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Chapter 831: Old Man Kong He

“The material in your hand is what I need. If you want, I can exchange it for whatever you want.” Ning Cheng implored.

The raw material in Lan Yi’s jade box was a Void Shimmering Light Crystal, something Ning Cheng truly wanted. Ning Cheng’s Celestial River Flame had already become a Grade 5 Starry Sky Flame. Therefore, if he could get that Void Shimmering Light Crystal, he could then upgrade it to a Grade 6 Starry Sky Flame.

But that wasn’t the most important thing. Once the Celestial River Flame became a Grade 6 Starry Sky Flame, he could then use Nirvana Heart to upgrade it by another grade once again. What kind of flame would it evolve into after surpassing Grade 6 Starry Sky Flame? Even Ning Cheng had no idea about it. However, he understood that its existence would surpass all other starry sky flames.

An existence beyond starry sky flames should be a unique flame, at least in this part of the positional plane.

As long as the Celestial River Flame surpassed the level of starry sky flames, Ning Cheng could then use it for more things. He could even melt the Nirvana Spear and craft it into a long spear that truly belonged to him. Not only that, but it would also improve his expertise in artefact-crafting and pill refining.

Lan Yi gave an apologetical smile, “I’m sorry, but I want to use this material to seek out Master Kong He’s help. I need a top-grade starry sky battleship.”

Ning Cheng suddenly took out a ring and handed it to Lan Yi, “Look at the things inside this ring. If you like it, we can conduct the exchange.”

Although Lan Yi knew that she wouldn’t conduct the exchange, she still picked up Ning Cheng’s ring.

But when her spiritual consciousness swept through the ring, she couldn’t help but look up at Ning Cheng in disbelief. Ning Cheng had put a top-rank flight-type Dao Artefact in it, plus an Eternal Emperor Continuance Pill. Not to mention exchanging these things for her Void Shimmering Light Crystal, even if she had to give up everything she had to Ning Cheng, she would gladly do it.

Moreover, a top-ranked flight-type Dao Artefact was much more valuable than a top-grade Starry Sky Battleship. It wouldn’t matter even if it were a top-grade Starry Sky Battleship crafted by old man Kong He. Plus, even without a precious top-grade flighty-type Dao Artefact, she would have willingly given up everything she owned for that Eternal Emperor Continuance Pill.

As a cultivator at the late-stage Life and Death Realm, she stayed in this level for far too many years. This time, she had specifically come here to ask Master Kong He to refine her a starry sky battleship. That way, she could look for opportunities to enter the Eternal Realm. With such a chance in front of her, only an idiot would refrain from finalising the exchange.

“I’m willing.” Lan Yi didn’t even think about any consequences and immediately handed the jade box in her hand to Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng's excitement also didn't lose out to Lan Yi. He truly wanted the Void Shimmering Light Crystal. And now he obtained one this easily. The feeling that arose from it made him feel truly comfortable.

After exchanging things with Ning Cheng, Lan Yi suddenly remembered the rules here. Quickly taking out another jade box, she then placed it on the stone platform in front of the guest hall.

After doing this, Lan Yi breathed in a sigh of relief and spoke with a grateful voice, "Many thanks, Brother Ning. Please do visit my Blue River Mountain in the future."

Ning Cheng could easily take out an Eternal Emperor Continuance Pill, which made Lan Yi understand that Ning Cheng's cultivation far surpassed her. At least, it couldn't be lower than her.

With the Void Shimmering Light Crystal in hand, Ning Cheng's anger towards old man Kong He also dissipated considerably. If it weren't for this old man, he wouldn't have obtained this treasure.

But before the two of them could exchange a few more words, a sentence appeared on the screen in the guest room. "Congratulations Dao Friend Lan Yi. Your materials meet the requirements. Please enter and let this old man Kang He personally refine the battleship for you."

When these words appeared, the other cultivators in the guest room showed envious gazes. On average, old man Kong He only took up one or two orders for crafting battleships every two or three days. No matter who the order belonged to, people couldn't find a pattern or a connection. As such, they all just chalked it up to luck.

"Ah..." Lan Yi also felt surprised. She never thought that the materials she had randomly taken out would give her this opportunity. But now Lan Yi no longer wanted Kong He to refine a battleship for her. She just wanted to go back into seclusion and attack the barrier to the Eternal Realm immediately.

While Lan Yi remained in a daze, a grey-robed cultivator walked over and spoke to Lan Yi, "Dao Friend Yan Yi, please follow me."

