after slapping her and then left. Luofei's sister covered her face with her hand but remained calm. Looks like she experienced too much of this already.

Ning Cheng hesitated for a moment, thinking about whether he should leave or not.

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Chapter 765: Past Events

"What's your name?" Ning Cheng asked the female cultivator who looked somewhat similar to Luofei.

The female cultivator cautiously stared at Ning Cheng and took a few steps back unconsciously before saying, "Who are you? I've never seen you before."

"My name is Ning Cheng. And yes, you haven't seen me before." Ning Cheng replied. Back when he saw Xiong Qihua, this female cultivator had not been born yet.

After hearing Ning Cheng's words, the female cultivator immediately looked at Ning Cheng in shock. Her mouth remained open for a long time before she finally managed to speak up, "Are you really Ning Cheng? No wonder you feel so familiar. Are you sister Luofei's Dao Companion? Where is my big sister?"

Hearing the words of this female cultivator, Ning Cheng immediately understood that Xiong Qihua must have told her many of the past matters. She must have also shown her his original portrait. But since he currently had a substantial beard covering his face, it was normal for her to not recognise him immediately.

However, when he heard this female cultivator asking about Luofei, Ning Cheng didn't know how to answer.

Fortunately, this female cultivator didn't even wait for Ning Cheng to answer. She immediately pulled Ning Cheng aside and said, "Brother-in-law, come with me. I have to tell you a few things."

Ning Cheng felt surprised at this lady's ability to improvise on the spot. He also marvelled a bit at her unrestrained actions. But he quickly understood how she got such skills. Surviving in this place, why would someone foster a princess disease or something similar? Arguably, she wasn't Nalan Ruxue, who had a severe case of princess disease. In any case, both were totally different types of people.

"Oh, I forgot to introduce myself. My name is Zhu Nianfei." Zhu Nianfei pulled Ning Cheng into a humble rest stop next to him. She raised a hand and threw out a middle-rank spiritual stone to the store assistant and said, "I want a booth. You can keep the change."

The store assistance speechlessly took the spiritual stone and murmured to himself. "You just gave me a middle-rank spiritual stone. Just enough for two people. What the hell would I get out of this?"

Ning Cheng, however, noticed the flash of pain in Zhu Nianfei's eyes. To not ask directly, his spiritual consciousness fell into Zhu Nianfei's storage bag. Inside her storage bag, he only found two low-level spiritual stones along with some low-level spiritual grasses. The contents couldn't be any more

depressing. Also, the storage bag only contained a broken middle-rank Ordinary Artefact. Apart from that broken middle-rank Ordinary Artefact, that piece of middle-rank spiritual stone should have been the most valuable thing to her. Yet, she used it to cater to a guest.

Moreover, the things in Zhu Nianfei's storage bag didn't match her cultivation. Being at True Condensation 1st Level, she should've had more wealth. Seeing this, Ning Cheng immediately thought back to his past when he was also a True Condensation cultivator. He observed that even back then, he was many times richer than the current Zhu Nianfei. Back then, he used to have at least a few tens of thousands of spiritual stones, and most of them high-ranked spiritual stones.

Entering the booth, Zhu Nianfei activated the restrictions and then poured Ning Cheng a cup of tea.

The tea served within the booth wasn't even a spiritual tea of the lowest level. But Ning Cheng knew that Zhu Nianfei didn't have any spiritual stones to buy spiritual tea.

Seeing Ning Cheng calmly take a sip out of the teacup, Zhu Nianfei quickly asked, "Brother-in-law, how did you come to this place? Did my big sister also come with you?"

Ning Cheng showed a slight pause before replying, "Your big sister isn't here yet. I just came here to help my friend get something back."

"Brother-in-law, my mother said that you're not someone simple. You should be doing well, right? I can't see your cultivation level, so you must almost be at the Essence Building Realm, right? Is my big sister's cultivation also the same as you? Where do you guys live?" Zhu Nianfei behaved as if she wasn't talking to a stranger, and continued to chat with Ning Cheng like a close relative. In fact, she treated Ning Cheng as her own family and threw out a bunch of questions.

Almost Essence Building Realm? Ning Cheng coughed and internally said to himself, "I'm at the middle-level of Life and Death Realm. If you could actually see my cultivation, would you have even dared to talk to me? Essence Building Realm, huh, even I forgot how long ago it was."

"I just wander around. I've been wandering around for a long time now. But I did find a place to settle down, and Luofei should be returning soon too."

Zhu Nianfei didn't overthink about Ning Cheng's words. In her mind, Ning Cheng and her big sister Luofei already lived together. She reasoned out that her big sister had gone out looking for resources and that her brother-in-law came here to get something.

As for her big sister going out alone to search for resources, it was something regular for her. This was how she was raised here and still lived to this day. Besides, wasn't it normal for people to find their own cultivation resources? As for dangers, wasn't cultivation already a risky ordeal?

"Well, I just saw a green-robed woman slapping you, and I saw how you looked quite similar to Luofei, so I came here to look...." Ning Cheng, from the few words exchanged, understood that Zhu Nianfei had a temperamental personality but was a straightforward person.

Zhu Nianfei touched her face out of embarrassment before speaking, "It's nothing. It's not the first time this happened. I owe them some spiritual stones. But since I have no way of paying them back, it's what I deserve."

“How many spiritual stones do you owe them?” Ning Cheng asked in doubt.

“More than 50,000 middle-rank spiritual stones....” Zhu Nianfei spoke with a sigh.

Ning Cheng looked at Zhu Nianfei in disbelief, “How did you come to owe them this much?”

For Ning Cheng, he might not even make an effort to bend down and pick 50,000 middle-rank spiritual stones even if they were just lying there. However, for Zhu Nianfei, who just used up her only middle-rank spiritual stone, this was a sum she wouldn’t be able to pay back in her lifetime.

“My mother got seriously injured in the Lost Mountains and needs a lot of healing pills. But we didn’t have any spiritual stones to buy those healing pills, so I had no choice but to borrow some from others. My father takes care of my mother and can’t leave her side, so only my brother and I can return those spiritual stones.” Zhu Nianfei spoke out in helplessness.

Ning Cheng’s spiritual consciousness had already located Zhu Hongwen, who had reached the Essence Building 3rd Level. Just as Zhu Nianfei said, Xiong Qihua’s injuries needed something higher than low-level healing pills. Moreover, she also required true essence infusions from time to time, or her meridians would collapse on itself, turning her into a cripple. Since Zhu Hongwen stayed beside Xiong Qihua, he should be the one giving her those infusions.

“You said you also have a brother?” Ning Cheng asked out of mild curiosity.

Zhu Nianfei nodded, “Yes. My brother’s name is Zhu Nianluo. He’s currently in the Lost Mountains.”

“Since you called me here and even spent a middle-rank spiritual stone, you probably need something from me, right? If you don’t have enough spiritual stones, I can give you some.” Ning Cheng asked, guessing that Zhu Nianfei wanted to borrow some spiritual stones from him.

Zhu Nianfei hesitated for a bit before speaking up. “Yes, I initially had this plan. But now that I know that you and my big sister are also in a difficult spot, I’ll just go borrow spiritual stones from others.”

Ning Cheng mentioned that he had always been a wanderer and had only recently found a place to settle down. Hearing that, Zhu Nianfei had immediately dispelled the idea of asking Ning Cheng for some spiritual stones. They still had at least a place to live, while Ning Cheng had only recently found a place to settle down, which in her mind was even worse than their situation.

This wasn’t the Tian Continent, so she didn’t know Ning Cheng’s prestige and assumed that Ning Cheng, just like them, was having a hard time. She didn’t know that Ning Cheng spoke about a celestial river in a starry sky, not a humble cave in a makeshift market like them.

Without waiting for Ning Cheng to speak, Zhu Nianfei continued. “Besides, I also have one other thing to speak with you here. My mother had told me that if she still hadn’t recovered, and that if I met you one day, I must apologise to you on her behalf. My mother had deceived my big sister because she really didn’t want to be separated from my big sister.”

After saying that, Zhu Nianfei stood up and bowed to Ning Cheng before sitting down again. “Brother-in-law should already know that my mother’s name is Xiong Qihua. But you might not have known that my mother was already in a relationship with my father before she married my big sister’s father. It’s just that the Ji family had too much power. Moreover, my grandfather didn’t want my mother and my father

to come together due to his grassroots' origin. However, my father always worried about my mother. So, he decided to also go to the Ji family's house and became a servant."

Ning Cheng frowned slightly. He anyway did not have a favourable impression of Xiong Qihua. Even if he put that aside, he did not like Zhu Hongwen very much.

