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Chapter 791: Battling the Devil Emperor

Ning Cheng had just walked out of Returning Capital Starry Sky City when he saw two acquaintances, Xun Zhihe and Mu Hao. Xun Zhihe was the Starry Sky Emperor of Water Immortal Starry Sky and someone who received Ning Cheng's help a few times in the Ancient Shadow Temple.

Ning Cheng had already heard from Yi Jiufeng that Xun Zhihe and Mu Hao managed to escape from the Ancient Shadow Temple with them. But he didn't expect to meet both of them here in Returning Capital Starry Sky City. Since Xun Zhihe and Mu Hao came to Returning Capital, they most likely had come here to participate in the auction.

Beside Xun Zhihe and Mu Hao, he saw two more people, both Eternal-level powerhouses. Since they stood together with Xun Zhihe and Mu Hao, Ning Cheng speculated that these two must also be Starry Sky Emperors.

"Sect Master Ning, I never expected to meet you here...." Xun Zhihe spoke up with genuine delight on seeing Ning Cheng. She had visited the rest stop Ning Cheng had taken up residence in, but she could not find Ning Cheng. She had never forgotten the kindness Ning Cheng had shown her when he helped her out in the Ancient Shadow Temple.

With the same expressionless face, Mu Hao, who didn't like to speak, also cupped his fists in respect on seeing Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng returned the gesture, "I didn't expect to see Senior Apprentice Sister Xin and Brother Mu here."

Realising that the person in front of him was Ning Cheng, the man with an eagle-like nose standing next to Xun Zhihe hurriedly came forward to introduce himself. Cupping his fists, he spoke with a respectful voice, "Nine Jewel Starry Sky's Shangguan Fei greets Sect Master Ning. Please forgive me for the neglect when Sect Master Ning visited my Nine Jewels Starry Sky previously. This Shangguan Fei hopes for forgiveness."

Shangguan Fei referred to when Ning Cheng had gone to the Everlasting Sacred Shrine. Ning Cheng had killed Seeking Intelligence within Everlasting Sacred Shrine's territory and even destroyed the Everlasting Sacred Tree. Naturally, Shangguan Fei couldn't have feigned ignorance in this matter as the Everlasting Sacred Shrine was one of the top-ranked forces in Nine Jewel Starry Sky. If an ordinary person had come to his starry sky and provoked such a sect under one's command, any Starry Sky Emperor would have turned angry. But Shangguan Fei knew that he wasn't even qualified to be furious with Ning Cheng.

Of the four Starry Sky Emperors here, three of them greeted Ning Cheng with politeness. But the fourth person seemed to have not seen Ning Cheng at all. He even had an expression of extreme arrogance. This man had already reached the late-stage Eternal Realm and had an eternal baleful look over his face. Even his body oozed with thick celestial essence, and even his celestial wheel seemed to have taken a physical disc form. Ning Cheng could tell with a glance that this person was a top-grade powerhouse.

In any case, Ning Cheng would never take the initiative to greet such people.

"I've always wanted to go to the Mysterious Yellow Celestial River again to thank Sect Master Ning. But since we met in Returning Capital today, I hope Sect Master Ning will have some free time to accompany me." Xun Zhihe warmly invited him.

Ning Cheng truly wanted to sit down and have a discussion with Xun Zhihe. The things he heard about the Ancient Shadow Temple, all of it came from Yi Jiufeng. So, Ning Cheng had already made a few plans back then to ask Xun Zhihe and Mu Hao about their experiences inside that place. But right now, he wanted to advance to the Eternal Realm quickly, so he didn't care much about these matters right now.

At that point, the arrogant person who ignored Ning Cheng spoke to Shangguan Fei, "Brother Shangguan, we need to hurry."

Shangguan Fei nodded, then cupped his fists towards Ning Cheng and others. "Sect Master Ning, Fairy Zhihe, Brother Mu, I have something to take care of personally, so I will be taking my leave first."

Mu Hao only grumbled, but Xun Zhihe spoke with a smile, "Since Brother Shangguan has something to do, then please naturally take care of it."

Only after Shangguan Fei and the man with the baleful look left did Xun Zhihe speak to Ning Cheng. "The man with Shangguan Fei is Devil Domain's Starry Sky Emperor Teng Shao. Although he's a very arrogant and prideful person, Sect Master Ning doesn't have to worry about it."

Ning Cheng only showed a slight smile. He would never care about the attitude of such people and only mentioned a few things casually. "This Teng Shao must have struck a deal with Shangguan Fei. Extenuating circumstances maybe."

However, Ning Cheng had another sentence that he did not say. Shangguan Fei was at the middle-stage Eternal Realm. Therefore, even if he made a deal with Teng Shao willingly or otherwise, he most likely wouldn't get to eat any leftover soup.

Xun Zhihe spoke up, "The two have no doubt made some sort of a deal, but Shangguan Fei also isn't in his right mind. A minor cultivator named Yan Ji had killed his niece Shangguan Man'er, which made him quite anxious to return. His brother, Shangguan Xiang, is the Celestial River King of the Night Essence Celestial River. But even on deputising everyone within the Night Essence Celestial River, he still couldn't capture her. From the looks of it, something must have gone wrong, forcing Shangguan Fei to return with help...."

"Did you just say that the cultivator was called Yan Ji?" Ning Cheng interrupted Xun Zhihe's words in shock.

Xun Zhihe looked at Ning Cheng in doubt and replied, "Yes, Shangguan Fei's younger brother is Shangguan Xiang. He went back before the auction started, but he did mention the name 'Yan Ji' quite clearly."

"Senior Apprentice Sister Xun, Brother Mu, I have an urgent matter to attend. When I'm free, we'll sit down and talk." After Ning Cheng finished, he didn't even wait for Xun Zhihe to answer and brought out the Starry Sky Wheel before immediately rushing out.

Xun Zhihe looked at Ning Cheng's disappearing figure and felt even more puzzled as she murmured to herself, "Sect Master Ning, just who is Yan Ji to you?"

But then, she suddenly remembered that the Devil Domain had a hidden transfer array that led directly to Culmination Starland. Wouldn't it be faster for Ning Cheng to use that teleportation array? But then she immediately thought about the feud between Ning Cheng and Devil Domain's Heavenly Emperor Qiao Jierui and dispelled the idea. Shangguan Xiang could use the teleportation array using his connections and relationship. But Ning Cheng might not be able to do such a thing.

Ning Cheng indeed felt anxious. He knew that the vast starry skies had countless people with the same names and surnames, but what if this Yan Ji was the Yan Ji from Graceful Star Mainland? If it were her, and if Ning Cheng arrived late, that Shangguan Xiang might succeed in killing her. At that point, even if he murdered Shangguan Xiang, it wouldn't be of any help.

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Ning Cheng had just rushed out of the Silent Bubble Star and hadn't even fully activated the Starry Sky Wheel when he immediately stopped.

Someone had arranged a Trap Formation in the direction of his return. Although this Trap Formation couldn't restrain him completely, it could prevent him from leaving immediately.

"Qiao Jierui, get out of my way while I still have some patience. Otherwise, don't blame me for not giving you any face." Ning Cheng looked at Qiao Jierui, who appeared in front of him. He no longer feigned even a little bit of civility. Regardless of words or actions, even his eyes burned with anger.

Qiao Jierui didn't care about Ning Cheng's anger and only looked at Ning Cheng dismissively. "Ning Cheng, others might fear you, but this Qiao Jierui is not afraid of you. Hand over the Earth Origin Bead and the Starry Sky Wheel, as well as the gourd you obtained in the Ancient Shadow Temple, and I can then consider letting you go. Otherwise, this is where you'll be burying your body today." As the premier Heavenly Emperor of Devil Domain, how could he fear Ning Cheng who hasn't reached Dao Confirming?

Ning Cheng didn't even bother to talk half-a-word of nonsense. He took out a pseudo-top ranked long spear and burst forward.

Unfortunately, he had not yet refined the Celestial Rainbow Purgatory Spear. Otherwise, his strength would have risen by another level.

When Ning Cheng and Chuan Xinlou had fought, Qiao Jierui had paid close attention from the side. Therefore, he knew about Ning Cheng's methods. What if this fellow touched the Laws of Time?

Almost at the same time that Ning Cheng started, Qiao Jierui also prepared himself. He immediately brought out his 5-coloured Myriad Connecting Banner, which unfurled into a five-sided banner with five different colours. These five colours then quickly covered the starry sky around them.

The starry sky in front of Ning Cheng disappeared, even Qiao Jierui vanished. Not only that, but even the 5-coloured Myriad Connecting Banner also faded out of existence at this moment. Only the five colours remained, and when they closed up, they gave off the sensation of utter incompatibility with the world around it.

Surrounded by the five colours, Ning Cheng felt no connection to the five-coloured space. Rather, he sensed that the area belonged entirely to Qiao Jierui. In someone else's space, Ning Cheng couldn't do anything. Maybe he could only wait, wait for this five-coloured space to sweep him away.

But no matter what happened, Ning Cheng was never the kind of person who just sat around and waited for his death. He wouldn't do so either in this kind of life and death battle. Ning Cheng gathered every bit of spiritual consciousness in his Starry Sky Sea of Consciousness. Then, he transformed them into a series of Spiritual Consciousness Blades and Spiritual Consciousness Thorns and shot them out. At the same time, a part of his Spiritual Consciousness blade lights also fused with the long spear trapped within the five-coloured space.

Suddenly, one more colour appeared within the five-coloured space, a shimmering light. More specifically, the bright rays belonging to a sunset.

The five-coloured space surrounding Ning Cheng suddenly started shaking violently, as if it would tear apart the next moment. At the same time, the colour of the starry sky outside the five-coloured space also turned vivid. It felt as if the 'time' inside and outside didn't match, causing a misalignment of space and time.

Qiao Jierui's expressions changed when he saw Ning Cheng showing enough capability of freeing himself from his spirit technique. He knew that Ning Cheng had only recently started learning the Laws of Time, but his Laws of Space could already take form as the 5-coloured Space Spirit Technique. When it came to the understanding of laws, Qiao Jierui should have a much deeper understanding of the Laws of Space compared to Ning Cheng's Laws of Time. Moreover, within his five-coloured space, he was the master. Yet, Ning Cheng's Laws of Time still managed to shake up his five-coloured space, to the point that it was about to tear.

"Boom...." Qiao Jierui's Sea of Consciousness shook violently, and his five-coloured space began to split. Even his Five-coloured Myriad Connection Banner gradually returned into existence.

Ning Cheng, who broke free from his shackles, waved his hand again, causing a massive seal to emerge.

"Crack" the next moment, the five-coloured space formed by the Five-coloured Myriad Connection Banner collapsed entirely under Ning Cheng's Hope-powered Jade Seal.

Before Qiao Jierui could even react, a setting sun appeared in front of his eyes. It felt as if everything had stopped except for a long spear passing through the sunset's glow. It looked like a viper streaking through sand that quickly approached his brow.

Qiao Jierui wanted to immerse himself in this beautiful sunset, but just when he sensed this burst of beauty, his heart jumped a little. The next moment, his spiritual soul turned cold. It was not a beautiful sunset. It's Ning Cheng's manifestation of the Laws of Time, his Dusk Spirit Technique.

At this moment, Qiao Jierui no longer cared about anything else and crazily encouraged his celestial essence. Ning Cheng's long spear had not penetrated Qiao Jierui's brow yet. But his forehead opened suddenly, and a ray of black light burst out. Ning Cheng's long spear suddenly slowed down for no reason. During that pause, Qiao Jierui gathered the Five-coloured Myriad Connecting Banner and turned it into a space shield.

"Boom...." The long spear struck the five-coloured space shield, causing a huge explosion along with a massive burst of celestial essence. However, it didn't break.

Ning Cheng sighed inwardly. He knew that Sunset's Dusk wouldn't work on Qiao Jierui. It's not that the Laws of Time didn't work on Qiao Jierui, but Qiao Jierui's strength exceeded his expectations. Moreover, before advancing to the Eternal Realm, his Laws of Time would always lack the worldly dao charm.

Qiao Jierui, on the other hand, felt utterly shocked. When Ning Cheng and Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor fought against each other, Ning Cheng's strength couldn't compare to his opponent. But he also knew that Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor didn't fight until the end or at full power. However, Qiao Jierui understood that it wasn't entirely due to the fear of Ning Cheng. Instead, it was because he feared the others.

Unexpectedly, in just a short time, Ning Cheng had already reached his level. In the future, could he still fight against Ning Cheng? Qiao Jierui felt a chill within his heart. Today, he had to kill Ning Cheng no matter what. Otherwise, the gap between him and Ning Cheng would keep increasing, unless he succeeded in reaching Dao Confirming Realm before Ning Cheng.

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Chapter 792: Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan's Advancement

With Qiao Jierui wanting to kill Ning Cheng, Ning Cheng's killing intent towards Qiao Jierui also grew stronger with each passing moment. Even more so now when Qiao Jierui dared to stop him when he was in a hurry to find Yan Ji.

Seeing Ning Cheng thrust out his long spear once again, Qiao Jierui knew that this fellow wanted to cast Sunset's Twilight and felt slightly relieved. His eyes even showed a hint of sarcasm. The same spirit technique couldn't do much harm to him the last time, yet this fellow wanted to use the same spirit technique once again. From the looks of it, this bastard didn't have any other tricks up his sleeve.

Qiao Jierui felt relieved and thought that he felt anxious for no reason at all. But he still raised his hand and waved it, causing a wave of black-coloured haze to spread out. The Five-coloured Myriad Connecting Banner once again dispersed into five colours. As these five colours expanded rapidly, they once again formed a five-coloured space. Only this time, the five-coloured space did not restrain Ning Cheng. Rather, it only had enough space inside for two men to fight; at the same time, it prevented Ning Cheng from escaping.

The black haze Qiao Jierui that spread out quickly seeped into this five-coloured space and started dividing and condensing itself. One point, two points, three points, four points ... in just a blink of an eye, the haze condensed into dense clusters of black spots.

As more and more black spots condensed from the black haze, it then automatically spread out around him and sealed off all the escape routes. Ning Cheng suddenly felt a burst of crisis for no reason at all.

The black spots, as if alive, buzzed and pounced on Ning Cheng. Ning Cheng managed to fend them off. But every contact with it would immediately produce a corrosive hissing-like sound.

At this moment, Ning Cheng not only felt a life and death crisis looming over, but even his scalp started to tingle with numbness. The many black spots, like a swarm of endless bugs, kept rushing towards him, utterly ignoring his domain. If these black spots wrapped him up, wouldn't they even nibble away his bones without leaving any slag behind?

Ning Cheng decided to cast the Time Wheel. But just when he almost finished the hand motion, he felt a powerful battle intent coming from the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King.

Ning Cheng felt his heart move and with a wave brought out the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan.

The moment Ning Cheng brought out the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King; it immediately spread out. Just the opposite of how the black haze spilt and condensed into black spots, the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King's rattan vines kept growing more and more branches. As numerous branches emerged from the central rattan veins, even more branches quickly came out of those branches. In just a blink of the eye, branches spread throughout the sealed space.