Zhu Nianfei didn't pay attention to Ning Cheng's expression and continued, "Although my father took up the position of my mother's servant, he never overstepped it. Not even when the Ji family fell and decided to move to the Ping Continent. But in Daan Forest, the Ji family almost disappeared. My father desperately tried to protect my mother and escape. It was not until my mother knew for sure that Ji Xuanzhang had fallen, did she and my father permanently retire to the Daan Forest. As for the rest of the things, my mother said you already know."

"Regardless of whether you and my big sister came here to look for my mother or for something else, I brought my mother's words to you. Thank you for listening to me. I'll be taking my leave now."

"Boom...." Just when Zhu Nianfei stood up, the restrictions on the booth blew open. The previous store assistant stood at the door along with two more people right behind him. One of them was the green-robed woman who had slapped Zhu Nianfei before and a middle-aged brown-haired man.

Ning Cheng had already seen these three coming towards them but did not speak up. Since Zhu Nianfei owed them spiritual stones, he already guessed that they had come to collect their debts. Regardless of how much she owed, he decided to help her pay it back.

"It's time for you to cough up those spiritual stones. The time rented for a middle-rank spiritual stone has already passed." The store assistant first pointed at Zhu Nianfei and yelled.

Zhu Nianfei's eyes flashed with panic before she quickly recovered. She then calmly spoke up, "I have already calculated the time, it should be just right."

The store assistant sneered, "It's from when you arrived. As long as you went over by even one breath, our rest stop's policy is to chalk it up to a second spiritual stone."

"You...." Zhu Nianfei almost couldn't speak out of anger when she heard those words. However, she really had unparalleled endurance. She instantly reigned in her rage and spoke up with a calm voice, "I'm really sorry. I didn't know about this rule. Please allow me to go back and find a way to pay you back."

The store assistant still wanted to talk, but the green-robed woman immediately stepped to the front. She then sneered and spoke, "Zhu Nianfei, did you think you could jerk us around using such filthy tactics? You used a spiritual stone for this rest stop, yet didn't you say that you don't have any spiritual stones to return to us?"

"Sister Xia Xuan, I really don't have any spiritual stones. My brother-in-law came over today, so I took out the only middle-rank spiritual stone I had and invited my brother-in-law to the rest stop for a few words. Sister Xia Xuan, just give me a few more days, I will definitely raise some spiritual stones to pay you back." Zhu Nianfei sincerely spoke up. If Ning Cheng hadn't seen the green-robed woman slapping Zhu Nianfei and heard her words, he would have definitely thought that Zhu Nianfei and this green-robed woman were friends.

“Give you a few days? How many days have we already given you? I’ve already told you of a place where you can make spiritual stones. Why don’t you go there?” The green-robed woman gave a disdainful reply.

Zhu Nianfei still spoke earnestly, “Sister Xia Xuan, even if I die, I won’t go to the Duan Cultivation Mansion. But please rest assured, Sister Xia Xuan, I will definitely be able to raise a portion of the spiritual stones.”

“Bitch, don’t try to find excuses to drag things out.....” The green-robed woman raised her hand to slap Zhu Nianfei once again.

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But before the green-robed cultivator could slap Zhu Nianfei’s face, everyone heard a resounding ‘slap’. The green-robed woman then went flying with a trail of blood spewing out of her mouth, crashing into a booth opposite to them. In fact, she smashed into it with so much force that it destroyed the restrictions covering it.

A man and a woman sitting within the booth immediately stood up in anger. But when they saw the green-robed woman and the middle-aged man with brown hair, they didn’t dare to speak up and quickly rushed out.

The green-robed woman slowly managed to crawl out of the debris and stand up after spitting out several teeth and a mouthful of blood. She looked around in horror, and everyone could see a purple hand-print on her face.

“What’s going on?” The brown-haired man also looked around in surprise and asked.

The green-robed woman shook her head in confusion, “I don’t know. Someone suddenly slapped me, but I don’t know who did it.”

In their view, no one here had made any movements.

“You don’t need to look around. I slapped you just now. How much spiritual stones does Zhu Nianfei owe you?” Ning Cheng casually took a step forward and asked.

At this time, the green-robed woman and the brown-haired middle-aged man finally recalled that a Ning Cheng was sitting with their target. When they heard that it was Ning Cheng who slapped her, they both immediately started to panic. Moreover, they couldn’t see Ning Cheng’s cultivation at all.

Without any visible movement, he had slapped a late-stage True Condensation Cultivator across the room with just true essence. This act went beyond the realm of essence spirit[1].

Against essence spirit cultivators[2], even if they brought in many experts, it still wouldn’t be enough.

“Replying to senior, it’s five.... No 30,000 middle-rank spiritual stones....” The middle-aged brown-haired man was the first to reach and quickly replied.

50,000 middle-grade spiritual stones, it included the interest. But with such an expert like Ning Cheng here, who was also Zhu Nianfei’s brother-in-law, how could they even dare to add it for Zhu Nianfei?

Ning Cheng wanted to take out 50,000 middle-rank spiritual stones. But just as he was about to move, his hand suddenly stopped in mid-air. He remembered that he didn't have even a single middle-rank spiritual stone. In fact, the worst 'currency' on him was high-ranked spiritual stones, followed by top-ranked spiritual stones, starry sky crystals, Perpetual Moon Pills, etc.

Realising Ning Cheng's power, that forced Xia Xuan to completely shut up and not even dare talk about the principal's interest, Zhu Nianfei felt pleasantly surprised.

"Brother-in-law, you don't need to help me, I have a way to return it to them." Zhu Nianfei, who felt surprised, also noticed the pause in Ning Cheng's hand. She immediately guessed that Ning Cheng might not have enough spiritual stones.

"No need." Ning Cheng finished waving his hand, and 3,000 high-ranked spiritual stones appeared out of thin air, suspended right in front of the green-robed woman.

"Take your spiritual stones and get lost. Leave as far away as you can." Ning Cheng finished with ridicule.

"Yes, yes...." Ning Cheng had returned the spiritual stones. But even if Ning Cheng did not return the spiritual stones, the two people wouldn't have said even half a word in displeasure.

"Senior.... They had forced me. My rest stop would never charge for just a little extra time...." The stone assistant stood in shock as he saw the green-robed female cultivator and the brown-haired man leave in a panic. Fortunately, he had a good head over his shoulders and quickly tried to explain things to Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng didn't care about this store assistant. He just took out a storage bag and handed it to Zhu Nianfei. He also left a few words, "There is a jade box inside. Give the medicinal pill inside to your mother. She should recover soon with it, so I'll be leaving."

Ning Cheng had already taken a look. As long as Ji Luoifei's mother recovered from her injuries, they wouldn't need to worry too much. In any case, two Essence Building cultivators had enough strength to deter most of the people in this place.

By the time Zhu Nianfei took the storage bag, Ning Cheng had already left.

Seeing Ning Cheng disappear, the store assistant also quickly left without any word. Even if he felt emboldened, he would never dare to pick a fight with Zhu Nianfei in his life.

Zhu Nianfei stood in a daze for a long time before finally reacting. Recalling Ning Cheng's words that the storage bag contained a medicinal pill that could heal her mother, her spiritual consciousness immediately swept in.

The first thing she saw was not a jade box with the medicinal pill but a ring. A storage bag for a ring? Zhu Nianfei quickly understood Ning Cheng's intent. She lived mostly by herself in such a place. As such, the experiences had already polished her mind and reactions on a fundamental level.

She immediately left to find a secluded place. Then, grabbing the ring in her hand, she let her spiritual consciousness sweep inside.

Looking at the tens of millions of high-ranked spiritual stones, heaps of bottles containing medicinal pills, along with the numerous piles of Spiritual and True Artefacts almost made her scream.

Just as Ning Cheng guessed, although Zhu Nianfei felt immense shock, she managed to quickly contain her excitement. She put away everything and walked out without haste looking completely normal.

However, no matter how calm she looked on the surface, she couldn't calm her violently beating heart. What kind of treasures did Ning Cheng obtain that he took out so many things for her? Even a medium-sized sect wouldn't be able to come up with this much treasure, right?

Ning Cheng didn't seem to have a very affectionate attitude towards her, yet he still gave her so many things. From this, she understood that her brother-in-law had countless times more wealth than what she had imagined.

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What Ning Cheng gave to Zhu Nianfei might have been a heavenly fortune for Zhu Nianfei. But for Ning Cheng, it was just giving away things that were useless to him and occupied unnecessary space.

As for taking Zhu Nianfei's family away, Ning Cheng never even thought of it. He only helped Xiong Qihua and Zhu Nianfei because of Luofei. Moreover, he would never bring people like Zhu Hongwen to meet Luofei.

At this point, Ning Cheng had already reached the deepest part of Lost Mountains. Although the edge of this Lost Mountains no longer felt dangerous, when Ning Cheng arrived here, he still felt a strong suction force.