The seemingly endless black spots formed by the black haze, just like moths flying into the fire, all gravitated towards the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King's rattan veins. Some of the bigger black spots seemed to have spiritual wisdom. They wanted to avoid the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan's rattan veins as much as possible. But the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King's branches quickly rushed up and swept away these black spots.

Ning Cheng breathed in a sigh of relief. He felt sure that this was a devil technique cultivated by Qiao Jierui. Looking at the situation, the newly-advanced Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King was the bane of this devil technique, which put Qiao Jierui in a dangerous spot.

With Qiao Jierui still in shock, Ning Cheng used this opportunity to unleash Sunset's Twilight at its full power. 'Time' came to a stop once again, forcing the surroundings to stagnate to a standstill.

Qiao Jierui suddenly shouted, but just when he broke free from Sunset's Twilight, he saw an ancient trail at the end of the sunset. He unconsciously took a step and appeared on this old road.

The ancient trail looked long, with gusts of wind rolling in the sand. One could only vaguely see the old path beneath their feet.

Within the gaps of the billowing yellow sand, he saw the scene of him breaking up with his lover before starting on the path of cultivation. Across the yellow sands, his lover stared red-eyed at him, calling him out to not leave her again.

A kind of deep sorrow and sadness filled his body and mind. This kind of nostalgia made it hard for him to choose. At this moment, even heaven and earth looked sad; at this moment, even his heart turned grey. Should he decide to stay, or should he once again leave?

Before the ancient road, the west wind blows, the wild sand rages; in front of the skinny horse, a lover, a village...

The skinny horse beside him neighed as if telling him that he should go. Telling him that he should seek out the bigger world, telling him that this was just one stop in his life, telling him that he should strengthen his heart.

The yellow sand once again blew by and seemed to take away the distant silhouette of his lover. He wished to catch up to her, to stop her. But his heart was as hard as iron, and he resolutely turned around.

An ice-cold chill suddenly burst out from the deepest part of his heart. In just an instant, this ice-cold chill filled his body and mind. Everything in front of him suddenly disappeared without a trace.

A deathly aura started to creep into the depths of his spiritual soul. Sensing that, Qiao Jierui felt ice-cold all over. He didn't even think about it and crazily started burning his life essence to twist his body forcibly.

Just the moment Qiao Jierui sobered up and burned his life essence to twist his body, Ning Cheng's long spear struck Qiao Jierui's left chest.

"Poof!" Blood mist immediately exploded, and Ning Cheng saw Qiao Jierui turn into a black light that disappeared into the distance without even a trace left behind.

Ning Cheng almost immediately fell onto the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King and spat out a mouthful of blood. Qiao Jierui was just too powerful. Not only was he powerful, but he even had a very firm heart. Despite using his Sunset's Twilight and None-to-depend-on Spirit Technique, he couldn't kill this person, and only managed to sever his arm.

Yet, using that combination of spirit techniques on Qiao Jierui had almost exhausted him to the limit. Fortunately, Qiao Jierui also suffered a severe injury and decided to escape immediately. If he had not escaped, Ning Cheng would have had to sacrifice a lot today.

Scarfig down a few medicinal pills, Ning Cheng took in a deep breath. He knew that the stronger the opponent he faced, the more his spirit techniques would consume, especially for spirit techniques like None-to-depend-on. Moreover, the stronger one's heart, the harder it would be to put into practice.

If it were a general late-stage Eternal cultivator, the combination of Sunset's Twilight and None-to-depend-on Spirit Techniques would have killed them on the spot. Moreover, he wouldn't have suffered any backlash.

But Qiao Jierui wasn't an ordinary cultivator. However, Ning Cheng also knew that as long as Qiao Jierui didn't reach Dao Confirming Realm, Qiao Jierui was at most on par with the current him. Once he advanced to the Eternal Realm, Qiao Jierui wouldn't have any other option but to look at him from a distance.

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Qiao Jierui didn't know about Ning Cheng's exhaustion. Rather, even if he knew about, he didn't dare to risk staying back and killing Ning Cheng. As things reached this point, he regretted stopping Ning Cheng.

He didn't expect that Ning Cheng would make such terrifying progress in cultivation, reaching this level of power in just a few years. No wonder Chuan Xinlou didn't try to force Ning Cheng. His current cultivation wasn't any weaker compared to before Chuan Xinlou reached Dao Confirming Realm. Qiao Jierui sighed to himself and understood that his vision couldn't compare to Chuan Xinlou.

If not for his firm heart, the bewilderment produced by that spirit technique would have already claimed Qiao Jierui's life. If that had happened, the universe would no longer have a person named Qiao Jierui.

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Ning Cheng had no intention of chasing Qiao Jierui. He wanted to hurry back, but before he could bring out the Starry Sky Wheel again, a burst of thunder erupted in the starry sky above him.

Ning Cheng had not surmounted tribulation once or twice in his lifetime, so he naturally knew what this phenomenon meant. It was a thunder tribulation.

Thunder Tribulation? Ning Cheng frowned as he looked up at the starry sky. He couldn't understand why this thunder tribulation had descended. Was it for him? He still hadn't reached anywhere close to the Eternal Realm. In fact, he was still a step away from the Eternal Realm. So, this thunder tribulation didn't make any sense at all.

Ning Cheng didn't feel any fear in facing thunder tribulation. Rather, he thought that trying to surmount this tribulation was only a waste of time at this moment.

But just then, the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King suddenly sent a message, which immediately moved Ning Cheng. Ning Cheng quickly understood that this thunder tribulation was for the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King.

Despite Ning Cheng's anxiety, Ning Cheng had no choice but to wait till the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King surmounted the tribulation.

Nine traces of lightning arcs suddenly streaked down, forcing the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King to gather its scattered rattan veins quickly. In just a blink of an eye, it transformed into nine thick rattan veins that rose to face the nine streaks of lightning arcs.

A burst of pungent odour emerged, and Ning Cheng understood that this was the result of lightning arcs charring the surface of the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King's rattan veins.

But despite knowing that the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King suffered a loss, Ning Cheng did not intend to interfere. For any creature, surmounting tribulations was a manifestation of progressing strength. If he tried to interfere, it could severely affect the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King.

Fortunately, the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King did not disappoint Ning Cheng. Even if the arcs scorched the rattan veins, it regenerated and banded together quickly to face the tribulation lightning's onslaught.

The Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King and Ning Cheng shared a connection. Therefore, Ning Cheng had a clear idea about the injuries suffered by the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King. But at the same time, he also felt the aura of the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King growing stronger with each passing moment.

Thunder tribulation arcs descended on it one after another, and even Ning Cheng had to admire the tenacity shown by the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King. These thunder tribulation arcs weren't much for him. But for the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King, every lightning arc represented a fatal strike.

"Boom-Boom-Boom...." After the last few thunder tribulation arcs descended, a Spiritual Qi Cloud formed in the starry sky above it. Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King's rattan veins crazily stretched out and quickly absorbed the Spiritual Qi from the colourful clouds.

After another hour, the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King's aura grew even more powerful. Suddenly, a clear voice appeared in Ning Cheng's consciousness. "Master, I've succeeded in surmounting the tribulation. I can now completely break away from the True Spirit World, and can also transform into a single rattan..."

Master? Ning Cheng froze for a moment. But he quickly understood what was going on. It looks like this Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King picked up a few things from that stupid bull.

"Turn back into a rattan. You've wasted a few hours while surmounting the tribulation, so hurry up and return." Ning Cheng nodded.

As soon as Ning Cheng finished, the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King's rattan vines that covered the starry sky disappeared instantly. A moment later, a black light landed on Ning Cheng's wrist. Ning Cheng looked at his wrist and carefully looked at the faint black mark.

"Is this what remains of Qiao Jierui's black mist?" After Ning Cheng brought out the Starry Sky Wheel, he couldn't help but ask the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King.

Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King's voice emerged, "Replying to master, that was an Underworld Devil Corpse Mist Worm and a mighty one at that. The Underworld Devil Corpse Mist Worm will devour any living being that wanders into its path; even an essence spirit cannot survive it. But it suffered bad luck in meeting me. The last thing I'm afraid of are beings of the underworld. For me, they're nothing but excellent tonics."

Ning Cheng felt his heart move. The Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King wasn't afraid of any beings from the underworld. Then didn't it mean that he would have a powerful assistant when he went to the Ancient Shadow Temple later?

Ning Cheng didn't ask the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King about this matter. Rather, he decided to wait until he went to the Ancient Shadow Temple. Right now, he hasn't even reached the Eternal Realm, so visiting the Ancient Shadow Temple was still too early.

"Master, you must remain careful about the Underworld Devil Corpse Mist Worms. That Underworld Devil Corpse Mist Worm hadn't evolved yet, so it didn't pose much danger. But if I hadn't advanced at the right time, even I couldn't have devoured those insects." Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King reminded Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng gave a retort, "If I hadn't bought the Wood Origin Crystal before, would you have advanced this quickly? Could you have gotten rid of those Underworld Devil Corpse Mist Worm before you advanced?"

The Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King spoke up with some embarrassment, "Master, I couldn't have devoured those Underworld Devil Corpse Mist Worms before I advanced."

Ning Cheng couldn't help but feel a little gloomy after experiencing such a narrow escape. He had purchased a Wood Origin Crystal by chance. If he had not given it the crystal and had it not successfully advanced, he most likely would have suffered severe injuries or even death. If not for that stroke of providence, in his and Qiao Jierui's battle, Ning Cheng would have been the one who would have had to

escape, not Qiao Jierui. As for the Five-coloured Star Splitter Arrow, that was his ultimate trump card. He wouldn't take it out unless he didn't have any other options.

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Chapter 793: Transferred Away

Night Essence Celestial River, Orchid Restraining Star, Thorn Tooth Lake.

With such a huge bounty appearing in Night Essence Celestial River, countless cultivators poured into Thorn Took Lake. In the previously sparse Thorn Tooth Lake, one could now find cultivators at every corner.

The hardest and most challenging thing about starry sky cultivation was the need for cultivation resources. But the bounty from this mission in Thorn Tooth Lake could easily suffocate an ordinary cultivator to death. Plus, even without this mission, one could still use this opportunity to search for some resources in Thorn Tooth Lake. As a result, countless rogue cultivators naturally gravitated towards it.

In a stone chamber deep inside the Thorn Tooth Lake, Yan Ji and Nalan Ruxue sat on the ground at opposite corners but facing each other. Yan Ji focussed on healing. Since Nalan Ruxue and Yan Ji didn't share a common language, Nalan Ruxue also decided to close her eyes to cultivate.

"Do you use a talisman every time you go in and out of this place?" Yan Ji, who was in the middle of healing her wounds, suddenly opened her eyes and asked a question. By this time, her injuries had considerably recovered.

Nalan Ruxue opened her eyes and shook her head. "No, I usually go out using a concealed exit. The concealment array formation at the exit is of an extremely profound level. No matter how many times I go out, I can never find the entrance to get in. Therefore, I have no choice but to use a talisman to come inside while I take the exit to go outside."

"I'm leaving." Yan Ji said with a sigh.

Nalan Ruxue frowned, "Only death awaits you if you go out now. This place has many chambers, so if you don't want to cultivate with me, just find a quiet chamber and cultivate by yourself."

Yan Ji gave a calm reply, "It's not that. If I stay here, we'll both end up dead."

Nalan Ruxue also gave a calm reply, "You can rest assured. I know the background of Shangguan Man'er. Her father, Shangguan Xiang, is Night Essence Celestial River's Celestial River King. But even if he is a Celestial River King, I'm sure that he cannot find this place."

Yan Ji stood up and shook her head. "You only know that Shangguan Xiang is the Celestial River King of Night Essence Celestial River. But do you know who is Shangguan Xiang's elder brother?"

Seeing Nalan Ruxue look at her with a puzzled expression, Yan Ji explained. "Shangguan Xiang's elder brother is Shangguan Fei. He's Nine Jewel Starry Sky's Heavenly Emperor. If I hadn't killed Shangguan Man'er, I wouldn't have known about it either."

Yan Ji's words immediately shocked Nalan Ruxue, and she didn't speak for a long while. A Starry Sky Heavenly Emperor implied a powerhouse in the legendary Eternal Realm. Although this place had high-

level concealment, it might not work against an Eternal powerhouse. Could they still stay hidden? Yan Ji had the right idea. If they continued to hide in this place, they most likely would meet a dead end.

“Just tell me where the exit’s location.” Yan Ji asked on seeing the shock on Nalan Ruxue’s face.

Nalan Ruxue didn’t immediately answer Yan Ji’s words. Instead, she also stood up and hurried out of the chamber.

Yan Ji quickly followed Nalan Ruxue. After Nalan Ruxue took about seven to eight turns, they once again entered a large chamber.

On the stone platform in the middle of the room, they immediately focussed their gazes on a huge array formation display. Nalan Ruxue looked at this array formation-like screen and murmured, “Even if we want to leave, we can’t walk away.”

Yan Ji also stared at the array formation display with a shocked look. The screen showed what was happening outside in the Thorn Tooth Lake. At this moment, the array formation in front of them displayed the movements of all people within the lake. Even without any Eternal-level experts coming here, just as Nalan Ruxue mentioned, they can’t escape.

“Do you still want to leave?” Nalan Ruxue looked at Yan Ji and asked again.

Yan Ji remained silent. She knew the same fate would befall her regardless of if she left or not. If Yan Ji went out, then at least Nalan Ruxue could escape. But once she went out, someone would immediately search her soul. At that moment, people would immediately know about Nalan Ruxue’s involvement.

“I’m sorry. I didn’t mean to get you into trouble.” Yan Ji spoke up with regret.

Nalan Ruxue shook her head, “There’s nothing wrong with what you did.”

After hesitating a bit, she added another sentence, “Yan Ji, have you seen him since you took to the starry skies.”

Yan Ji’s eyes immediately flashed with loneliness. After entering Tian Continent, she always wanted to find Ning Cheng, but she never succeeded. She did not have the same character as Nalan Ruxue. If she liked someone, then she loved them. But if she didn’t like someone, she would never pretend otherwise. She would never make any excuses about it.

“Boom....” An explosion erupted outside, followed by a violent shock, which even Yan Ji and Nalan Ruxue felt.

Yan Ji and Nalan Ruxue glanced at each other. When they reached this room, both of them had already understood that someone would find this place sooner or later. The only reason people had not discovered this place was because of the concealment formation. Just as Yan Ji mentioned, if an Eternal expert came, then even this concealment formation wouldn’t hide them for long.

As the sounds of explosion grew louder and denser, Nalan Ruxue gave out a sigh. “There is a teleportation array here, but I have no means to activate it at all.”

Yan Ji quickly asked, “Where’s this teleportation array?”

Nalan Ruxue walked to the huge array formation display and pressed down. The array formation screen immediately split from the middle, and a stone door that only one person could enter at a time appeared.

Yan Ji followed Nalan Ruxue, and the array formation screen closed again. The two then appeared inside another chamber ten feet away. Nalan Ruxue took out a seemingly simple array flag and raised it. The next moment, a teleportation array suddenly appeared in the middle of the empty room.

A powerful Dao Charm flowed out of the teleportation array. Yan Ji and Nalan Ruxue couldn't understand anything about the power of this Dao Charm. However, they realised that this array was an extremely complicated ancient teleportation array.

At the four corners of the teleportation array were four huge grooves, and Yan Ji understood with a glance that these grooves were for a spiritual source.

"Does this teleportation array work? Or is it broken?" Yan Ji asked quickly.

Nalan Ruxue shook her head, "I don't think this teleportation array has anything wrong with it. It's just that it requires a high-grade spiritual source to initiate the teleportation. I tried using Perpetual Moon Pills and also used high-quality Starry Sky Crystals. But I still can't get any reaction from this teleportation array. If I'm not wrong, this teleportation array requires either top-rank Starry Sky Crystals or Permanent Essence Pills."

"Permanent Essence Pills?" Yan Ji felt her heart move and asked.

Feeling a slight excitement in Yan Ji's tone, Nalan Ruxue quickly asked, "Do you have Permanent Essence Pills?"

Ordinary cultivators would find it challenging to obtain Permanent Essence Pills. In general, only Heaven Seated and above cultivators could seek out and use Permanent Essence Pills, and even use it as currency. Ordinary cultivators, even if they could get some, it wouldn't exceed a handful.

"I have some Permanent Essence Pills." Yan Ji nodded. She had Shangguan Man'er's ring, which contained a large number of Permanent Essence Pills and Perpetual Moon Pills.

"But...." Nalan Ruxue looked at the four grooves with hesitation. Even if they had Permanent Essence Pills, they would require at least a few tens of thousands of Permanent Essence Pills to fill up those grooves. Would Yan Ji have these many Permanent Essence Pills?

"Boom-Boom" the explosion sounds grew louder as if someone wanted to turn over everything underground.

Yan Ji stepped onto the teleportation array and said to Nalan Ruxue, "You should also come."

After Nalan Ruxue stepped onto the teleportation array, Yan Ji raised her hand and waved it, shooting out several shadows. In just a moment, Permanent Essence Pills filled the four grooves.

A 'click' sound emerged... Just when this sound emerged, the Permanent Essence Pills in the four grooves of the teleportation array started to tremble violently. They then transformed into four pure streams of starry sky spirit qi before drilling into the teleportation array.

Yan Ji and Nalan Ruxue, standing on the teleportation array, felt a much more violent force condensing and rushing up from the ground. The two looked at each other in horror and subconsciously clenched each other's hands. Yan Ji knew that even a hundred thousand Permanent Essence Pills couldn't produce such a horrifying force.

At this point, both of them understood that the Permanent Essence Pills in the four grooves served only one purpose. That is, to activate a starry sky spirit vein embedded in this teleportation array.

"Buzz...." A harsh sound emerged, following which a white light enveloped Yan Ji and Nalan Ruxue at the same time. A burst of dizziness erupted, and the two instantly fainted, without even the slightest hint of consciousness.

After the two teleported away, the teleportation array in the room calmed down. It soon vanished from sight as the concealment array formation automatically activated.

Not knowing how long they remained unconscious, Yan Ji and Nalan Ruxue woke up at the same time. Nalan Ruxue looked around and suddenly stood up while sweeping out with her spiritual consciousness. After just a few breaths, she said, "This is not the Thorn Tooth Lake. Although we successfully teleported away, I still can't figure out where we arrived."

Yan Ji also stood up and looked at the stone chamber where the two of them had appeared. After carefully listening for a while, she spoke, "If I didn't hear wrong, this place should be somewhere underwater."

"So, what should we do now?" Nalan Ruxue asked subconsciously. Surviving a certain death, she now felt much better than before.

Yan Ji looked at the teleportation array. "The first thing to do is to dismantle the main parts of this teleportation array."

Nalan Ruxue quickly understood that Yan Ji had the right idea. Only after tearing down the teleportation array should they think of anything else.

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Thousand Cry Star's Tipping Rainbow City. The primer city of the Night Essence Celestial River.

At this time, a young cultivator with a short beard and wearing blue-robos walked into Tipping Rainbow City's Trade Union. As soon as he entered the trade union, he saw the first eye-catching bounty on the huge mission screen. It also showed a clear picture of Yan Ji.

The blue-robed cultivator turned furious and punched out, blowing the trade union's huge mission screen into pieces. If he hadn't lost all rationality, he would have already destroyed the starry sky city. While all the people inside still reeled in shock, the blue-robed cultivator spoke up with an angry voice, "I will kill anyone who dares to touch even a strand of Yan Ji's hair."

After speaking, the blue-robed cultivator disappeared without a trace. Only at this time did the trade union's staff sober up. Someone had dared to smash the trade union's array formation display. This person had to die! But when the several deacons from the trade union rushed out, the cultivator who

smashed the array formation screen had long since disappeared. Since they couldn't even see that person's shadow, how could they kill this person?

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The blue-robed young cultivator naturally was Ning Cheng who had just arrived at Night Essence Celestial River. When he saw that the trade union truly had put a bounty on Yan Ji's head, it immediately made him furious. Moreover, with that bounty, even if Yan Ji wanted to hide, she wouldn't have any means. After smashing the trade union's array formation screen, he immediately rushed to the Thorn Tooth Lake at full speed. He would never forgive himself if something happened to Yan Ji.

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Chapter 794: I'm Back

Deep within the Thorn Tooth Lake, countless cultivators directed their attacks at the same target. The sounds of 'clicks' and 'roars' from time to time made people feel that this place would crack open at any time.

Ji Luofei stood within the crowd and saw everyone attacking the concealed array. She understood that the defensive array wouldn't hold for long before crumbling, which made her anxious. Since so many people have yet to find Yan Ji, she felt almost sure that Yan Ji was behind this concealed array formation.

Hearing another 'click', Ji Luofei could no longer tolerate the situation where she could only stand aside and watch. With things progressing to such a point, she suddenly burst out of the crowd.

The crowd attacking the defensive formation felt startled on seeing Ji Luofei rush out. Soon, some people noticed Ji Luofei's cultivation and appearance, finding her to be a stunning female cultivator. One had to know that amongst rogue cultivators, pretty women like Ji Luofei were a rare, almost impossible, sight.

"Senior, this junior suggests not to attack the defensive formation for now...." Ji Luofei approached the middle-aged man who led the attack on the array formation and bowed.

This middle-aged man with a sinister-looking face was none other than the Celestial River King of Night Essence Celestial River, Shangguan Xiang.

Shangguan Xiang stared at Ji Luofei and scrutinised her carefully from top to bottom before asking with a quiet voice, "Why?"

Ji Luofei replied, "This defensive formation looks pretty tough. Maybe an ancient treasure trove lies behind this defensive array. This junior recommends dismissing everyone for now and drawing up some plans again."

Shangguan Xiang nodded seemingly in appreciation, "That's good, you're worried about Yan Ji, right?"

"Yes." Ji Luofei gave a subconscious reply, but her face immediately turned pale. She understood that she had messed up.

She, with her qualifications, wasn't in a position to even stand in front of a Celestial River King. But because she spoke those words, people immediately understood that she wanted to help Yan Ji.

“Slap.....” Ji Luofei didn’t even have any room to fight when Shangguan Xiang slapped her away.

Before Ji Luofei could even fall to the ground, Shangguan Xiang’s cold voice echoed, “Go, strip all of her clothes and nail her to this place. Once I catch that bitch Yan Ji, everyone can enjoy their fill of both of them.”

“Poof.....” Ji Luofei opened her mouth and spat out a mouthful of blood, while her body flew back to the original spot against her will. She wanted to commit suicide, but a powerful force had sealed her body, preventing her from doing anything.

“That woman is useful to me.” A male cultivator standing behind Shangguan Xiang with a dark face and a baleful expression suddenly spoke up after seeing Ji Luofei.

The eagle-nosed man next to the dark-faced cultivator immediately replied, “Little Brother Xiang, leave that woman to Brother Teng.”

“Yes. Elder Brother.” The man who just slapped Ji Luofei replied immediately.

Standing behind him were his elder brother Shangguan Fei and Teng Shao, both Starry Sky Emperors of the Devil Domain. Shangguan Fei and Teng Shao, as Eternal powerhouses, naturally wouldn’t take any action personally when it came to grabbing a worthless Heaven’s Mandate cultivator.

The cultivator with the baleful expression nodded and raised his hand. But just when he was about to catch Ji Luofei, a buzzing sound suddenly erupted. Immediately after that, a sharp killing intent drowned everyone, forcing him to bring out a defensive weapon subconsciously.

Suddenly sounds of screaming erupted followed by mists of blood as countless cultivators started falling from the sky without even the slightest hint of life.

“There’s a killing formation here; someone must have activated the killing formation.....” As more screams emerged, everyone immediately started to retreat.

The killing formation had only activated for a while, but the attack had killed thousands of cultivators. It acutely highlighted the power within it.

“Haha, this woman truly hadn’t said anything wrong. It’s an ancient array formation. This woman, I like her.” The man with the baleful expression smiled and once again reached out to grab Ji Luofei.

Ji Luofei’s face filled with despair. She couldn’t even resist right now.

Seeing the almost-invisible Celestial Essence Hand about to grab her, Ji Luofei suddenly felt another pair of arms around her.

Getting hugged like that, Ji Luofei almost went crazy in trying to break free. But she immediately stopped and muttered, “Ning Cheng, is that you....”

“It’s me, Luofei. I’m back.” A soft voice came, and a gentle palm stroked her face.

Ji Luofei only felt a kind of coolness on her face. Shangguan Xiang’s slap had formed a deep purple bruise, but it quickly faded, restoring her face to its original hue.

Ji Luofei, sensing the restoration of freedom, finally looked up and saw Ning Cheng. Although Ning Cheng's face now looked a little older with more mutability, it still was the face she yearned to see in her dreams. She immediately hugged Ning Cheng and started to cry silently.

She had never thought that she could cry so hard as a Heaven's Mandate cultivator. She never thought that she could be so vulnerable. From leaving the Everlasting Sacred Shrine with Sister Qionghua to entering the Ice Immortal Ridge alone to look for opportunities and nearly dying. From the lone and long secluded cultivation sessions to coming to Thorn Tooth Lake alone to save Yan Ji.....

Everything indicated that she, Ji Luofei, wasn't a fragile woman. Rather, a head-strong woman, but at this moment, she couldn't stay strong at all.

"You?" The man with the baleful look saw Ning Cheng and immediately frowned. At the same time, he withdrew his imposing manner that had bound Ji Luofei.

"Teng Shao, I'll settle my accounts with you later." Ning Cheng stared at Teng Shao with a cold face before shifting his gaze to Shangguan Xiang.

At this moment, a flying sword fell into Shangguan Xiang's hand. Shangguan Xiang's spiritual consciousness swept into the flying sword, and he suddenly turned furious. "Elder Brother, someone went to my Thousand Cry Star and smashed the trade union's screen in Tipping Rainbow....."

"Were you the one who slapped my wife just now?" Ning Cheng interrupted Shangguan Xiang's words. His tone, however, didn't even contain a shred of anger, as if just confirming a fact.

Shangguan Xiang put away the matter about the trade union's screen and stared at Ning Cheng. "Your wife? Yeah, I slapped her. If not for Heavenly Emperor Teng Shao wanting this woman, I would have stripped her down and nailed her right here. Then....."

He felt agitated already. Not only did someone kill his daughter, but he couldn't catch even her killer. But now, someone dared to come to his nest and stir trouble. Therefore, when he heard Ning Cheng say something about Ji Luofei being his wife, the killing intent in his heart started to surge out finally. He was a Life and Death powerhouse, while his elder brother Shangguan Fei was a middle-stage Eternal Emperor. As for Heavenly Emperor Teng Shao who came with his elder brother, this person was a late-stage Eternal expert. No matter who Ning Cheng was, he wouldn't take him seriously.

Ji Luofei quickly sobered up on hearing Shangguan Xiang's voice. She quickly released her hand holding Ning Cheng and said in a panic, "Dear, you should quickly leave...."

She had lived and wandered this place for quite a long time, and naturally knew about Shangguan Xiang's elder brother Shangguan Fei. Shangguan Fei was a legendary Eternal powerhouse. So, Ning Cheng, even if he grew more powerful, would never manage to live facing an Eternal expert if he didn't escape in time.

"Shut up....." Shangguan Fei anxiously called out to Shangguan Xiang. But by the time he said 'shut up', Ning Cheng's hand already extended towards Shangguan Xiang.

Shangguan Fei, seeing Ning Cheng making a move, didn't care about anything else and unleashed the full force of his domain at Ning Cheng. At the same time, he also brought out his weapon.

However, Shangguan Fei quickly discovered that his domain did not affect Ning Cheng at all. Not only did it not do anything, but it started disintegrating inch-by-inch the moment it came in contact with Ning Cheng's imposing manner.

"Brother Teng, help me....." Shangguan Fei had just said those words when Ning Cheng's Celestial Essence Hand grabbed Shangguan Xiang's neck and lifted him in the air.

Shangguan Xiang turned cold. He had never expected to find himself in such a situation as a Life and Death cultivator. Someone had picked him up by the neck and disabled him completely. Even his elder brother couldn't stop such a thing from happening. Who the hell was this person, how did he have such terrifying cultivation?

Seeing Ning Cheng pick up Shangguan Xiang like a rubber chicken, Shangguan Fei had to stop his attack forcibly. He then cupped his fists towards Ning Cheng and said, "Sect Master Ning, my younger brother spoke wrongly. Let me apologise to Sect Master Ning for this mistake. My younger brother didn't know that he stood in front of a venerated senior. Sect Master Ning, I hope Sect Master Ning can show some leniency....."

Sect Master Ning? Shangguan Xiang felt shocked. He finally recalled who 'Sect Master Ning' was. Some years ago, Ning Cheng came to his Nine Jewels Starry Sky alone and killed the Eternal expert of Everlasting Sacred Shrine, Seeking Intelligence. Compared to Seeking Intelligence, a powerhouse in the Eternal Realm, why would this person care about the life or death of a Celestial River King like him?

Knowing this, Shangguan Xiang started sweating profusely. Moreover, the more he thought about it, the colder he felt. After many years of suffering and torment, Shangguan Xiang finally reached his current status. But this status would soon disappear, and even his life most likely would cease to exist. How could he not feel afraid?

As for this Sect Master Ning, he would never believe that this person feared his elder brother. This Sect Master Ning even dared to go against Chuan Xinlou, how could he show any fear towards his elder brother?

Ning Cheng seemed to have never heard Shangguan Fei's words. Instead, he kept staring at Shangguan Xiang and spoke with a cold tone, "Do you know why I didn't kill you immediately? That's because I have two things to tell you.... First, I'm the one who smashed the screen in Tipping Rainbow City's trade union... And second, not only Tipping Rainbow City, even Night Essence Celestial River will have nothing to do with you anymore."