If Ning Cheng was still in the Crucible Transformation Realm or even the Domain Realm, he would have found it impossible to resist this suction force. But now, to Ning Cheng, this suction force was like a vacuum cleaner on his palm. It didn't affect him at all.

At the centre of this Lost Mountains was a huge circular pit with a person sitting at the edge. Ning Cheng had come here because he knew this person. A red-robed woman. When Ruolan had asked her name, she had replied with 'Shiluo Xin'[3]. But then she said that she didn't know who she was.

"You?" As soon as Ning Cheng arrived at the side of the pit, the red-robed woman immediately recognised him.

Ning Cheng nodded, "Yes, it's me. Is this your place?"

He had speculated long ago that this red-robed woman was not as simple as she appeared. But now Ning Cheng felt even more shocked on seeing her once again. He was already at the middle-level of Life and Death Realm, yet he still couldn't see the cultivation of this red-robed woman.

The red-robed woman nodded. "Yeah. I remembered that I came from here. I should also be able to leave from here. But I have a vague feeling in my heart that once I entered, I would never come out. Over the years, I have seen many people falling into it and even use various flight-type weapons to try an escape. But none ever managed to come out. I've been hesitating whether I should go in or not."

Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness swept into the pit, but once again felt shocked with what he observed. His powerful spiritual consciousness disappeared without a trace in an instant it entered the hole. Moreover, he couldn't detect anything from inside of it. Previously, he used to think that only the

suction force originated from this point, and didn't take the centre of the Lost Mountains seriously. But now he understood that he was wrong.

After the red-robed woman finished speaking, she did not care whether Ning Cheng answered or not. However, she looked at Ning Cheng in doubt and said, "Eh, I'm the only one who can come here. How did you get here?"

"I saw you and stopped by to say hello. You've been here for so many years, so did you find the answer to your question from back then?" Ning Cheng asked.

"No, I still wonder who I am." The red-robed woman tilted her head and looked at Ning Cheng. After she finished speaking, she then immediately added another sentence. "I visited you when you were trying to surmount the tribulation because I felt a strange aura. I felt like I have sensed this aura before somewhere."

Ning Cheng once again felt surprised. The aura she talked about during his attempt to surmount the tribulations most likely was the Mysterious Yellow Origin or the Good Fortune Aura. Since this red-robed woman had sensed this aura before, it meant that she definitely had an extraordinary background.

"I'm leaving." Ning Cheng said. Ning Cheng had a feeling that this red-robed woman was extremely dangerous.

"Wait..." The red-robed woman immediately called out to Ning Cheng. "You are the only one who can get here apart from me. Can you answer my question? Should I go down?"

Ning Cheng hesitated for a bit before replying. "I don't think you can come back from there. I also don't think it's a place you want to go. It most likely is a terrible place."

The red-robed woman scratched her head again and repeated the words to herself, "Then what should I do? What should I do?"

As she kept asking the same question to herself over and over again, the red-robed woman's expression grew more and more anxious. It seemed as if the question she had always wondered was now answered, but it was not the answer she had expected.

Ning Cheng sighed. "You don't have to worry. Well, if you trust me, then you can come with me. I can take you out of the Graceful Star Mainland if you want. I guess you came here from another high-level interface."

If one talked about sympathy, then Ning Cheng did feel some sympathy towards this red-robed woman. But more importantly, he had a vague feeling that this red-robed woman was not a sinister figure. Graceful Star Mainland was only a low-level interface. With this red-robed woman's cultivation, she could have easily destroyed the whole mainland with just a wave of her hands. Yet, she did not.

It's not that she wouldn't do it, but that she also knew the consequences of doing so. At the same time, just because she didn't do it now didn't mean that she wouldn't do it in the future. If one day, she really stopped thinking and destroyed the Graceful Star Mainland, that would be the end of everything in this place.

“Did you mean that you can take me back?” The red-robed woman immediately put down her hand that kept pulling at her hair and quickly grabbed Ning Cheng in surprise.

Ning Cheng had no choice but to reply, “I only meant that I might be able to help you in your hometown. But I’m not completely sure about this, nor can I guarantee it.”

To Ning Cheng’s surprise, the red-robed woman felt very satisfied with Ning Cheng’s words. “Of course, I’ve been living here for so many years and still couldn’t come up with an answer. You can take me with you, I’m sure you’ll find it slowly. Yes, I’ll come with you.”

“Okay, then let me seal this place first.” Ning Cheng said and took out some array flags and started to put them down.

“I’ll help you.” The red-robed woman finished and also took out some array flags to help Ning Cheng. Her array formation attainments matched Ning Cheng at every step.

Ning Cheng took in a deep breath on seeing this. He now fully understood that this red-robed woman not only had much higher cultivation but also had extraordinary attainments in array formations.

After an hour, the two completely sealed the giant pit. Then Ning Cheng turned around and said, “My name is Ning Cheng, and I will call you Shiluo Xin from now on. Let’s leave this place. But first I have to retrieve something before we finally leave this Graceful Star Mainland.”

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Chapter 767: Returning to Forbidden Grounds

“Don’t you have a younger sister named Ning Ruolan? How come she’s not with you?” The red-robed woman asked something unrelated.

“Ruolan is in secluded cultivation right now. But it’s none of your business. Just remember not to ask unnecessary questions. Otherwise, I’ll not let you follow me.”

“Then, can I be your younger sister, Ning Ruolan?” The red-robed woman asked again. But when she saw Ning Cheng’s unhappy expression, she quickly spoke up. “I don’t like the name, Shiluo Xin. I just didn’t want to forget that I came from Lost Mountains. But since I’m leaving this place, I feel like I should change to a nice-sounding name. If you think it’s not good to take your younger sister Ning Ruolan’s name, then let me be your big sister, um, also named Ning Ruolan.”

Ning Cheng felt that she must have damaged her brain when crossing through positional planes’ interfaces. So, he patiently replied, “I don’t need a big sister, and it’s not appropriate for you to become my big sister either. If you want to change your name, then let it be Ning Ruo.... Ning Ruoqing. It’s similar to my sister’s name.”

The red-robed woman didn’t care about it initially. But halfway through, she grabbed Ning Cheng’s hand in surprise and exclaimed, “Good, I’m your younger sister Ning Ruoqing from today.”

“Okay, now that you have a good name, we need to go to a place before leaving.” Before the red-robed woman accepted the name Ning Ruoqing, Ning Cheng only wanted to take her out of Graceful Star Mainland out of sympathy and some worry.

But after this red-robed woman changed her name to Ning Ruoqing and expressed her desire to become Ning Cheng's sister, Ning Cheng started to feel a little more connected to her. He felt as if his feelings towards this red-robed woman had changed entirely. This feeling, even Ning Cheng found it very strange. It was as if this red-robed woman was truly his younger sister Ning Ruoqing and that Ning Cheng truly was Ning Ruoqing's elder brother.

Ning Cheng didn't know it yet but letting this red-robed woman call him 'big brother' was the most arrogant and ignorant thing he had ever done in his life.

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The Hidden Mist Cemetery looked the same as before, still covered in a cold and gloomy mist. However, unlike then, Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness could now directly sweep through everything within this Hidden Mist Cemetery. No matter the spiritual consciousness-hindering array formations, restrictions, or other obstructions within Hidden Mist Cemetery, nothing could hide under his gaze.

"What are you looking for in this place?" Ning Ruoqing kept following Ning Cheng and copied everything Ning Cheng did. Now that she saw Ning Cheng suddenly stopping, she asked a question out of curiosity.

Ning Cheng gave a reply. "Right, when I returned to this place, I couldn't help but think that there is something strange about this place."

Ning Cheng, at his current level, could easily tear apart any Isolation Array Formations and restrictions covering the Forsaken Land with just a wave of his hand. But he suddenly had a strange thought. Why did Graceful Star Mainland have so many fallen powerhouses? In all respects, it was just a low-level interface.

Just beside him was Ning Ruoqing, who wanted to be his younger sister. Then there was Cang Wei, who he rescued from the Blood River Mountains and Taishu Shi's ancestor Taishu Yi. Plus, there was also that soul-devouring old fogey.

Not only those fallen experts but this mainland also contained many strange places, like the Forsaken Grounds, Angry Axe Valley, and quite a few Immortal Mansions. He had even obtained the Celestial River Flame from one of these Immortal Mansions' entrances. Thinking of Immortal Mansions, Ning Cheng also recalled that woman with white hair[1].

Ning Cheng had found no trace of that white-haired woman or even any traces of that old fogey. But regardless, both the old fogey and that woman had some tricks up their sleeves.

Fortunately, or unfortunately, the old fogey confused him with someone else and got scared. So, Ning Cheng believed that this old fogey had already gone into hiding, which was why he couldn't find any trace of it. As for the woman, he didn't have any idea about her.

"What is it?" Ruoqing casually asked.