After finishing that sentence, Ning Cheng threw out Shangguan Xiang with a flick of his hand. But before Shangguan Xiang and Shangguan Fei could feel any relief, Ning Cheng threw a punch.

With a 'bang' sound, Shangguan Xiang who still hadn't fallen to the ground, blew up like an exploding balloon the moment Ning Cheng's punch hit him. Only blood and gore remained to mark his existence.

Shangguan Xiang never had a chance to ask for mercy from the beginning to the end.

Only silence remained within the crowd. A person had blown Shangguan Xiang, a Celestial River King, into a pool of blood and gore with just a punch, and even his essence spirit couldn't survive. Moreover,

the Celestial River King couldn't even resist the slightest bit. Who was this person? How was he so powerful?

Ji Luofei also saw Ning Cheng killing Shangguan Xiang with a punch and let out a startled 'ah' sound. Even with her eyes wide open, she couldn't believe what she just saw.

"Ning Cheng, I'll kill you....." Seeing Ning Cheng killing his brother right in front of him, Shangguan Fei no longer could contain his anger. Suddenly ten flying umbrellas appeared suspended over his head, which then spread out and merged with his domain.

The angrier he felt, the calmer he became. As a Starry Sky Heavenly Emperor, Shangguan Fei knew too well that if he didn't kill Ning Cheng today, he would never have the chance again.

Not because of anything else, but because he currently had Teng Shao of the Devil Domain Grand Starry Sky with him today. Teng Shao had already regarded Ning Cheng as an eyesore since the last time they met, which meant that he would help him. But after today, if he wanted to hire a helper as powerful as Teng Shao, it would only remain a dream.

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Chapter 795: The Powerful Golden Light Dragon

Even without Shangguan Fei's request, Teng Shao raised his hand and shot out a golden light at Ning Cheng. Ning Cheng anyway didn't look pleasing to his eyes. Therefore, even if Shangguan Fei hadn't asked, he would have taught Ning Cheng a lesson. What if Ning Cheng didn't fear Qiao Jierui? Even Qiao Jierui felt some trepidation when facing Teng Shao. It's just that Qiao Jierui lived for tens of thousands of years longer than him; otherwise, even Qiao Jierui wouldn't be much of a match against him.

Seeing Teng Shao taking the initiative, why would Shangguan Fei be even half a moment slower? The ten flying umbrellas over his head unleashed the killing intent; it gathered without any restraint and shot it towards Ning Cheng. The cultivators near Shangguan Fei couldn't even put up a resistance when the killing power from those flying umbrellas blew them to pieces.

Ning Cheng passed on a spirit sense message to Ji Luofei. Ji Luofei would naturally not have any resistance against Ning Cheng's arrangement. Therefore, the moment the shackles around her eased, Ning Cheng sent her into the True Spirit World.

Ji Luofei had just entered the True Spirit World when the golden light shot out by Teng Shao turned into a giant grey dragon with a golden back and four golden claws. The dragon roared and rushed towards Ning Cheng.

It also resulted in a majestic Dragon's Might descending, forcing the low-levelled cultivators flat onto the ground. With the added murderous aura coming from Shangguan Fei's ten flying umbrellas, the suppressed cultivators died on the spot.

These cultivators had all come here to catch Yan Ji. Ning Cheng naturally wouldn't have let them off, but he couldn't take care of them even if he wanted to do it right now.

As soon as Teng Shao made his move, Ning Cheng understood that this fellow was on the same level as Qiao Jierui. Meaning, this person was an expert among experts.

“Roar...” With a heart-shaking roar, the giant dragon quickly grew to a length of almost a thousand miles in an instant. Moreover, that roar even affected one heart and soul at the same time. In just the blink of an eye, the dragon’s giant tail swept towards Ning Cheng. The tail sweep had so much power that it even distorted the surrounding space. It felt as if the giant tail could easily tear open space with just a bit more force.

Facing such a terrifying dragon, Ning Cheng felt like a lone boat out in rough seas, drifting through the fierce winds and rain. As for those cultivators caught in the path of the tail, nothing remained of them. Cultivators in the distance quickly began to escape with all their might. They understood that they couldn’t even stand and watch a battle of such intensity.

The dragon’s tail smashed through Ning Cheng’s domain heading straight towards Ning Cheng’s head.

It was also Ning Cheng’s first time meeting such a violent and powerful creature. Moreover, this dragon didn’t even have a physical form. It was only a dragon condensed by light rays. Although Ning Cheng couldn’t figure out the nature and type of light, he did feel a trace of a unique aura. At the same time, this dragon not only possessed the soul of a dragon, it even had such a soul-crushing battle-type imposing manner.

“Boom....” Ning Cheng’s long spear and the tip of the dragon’s tail banged together. Suddenly, a hundred-mile ravine blasted open just below the point of impact within Thorn Tooth Lake.

The powerful backlash even forced Ning Cheng to take a few steps back unconsciously.

The horrifying power of this dragon didn’t belong to Teng Shao, Ning Cheng understood it in an instant. No matter how powerful Teng Shao was, he could never put forth such terrifying levels of power. But it was also no wonder that this person looked down on him. Most likely, Teng Shao believed that he could easily control people’s life and death with such power.

Even Shangguan Fei didn’t expect Teng Shao to have this much power. But despite the surprise, he once again gathered the murderous aura from the flying umbrellas before using it to form an almost substantial killing intent. It immediately followed the path opened by the dragon’s tail towards Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng raised his hand and also shot out a golden light. At the same time, the long spear turned into a sunset rainbow that shot towards Shangguan Fei. He had to kill one of the two first. Although Shangguan Fei’s cultivation couldn’t compare to Teng Shao, this fellow worked together with Teng Shao, putting a lot of pressure on him.

The golden light shot out by Ning Cheng quickly surged out and expanded. In just a moment, a huge jade seal about a thousand feet wide appeared over the Thorn Tooth Lake.

Controlling the Hope-powered Jade Seal, Ning Cheng slapped it down towards the dragon who still kept roaring. The resulting explosion felt as if the entire Thorn Tooth Lake had suddenly shattered and overturned. At this point, all the cultivators within Thorn Tooth Lake, even the starry sky demonic beasts, decided to escape the area with all their might.

Staying in this place would only result in death.

“Boom-Boom-Boom.....” Amid the raging and horrific explosions, deep ravines and pits started to appear one after another in the Thorn Tooth Lake.

But even then, Ning Cheng still felt a bit of difficulty fighting the golden light dragon. He tried his best to restrain his strength, as he didn’t want to turn the Thorn Tooth Lake into ruins. At least, not before finding Yan Ji.

“Roar....” The light dragon’s claw shadow blocked Ning Cheng’s Hope-powered Jade Seal, and once again erupted with a violent roar. It now felt as if this golden light dragon’s body had truly come into existence.

Four golden claw shadows blasted down at the same time, along with four times the previous pressure. At this moment, it felt as if the world only contained the four scaly-looking dragon claws.

All except for one place; that is, Ning Cheng’s current location. At this location, the glow from Ning Cheng’s sunset’s twilight covered everything within this piece of heaven and earth.

Shangguan Fei’s ten flying umbrellas’ murderous intent stopped right in front of Ning Cheng’s sunset’s twilight. Under Ning Cheng’s Sunset’s Twilight Spirit Technique, Shangguan Fei saw a beautiful setting sun and felt everything around him coming to a standstill.

It was the first time he experienced something like the ten flying umbrellas’ murderous intent coming to a standstill. It was also his first time to face a Laws of Time-related spirit technique.

How could the ten flying umbrellas’ murderous intent stop? Shangguan Fei hadn’t figured it out yet when he sensed an aura of death loom over him. As a middle-stage Eternal cultivator, Shangguan Fei naturally had a unique sensitivity towards death.

No, this was a Laws of Time Spirit Technique. Shangguan Fei’s soul almost left his body on realising that this was a Law of Time-related spirit technique. But by the time he realised it, he felt a chill from his forehead. Suddenly, an explosion erupted, and his essence spirit witnessed the collapse of his body.

The killing intent in Ning Cheng’s long spear then wrapped around his essence spirit. Shangguan Fei couldn’t believe it; even at the moment before his death, he couldn’t block even one move from Ning Cheng.

“Boom.” Almost at the same time Ning Cheng killed Shangguan Fei, a black iron rod came down on Ning Cheng’s long spear. It caused another massive celestial essence explosion.

After Ning Cheng killed Shangguan Fei, the Sunset’s Twilight Spirit Technique dissipated, and the killing intent within the long spear also weakened considerably. Teng Shao had chosen to act against Ning Cheng at this precise moment, which showed that he never considered saving Shangguan Fei at all. Rather, Teng Shao only cared about his interests without caring about anything else at all. He had even taken Shangguan Fei’s death into his calculations.

Ning Cheng’s long spear gave out a burst of buzzing-like noise and blasted away Teng Shao’s iron rod. However, Teng Shao’s iron rod quickly sucked away all the killing power around the two of them, at which point Ning Cheng lost his chance. The next moment, the iron rod, just like a black ray of light, slammed into Ning Cheng’s chest.

“Bang....” With a dull sound, Ning Cheng spat out a mouthful of blood, and his body flew back like a cannonball. Waves of tearing pain erupted from his chest.

“Kakaka....” At the same time, the four giant dragon claws of the golden light dragon opened up once again. The two front claws blasted away Ning Cheng’s Hope-powered Jade Seal, while Teng Shao directed the two rear claws towards Ning Cheng. All within Teng Shao’s calculations.

Ning Cheng snorted and quickly punched.

“Boom.” Celestial essence exploded once again, as Ning Cheng’s punch filled with near-infinite killing intent connected with the dragon’s golden claws. However, Ning Cheng felt like he had punched an iron plate. Moreover, his killing intent dissipated without a trace, showing that his killing intent did not affect this dragon’s giant claw.

“Bang.....” The other claw of the golden light dragon swiped down at Ning Cheng’s back. A tearing pain erupted, and Ning Cheng spat out another mouthful of blood. But he also used this force to fly out of the dragon’s immediate range.

Teng Shao looked at Ning Cheng in shock and murmured, “A body-refining cultivator with a starry sky body, a starry sky body....”

If not for the starry sky body, then no matter if it was his iron rod or the dragon’s claw, each strike could have easily crushed Ning Cheng’s body to a pulp.

Ning Cheng landed on the ground and swallowed a few medicinal pills. He also felt secretly glad that he sent Ji Luofei into his True Spirit World. Teng Shao’s strength didn’t match up to Qiao Jierui; however, the gap was not too huge either. But he still hadn’t fully recovered from the fight against Qiao Jierui. Plus, he used up a lot of energy to kill Shangguan Fei to stop him from collaborating with Teng Shao. Teng Shao’s golden light dragon also had considerable strength. But despite all this, he and Teng Shao each suffered a loss during the start of this fight.

But with Shangguan Fei now gone, Ning Cheng didn’t believe that he couldn’t kill Teng Shao. As long as he took care of Teng Shao’s golden light dragon, Teng Shao wouldn’t pose any threat.

This golden dragon contained a one-of-a-kind Light Origin, and also seemed to have a powerful Dragon Soul, which made Ning Cheng somewhat nervous. But Ning Cheng quickly figured out a way to deal with it. He would let the Time Wheel intercept the golden light dragon, and then deal with Teng Shao with the golden dragon restrained.

Time Wheel and Sunset’s Twilight, both were Laws of Time-related spirit techniques. But the Time Wheel and Sunset’s Twilight had opposite characteristics to each other. Time Wheel was a group-kill spirit technique, meaning the more opponents you had to deal with, the more useful the Time Wheel would become. It would turn everything in front of it into nothingness. Although this golden light dragon was only a single opponent, Ning Cheng saw the golden light dragon as a composition of countless light rays. In a way, it felt similar to facing multiple opponents.

“You might have come in contact with the Laws of Time, but even in that case, you will die here today.” Teng Shao quickly sobered up from the shock. He raised his hand to pick up Shangguan Fei’s ring and then immediately rushed towards Ning Cheng.

The golden light dragon also shot towards Ning Cheng the same time as Teng Shao. Its four claws opened up once again, enveloping the entire space and trapping Ning Cheng in the middle of it.

Ning Cheng's long spear circled his head, but he didn't make use of it at all. It made Teng Shao, who rushed towards Ning Cheng, to feel as if something had gone wrong. However, he couldn't pinpoint it right away.

The four golden claws of the dragon kept growing bigger and bigger, and even the sky above Ning Cheng had started to glow with a golden sheen.

Seeing that the dragon had almost finished capturing Ning Cheng, Teng Shao felt ecstatic. As long as his Origin Dragon Soul caught Ning Cheng, he could then easily control Ning Cheng's life and death. Not to mention Ning Cheng, even if Qiao Jierui or Chuan Xinlou ended up caught by his dragon, he could then easily squeeze them to death.

At this moment, Ning Cheng moved. He waved his hand, and a ray of light emerged from the tips of fingers. But unlike the golden light dragon's golden light rays, Ning Cheng had cast a grey light. It looked so faint that it was barely visible to the naked eye.

A dao charm containing a strand of the Laws of Time condensed within this grey light and swept out in a flash.

"Poof...." The dragon's golden claw, which was about to catch Ning Cheng, suddenly slowed down. Just like a knife plunging into a balloon and popping it, countless rays of golden light started to overflow from inside of it.

The giant golden light dragon shrank down in an instant, even the imposing manner, which had locked onto Ning Cheng, weakened considerably. Even the golden colour on the dragon's claw started to dim at speed visible to the naked eye.

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Ning Cheng also felt pleasantly surprised at this development. He initially wanted to use the Time Wheel to stop the golden light dragon and wait until he killed Teng Shao before dealing with it. Unexpectedly, his Time Wheel had such a powerful effect on it, forcing it to shrink rapidly.

Ning Cheng immediately changed his strategy. Instead of dealing with Teng Shao first, he cast one Time Wheel after another. Although the golden light dragon had enough power to go against him, it did not have any Dao Charm fluctuation coming from it. Therefore, for Ning Cheng, even when he had to use spirit techniques to deal with it, it consumed much less power compared to the fight with Qiao Jierui.

The seemingly endless faint-grey light wheels, like a cascade of waves, rushed towards the golden light dragon. Under the assault, the golden light dragon's golden light grew dimmer. Even its body, which had shrunk to a thousand feet, started shrinking even more and with even more speed.

Teng Shao felt dumbfounded. Since his debut, he had never seen anyone capable of containing his golden Light Origin Dragon Soul. Regular attacks simply did not affect his Golden Light Origin Dragon Soul. At the same time, even spirit techniques did not pose any significant threat to it. So, what the hell

was those light wheels Ning Cheng had used? Even if it contained the Laws of Time, how was it so powerful?

At this point, Ning Cheng abandoned the golden light dragon. Clutching his long spear, he shot out a spear trace that slammed into Teng Shao. Without the threat of the golden light dragon, Teng Shao's strength had reduced by more than half. What's more, Teng Shao had almost forgotten about Ning Cheng and focussed more on the golden light dragon.

Sunset's Twilight originally was a Law of Time-related spirit technique that affected one's senses and mind. If Teng Shao fought with Ning Cheng with full focus, maybe he could escape Ning Cheng's Sunset's Twilight. He could have at least resisted enough to find a chance to escape. But he felt overconfident about himself and his abilities, to the point that he didn't even care about Ning Cheng's Sunset's Twilight.

At this moment, Teng Shao could only see a touch of setting sun. Just as Ning Cheng predicted, the distracted Teng Shao couldn't have survived his Sunset's Twilight without the golden light dragon's interference.

The iron rod shooting towards Ning Cheng also came to a momentary stop. In front of Teng Shao's eyes, a sun slowly dived below the horizon.

The profoundly beautiful sunset, the moment just before dusk. Spirit Technique Sunset's Twilight!

A crazy voice struggled to emerge within Teng Shao's heart. He wanted to bring life to the frozen world around him. Maybe for just a breath. Teng Shao felt that as long as he could survive for a breath, the stillness around him would come to life once again. But this breath felt too far away, so far away that he could never wait. A moment later, Ning Cheng's long spear plunged into Teng Shao's dantian.

The power contained in the long spear tore apart Teng Shao's dantian and meridians. It even tore apart his heart and soul, leaving nothing behind.

Teng Shao's essence spirit emerged with a panicked look and wanted to escape. However, Ning Cheng's domain had long bound the surrounding space. In the end, caught within Ning Cheng's domain, Teng Shao's essence spirit couldn't even move.

Seeing a fireball covering him up, Teng Shao only felt regret. He didn't regret fighting against Ning Cheng but regretted that he didn't have a life-saving escape technique. If possible, even if it meant giving up everything, he would have exchanged everything he had for an escape-type spirit technique.

By the time the flames died down, Teng Shao's body and essence spirit had already turned into nothingness. At the same time, two rings also fell into Ning Cheng's hands.

Ning Cheng breathed in a sigh of relief and then looked at the golden light dragon, which still kept shrinking. The light dragon, at this moment, no longer looked huge. It had already shrunk down to a ball of roughly a foot in diameter.

Ning Cheng raised his hand and cast another Time Wheel. This time, the already dim light dragon gave out a shrill scream before disappearing without a trace.

It only left behind a weak ray of golden light, which Ning Cheng grabbed.

On close examination, this ray of light had the shape of a dragon. That's right; it indeed was a dragon-shaped light shadow. Although it looked almost invisible, it seemed to contain a one-of-a-kind light essence. Moreover, this light shadow exuded a majestic aura like that of a dragon. From the looks of it, the imposing manner of a dragon had fused with the light shadow.

Ning Cheng recognised it as an Origin Dragon Soul. Moreover, it was also the most powerful Light Origin Dragon Soul among Origin Dragon Souls. Ning Cheng took in a deep breath after realising it. From a certain point of view, the value of this Origin Dragon Soul did not lose out to that of an Origin Bead.

An Origin Dragon Soul formed through a similar process as that of the formation of amber. But unlike amber, it was an exceedingly rare treasure. In general, Origin Dragon Souls could only form in ancient times.

The ancient eras contained thick Origin Auras, which meant that those eras gave birth to many powerhouses. However, the countless power battles during those periods also caused the deaths of numerous powerhouses.

Most likely, an ancient dragon's body collapsed during one of those battles, leaving behind only an essence spirit soul. If this essence spirit soul fell in an Origin Aura-rich area, the Origin Aura would wrap around the essence spirit soul and seal it inside of it. Moreover, the dragon soul sealed inside the Origin Aura would lose all consciousness unless someone unsealed it quickly. If found later, one could even refine the Origin Aura-sealed Dragon Soul into a powerful helper.

Moreover, the kind of origin that sealed the dragon soul determined the type of origin dragon soul the dragon soul would form. From the looks of it, Teng Shao's dragon soul gestated within Light Origin, which transformed it into a Light Origin Dragon Soul. Even the strengths and weaknesses of the Origin Dragon Soul depended entirely on the origin that sealed the dragon soul and the power of the dragon soul itself.

In addition to the Origin Dragon Soul, one could also find other Origin Essence Spirits. But the ones that could form Origin Essence Spirits were all noble and powerful spirit beasts, i.e. those with noble blood. Such as dragons, qilins, phoenixes, kun penguins, black turtles and so on.

Ning Cheng carefully placed the Light Origin Dragon Soul within a jade box and sighed in his heart. Such a thing was just too valuable. Fortunately, Teng Shao hadn't fully refined this Light Origin Dragon Soul. Otherwise, even with the power offered by the starry sky body, this Origin Dragon Soul could have easily smashed him to pieces.

This Light Origin Dragon Soul perhaps was his best harvest till now.

Looking at the battlefield filled with ravines in front of him, Ning Cheng couldn't help but feel unpleasant. At this time, he saw no cultivator within the range of his sight. The faster cultivators had already fled a long time ago. As for the slower ones, they all died under the immense killing powers unleashed during the battle.

Ning Cheng called out Ji Luofei but didn't ask why Ji Luofei had come here. However, Ji Luofei felt utterly shocked on seeing the ruins and devastation surrounding her. How many cultivators had come here looking for Yan Ji? What happened to Nine Jewels Starry Sky Emperor Shangguang Fei?

As if reading the doubts from Ji Luofei's face, Ning Cheng gently stroked Ji Luofei's hair and said, "Shangguan Fei and Teng Shao died at my hands. As for the others, they escaped."

Ji Luofei had no idea about Teng Shao, but she knew that Shangguan Fei's strength had far surpassed her. Hearing that Ning Cheng killed Shangguan Fei, even if she turned stupid, she understood that Ning Cheng's strength could compare to an Eternal-level powerhouse. He, most likely, had already advanced to the Eternal Realm. At this moment, only joy filled her heart. She left everything aside and reflexively embraced Ning Cheng again. At the same time, her red lips also found Ning Cheng's lips.

Even if she had a reserved and restrained personality, after so many years of separation from Ning Cheng, the impromptu meeting couldn't contain her inner excitement and madness.

The endless thoughts, anxiety, expectations, and anticipations, at this moment, all melted away under this silent kiss. Not to mention that this place didn't have anyone but the two of them, even in the presence of other people, she couldn't have held back the longing and desire built up within her.

Ning Cheng also wrapped his hand around Ji Luofei's slender waist. Feeling Ji Luofei's soft body pressing against him, all the worries in his heart quickly melted away.

Ji Luofei had also willingly lost herself within the pleasure. But when Ning Cheng's hand fell on her hips, she suddenly sober up and spoke up with anxiety. "Dear, Yan Ji, they had come here to capture Yan Ji. Yan Ji must be under this entrapment formation."

Ning Cheng also recovered. To be precise, he had come here looking not for Ji Luofei but Yan Ji.

"Don't worry. We'll go down and have a look." Ning Cheng's Dao of Arrays had already reached Starry Sky Grade 9. The battle had almost destroyed this entrapment formation. But even if it contained a fully active hidden killing formation, it wouldn't pose much threat to Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng held Ji Luofei's hand and walked towards the half-broken entrapment formation before suddenly asking, "Luofei, did Qionghua also come?"

Hearing Ning Cheng asking about Shi Qionghua, Ji Luofei flinched. Ning Cheng could feel Ji Luofei's hand turning a bit cold and suddenly felt his heart sinking. He had a terrible feeling about it.

Ning Cheng stopped to look at Ji Luofei. He truly felt afraid that Ji Luofei would say that something terrible had happened to Qionghua. He had learned from Seeking Caution's mouth that Qionghua's injuries had not recovered at all when Luofei and Qionghua left.

"What happened to Qionghua?" Ning Cheng's tone trembled a bit. But he still believed, or rather hoped, that nothing happened to Qionghua.

Ji Luofei spoke with a whisper-like voice, "Someone took away Sister Qionghua. Moreover, the woman who took away Qionghua had immense power. She said that she was Sister Qionghua's sister, and said that she would come looking for you to settle the bill. If not for Sister Qionghua, that woman would have killed me....."

Ning Cheng clenched his fist. When did Qionghua have a sister? He never heard of it. But no matter who, if they showed even the slightest intention to kill Luofei, he would never let them go.

Sensing the rage building within Ning Cheng, Ji Luofei took Ning Cheng's hand and said softly, "Sister Qionghua must be fine. When our cultivation increases, we can go find Sister Qionghua."

Ning Cheng's emotions calmed down and stroked Ji Luofei's long hair before speaking with a sigh, "Luofei, I let you suffer during all these years...."

Ji Luofei shook her head. "I did not suffer anything. I've been hiding in a secluded place for cultivation. But you, in just a few years, have already reached the Eternal Realm. You've suffered the most."

Ji Luofei herself was a starry sky cultivator. She naturally knew about the sheer impossibility of reaching the Eternal Realm. Even after cultivating for all these years, and obtaining so many opportunities, she only recently made it to Heaven's Mandate Realm. Yet, it was still a level 108,000 miles away from the Eternal Realm. Since Ning Cheng could reach the Eternal Realm, she didn't need to ask at all. She understood that Ning Cheng had suffered many more hardships compared to her.

Ning Cheng also quickly understood why Ji Luofei hadn't come looking for his Mysterious Yellow Celestial River. Because of her seclusion, she had no idea that he had set up a sect.

"Luofei, I haven't reached the Eternal Realm yet. After we return, I will go into secluded cultivation to reach the Eternal Realm. You should also return and stay with me. I even created a sect called the Mysterious Yellow Sect." Ning Cheng spoke up with a soft voice.

Ji Luofei also gave a gentle nod. She didn't feel surprised on hearing that Ning Cheng could kill Shangguan Fei without advancing to the Eternal Realm. Since the time she started travelling with Ning Cheng, Ning Cheng had always remained the most resourceful and also the most reliable individual in her eyes. Moreover, Ning Cheng even had the Mysterious Yellow Bead. Since Ning Cheng founded the Mysterious Yellow Sect, she also understood that he did it to get her and Big Sister Qionghua's attention.

"Come on, let's go and see if Yan Ji is inside or not." Ning Cheng took Ji Luofei's hand and walked into the broken defensive formation. Even if this defensive formation remained intact, it couldn't have stopped him, let alone now when the formation was in such a tattered state.

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Chapter 797: Seeking the Eternal Realm

The lower chamber complex had a complicated arrangement. For ordinary cultivators, it might take them a long time to figure it out, but it did not pose any problem for Ning Cheng. With his spiritual consciousness deployed without any reservation, in just half an incense stick's worth of time, he opened the stone chamber behind the big screen and brought Ji Luofei inside with him.

"Is it truly empty?" Ji Luofei looked at the empty stone chamber in front of her and asked in doubt.

"No." Ning Cheng replied and took out a few array flags before dropping them in specific locations. After another incense stick worth of time, a teleportation array appeared in the middle of the chamber. Four large grooves lined the four corners of the teleportation array, but he saw no one seated over it. At first glance, it looked as if no one had used it in a long time.

Ning Cheng pointed to the teleportation array. "Someone opened this teleportation array not too long ago. I can feel some faint spacial fluctuations around it. Luofei, come with me, we'll teleport over to the other side and have a look."

After Ji Luofei entered the teleportation array with him, Ning Cheng waved his hand and filled up the four grooves with Permanent Essence Pills. But what puzzled Ning Cheng was that even after filling up the grooves with Permanent Essence Pills, the teleportation array showed no movement. Ning Cheng removed the Permanent Essence Pills and replaced it with a bunch of Starry Sky Crystals. But even then, the teleportation array showed no response.

Ning Cheng frowned and put away the Starry Sky Crystals before speaking, "Luofei, Yan Ji had indeed come here. But she should have already teleported away."

"Then we...." Ji Luofei understood something before she even finished her words. "Dear, do you think Yan Ji destroyed the teleportation array on the other side?"

Ning Cheng nodded, "It looks like it. If it were me, I would have also done the same."

"Then, can we fix this teleportation array?" Ji Luofei asked with some concern.

Ning Cheng shook his head. "This is an ancient teleportation array. The cultivator who arranged this array has a much higher understanding of array formations. Moreover, the array this cultivator set up is not a single-directional one. You could use this array to come and go like a two-way street. I have no way to activate this teleportation array for now, at least not until my array formation mastery reaches the level of an Array Dao Master."

Only Emperor Array Masters who exceeded Starry Sky Grade 9, held the title 'Dao Masters'. After advancing to the level of an Array Dao Master, Ning Cheng could easily modify the fundamental structure of this teleportation array's base. With that, he could then teleport to the corresponding coordinates of the other transmission array without the need for uncovering the original position.

Seeing Ji Luofei's worry, Ning Cheng comforted her. "Yan Ji has a tenacious spirit. Since she could survive on her own for so long in the starry skies, she shouldn't have any problems in surviving after teleporting away from this place. Just to be sure, I will seal this place completely and not allow anyone to come here."

Although he spoke those words to comfort Ji Luofei, in reality, it was to calm himself.

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Five days later, Ning Cheng left the Thorn Tooth Lake with Ji Luofei. He had finished sealing that underground complex and even added a few concealed array formations to guard it. People could still come out from inside, but no one can find it from the outside, let alone enter it. At least not unless their understanding of array formations exceeded him. But even then, they would have to look at it carefully and slowly.

"Sect Master Ning...." Ning Cheng had just walked out of Thorn Tooth Lake with Ji Luofei when a polite voice interrupted his thoughts.

“Are you looking for me?” Ning Cheng asked, looking at the slightly pale man in front of him. He knew for sure that he had never seen this man before this moment.

This man was a late-stage Life and Death cultivator, and apart from a slightly pale face, this man exuded intelligence.

“This junior is called Luo Sizhe. I lived my whole life in Nine Jewels Starry Sky. This junior heard that senior killed that old thief Shangguan Fei and so I specifically came to thank you.” Luo Sizhe gave Ning Cheng a respectful bow.

Ning Cheng didn’t ask any question. Since Luo Sizhe said and did such a thing then presumably, he had a significant grudge against Shangguan Fei.

Luo Sizhe voluntarily spoke up, “Shangguan Fei was a vicious and sinister pervert. This junior had been hiding in Nine Jewels Starry Sky for almost all my life to kill this beast. But now that senior killed Shangguan Fei, the Nine Jewels Starry Sky no longer has any Starry Sky Emperor. If senior so desires, this junior can willingly take control of Nine Jewels Starry Sky in senior’s stead.”

Ning Cheng showed a faint smile. He guessed that this was Luo Sizhe’s primary purpose.

“Luo Sizhe, Nine Jewels Starry Sky belongs to Culmination Grand Starry Sky, and it has a close relationship with Chuan Xinlou. Are you sure you want to take control of Nine Jewels Starry Sky?” Ning Cheng spoke with a calm tone while looking at Luo Sizhe.

Nine Jewels Starry Sky and Striking Order Starry Sky sat next to each other. But Ning Cheng had no intention of taking over Nine Jewels Starry Sky. He didn’t like being in control of territories or becoming a starry sky emperor. Just having Stately River Star was more than enough for him. In truth, Ning Cheng liked having the freedom that came with not having to manage a territory.