Ning Cheng thought for a while before looking at Ning Ruoqing and asking a question. "Do you have any recollection of what happened before you came to this place?"

Hearing Ning Cheng's words, Ning Ruoqing started pulling at her hair again.

Ning Cheng quickly replied, "Forget it. Don't think about those things. In the future, you can slowly uncover it step by step."

Finished speaking, Ning Cheng lifted his hand and tore away all the isolation restrictions and array formation in front of him. The Forsaken Land's desert then suddenly appeared within the range of Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness. Seeing that, Ning Cheng took one step forward and shouted, "Don't think about it. Just come in quickly."

Ning Ruoqing truly stopped thinking about it and followed Ning Cheng into the Forsaken Land.

In the beginning, anyone entering this place would find their cultivation sealed. But when Ning Cheng came again, he couldn't feel anything at all. Even Ning Ruoqing, who came in behind him, felt no pressure. It once again proved that her cultivation exceeded Ning Cheng.

"There is an eye at the bottom of the lake. But I don't like that dagger." Standing next to the white-robed ghost lake, Ning Ruoqing frowned.

Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness fell on that eye and once again felt the same aura coming from it like that from the sealed giant. However, he also felt quite lucky with his timing. A different aura had already invaded this eye. If he had not come here, someone would have already refined this eye in a few more years.

Ning Cheng couldn't see the dagger initially, but now he could feel the power coursing through this dagger.

Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness swept out and quickly reached Princess Mann in Yaren City. As for the original City Master Yi Zhonghuan, he had long since disappeared, even his son had vanished. The great hall of the city master's mansion now only had Princess Mann, with two maids standing near the entrance.

The two maids had a deathly look on their faces, looking as if their hearts had already died.

On the outermost edge of the City Master Mansion stood rows of expressionless bodyguards, as well as some more maidservants with similarly pale faces.

The entire Yaren City felt as if it had lost its original life force with a deathly aura filling up each corner. Even a living person looked like a walking corpse.

As for Princess Mann, her face had turned entirely blue, and the cyan crystal point on her forehead had significantly expanded, looking like a smoky third eye.

Ning Cheng gave a cold snort and raised his hand. This woman hadn't changed at all. Besides, just like he guessed back then, someone else occupied Princess Mann's empty shell. Using the protection offered by the City Master's Mansion in Yaren City, she wanted to refine the eye at the bottom of the lake slowly.

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Princess Mann, sitting in the City Master's Mansion, suddenly stood up and gave a cold snort. The two maids standing at the door, on hearing the cold snort, quickly walked inside.

“Ready the Thousand Chestnut Flowers, I want to take a bath.” Princess Mann spoke without any expression.

The slightly taller maid replied with a very respectful voice. “Replying to the lord, the original Thousand Chestnut Flowers are all used up, and the collection of the new batch of Thousand Chestnut Flowers is still underway. The servants are collecting them as we speak....”

“Slap....” The maid hadn’t finished speaking yet when Princess Mann slapped her face. The slightly taller maid opened her mouth and spat out a few teeth and mouthful of blood.

However, Princess Mann didn’t stop there; she grabbed the maid’s collar and raised her in the air. With a ripping sound, she then tore off the maid’s robes, revealing her white skin.

When Princess Mann saw the white skin, a trace of strange light flashed across her eyes, and she stuck her tongue out to lick her lips. However, she didn’t take the next step, but glanced at the other trembling maid and spoke the same words. “Ready the Thousand Chestnut Flowers, I want to take a bath.”

The other maid quickly bowed her head and said, “Replying to the lord, I’ll get it ready. I’ll get it ready right away....”

She had already steeled herself. As long as this King Mann agreed, she would go out and commit suicide. Staying by this woman’s side would eventually result in her death anyway, so better to die on one’s own accord.

“Slap, rip....” However, another slap resounded in the hall along with ripping noises as Princess Mann tore off the other maid’s clothes.

“Bitch, daring to lie to this King.” Princess Mann’s eyes started to glow red, looking more and more like a demon.

At this time, a sarcastic voice came over. “Princess Mann, I haven’t seen you for quite some time, and you’ve already become a king. Not only did you become a king, but you also wield quite a lot of power now.”

This abrupt voice not only surprised Princess Mann, but even the two maids also looked around in horror. They couldn’t see anyone around them, so where did this voice originate?

“Who is it?” Princess Mann asked with calm composure. However, her voice trembled slightly. She had become used to controlling the life and death of everyone around her, so she never expected such a thing to ever happen to her.

“You forgot me this quickly, huh. Back when I saw you, you made me open six holes with three knives....”

Upon hearing this voice once again, Princess Mann’s face grew pale. She immediately understood who spoke those words. After appearing in Yaren City, she had suffered only one loss, to Ning Cheng. She did not cultivate a complete cultivation method, so she understood that she wasn’t Ning Cheng’s opponent.

“I have nothing to do with you....”

Princess Mann only said a few words when Ning Cheng interrupted her. “Wrong, you not only have a grudge against me, but you’re also trying to refine my friend’s eye.....”

When Princess Mann heard Ning Cheng talking about his ‘friend’s’ eye, she became even more confused. Without waiting for her to reply, an invisible hand grabbed her neck and took her away from the City Master’s Mansion.

The two maidservants, who Princess Mann had slapped around and ripped their robes, fell to the ground. Everything they saw just now had thoroughly shocked them.

It took a while for the tall maid to react. She eventually managed to stand up and said, “Yue Min, let’s leave immediately. Let’s take advantage of this opportunity to escape.”

The other female cultivator wiped the blood off from the corner of her mouth, pursed her lips and spoke up. “Sister Lu, with her means, if she doesn’t die, escaping to any place wouldn’t be of any use. But I’ve heard of this Ning Cheng. He had once taught Princess Mann a lesson in the past. Since this Ning Cheng took away this woman, I bet that she most likely will not return.”

“You want to bet?” The maid called Sister Lu asked in exasperation.

“Let’s replace that woman and take control of this Yaren City.” The maid named Yue Min, stared at the tall maid and spoke word-for-word.

The tall maid hadn’t spoken yet when they heard Ning Cheng’s voice again. “Princess Mann won’t be returning, so you can take control of Yaren City. But keep in mind how you obtained that power. If you also act the same as Princess Man, sooner or later you’ll also face the same retribution.”

When the two maids heard Ning Cheng’s words, they quickly fell to their knees and agreed.

Ning Cheng naturally didn’t care how these two women would take control of this Yaren City. He also didn’t care as to what they did with it. Ning Cheng only left behind those words to help the innocent civilians currently residing within the city. As to whether the two maids would listen to him, he wouldn’t stay here to monitor it anyway.

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Chapter 768: Forcibly Entering Jiangzhou Star

“Senior....” When Princess Mann opened her eyes, she found herself standing next to the White-robed Ghost Lake, and her heart suddenly froze. She understood that even if she resisted, it would be meaningless.

“Tell me about your origins.” Ning Cheng left Princess Mann standing next to the White-robed Ghost Lake and asked in a cold voice.

Princess Mann panicked and replied, “This junior doesn’t know. All this junior knows is that it’s just a broken spiritual soul. I have no memories of my previous life. I only know that the eye in this White-robed Ghost Lake is mighty. And that as long as I could refine it, I could find everything I wanted. After roaming around and cultivating for more than 100 years in this place, I finally managed to recall a method of taking over a body. So, I took over the body of Princess Mann of Yaren City. As for the rest of the things, senior should already know about it.”

After hearing Princess Mann's words, Ning Cheng didn't ask any follow-up questions. Instead, he just threw out several array flags.

These array flags completely wrapped around Princess Mann, which forced a scream out of her. In just a few breaths, the smoky blue eye on Princess Mann's forehead transformed into a blue-coloured aura that then rushed into the bottom of the lake and blended into the eye.

After integrating with the blue-coloured aura, the strange aura within the eye at the bottom of the lake started growing weaker. In just half an incense stick of time, the cyan crystal point on Princess Mann's forehead disappeared without a trace. The moment the cyan crystal point vanished, every scrap of living aura within Princess Mann's body also vanished.

Ning Cheng then cast a fireball to turn the body, that had already fallen entirely under body possession, into nothingness. He then turned to Ning Ruoqing and said, "I'm going to pull out the dagger. If there's an accident, please remember to help me."

"Don't worry; it's just a little thing." Ning Ruoqing said without any concern.

Although Ning Ruoqing answered casually, Ning Cheng still arranged several trapping formations outside the White-robed Ghost Lake. He had a hunch that this dagger wouldn't remain dormant once he started.

After laying the trap formations, Ning Cheng stepped into the lake in one step. He raised his hand and reached out for the dagger's hilt.