Luo Sizhe spoke up with utmost sincerity, “This junior wanted to kill Shangguan Fei for revenge all his life, so he hadn’t taken anything else seriously. Now that senior killed Shangguan Fei and thereby liberating me from my revenge, this junior just wants to repay the favour to senior.”

Ning Cheng could feel Luo Sizhe’s sincerity. Whether he took control of Nine Jewels Starry Sky or not, it didn’t matter to him. But now that someone took the initiative to help him, Ning Cheng at least didn’t need to push it away immediately. So, he just gave a casual consent to it.

Even if Chuan Xinlou knew that Nine Jewels Starry Sky switched allegiances, he would have to find Ning Cheng first to create any trouble. Moreover, Luo Sizhe did not feel any fear, so why would he show any concern?

“Alright, since that’s the case, you can have control of Nine Jewels Starry Sky. If Chuan Xinlou comes here, you can push the blame to me. I can’t help you much, so look out and take care of things by yourself. I will, however, give you a suggestion of referring to the rules of my Mysterious Yellow Celestial River to run things here. If there’s something urgent that you can’t deal with, just send me a message.” Ning Cheng finished and took out a communication pearl before handing it to Luo Sizhe.

Luo Sizhe took the communication pearl and said with excitement, “Sect Master can rest assured. I will not let Sect Master down.”

With Nine Jewels Starry Sky, Luo Sizhe would one day reach heights comparable to the other starry sky emperors. Luo Sizhe, of course, knew that he had to pay the price for it. But surrendering to Ning Cheng was a much better option than Chuan Xinlou. Moreover, no matter what he did or would do, he would never reach Chuan Xinlou's eyes and wouldn't have any chance to speak to him at all. As a latecomer in the cultivation world, he had no choice but to turn to Ning Cheng. Besides, Ning Cheng had even helped him, Luo Sizhe, achieve his revenge.

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A little farewell is better than a new marriage. Ning Cheng and Ji Luofei had remained apart for so long. Therefore, on the way back to Stately River Star[1], Ning Cheng and Ji Luofei did not separate for even the slightest bit. The two stayed together till they reached Stately River Star. Ning Cheng cultivated the Mysterious Yellow Formless, which incorporated all kinds of Origin Auras. Therefore, during the time Ji Luofei and Ning Cheng stayed together, her cultivation made rapid progress. At the same time, it even improved her qualifications.

After Ning Cheng returned to Stately River Star with Ji Luofei, Ruolan and Ruoqing had still not come out of secluded cultivation. Therefore, Ning Cheng introduced Ji Luofei to everyone else before establishing an independent cultivation cave for Ji Luofei within the Mysterious Yellow Sect.

Even though Ning Cheng didn't come out to speak, or even show up, everyone in Stately River Star understood that Sect Master Ning had returned. Primarily because every time Sect Master Ning returned, the concentration of Starry Sky Essence Qi within Stately River Star would increase sharply. This time was also no exception.

Ning Cheng had obtained so many Starry Sky Spirit Veins, no he naturally wouldn't show any reluctance to make use of it. His sister Ning Ruolan, his wife Ji Luofei, and his many friends and acquaintances had made this place their home for cultivation. So why would he care about spending a few Starry Sky Essence Qi Spirit Veins for them?

Therefore, this time, he planted more than a dozen Starry Sky Essence Qi Veins within Stately River Star. With so many Star Veins implanted, Covered Snow City almost overflowed with Starry Sky Essence Qi. Even the rest of Stately River Star experienced a significant rise in the concentration of Spiritual Qi.

Under such a dense concentration of Starry Sky Essence Qi, even a cultivator with poor qualifications could experience significant and visible progress every day. The influx also helped the Starry Sky Spiritual Grasses growing on the star, and they started to mature at a much more rapid pace. It caused all the cultivators who had stayed back in Stately River Star to feel glad and even blessed that they didn't leave this place like the others.

At this time, even if Stately River Star did not have strict laws, no one dared to go about doing anything even remotely against the rules. If expelled from Stately River Star, they would truly regret it for the rest of their lives.

Ning Cheng left a stack of cultivation resources to Luofei and also gave the glaze scroll to her.

Ning Cheng hadn't refined the glaze scroll since the time he obtained it. Even when he returned to Graceful Star Mainland last time, he did not give it back to Rainbowfall Sword Sect. Initially, Ning Cheng wanted to give this scroll to his sister Ruolan as her cultivation still lagged behind others. But since she

had yet to exit her secluded cultivation session, he decided to give it to Luofei. In the future, when his sister came out, he would find another top-grade weapon suitable for her.

Despite Ning Cheng not refining the glaze scroll, he did study it. From what he saw, the glaze scroll truly wasn't an ordinary True Cultivation World's treasure. Rather, Ning Cheng put this treasure on the same level as the Five-elements Treasure Fall Copper Coin. Since he had given the Five-elements Treasure Fall Copper Coin to Qionghua, he decided to leave this glaze scroll to Luofei.

After making sure that Luofei started her secluded cultivation session, Ning Cheng left Stately River Star once again. He wanted to look for a suitable place to surmount the incoming tribulation. With the strength of his past ordeals, Ning Cheng understood that he couldn't use Stately River Star to overcome it.

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Nine Jewel Starry Sky's Emperor Shangguan Fei died at Mysterious Yellow Sect's Sect Master Ning's hands. At the same time, Luo Sizhe took over the Nine Jewels Starry Sky as its new Starry Sky Emperor. Luo Sizhe was the only Starry Sky Emperor who received this title without advancing to the Eternal Realm. Moreover, this incident didn't seem to have caused any fallout. Even Chuan Xinlou didn't send out a single word, seemingly consenting to it.

Since Chuan Xinlou didn't care about this matter, then naturally all the celestial rivers in Nine Jewels Starry Sky also did not dare resist this change. Ning Cheng could kill Shangguan Fei, wouldn't they too die if they did anything against his wishes? What's more, why would the celestial rivers care as to who became the Starry Sky Emperor? It wouldn't impact them too much. At best, Luo Sizhe might promulgate some new rules after taking over the Nine Jewels Starry Sky.

For most of them, rules and regulations were just words on a piece of paper. As for the implementation and execution of them, it was in the hands of the Celestial River Kings and the other powerhouses within the celestial rivers.

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At this time, on an uninhabited and broken planet within Striking Order Starry Sky, Ning Cheng frantically absorbed the starry sky Spirit Qi for cultivation. Under him lay quite a few Starry Sky Essence Qi Veins crisscrossing each other along with a huge pile of Permanent Essence Pills.

The endless Starry Sky Essence Qi coming from it had already wrapped itself around Ning Cheng, forming a huge starry sky Spiritual Qi Vortex above his head. Ning Cheng had sealed the broken planet with array formations. Otherwise, this concentration of Starry Sky Essence Qi would have dissipated into the starry sky, letting others sense his location.

Time flew by as Ning Cheng continued cultivating. The Starry Sky Essence Qi interlacing around Ning Cheng not only did not decrease but became more and more concentrated with each passing moment.

Although Ning Cheng's cultivation had already reached the full-circle of Life and Death Realm, Ning Cheng still kept absorbing the Starry Sky Essence Qi like a bottomless pit.

Half a month later, this rate of absorption didn't slow down at all. Ning Cheng took in a deep breath and kept trying to reach the barrier to the Eternal Realm and strike it down. However, Ning Cheng gradually

felt disappointed. Even when he gathered every scrap of cultivation and pushed his cultivation method to its limits, he couldn't find the barrier to the Eternal Realm.

If he can't even sense the barrier to the Eternal Realm, how could he attack it? It was like trying to learn a Laws of Time-related spirit technique when you can't even touch the edge of the Laws of Time.

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Chapter 798: Eternal

Ning Cheng felt a little regret in his heart. He had come out looking for a chance to reach the Eternal Realm when his cultivation had almost reached the full-circle of Life and Death Realm in the Temple of Time. But now it looks like he might have come out a bit too early.

After taking out a high-quality Eternal Emperor Continuance Pill and swallowing it, Ning Cheng once again waved his hands and brought out another pile of Permanent Essence Pills. In comparison, the Permanent Essence Pills contained a much purer concentration of Starry Sky Essence Qi.

He had just swallowed the Eternal Emperor Continuance Pill when the terrifying concentration of celestial essence inside him suddenly started raging.

Even the Starry Sky Essence Qi vortex that formed above Ning Cheng's head became more violent. The vortex even started growing in size as it sucked in more and more Starry Sky Spiritual Qi from the surroundings.

The pile of Permanent Essence Pills next to Ning Cheng quickly started to disappear at speed visible to the naked eye. It turned into a stream of Starry Sky Spirit Qi that poured into the vortex.

The powerful stimulation from the Eternal Emperor Continuance Pill helped Ning Cheng sense the dao charm much more clearly. At the same time, the burst of Spirit Qi from the pill also helped Ning Cheng sense the existence of the barrier to the Eternal Realm.

Ning Cheng did not hesitate and stimulated every bit of celestial essence inside of him to rush over. But despite Ning Cheng eagerly wanting to step into the Eternal Realm, and even when triggering every scrap of celestial essence, the barrier to the Eternal Realm didn't even ripple. Rather, he couldn't even touch it.

Ning Cheng lamented at such an experience. He had gathered so many cultivation resources, used the Mysterious Yellow Formless cultivation method, and even used the Eternal Emperor Continuance Pill. Yet, Ning Cheng still found it difficult to break down the barrier to the Eternal Realm. Without such help, would he have even sensed the wall blocking his path to the Eternal Realm?

However, Ning Cheng had no choice but to break through to the Eternal Realm today. Chuan Xinlou hadn't come out to find him yet, not because Chuan Xinlou felt afraid of him, but because Chuan Xinlou wanted to stabilise his cultivation first. Perhaps he might even comprehend a new spirit technique during this retreat. Once Chuan Xinlou's cultivation consolidated fully, even if he didn't understand a new spirit technique, Chuan Xinlou would immediately head out to find Ning Cheng.

If he did not advance to the Eternal Realm, defending against Chuan Xinlou would only remain as a pipe dream.

Once, twice, a dozen times. Even if Ning Cheng absorbed more Starry Sky Essence Spirit Qi, he couldn't even create the slightest ripple in the barrier to the Eternal Realm.

Days later, Ning Cheng took out another high-quality Eternal Emperor Continuance Pill and swallowed it. After the Eternal Emperor Continuance Pill went down, the celestial essence within his body once again exploded with high intensity. But just like before, he still couldn't touch the threshold of the Eternal Realm despite the barrier's growing clarity.

Ning Cheng took in a deep breath, and this time took out the three top-quality Eternal Emperor Continuance Pills before swallowing them whole. If these three pills couldn't loosen the barrier to the Eternal Realm, he decided to stop trying for now.

The next moment, the three pills swallowed by Ning Cheng exploded like a supernova. The violent spirit power, in just an instant, flooded all of Ning Cheng's meridians and even his dantian. It even reached his Sea of Consciousness in the next moment. Wave after wave of Pill Spirit Dao Charm suddenly swept through Ning Cheng's Sea of Consciousness. It felt like a never-ending wave that swept through his Sea of Consciousness and engulfed all his thoughts.

At this moment, the Everlasting Blue Thunder Fort automatically appeared and blocked the terrifying eruption of power, lest the terrifying spiritual power shattered the Sea of Consciousness.

As a wave of tearing pain washed over, Ning Cheng opened his mouth and spat out a large mouthful of blood.

Ning Cheng felt as if the pain and eruption of spiritual power within his body would eventually tear him apart. Even if it did not, it would still tear apart his meridians. This kind of shock generated from the release of Pill Spirit Dao Charm had almost turned him into an idiot. Meanwhile, the word 'fast' could no longer describe the Starry Sky Essence Spirit Qi swirling outside his body at this moment. It had virtually transformed into a solidified tornado.

Blood beads started to form on Ning Cheng's body surface. He vaguely felt that if not for being a body-refining expert with a Starry Sky Body, this level of horrifying Spirit Qi would have already blown up his body. Never even in his dreams had he imagined that three top-quality Eternal Emperor Continuance Pills would produce such horrific effects. Frantically operating the body-refining cultivation method to consume the destructive force, Ning Cheng once again gathered all the celestial essence. He then directed all of it towards the barrier to the Eternal Realm.

Whether he successfully passed this life or death tribulation, he understood that he only had one chance.

Ning Cheng now felt the existence of the barrier to the Eternal Realm, which remained calm and unwavering till now, even more clearly. At this moment, even the dao charm coming from it started to grow clearer within his consciousness...

Angry Axe Trace, Spear Trace, Traceless Spear Trace...

Maximal Flame, Sunset's Twilight, Time Wheel, None-to-depend-on...

When he finally got to touch the cultivation barrier to the Eternal Realm, his celestial essence power almost instantly blew through it. The next instant, everything turned clear, regardless of if it were skills, spirit techniques, dao charms....

“Boom...” With a violent tremor, the barrier suddenly crumbled like a sandcastle crumbling to the ground. The celestial essence power about to tear apart his meridians once again transformed back into raging Essence Qi that filled up his entire body, looking for a vent to rush out.

At this moment, his dao laws turned clearer, and even the direction of his dao became clear. It felt as if it gradually had started to return to one...

Still operating the Mysterious Yellow Formless, and still quenching his body through the body-refining cultivation method, a loud explosion suddenly sounded out from somewhere above his head. From this, Ning Cheng understood that the thunder tribulation would descend at any moment now.

Ning Cheng didn't think that consuming the three pills together would help him break through the Eternal Realm's cultivation barrier in just one stroke. Therefore, despite the energy from the pills almost tearing through his body, the reward still made him happy.

As the seemingly endless lightning arcs rained down, Ning Cheng roared and rose into the sky. He felt incredible power coursing through his body, which bolstered his confidence and emotions to a whole new level. Such a level of strength was something Ning Cheng had never experienced before in his life. He never thought that after just entering the Eternal Realm, his spirit techniques' dao charm would become so sharp.

At this moment, even without experiencing the thunder tribulation, Ning Cheng felt sure that he could quickly kill Qiao Jierui using just Sunset's Twilight. He wouldn't need to incorporate None-to-depend-on in it.

“Boom-Boom-Boom.....”

Endless and thick lightning arcs rained down, but Ning Cheng didn't even bother to keep count. He had been through a lot of soul-terrifying thunder tribulations. Therefore, when facing this particular thunder tribulation, he felt no fear at all.

“Bang-Bang-Bang....” These thick lightning arcs struck Ning Cheng's body, disintegrating all his robes and drawing blood. However, Ning Cheng remained expressionless. He didn't even bring out the Everlasting Blue Thunder Fort.

“KaKaKaKa.....” Sounds of bones cracking continued to emerge.

Initially, because of the fury of the Eternal Emperor Continuance Pills, Ning Cheng had already pushed his body-refining cultivation method to almost its limit. But now, with the descent of those endless lightning arcs, Ning Cheng's body-refining method quickly broke past its previous threshold.

Ning Cheng's body started to tremble violently as his bones rapidly reassembled, and his cracked skin quickly came together.

When the second wave of lightning arcs fell, Ning Cheng's bones had already finished reassembling. His forged body also advanced to the next level, upgrading to a late-stage Starry Sky Body.

Feeling the damage from lightning arcs lessening, Ning Cheng rushed up and shot out a powerful punch. He decided to use his fists to fight against the continuous barrage of lightning arcs to absorb the thunder source aura while enjoying the thunder tribulation from his heart and soul.

It had been a long time since he enjoyed such a feeling. Ning Cheng liked it so much that he wished that this tribulation lingered around for a long time.

The subsequent waves of thunder tribulation descended with even more power, so much so that it felt no different from a thundering waterfall. Even Ning Cheng didn't know it, but he had unknowingly entered the source of these dense and terrifying lightning arcs.

Fortunately, this time there was no one like Cang Caihe watching from the side. In any case, even Cang Caihe wouldn't have believed that someone could have invoked such a terrifying thunder tribulation. Moreover, no one would have ever thought that someone would show such an ecstatic expression when facing such an ordeal.

Ning Cheng could feel his body-forging cultivation growing steadily within this thunder tribulation, and could also clearly feel his strength growing powerful with each passing moment. At this point, Ning Cheng even started praying for this thunder tribulation never to end. Let it keep falling like this; keep making him stronger.

"Boom-Boom" With another explosive sound, the broken planet under Ning Cheng's feet started to crack apart under this horrifying thunder tribulation.

"Bang..." With a dull explosion, the planet under Ning Cheng's feet finally broke apart. Then, under the next wave of thunder tribulation, it exploded into countless meteorite fragments that dissipated into the starry sky.

The moment the broken planet under Ning Cheng's feet exploded, Ning Cheng's thunder tribulation also dissipated. However, no starry sky cloud formed over his head, nor did any starry sky spirit rain fell. Ning Cheng had already gotten used to it. He understood that thunder tribulations rarely conjured such a phenomenon. At most, it would rain down some more powerful lightning arcs from time to time.

In any case, he held no fear towards such a bombardment, the stronger the lightning arcs attacking him, the stronger it would make him. One day, it wouldn't be a thunder tribulation attacking him, but him bringing the fight to the thunder tribulation.

After converging his aura, Ning Cheng cleaned himself thoroughly and put on a set of clean robes. Then, he stood still for a few moments within the starry sky.

How many years had it been since the bright light from the Mysterious Yellow Bead brought him to the Graceful Star Mainland? He had experienced countless life and death trials and went through many life experiences. After so many lessons, he finally advanced to the Eternal Realm today. Within the starry sky, he now had enough strength to speak. Now that he reached the Eternal Realm, even if Chuan Xinlou stabilised his cultivation, so what?

Ning Cheng raised a hand and with just a gesture cast the Time Wheel. It seemed as if it had formed naturally within his palm before shooting out as a grey shadow.

“One day, when I raise my hand, time will flow backwards, and the starry sky would come to a standstill.” Ning Cheng thought to himself with full conviction as he looked at the vast starry sky before him and took in a deep breath

If he could bring an entire starry sky to a standstill, he no longer would need to work so hard to cultivate. At that point, he could easily swim through the universe’s starry skies with his loved ones without any worry.

He believed in it, and he would achieve it one day.

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Chapter 799: Shocking News

Stately River Star’s Ancient Shadow Temple; Chuan Xinlou’s seclusion after reaching Dao Confirming Realm; the Mysterious Yellow Temple’s threatening voice; and the mysterious group of people who had suddenly appeared in the Mysterious Yellow Starland....

All of this heightened Ning Cheng’s sense of crisis; it even felt like the prelude to the starry skies undergoing some huge changes. This kind of tranquillity within the starry skies now felt like the calm before the storm.

But no matter what the future brought, he had to take advantage of this quietness and speed up increasing his strength.

Thinking of all this, Ning Cheng immediately took out the teleportation jade talisman and entered the Time Wilderness. He still had more than 30 Star Veins on him. However, he felt that going to the Temple of Time for cultivation still had the most cost-effective advantage, especially now that he had advanced to the Eternal Realm. The Starry Sky Spirit Qi within the Temple of Time not only had a much higher purity, but it also had much higher compatibility with his cultivation. Besides, he could use the cultivation resources on him whenever he wanted, so it didn’t make much sense to consume them right now.

It was Ning Cheng’s fourth time entering Time Wilderness, so he felt much more familiar with it this time around. In just a short time, Ning Cheng arrived in front of the triangular-shaped gate to the Temple of Time. In just a glance, Ning Cheng understood that Duan Gantai hadn’t come here at all. Presumably, just like him, Duan Gantai must have gone into seclusion to reach the Eternal Realm.

A Time Wheel popped out, and the triangular-shaped gate of the Temple of Time opened again. But before Ning Cheng went inside, he set up a few defensive array formations outside.

Ning Cheng felt sure that Duan Gantai couldn’t open the Temple of Time despite having the three Perpetual Moon Time Keys. But even then, Ning Cheng didn’t dare to take the risk. What if Duan Gantai had some other means to open the door? He had to prepare a defence beforehand.

But even after making all the preparations, Ning Cheng didn’t immediately start cultivating. Instead, he took out the stone stele obtained from the Formless Sect. Ning Cheng had many things to take care of before and didn’t have the time to refine this stone stele. But now he decided to take care of it first.

Ning Cheng’s spiritual consciousness seeped into the stone stele and started refining it. In just a few breaths, Ning Cheng understood that the stele was anything but ordinary. It’s just that this thing didn’t

have a use in crafting artefacts. Rather, it only had one effect, creating an extremely powerful isolation boundary. So strong that even his spiritual consciousness couldn't fully penetrate it.

Ning Cheng hit the stone tablet with a punch, which instantly shattered it. Picking up the fragments, Ning Cheng carefully looked over each piece and became even more convinced that this stele only served one purpose. That is, to isolate the inside from spiritual consciousness. Out of all the fragments, only the piece with the word 'Formless' remained intact. Even the characters looked very different from the other bits. They had a quaint aura of dao charm flowing around it.

After scrutinising it for a long time, Ning Cheng concluded that a person with extremely high cultivation had written those words and had nothing particularly special about it. Therefore, he put it away and flipped through the rest of the stone fragments and found an ordinary-looking book embedded inside one. This book should be the object sealed inside the stone stele, which emerged after he smashed the stele.

Ning Cheng didn't expect that this stone stele would contain a book inside it. He picked up the book and separated it from the pieces of stone still attached to it before flipping its pages. The book only contained seven sheets of paper apart from its cover but had no words on it. Even Ning Cheng couldn't figure out the material of these papers nor could his spiritual consciousness penetrate it. Not only could his spiritual consciousness not sweep through it, but Ning Cheng also couldn't tear the pages apart with his strength.

This book gave Ning Cheng a very unusual feeling. So, Ning Cheng decided to refine this book the moment his spiritual consciousness finished its scrutiny. However, one day later, Ning Cheng withdrew his spiritual consciousness. He could refine this book, but it would take a long time, something he lacked at the moment. He can't waste precious time in refining a book.

Ning Cheng felt convinced that the most valuable thing in Formless Sect's stone stele was the wordless book hidden within the stele.

Putting away the seven-page book without words, Ning Cheng let go of all other thoughts. Entering the Mysterious Yellow Bead, he decided to concentrate on cultivation in seclusion.

Even Ning Cheng had to admit that the Temple of Time truly was an excellent place for cultivation. He kept the Mysterious Yellow Bead suspended over the jade platform in the middle of the Temple of Time. At the same time, the endless Starry Sky Spirit Qi within the jade platform formed into a vortex that continually flowed into the Mysterious Yellow Bead.

Time flew by silently as Ning Cheng kept absorbing the Starry Sky Spirit Qi like a bottomless pit within the Mysterious Yellow Bead. The influx of Spirit Qi steadily kept improving his cultivation.....

One year, two years....

In a flash, five years passed by and Ning Cheng, immersed in cultivation, suddenly opened his eyes. He realised that he could no longer absorb the abundant Starry Sky Essence Spirit Qi.

Did he absorb all the Starry Sky Spirit Qi? Ning Cheng felt a bit confused and swept out with his spiritual consciousness before coming out of the Mysterious Yellow Bead.

Ning Cheng guessed it correctly. He had truly absorbed all the Starry Sky Spirit Qi in this place. Not only did he absorb everything, but even the jade platform beneath his feet had turned bleak. Moreover, the jade platform started to crack apart the moment Ning Cheng's feet touched it.

Ning Cheng felt secretly upset about it. If he could cultivate for a little more time, he could have advanced to middle-stage Eternal Realm. Unfortunately, at such a critical time, he had already consumed all the Starry Sky Spirit Qi in it.

During these five years, Ning Cheng had not only stabilised his cultivation, but he had also improved his cultivation significantly. Therefore, although Ning Cheng felt a bit upset, the progress still pleased him.

It's just that he didn't know what happened to Duan Gantai. This fellow still hadn't shown up at the Temple of Time. However, Ning Cheng naturally didn't care about Duan Gantai right now and eagerly left the Time Wilderness.

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Despite coming to Stately River Star nearly two months ago, Ning Cheng didn't go to Covered Snow City. Instead, he used this time to reinforce the Star Protecting Grand Array outside the Stately River Star. The array he had arranged previously was a peak-level Starry Sky Rank 8 Array, just a little short of a Starry Sky Rank 9 Array.

Now that his accomplishments in the Dao of Arrays had risen parallelly with his cultivation, Ning Cheng naturally decided to rearrange the Star Protecting Grand Array. Even if he had to refine a pseudo-top ranked Dao Artefact to implant into the Star Protecting Grand Array, it wouldn't hurt Ning Cheng. Ning Cheng also implanted more than ten Star Veins into the Star Protecting Grand Array to bolster its power to a new height.

Moreover, with Cang Caihe's help, Ning Cheng finished the rearrangement at a much faster pace. If not for the decision to add a top-ranked Spirit Gathering Array within this Star Protecting Grand Array at the last moment, this Star Protecting Grand Array would have finished a long time ago. Even so, the two managed to complete the array in a record-breaking time of two months.

"Sect Master, I truly admire you. Not only is your progress in cultivation and alchemy incredible, but even your proficiency with Array Formations has reached such incredible heights. If I hadn't seen it with my own eyes, I couldn't have believed that this Star Protecting Grand Array was set up by a single person." After finishing the rearrangement of the Star Protecting Grand Array, Cang Caihe spoke up from his heart.

Ning Cheng smiled. But just when he was about to speak, he sensed the destruction of one of his Spirit Sense Jade Cards. He had only given Spirit Sense Jade Cards to Cang Caihe, Ning Ruolan, Ji Luofei and Shui Wuchang.

From the looks of it, Shui Wuchang was the one who crushed her Spirit Sense Jade Card. Ning Cheng had left the Spirit Sense Jade Card with Shui Wuchang with express instructions to only use it for information relating to the Wood Origin Bead. Since Shui Wuchang crushed her Spirit Sense Jade Card, was it because she gained some information about the Wood Origin Bead?

Initially, Ning Cheng wanted to invite Ning Ruoqing to visit the Ancient Shadow Temple after arranging the Star Protecting Grand Array. But since Shui Wuchang crushed the Spirit Sense Jade Card, he naturally decided to head to the Devil Domain. For him, any information relating to Wood Origin Bead took utmost precedence.

“Brother Cang, I need to leave Stately River Star again. Sorry for creating more trouble for Brother Cang.” Ning Cheng truly felt embarrassed. He founded the Mysterious Yellow Sect, but he rarely stayed in Stately River Star. Thus, most of the Stately River Star’s affairs ended up in the hands of Gongxiu Zhu and others. At the same time, Cang Caihe looked over and took charge of the safety of the star.

Cang Caihe laughed, “Sect Master, to tell the truth, I feel quite happy staying in Stately River Star. Staying here is much more comfortable than wandering around in the starry skies. Moreover, after so many years of wandering around, I’m already tired of it.”

Ning Cheng knew that Cang Caihe had only spoken those words out of politeness. Even if Cang Caihe didn’t stay here, he would never have to roam the starry sky as a wanderer. As a Starry Sky Grade 9 Pill Emperor, wherever he went, people would respect and even willingly throw all their resources at him. Even Chuan Xinlou had to speak to Cang Caihe with politeness. How could he wander around in the starry skies?

But now that they were people from the same sect, Ning Cheng no longer had to remain polite about it. He took out three jade bottles and handed them to Cang Caihe. “Brother Cang, the bottles contain three medicinal pills. If you see a suitable successor, you can give him or her one of the pills.”

Cang Caihe himself was a premier Pill Emperor, so he naturally didn’t think much about the medicinal pills in his hand. However, since Ning Cheng was his Sect Master now and because Ning Cheng personally handed him the medicinal pills, he accepted them as a polite gesture. But when his spiritual consciousness swept into the jade bottles, he almost screamed in surprise.

“Sect Master, this.....” Cang Caihe spoke up in disbelief while holding the jade bottles as if his very life depended on it.

He truly couldn’t believe what he saw. The bottles contained three Eternal Emperor Continuance Pills. Moreover, of the three, two were high-quality Eternal Emperor Continuance Pills, and one was a top-quality Eternal Emperor Continuance Pill.

It’s not like Cang Caihe had never seen an Eternal Emperor Continuance Pills before. He had refined a few batches of this type of medicinal pill in the past. But the reason he felt so shocked and surprised was that he had never once refined a high-quality Eternal Emperor Continuance Pill. Yet, Ning Cheng had given him two such medicinal pills. Not only two high-quality Eternal Emperor Continuance Pills but also a top-quality one.

These three medicinal pills simply didn’t have a measurable value.

A starry sky contained more than a dozen celestial rivers; a celestial river had millions and millions of stars. Moreover, each habitable star would have countless cultivators. From this, one could easily imagine the number of cultivators within a starry sky, which would easily number in numerous billions, if not trillions. Yet, even among so many cultivators, how many would ever manage to reach the Eternal Realm?

Take Striking Order Starry Sky as an example. It only had two Eternal-level experts, Striking Order Heavenly Emperor and Tang Yitang. From this, one could see how difficult it was to reach the Eternal Realm and how valuable were medicinal pills that could help one in advancing to the Eternal Realm. Therefore, even as a Starry Sky Grade 9 Pill Emperor, Cang Caihe couldn't help but feel shocked, holding three pills of such high quality. Each bottle effectively represented an Eternal expert.

"Brother Cang, I refined these. Unfortunately, I only obtained one Starry Sky Radish Grass. Otherwise, I would have made a few more furnaces. I'll be entrusting these three pills to you, Brother Cang. You can distribute it as you like, but they have to show dedication towards the Mysterious Yellow Sect and should have a good character." Ning Cheng spoke with a smile.