The moment he touched the black dagger, however, Ning Cheng felt his blood starting to boil, wanting to rush out and into the knife. Luckily, he did not come into contact with this black dagger back then. Otherwise, just the boiling blood would have already ruptured his body, killing him instantly.

But at this moment, although his blood stilled boiled, it couldn't affect him. Ning Cheng quickly gathered his celestial essence and pulled upwards.

The moment Ning Cheng pulled out the black dagger, a terrifying vortex formed in Ning Cheng's palm. The next moment, the knife broke free from Ning Cheng's clutches and rushed out.

Although surprised, Ning Cheng fully deployed his domain outwards and rushed out while shouting, "Ruoqing, help me seal the array formation."

The same moment that Ning Cheng pulled out the black dagger, the huge eye at the bottom of the lake began to bleed, and the blood quickly stained the whole lake. It's just that Ning Cheng couldn't control the eye at all. Besides, he also had a strong feeling that he shouldn't let this black dagger escape; otherwise, it would only bring him endless troubles.

But even without Ning Cheng's reminder, Ning Ruoqing had already started sealing the array formations. She had already decided to trust Ning Cheng fully, so how could she let this dagger escape?

While Ning Ruoqing quickly activated the array flags, the black dagger continued to struggle violently. It managed to tear through one formation after another.

However, with Ning Ruoqing helping out, it made things much easier for Ning Cheng. His celestial essence and spiritual consciousness, along with his domain, managed to wrap around this black dagger

before it could escape out of range. And with Ning Ruoqing helping him in sealing it, he quickly started to refine it.

As Ning Cheng continued to refine it, the primary trap formation that he had set up around the White-robed Ghost Lake also started to stabilise. Following which, the dagger's struggles also started growing weaker.

An hour later, Ning Cheng managed to finish destroying the original Spiritual Sense Restriction on the dagger. But just when Ning Cheng erased the dagger's Spiritual Sense Restriction, a dull, angry roar erupted from somewhere within the void. Fortunately, Ning Cheng had now taken full control of the black dagger, calming its violent nature. Ning Cheng felt relieved on seeing this. With the destruction of the Spiritual Sense Restriction on the blade, it was only a matter of time before he thoroughly refined this dagger.

However, Ning Cheng didn't continue to refine the dagger; instead, he took out a jade box and sealed the knife inside it.

As for the White-robed Ghost Lake, it had now turned into a blood lake. However, Ning Cheng didn't feel too worried. With the culprit removed and under control, he could now take away the giant's eye.

Throwing out a dozen more array flags into the White-robed Ghost Lake, the blood within the lake started coming together around Ning Cheng's array flags. A moment later, the blood then began to flow back into the huge eye in the bottom of the lake.

After another incense stick worth of time later, the blood colour in the White-robed Ghost Lake faded away, returning to its original colour. The huge eye at the bottom of the lake now looked utterly relaxed, and no longer bled out.

Ning Cheng then constructed a huge jade box and then said to the eye at the bottom of the lake, "I will take you away from here, and I promise that one day, I will bring you to your master."

After finishing this sentence, Ning Cheng raised his hand and waved. It caused the eye to float up and enter the jade box. He then sealed the jade box with as many restrictions as he could.

"You came here just for this eye?" Ning Ruoqing didn't speak until Ning Cheng finally put away the eye.

Ning Cheng nodded, "I owe someone a favour. So, I will send this eye back to return that favour."

"Why?" Ning Ruoqing asked in doubt.

Why? Ning Cheng didn't know how to answer Ning Ruoqing. After pondering over it for a while, he replied, "It's to repay the grace of kindness."

"What if you don't return it?" Ning Ruoqing asked, still puzzled.

Ning Cheng frowned, and said in a slightly harsher tone, "If you don't repay the grace of kindness, wouldn't you be even inferior to lowly beasts?"

Ning Ruoqing nodded as if understanding the words; however, she still kept mulling over the words.

“Let’s go. We’ll go to Tian Continent and then leave from Heaven’s Way.” Ning Cheng gently pulled Ning Ruqing, who looked as if she was still contemplating his words.

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Mysterious Yellow Celestial River, Jiangzhou Star. Mysterious Yellow Sect’s Deputy Sect Master Cang Caihe, someone who rarely took part in external affairs, now stood on a public square. Just outside Jiangzhou Star’s Star Protecting Grand Array.

Six people stood across from Cang Caihe. If Ning Cheng were here, he would have realised that he had guessed it right. Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor, who had entered the Ancient Shadow Temple, had truly come out. Not only did he come out in one piece, he now felt like a completely different person. Next to Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor was a woman, Yi Jiufeng of Spirit Heaven Grand Starry Sky.

However, this time, Yi Jiufeng did not stand on the same level as Chuan Xinlou. Chuan Xinlou stood in the lead, with Yi Jiufeng just behind him. It wasn’t like before when Yi Jiufeng and Chuan Xinlou had appeared here both treating each other as beings on the same level.

Behind these two were two men and a woman. Both men were Eternal-level experts; even the woman with them was a Heaven Seated expert. In contrast, the three Heaven Seated experts standing behind Cang Caihe looked a bit too shabby.

“Brother Cang, I, Chuan Xinlou, have always respected you. You are also the premier Pill Emperor of my Culmination Grand Starry Sky. No one can predict the future, so why would you settle down in a small place as Jiangzhou Star? You should come to a wider place.” Chuan Xinlou spoke softly.

Cang Caihe showed a slight smile. “Thank you for your concern, Brother Levelled Heart. But since I promised Sect Master Ning to stay in Mysterious Yellow Sect, I will not go anywhere else. If Brother Levelled Heart still views me, Cang Caihe, as a friend, then please don’t forcibly try to enter my Jiangzhou Star.”

With those words, Chuan Xinlou understood that he couldn’t persuade Cang Caihe, so he stopped with that thought immediately. Instead, he spoke with a smile, “Sect Master Ning laid out quite a good plan. Opening the Ancient Shadow Temple and trapping all of us inside. If it wasn’t for my timing, I’m afraid he would have succeeded. Today, I came here for another reason. That is, to ask for an explanation from Sect Master Ning. Please pass along the message to Sect Master and tell him to come out. The Mysterious Yellow Celestial River is also a part of my Culmination Grand Starry Sky. So, I don’t want to destroy the Defensive Array Formation here.”

Cang Caihe frowned slightly but didn’t refute Chuan Xinlou’s words. Instead, he remained calm and said, “Sect Master had gone out for something and hasn’t returned yet. When Sect Master returns, I will pass the news of Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor’s visit to Sect Master.”

“Huh, how can I let it go just because Ning Cheng is not here? He dared to come to my Culmination Starland and kill my Dao Companion. I will let him know today how sorry he would be for making a move against this Ji Lei.” The early-stage Eternal cultivator standing behind Chuan Xinlou spoke up. Moreover, while speaking, an aura of murder started to fill up his face.

Cang Caihe wasn't good with talking anyway, so he didn't know how to answer such a provocation. However, a white-robed woman standing behind him came forward and calmly replied, "Ji Lie, do you still have any shame? How was Bao Lingling your Dao Companion? She was Yu Xingxian's Dao Companion from my Yu Clan's Corner. How did she become yours? If Bao Lingling is your Dao Companion, then what about Bao Yingge next to you?"

While speaking, the white-robed woman also glanced at the green-robed woman standing next to Ji Lie with great contempt. In terms of appearance, the woman standing next to Ji Lie was no worse than the white-robed woman and even had a fuller figure.

"Shen Mengyan, my sister died in Yu Clan's Corner. Did you think you can survive today? You're not qualified to even ask whose Dao Companion am I. You shameless slut; your own man didn't want you. So, you could only hide here and mingle with your daughter's man." The woman in green robes was Shen Mengyan's rival, Bao Yingge. However, she had lost on the battlefield of love. So, at this time, why would she let this chance go?

However, Shen Mengyan didn't feel any anger towards Bao Yingge's words. Instead, her tone became even calmer. "I'm standing right here. Whether your words are true or not, you already know it in your heart. You and your sister willingly opened your legs for others just to gain some favours. I'm afraid that you've already forgotten that you desperately pursued Yu Yuechen for a chance to stay in Yu Clan's Corner."

Ji Lie stopped Bao Yingge, who was about to jump out and waved his hand. A man with a chain around his neck then suddenly appeared in front of him.

"Shen Mengyan, look who this is? Yu Clan's Corner? Your Yu Clan's Corner is just a pile of garbage in my eyes." Ji Lie pointed to the man he held in front of him.

Shen Mengyan's face immediately changed when she saw the man Ji Lie led like a dog. Ji Lie was holding the current strongest member of Yu Clan's Corner, Yu Baihong.

Since even Yu Baihong ended up in such a position, it wouldn't be a stretch that Yu Clan's Corner wouldn't manage to escape.