"Sect Master can rest assured. I will keep an eye out for such individuals." Cang Caihe carefully put away the jade bottles and replied to Ning Cheng's words. What he truly wanted to inquire about was Ning Cheng's level of Alchemy. How could it be easy to refine high-quality Eternal Emperor Continuance Pills? But he also knew that now was not the time to talk about the Dao of Pills with Ning Cheng. When Ning Cheng returned, he would then have the chance to talk about the Dao of Pills with Ning Cheng.

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When Ning Cheng was just about to arrive at Silent Bubble Starland, he realised that the place where Shui Wuchang waited for him was not in Silent Bubble Starland. Instead, it was just outside the Silent Bubble Starland.

Ning Cheng had already fully refined the Starry Sky Wheel by this point, so Ning Cheng quickly found Shui Wuchang hiding outside in the starry sky for quite a few days.

Shui Wuchang also felt relieved to see Ning Cheng standing on the Starry Sky Wheel's deck.

"Fairy Wuchang, since you crushed my jade card, did you find information about Wood Origin Bead?" Ning Cheng put away the Starry Sky Wheel and immediately asked.

His Mysterious Yellow Bead currently lacked only the Wood Origin Bead. As his cultivation grew higher, he started to sense a higher level of danger around him. As such, he wanted to find the Wood Origin Bead as soon as possible.

Shui Wuchang nodded, "Yes, but there's another thing besides information about Wood Origin Bead."

Ning Cheng felt ecstatic to hear that it truly was about the Wood Origin Bead. As for the other thing Shui Wuchang said, he didn't even notice. He spoke with eagerness, "Fairy Wuchang, will the Wood Origin Bead also appear in Ash Pagoda's auction?"

Shui Wuchang gave out a sigh before speaking, "This was originally the case, but someone suddenly snatched away the Wood Origin Bead before the auction. Moreover, both President Yi Cang and Vice-President Zeng Taji of the Ash Pagoda Chamber of Commerce died in the scuffle. I had low cultivation and wasn't in the Ash Pagoda Chamber of Commerce's building. Plus, with a few Heavenly Emperors coming to the Returning Capital Starry Sky City, I barely managed to escape disaster."

"What?" Even Ning Cheng felt shocked by Shui Wuchang's words. How could someone dare to snatch items meant for auction? Even Chuan Xinlou wouldn't dare do such a thing even after reaching Dao Confirming Realm, right?

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Chapter 800: Gathering of Powerhouses

No wonder Shui Wuchang stayed out here while hiding to wait for him. Both the leaders of Ash Pagoda Chamber of Commerce died, which meant that she might not have a place to return.

“Which Heavenly Emperors are you talking about?” Ning Cheng suddenly thought of Chuan Xinlou. According to reason, Chuan Xinlou should have finished stabilising his cultivation during these long years in seclusion.

“It’s Chuan Xinlou, Qiao Jierui, Yi Jiufeng and Zhangkang Tianji.” Shui Wuchang replied.

Chuan Xinlou huh; Ning Cheng thought to himself and nodded. “Ok, let’s go. We’ll enter Silent Bubble Starland together.”

Chuan Xinlou had finally come out, but he didn’t come to Stately River Star to find him. It confused Ning Cheng a little. Moreover, rather than coming to his Stately River Star, Chuan Xinlou went to the Devil Domain. It indicated one particular problem; that is, he had more important things to do here. Perhaps Chuan Xinlou also cared about the Wood Origin Bead.

The truth is, no one wouldn’t want the Wood Origin Bead. Unlike the restricted uses of the other Origin Beads, the Wood Origin Bead was a top-grade treasure that everyone could use. From cultivating starry sky spirit grasses to cultivation to even healing grievous injuries, it was a first-class treasure in every aspect.

“Did they all gather in Silent Bubble Starland for the Wood Origin Bead?” Ning Cheng voiced his thoughts as Shui Wuchang stepped onto his Starry Sky Wheel.

Shui Wuchang shook her head, “I don’t think they know about the Wood Origin Bead.”

“They don’t know?” Ning Cheng asked with even more confusion. If not for the Wood Origin Bead, why did all the top Heavenly Emperors of the four starry skies gather in Silent Bubble Starland?

After Shui Wuchang entered the Starry Sky Wheel, she replied, “It’s just my guess. As for whether they know about it or not, I cannot give a guarantee. But Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, I can roughly guess who stole the Wood Origin Bead.”

Ning Cheng looked at Shui Wuchang in amazement. The only reason he hadn’t asked Shui Wuchang about this was that he felt sure that she didn’t know who robbed the Wood Origin Bead. Imagine a powerhouse who could kill both the leaders of Ash Pagoda Chamber of Commerce, how could he let anyone know about his origins? Unexpectedly, Shui Wuchang said she had a rough idea about it.

“Who was it?” Ning Cheng subconsciously asked.

Shui Wuchang clenched her fists unconsciously before replying, “It should be the group of outsiders who occupied the Mysterious Yellow Starland. I’m sure they took it.”

Not waiting for Ning Cheng to ask again, Shui Wuchang took the initiative to explain. “The person who came to Devil Domain’s Returning Capital City with the Wood Origin Bead was someone who managed to escape from Mysterious Yellow Starland. I knew him. He was someone from the Tie Clan, from Mysterious Yellow Starland’s Moyi City. Strictly speaking, Tei Clan and my Shui Clan have a lot of hatred

and grudges between us. But with Moyi City swept clean, the two of us aren't exactly enemies anymore. That Tie Clan's disciple who brought the Wood Origin Bead was someone lucky enough to escape the massacre in Mysterious Yellow Starland. He came to the Devil Domain but had nowhere to go, and had no other choice but to come to find me. He wanted me to help him exchange the Wood Origin Bead for cultivation resources."

While speaking, Shui Wuchang took another look at Ning Cheng. "After I confirmed that it was indeed the Wood Origin Bead, I wanted to crush the jade card immediately. To ask you to come over and discuss the terms directly with him. Unexpectedly, because he opened the jade box without precautions, the Wood Origin Bead's Origin Aura overflowed. It attracted Yi Cang's, the master of Ash Pagoda Chamber of Commerce, attention."

"Yi Cang didn't even glance at me when he barged into my house and grabbed the Wood Origin Bead. At that time, I could only say that he wanted to put this Wood Origin Bead in Ash Pagoda Chamber of Commerce's auction. However, Yi Cang didn't put the Wood Origin Bead away. Instead, he said it was up to him to decide. After that, he put away the Wood Origin Bead, grabbed that Tie Clan's disciple and left my residence, and went to the auction house."

Ning Cheng vaguely guessed at what might have happened afterwards. Most likely, by the time Yi Cang returned to the auction house, the cultivators chasing after the Wood Origin Bead also arrived at Silent Bubble Starland. As a result, this cultivator rushed into the auction house and killed Yi Cang and the vice-head before snatching the Wood Origin Bead.

Sure enough, Shui Wuchang continued. "I didn't know if Lord Yi Cang wanted to put down the Wood Origin Bead as an auction item or not. So, I immediately decided to leave the Silent Bubble Starland and send you the message. But I hadn't yet left the Silent Bubble Starland when I heard waves of celestial essence explosions. Hearing those sounds, I knew that both Lord Yi Cang and the deputy lord had most likely perished and that the Wood Origin Bead also should have disappeared. If I guessed it correctly, the Wood Origin Bead shouldn't have been taken away by any of those Heavenly Emperors."

"So those Heavenly Emperors didn't fight with the person who came to snatch the Wood Origin Bead?" Ning Cheng asked again.

Shui Wuchang nodded, "Levelled Heart Heavenly Emperor and the others had just arrived in Returning Capital Starry Sky City. But by the time they got here, that person had already taken away everything. Maybe that person felt afraid of facing those Heavenly Emperors together and ran away without wanting to stay in Returning Capital."

Ning Cheng finally understood the cause and effect of the incident. Chuan Xinlou had already arrived at the Devil Domain, which meant he most likely came here to discuss a collaboration with Qiao Jierui to deal with him. But that didn't seem right either. Even if these two wanted to plot against him, there was no guarantee that Zhangkang Tianji and Yi Jiufeng would agree to deal with him.

"Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, there's one more thing that I want to tell you. I had taken a look at the Wood Origin Bead, but it looked like a broken bead." Shui Wuchang carefully spoke up.

"You said that the Wood Origin Bead was a broken one?" Ning Cheng felt a sinking feeling in his heart. Could he use a broken bead to complete his Mysterious Yellow Bead? Was it possible?

Shui Wuchang nodded with affirmation, “Yes, I’m sure that it was a broken bead.”

Ning Cheng remained silent for a while. But he quickly decided to put this matter aside for now and focus on obtaining that Wood Origin Bead. As he thought about it, he turned to Shui Wuchang and said, “Fairy Wuchang, if you don’t want to stay in Devil Domain, you can go to my Stately River Star.”

Regardless of whether the bead was a broken one or not, Ning Cheng felt grateful towards Shui Wuchang for sending him the message. Therefore, he pro-actively decided to invite Shui Wuchang to his Stately River Star.

Shui Wuchang quickly spoke up, “Many thanks, Senior Apprentice Brother Ning. But I want to save my father first before going to Stately River Star together with him. My father is still in Mysterious Yellow Starland. If Senior Apprentice Brother Ning plans to head back to Mysterious Yellow Starland, could you please take me with you?”

“Sect Master Ning, some of us were about to visit your Stately River Star. We didn’t expect you to come to Silent Bubble Starland.” Ning Cheng hadn’t answered Shui Wuchang’s request when Zhangkang Tianji’s voice came from afar.

Ning Cheng then saw four people, Chuan Xinlou, Qiao Jierui, Zhangkang Tianji and Yi Jiufeng standing near the entrance of Returning Capital Starry Sky City. Most likely, Qiao Jierui received the news about his arrival the moment he came to Silent Bubble Starland.

Ning Cheng felt even more confused. He knew that at least Yi Jiufeng and Chuan Xinlou did not get along well with each other.

“Brother Qian, I’m relieved to see you in good health.” Ning Cheng ridiculed Qiao Jierui and immediately greeted Yi Jiufeng and Zhangkang Tianji with enthusiasm. As for Chuan Xinlou, whether he said anything or not it wouldn’t change anything between them.

Qiao Jierui’s face remained calm, to the point that no one could make out anything from it. It’s as if he didn’t care about Ning Cheng’s sarcasm.

“Sect Master Ning, Brother Tianji speaks the truth. If Sect Master Ning had not come here, we would have gone to Stately River Star.” Chuan Xinlou seemed to have forgotten the unpleasantness between him and Ning Cheng. One could even regard his tone as that of politeness.

Yi Jiufeng, on seeing Ning Cheng frown, quickly spoke up, “Let’s go inside and discuss it.”

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After half-an-incense stick worth of time, the four Heavenly Emperor plus Ning Cheng and Shui Wuchang sat down in the largest meeting hall within Returning Capital Starry Sky City. This site belonged to the Returning Capital City’s City Master; however, Qiao Jierui wasn’t the City Master of Returning Capital Starry Sky City. Yet, if he wanted to use this place, then there naturally wouldn’t be any problems.

“Has Sect Master Ning heard about the Mysterious Yellow Starland? Did you also come to Returning Capital City because of it?” Chuan Xinlou immediately asked after everyone sat down.

Ning Cheng replied with a calm voice, "I was passing through this place and happened to meet Fairy Wuchang. Since Fairy Wuchang invited me, I decided to stay in the Returning Capital City for some time."

Chuan Xinlou didn't care about Ning Cheng's indifference and off-topic answer and spoke up with a calm tone. "Sect Master Ning, I specifically invited Junior Apprentice Sister Nine Phoenix and Heavenly Emperor Tianji to Silent Bubble Starland. It concerns the life and death of our four grand starry skies."

Seeing Ning Cheng frown again, Chuan Xinlou explained, "Sect Master Ning must be thinking that I'm exaggerating. But I believe that since Sect Master Ning and Fairy Wuchang came in together, you should have learned about what happened to Mysterious Yellow Starland. Although the Mysterious Yellow Starland does not belong to our four grand starry skies, we're still part of the same plane. A few years ago, a group of unidentified people suddenly appeared and occupied the Mysterious Yellow Starland."

"Arguably, contention over starlands and even large-scale fights are somewhat of a normal matter. But this group is different. This particular group established a huge starry sky city within the Mysterious Yellow Starland. At the same time, they also committed a mass slaughter of cultivators native to Mysterious Yellow Starland. The cultivators of Mysterious Yellow Starland only served one role for them; that is, to build the starry sky city. Once done, their role would end, and those outsiders would kill them. Since such a group took over Mysterious Yellow Starland, who can be sure that they would not target the four grand starry skies in the future?"

"Moreover, some of them have already come to the Devil Domain. The two leaders of the Ash Pagoda Chamber of Commerce died at their hands. They should have taken away something, but I'm not sure what. If I guessed it correctly, they haven't attacked my Devil Domain on a large scale yet because they don't think that the timing is right." Qiao Jierui continued when Chuan Xinlou stopped.

Leaving aside personal grudges with Chuan Xinlou and Qiao Jierui, Ning Cheng felt that their concerns weren't misplaced.

Seeing Ning Cheng remain silent, Chuan Xinlou spoke up once again. "Sect Master Ning, you and your sister both are powerful experts. So, we were about to go to your Stately River Star to invite you two before heading over to the Mysterious Yellow Starland together."

Ning Cheng pondered over it for a moment before speaking up directly. "I agree to go to Mysterious Yellow Starland. But you guys will have to wait for some time. I need to go back and prepare."

Whether or not Chuan Xinlou and the others wanted to go to the Mysterious Yellow Starland, it didn't matter. But Ning Cheng must go there. He had promised that giant. Now that he advanced to the Eternal Realm and also retrieved the giant's eye, he had to go and return the favour. Ning Cheng can't delay such a life-saving grace, as a delay of even a day meant a day more of suffering for the giant.

As for letting Ning Ruoqing go to the Mysterious Yellow Starland with them, Chuan Xinlou could just forget about it. Since Ning Ruoqing decided to stay in Stately River Star, he would never take Ning Ruoqing to Mysterious Yellow Starland.

The reason why he mentioned returning to prepare for the trip was not to bring Ning Ruoqing but to explain to Luofei and his sister Ruolan. At the same time, he also had to bring Shen Mengyan to Mysterious Yellow Starland as promised.

Chuan Xinlou immediately agreed and said, "Okay, we'll meet here again in two months and go to the Mysterious Yellow Starland together."

Devil Domain was the closest to the Mysterious Yellow Starland, so choosing to meet at Silent Bubble Starland was simply according to the principle of proximity.

Besides, among the several people here, only Ning Cheng wanted to go back and prepare. Cultivating for so many years, they all had become accustomed to being away from their places all year round. Therefore, they didn't have anything particular to prepare.

But just as Ning Cheng stood up, he felt the area around him shaking. Apart from Shui Wuchang, everyone here was a powerhouse who had gone through countless life and death struggles. Since Ning Cheng felt the space around him shake, the rest of them also naturally sensed it.

Ning Cheng immediately grabbed Shui Wuchang and pulled her close before bringing out the Everlasting Blue Thunder Fort and flying out.