"By the way, I heard that Mysterious Yellow Sect's Sect Master also has a charming little sister. I kind of love the sound of it." Ji Lie didn't care about Shen Mengyan's expressions at all.

Seeing Ji Lie still wanted to speak, Chuan Xinlou waved his hand. "Let's talk about other things first. We're going to enter Jiangzhou Star now. Pill Emperor Cang, you better get out of the way. I have neither time nor patience. As I said earlier, I just want to talk with Sect Master Ning."

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Cang Caihe stepped forward and said, "Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor, please give me some face and wait a little longer. When our Sect Master returns, we will invite Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor to our Jiangzhou Star. I believe Sect Master will return soon."

Cang Caihe didn't lie. Ning Cheng had given him a jade talisman with instructions to crush it if Chuan Xinlou came. According to Ning Cheng, as long as he hasn't left this positional plane, he would return in time.

Chuan Xinlou's face sank, and his voice no longer sounded as warm as before. "Cang Caihe, the only reason why I haven't made any moves is not because of the Star Protecting Grand Array, but just to give you some face. If you keep blocking me, then don't blame me for being rude."

While talking, Dao Charms started to flow out of Chuan Xinlou's hands, which immediately sent Cang Caihe into a panic. He could vaguely feel that Chuan Xinlou had crossed the peak of Eternal Realm and stepped into a new realm.

If Chuan Xinlou truly had succeeded in reaching the Dao Confirming Realm, then it most likely was the truth that he didn't start to give him some face.

Cang Caihe felt full of frustration. He turned his eyes to Yi Jiufeng. However, Yi Jiufeng stood there looking down her nose, acting as if she didn't want to speak at all.

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On the Starry Sky Wheel, Ning Cheng was trying to explain something to Ning Ruoqing when he sensed something and suddenly stood up.

"What's wrong? Big brother." Ning Ruoqing looked at Ning Cheng in doubt. In her view, there was nothing in the world that deserved such a reaction.

Ning Cheng didn't have the time to answer Ning Ruoqing's question. He rushed directly to the control centre of the Starry Sky Wheel and pushed Chasing Bull to the side. Ning Cheng then immediately poured all of his spiritual consciousness and celestial essence into the Starry Sky Wheel. At the same time, he also took out piles of Permanent Essence Pills and threw them into the Starry Sky Wheel's crystal trough to burn.

The already fast Starry Sky Wheel, under Ning Cheng's stimulation, reached almost teleport-like speeds as it disappeared through the starry skies without leaving even a shadow or a trail.

"Someone wants to enter my territory forcibly." After thoroughly stimulating the Starry Sky Wheel, Ning Cheng finally answered Ning Ruoqing's question.

Ning Ruoqing immediately turned furious, "Who's so bold? Do they want to die?"

Ning Cheng didn't know who it was, but he already had a vague idea. Except for Chuan Xinlou, Ning Cheng didn't believe anyone would dare to force their way into his Jiangzhou Star. Besides, Cang Caihe's reputation was also not for nothing. His fame as the Premier Pill Emperor of the starry skies was not lower than what Chuan Xinlou enjoyed. But since Chuan Xinlou dared to break into his Jiangzhou Star, then he should have already succeeded in reaching Dao Confirming Realm.

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"Regardless of if Ning Cheng is here or not, I'm going inside even if I have to use force. No, I'm going in. The Named Descendant Celestial River was a celestial river originally under Striking Order Starry Sky of

my Culmination Grand Starry Sky. As the Starry Sky Heavenly Emperor of Culmination Grand Starry Sky, when did I need permission from others to enter my territory?”

Cang Caihe didn't know how to answer Chuan Xinlou's words at all. He felt anxious. But suddenly, his face brightened and looked up into the distance.

The Starry Sky Wheel hadn't even reached, but Ning Cheng's booming voice came over. “Chuan Xinlou, my Mysterious Yellow Celestial River and Jiangzhou Star, when did they become your territory? It looks like you don't have any sense of shame. Did you think your shamelessness would work in my Jiangzhou Star?”

Before saying that, Ning Cheng had already explained a few things to Ning Ruoqing on the way and she agreed to help out. Ning Cheng had already guessed that Ning Ruoqing's cultivation should not be much lower than Chuan Xinlou. Therefore, with his strength, the two should be able to block Chuan Xinlou. If not for Ning Ruoqing, he would never say what he just said. He was still in the Life and Death Realm, so he wasn't so arrogant about facing a Dao Confirming Heavenly Emperor.

Standing behind Chuan Xinlou, Spiritual Heaven Sect's Sect Master Chen Xingwen's mouth revealed a trace of undetectable happiness. This fellow was as arrogant as ever. Most likely, he doesn't know that Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor had already succeeded in reaching the Dao Confirming Realm. Moreover, before he could do anything to take over the Culmination Grand Starry Sky, Chuan Xinlou had almost crushed him. So, in his heart, he hoped that Chuan Xinlou would give Ning Cheng, that arrogant junior, a profound lesson. It would be even better if Chuan Xinlou killed him directly.

“Sect Master Ning sure has great courage to blabber words without thinking, and I admire you for that. That must be the Starry Sky Wheel. I've wanted to try out the speed of the Starry Sky Wheel for a long time now, guess I will today.” Chuan Xinlou raised his hand and made a grabbing motion as if he wanted to grab Ning Cheng's Starry Sky Wheel.

When Chuan Xinlou reached out, the starry sky around the crowd suddenly compressed and almost solidified. Even Ning Cheng's Starry Sky Wheel felt as if it had fallen into a swamp and struggled to move.

At the same time, a Dao Charm handprint, almost undetectable with one's spiritual consciousness, started to wrap itself around Ning Cheng's Starry Sky Wheel. No matter who it was, everyone could tell that Chuan Xinlou was about to catch the Starry Sky Wheel.

The violent suppression from the Dao Charm handprint caused Ning Cheng's face to turn pale. This level of pressure almost forced him to spit out a mouthful of blood. At this moment, he understood that the distance between him and Chuan Xinlou had not shrunk at all. Instead, it had grown even further.

Since the start of his cultivation journey, this was the first time he consciously felt this far away from someone else.

Looks like he guessed it right. Chuan Xinlou must have succeeded in reaching the Dao Confirming Realm. If it were true, then he wasn't Chuan Xinlou's opponent. But despite understanding this, Ning Cheng still wouldn't dare to escape. His sister and his friends were still in Jiangzhou Star, meaning that he couldn't escape. Fortunately, Chuan Xinlou didn't know that he still has Ning Ruoqing by his side.

Ning Cheng's appearance didn't surprise Yi Jiufeng. But a hint of surprise did flash through Yi Jiufeng's eyes on seeing Chuan Xinlou's display of might. She understood that Chuan Xinlou had grown stronger by several levels after reaching the Dao Confirming Realm. However, the surprise in her eyes quickly turned into loneliness.

At this moment, a strip of red coloured silk swept out from the Starry Sky Wheel. The red-coloured silk and Chuan Xinlou's Dao Charm handprint made contact, and the surroundings exploded into chaos.

"Boom...." The violent celestial essence exploded with so much force that it created a tiny crack in the starry sky, exposing the power of each attack. The starry skies' space had extreme resilience. Even ten peak-level Eternal-level experts teaming up wouldn't be enough to tear it apart. Although this tiny crack was still a thousand miles away from actually tearing the void, everyone could sense the horrifying power contained within it.

The original suppressive force around Ning Cheng's surroundings suddenly relaxed. He understood that Ning Ruoqing had taken action. The next moment, he didn't even think about it and went all out with the Hope-powered Jade Seal.

Chuan Xinlou dared to come to his turf, and if it weren't for his 'sister' Ning Ruoqing, this son-of-a-bitch would have already taken over everything.

Chuan Xinlou never thought anyone could block his Dao Charm handprint. Not to mention that the Starry Sky Wheel was already about to stop, even if the Starry Sky Wheel came at him at full speed, he felt sure to block it.

But the fact was that someone had indeed blocked his attack. Not only was his attack thwarted, but the counter-force had also even destroyed his Dao Charm handprint. The strong impact that washed over even shook the Dao Charm around him.

This sudden development thoroughly shocked Chuan Xinlou, who had just stepped into Dao Confirming Realm. He knew that he still hadn't fully stabilised his cultivation. Despite that, he wanted to first get rid of Ning Cheng as quickly as possible before doing anything else. Letting a cultivator who understood the Laws of Time stay around him, he wouldn't be able to get a single night of peaceful sleep. If he waited for Ning Cheng to reach the Dao Confirming Realm, he would have no place to escape. Therefore, he eagerly came to Jiangzhou Star the moment he took that step.

Although Chuan Xinlou felt uncomfortable, the after-shock also affected Ning Ruoqing. The force had pushed her back, hitting the Starry Sky Wheel's defensive array. Her chest kept tumbling up and down as if filled with water that she would spit out at any moment.

At this moment, Ning Cheng's attack swept out. The Hope-powered Jade Seal turned into a huge seal under the stimulation of the Power of Hope and Ning Cheng's Domain. The next moment, the jade seal fell, letting Ning Cheng take control of this space.

Chuan Xinlou didn't have the time to register the shock from the destruction of his Dao Charm handprint. But he still managed to take out the Burning Sky Eroding Sun Pagoda. He could feel that Ning Cheng's cultivation had grown much stronger compared to the last time they fought. In his case, his cultivation had sharply risen because he had entered the Dao Confirming Realm. But Ning Cheng hadn't, which confused him even more.

“Boom-boom-boom....” Celestial essence explosions rang out, dull compared to the last attack but with much more momentum. However, unlike the previous time, this time, the void did not crack. Therefore, although the move seemed to contain much higher energy, it did not include the same power as the last attack.

However, terrifying pressure spread out from the Burning Sky Eroding Sun Pagoda, and Chuan Xinlou felt a similar suppressive force surrounding him.

Was this celestial essence force? Even as a late-stage Eternal-level expert, Ning Cheng shouldn’t be able to create such a potent suppressive effect just using celestial essence.

“Power of Hope....” Chuan Xinlou’s thoughts had just turned when he immediately understood what the power within the jade seal was. Just as he thought of this, his expressions quickly changed. If Ning Cheng used that jade seal in tandem with that red-robed woman, who had similar cultivation to him, he truly wouldn’t reap any benefits today.

“Boom....” Despite using the Power of Hope, the confrontation with Chuan Xinlou had still blown Ning Cheng back. He even spat out a mouthful of blood. Fortunately, Ning Ruoqing managed to stop Ning Cheng in time, so he didn’t have to suffer any severe injuries.

Chuan Xinlou didn’t look as pathetic as Ning Cheng. But under the suppressive force of Ning Cheng’s Hope-powered Jade Seal, his face still looked flushed.

From the first time that Ning Cheng and Chuan Xinlou clashed, he had already taken note of some of the counterattacks. So, this time, when Ning Cheng and Chuan Xinlou fought, he knew that he could thoroughly dominate him. In other words, if Ning Cheng didn’t use the Hope-powered Jade Seal, he simply couldn’t have done anything against Chuan Xinlou.

Ning Cheng used the Hope-powered Jade Seal, but Chuan Xinlou only managed to bring out the Burning Sky Eroding Sun Pagoda. Yet, even then, Ning Cheng fell into an absolute disadvantage.

Ning Cheng and Chuan Xinlou fought only two times, and Yi Jiufeng personally witnessed the clashes both times. So, although Yi Jiufeng didn’t underestimate Ning Cheng, Chuan Xinlou still couldn’t kill Ning Cheng despite stepping into the Dao Confirming Realm. Just how powerful was Ning Cheng?

From this, she understood that Ning Cheng had many means, including the Laws of Time, proficiency in Array Formations, and now even that Hope-powered Jade Seal. Moreover, when did Ning Cheng get such a helper? Someone who didn’t seem any weaker than Chuan Xinlou.

Ning Cheng understood that there now existed an absolute gap in strength between him and Chuan Xinlou. So, he didn’t continue to attack.

Chuan Xinlou also felt some fear towards Ning Ruoqing. So instead of continuing with attacking, he tightly held onto the Burning Sky Eroding Sun Pagoda and stared at Ning Ruoqing for a long time before asking. “Who the hell are you? Why do you want to stay here and fight me?”

Ning Ruoqing frowned and looked at Chuan Xinlou and said, “Fight you? Who are you anyway? You dare to step into my big brother’s territory, do you want to die that badly?”

Even if she threatened him with death, Ning Ruoqing spoke with a calm tone. It felt as if she was only stating a fact, not ridiculing him.

How could Chuan Xinlou know Ning Ruoqing's origins? But regardless of her background, he regarded Ning Ruoqing as a rival on the same level after that clash. However, when he heard Ning Ruoqing address Ning Cheng as 'big brother', he immediately felt shocked. Fortunately, he reacted quickly and spoke up with cupped fists, "I, Chuan Xinlou, am from the Culmination Starland's Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain. I just recently succeeded in confirming my Dao at Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain."

Ning Ruoqing snorted. "What about Levelled Heart Emperor Mountain? Aren't you just a Dao Sculpting cultivator with no foundation? Nope, it doesn't look like you confirmed your Dao? Guess you don't have any sense of shame. Did you think Dao is this easy to prove?"

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Chapter 770: Suppressing Chuan Xinlou

Hearing Ning Ruoqing's words, Chuan Xinlou frowned. He didn't take Ning Ruoqing's seriously, as after using the Dao Fruit, he realised a new realm. It was the realisation that made his movements much smoother. In other words, although his celestial essence and spiritual consciousness did not increase, his strength had risen sharply because of this feeling of free-handed movement.

It was also how he came up with that Dao Charm-filled handprint. Before that realisation, he couldn't freely condense such a powerful handprint using just Dao Charm. Yet, it produced an attack much more potent than anything an Eternal expert could create. But it was also a fact that he could only vaguely understand his own Dao in the past. Therefore, he could never use his perception of Dao to condense that Dao Charm handprint. Was this not the Dao Confirming Realm? Although he had some doubts, Chuan Xinlou believed that what Ning Ruoqing said was only intentional.

Regardless, he felt some regrets that confirming his Dao didn't invoke any thunder tribulation. Although facing a thunder tribulation would involve high levels of danger, if he surpassed that thunder tribulation, it would have explosively increased his strength.

Chuan Xinlou's feeling wasn't wrong. Even without any change in celestial essence and spiritual consciousness, his strength had indeed risen exponentially, just like Zhang Wuji's cultivation that could shake the world. If one took out the cultivation required to shake the heavens, one would find that Zhang Wuji relied mainly on the profound understanding of internal forces. But combined with his heaven-defying cultivation, he could use his internal energy to the fullest, which made all the difference.

Although Chuan Xinlou knew that he had succeeded in reaching Dao Confirming Realm, he still couldn't refute Ning Ruoqing's words. In any case, he felt that Ning Ruoqing was at the same cultivation level as him. If he had reached the Dao Confirming Realm, then Ning Ruoqing must have also successfully entered the Dao Confirming Realm. Therefore, he could look down on everyone else in the world, but not Ning Ruoqing.

"Chuan Xinlou, did you think I didn't know what you're planning to do with my Jiangzhou Star? And when did my Jiangzhou Star come under your Culmination Grand Starry Sky's jurisdiction? Why did I not

hear about this?" Ning Cheng, on seeing that Ning Ruoqing could suppress Chuan Xinlou, immediately felt relieved.

A flash of surprise once again passed through Yi Jiufeng's eyes, and her gaze immediately shifted to Ning Ruoqing.

Chen Xingwen's mouth fell open in shock. He had initially thought that Chuan Xinlou would easily teach Ning Cheng a lesson, with a high probability of Chuan Xinlou killing him. Moreover, after witnessing Chuan Xinlou's Dao Confirming strength, he understood that at least, he, Chen Xingwen, couldn't fight against him. But he never expected that Chuan Xinlou would not only fail to teach Ning Cheng a lesson but would also end up on the receiving end of Ning Cheng's scolding. Chuan Xinlou couldn't even retort.

Cang Caihe breathed in a sigh of relief. Since the time he saw Ning Cheng's astonishing thunder tribulation, he understood that Ning Cheng was an extraordinary fellow. Looks like he hadn't seen it wrong.

As for Gongxiu Zhu and Bei Junyi behind Cang Caihe, they felt even more excited. They already knew that their Sect Master Ning was a mighty expert, but even they did not expect their Sect Master Ning to be this strong.

Shen Mengyan also had a look of surprise in her eyes. She immediately thought of Yu Yuechen, who had left after advancing to the Eternal Realm. Yu Yuechen had left Yu Clan's Corner with the resolution to find a more powerful cultivation method to improve, leaving her still pregnant with Yu Qing.

She didn't know if Yu Yuechen had reached the Dao Confirming Realm, but she knew that he was already powerful before leaving. However, she also knew that Ning Cheng did not have the same experiences or lived as long as Yu Yuechen, yet he had already reached that level.

Ji Lie, who acted in full arrogance, now had an ugly expression over his face. Initially, with his early-stage Eternal cultivation, he already felt afraid of Ning Cheng. But after Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor returned, all his fears disappeared. Moreover, when Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor successfully reached the Dao Confirming Realm, he no longer put Ning Cheng in his eyes. Otherwise, he would never have brought Yu Baihong from Yu Clan's Corner to parade him around Jiangzhou Star like a dog.

He did this on purpose. First, to invoke a feeling of disgust in Shen Mengyan and then to subsequently ridicule Ning Cheng. He wanted Ning Cheng to beg for mercy under absolute suppression. However, he never expected that Ning Cheng would still be so strong. Powerful to such an extent that even Chuan Xinlou couldn't deal with it.

Facing Ning Cheng's continuous barrage, Chuan Xinlou couldn't speak for a while. He had indeed said this not long ago, but back then he had considered Ning Cheng as an ant in front of him. But now, if he fought Ning Cheng, he most likely would suffer a defeat.

Moreover, he couldn't count on Yi Jiufeng and Chen Xingwen on his side. Once he started, they definitely wouldn't help him. As for Ji Lie, at early-stage Eternal Realm, he wouldn't even be enough as cannon fodder.

The surroundings fell silent. No one wanted to speak at this time.

But suddenly, a scream erupted from Ji Lie as he spouted a mouthful of blood and flew back. Yu Baihong, who still had a chain around his neck, flew up and shot out a dazzling ray of light. By the time the dazzling flash of light disappeared, Yu Baihong's attack had penetrated through Ji Lie's chest.

Although all of this happened in just a blink of an eye, everyone saw what had happened. Yu Baihong had suddenly attacked Ji Lie, who was in shock on seeing Ning Cheng's strength.

Yu Baihong, just like Ji Lie, was in the early-stage of Eternal Realm. However, in terms of strength, Ji Lie couldn't compare to Yu Baihong. Therefore, under Yu Baihong's sneak attack, Ji Lie couldn't resist at all. Especially when he was still under the shock induced by Ning Cheng's strength.

Chuan Xinlou's face changed, and he immediately rushed up. But just when he moved, Ning Cheng appeared in front of him, followed by Ning Ruoqing, right next to Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng understood that he couldn't stop Chuan Xinlou by himself. But he also knew that as long as he moved, Ning Ruoqing would also move with him. If he told Ning Ruoqing to stop Chuan Xinlou, it would already be too late.

With Chuan Xinlou's strength, he wouldn't have any problems in killing Yu Baihong.

Ji Lie had suffered a severe injury under Yu Baihong's sneak attack. Fortunately, before the attack could go through him, he managed to bring out his weapon and lessen the damage.

However, Yu Baihong had already gone berserk out of anger. Even the killing intent in Yu Baihong's heart had already started to solidify. Coupled with Ji Lie's injuries, his strength not matching up to Yu Baihong, and under Ning Cheng's shock, Ji Lie quickly fell into a disadvantage.

As weapons clashed, the two immediately went into a desperate and intense fight. But everyone could tell that it was only a matter of time before Ji Lie died.

"Chuan Xinlou, don't you like fighting two to one? Why not let Ning Ruoqing and I play with you." Ning Cheng said as he once again brought up the Hope-powered Jade Seal.

Chuan Xinlou's face turned blue from anger. But before he could speak, he once again heard Ji Lie's scream before Yu Baihong finally killed him.

After Yu Baihong killed Ji Lie, he quickly moved to Ning Cheng's side and cupped his fists. "Many thanks, Sect Master Ning, for letting me kill Ji Lie. Otherwise, I could never rest peacefully, even if I died. From now on, Yu Clan's Corner will fully obey Sect Master Ning's words and will never go against it. If we violate this vow, my Yu Clan's Corner will disintegrate to dust."

Yu Clan's Corner was still a significant force within Culmination Starland. But now, in front of Chuan Xinlou, Yu Baihong declared his intention to take refuge with Ning Cheng. It would be strange if Chuan Xinlou could still keep a straight face.

Since Yu Clan's Corner wanted to surrender to him, Ning Cheng naturally wouldn't refuse it. He even cupped his fists before speaking. "Since Brother Yu wants to come to my Mysterious Yellow Celestial River, this Ning Cheng would naturally welcome you. However, Brother Yu, you will have to restrain the members of Yu Clan's Corner and make them abide by the laws of my Mysterious Yellow Celestial River.

If you can do that, you can choose one star within my Mysterious Yellow Celestial River to set down a foundation.”

Yu Baihong already knew about the rules and regulations of the Mysterious Yellow Celestial River. That is, the laws treated everyone equally, regardless of one’s background. Now that Ning Cheng specifically mentioned this, he vowed to comply without any hesitation.

Shen Mengyan felt a little speechless at this. She didn’t know much about the relationship between Ning Cheng and Yu Qing, but she had accepted him as a junior. But now Ning Cheng addressed Yu Clan’s Yu Baihong as ‘Brother Yu’ directly, wouldn’t it screw up the generational hierarchy? This thought had just passed by when her gaze fell on Bao Yingge.

Bao Yingge felt Shen Mengyan’s gaze, and her face immediately turned pale. She couldn’t figure out why Shen Mengyan always enjoyed better luck than her every time. But facing that gaze, she subconsciously stepped behind Chuan Xinlou.

Shen Mengyan didn’t ask Ning Cheng to help her kill Bao Yingge. Besides, she had already seen that Ning Cheng’s current strength couldn’t match up to Chuan Xinlou and even felt a little weaker. However, if she killed Bao Yingge, who had already taken shelter under Chuan Xinlou, it would result in completely tearing off all face with Chuan Xinlou. Ning Cheng certainly wouldn’t want this kind of conflict, and neither did she.

Not waiting for the livid-faced Chuan Xinlou to speak up, Ning Cheng laughed. “Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor, Yu Baihong killed Ji Lie, but it was more of a personal grudge. Now that Yu Baihong decided to come to my Mysterious Yellow Celestial River, I naturally will be fighting for him. Since Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor made a mistake before, and also because of Yu Baihong’s impulsive actions, why don’t we just let go of it?”

Just as Shen Mengyan guessed, even with the help of Ning Ruoqing, Ning Cheng didn’t want to get into a life and death fight with Chuan Xinlou. He still needed some time.

Chuan Xinlou’s expressions returned to normal and stared coldly at Ning Cheng. “Since Sect Master Ning asked to let go of it, then let’s let it go.”

Ning Cheng had changed the form of address to ‘Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor’. It showed that Ning Cheng didn’t want to go all out against him, which he also felt the same. Since he also didn’t want to go all out against Ning Cheng, he had to step down that ladder willingly.

“Does Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor still want to visit my Jiangzhou Star? If Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor feels willing, I can serve you with some good wine.” On seeing Chuan Xinlou taking a step back, Ning Cheng spoke up without hesitation.

Chuan Xinlou gave a cold snort. He didn’t even want to answer Ning Cheng’s words. Instead, he directly brought out a flight-type weapon with the intent to leave.

Ning Cheng also didn’t want to stop Chuan Xinlou. He already guessed that Chuan Xinlou wouldn’t dare to have any ideas about Jiangzhou Star as long as Ning Ruoqing was around. With Ning Ruoqing here, it would be quite strange for Chuan Xinlou to dare enter anyway. Instead, he looked at Yi Jiufeng and said

with a smile. “Nine Phoenix Heavenly Emperor, I’ve not seen you in a long time. I don’t know if you’re free, but would you like to visit my Mysterious Yellow Sect?”

Yi Jiufeng smiled, “Many thanks, Sect Master Ning. It would be my honour.”

Chuan Xinlou, seeing Yi Jiufeng deciding to stay back, didn’t speak any nonsense. Instead, he just grabbed Bao Yingge and immediately left.

Chen Xingwen, seeing that Ning Cheng did not invite him, only spoke a few words in embarrassment before taking out a flight-type weapon and quickly leaving.

Yu Baihong wanted to move the entire Yu Clan’s Corner to Mysterious Yellow Celestial River as soon as possible. So, he quickly said his goodbyes to Ning Cheng and left. The Yu Clan’s Corner had a long history within Culmination Starland. Plus, the Culmination Starland had abundant celestial essence qi with many opportunities. Therefore, it wouldn’t be an easy thing to convince everyone to move away.

However, Culmination Starland was Chuan Xinlou’s territory. And since Chuan Xinlou had already suppressed Yu Clan’s Corner in such a manner, staying in Culmination Starland would only result in death. Chuan Xinlou didn’t dare to fight all out against Ning Cheng yet, but that didn’t mean that he wouldn’t eradicate Yu Clan’s Corner.

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Jiangzhou Star’s Mysterious Yellow Sect. In one of the guest halls, Cang Caihe briefly greeted Yi Jiufeng before leaving. He understood that since Ning Cheng had called Yi Jiufeng here, he must have something to say to her in private. Most likely, about the Wind-thunder Apricot Tree’s branch.

Yi Jiufeng seemed to have also understood why Ning Cheng had invited her as a guest. Therefore, after Cang Caihe left, she took the initiative to speak up. “Since Sect Master Ning called me in here, then presumably you want to ask for the branch of Wind-thunder Apricot Tree, right?”