After speaking, he then turned to Ning Cheng. "Dao Friend Ning Cheng, your materials are also quite good. Heavenly Emperor Kong He also invites you to join. He will help you refine a high-grade starry sky battleship."

When Ning Cheng heard that Lan Yi received an invite, he had immediately started to think of an excuse to go in with Lan Yi. However, he never expected that this person would also invite him. Initially, Ning Cheng felt that even if this old man Kong He took a fancy to his Space Crystal, he wouldn't act against him in Kong He Emperor Mountain. At least, he would wait for Ning Cheng to leave Kong He Emperor Mountain before doing anything to him.

After the grey-robed cultivator finished speaking, he immediately left the guest room. He quickly turned onto a road paved with white jade.

Lan Yi could only keep up on seeing it. Ning Cheng also walked beside Lan Yi and whispered in a low voice, "These people all brought in top-grade artefact-crafting materials. If this old man Kong He didn't help them in crafting artefacts, why would they willingly eat such a loss?"

Ning Cheng truly couldn't understand why this old man Kong He required so many overbearing offerings. Moreover, everybody already knew that the probability of meeting him was so low, so why would so many people still show up in this place to give so many things?

Lan Yi knew that Ning Cheng didn't understand how things here worked and sent him a simple voice transmission. "Typically, for cultivators who don't know anything about artefact-crafting, if they obtained some top-grade materials, they wouldn't sell them off in an auction. It's only because of a lack of buyers. Moreover, it's also useless to keep it on them. Therefore, most of them come here to try their luck with senior Kong He. After all, as long as Senior Kong He agrees, it would result in a huge profit. A starry sky battleship personally refined by old man Kong He, even if one didn't use it, it could still fetch an enormous price in the market."

"But wouldn't you get an equally astronomical sum if you sent that Void Shimmering Light Crystal to the auction?" Ning Cheng felt even more puzzled. Whether it was the Breaking Void Water or the Refining Heart Fantasy Stone, both were indeed useless to the powerhouses. However, a Void Shimmering Light Crystal could sell for a sky-high price. It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that it was a priceless treasure, even for a high-level expert.

Lan Yi sighed and said, "I also felt a bit helpless in this regard. I heard that Coinage Sky Pool Mystic Realm is about to open and that there is a Starry Sky Radish Grass inside it. But this mystic realm has very high requirements for flight-type weapons. Therefore, even if a Void Shimmering Light Crystal could bring me enough money to buy a battleship, I wouldn't do it. Moreover, no one can tell if ordinary battleships could fly within this mystic realm."

"Moreover, if you sell the Void Shimmering Light Crystal through the auctions and then buy a flight-type weapon, it would take too long. After mulling over it for a while, I decided to use the Void Shimmering Light Crystal to invite Senior Kong He for his services. Yet, I ended up in your debt, and managed to obtain such a big harvest."

When she spoke the last sentence, Lan Yi's mood changed completely. It wouldn't take much effort to describe her current emotions.

Ning Cheng also understood that Lan Yi made such a move out of desperation. If this Void Shimmering Light Crystal couldn't please that old man Kong He, she would have taken a huge hit to her psyche and might even stop pursuing the Eternal Realm.

To Lan Yi, she felt as if she had taken advantage of him, but Ning Cheng didn't think of it that way. It's just that everyone had different needs and priorities.

"Do you think this old man Kong He is someone greedy?" Ning Cheng turned the topic back to old man Kong He.

Lan Yi hesitated before speaking, "Previously, I heard that if old man Kong He weren't willing to help crafting artefacts, he wouldn't accept the materials. But it eventually changed. But despite such a change, everyone would still willingly accept the loss, also...."

Lan Yi swallowed the last few words. Ning Cheng's actions already spoke volumes that he wasn't here to craft battleships. Yet, he still had to hand over the materials before leaving. It wasn't something like willingly accepting it as a loss, but forcibly snatching things from others.

“Come in.” As the two talked, they had already reached the entrance to an array formation. With this voice, the restriction over the array entrance immediately opened.

After Ning Cheng and Lan Yi walked in, they saw a small public square surrounded by all sorts of restrictions. And in the middle of the public square, one could see all kinds of battleship parts, refined and piled up like a small mountain.

Ning Cheng felt a little dumbfounded. This place didn’t look like a high-tech battleship production area, but more like a garbage dump.

Sitting on the edge of this public square was an old man with white hair and beard. This old man held a piece of raw material in his hand and kept observing it.

This old man was none other than old man Kong He. When Ning Cheng’s spiritual consciousness swept towards this old man Kong He, he found that Kong He’s cultivation wasn’t any weaker than Qiao Jierui.

“Are you Ning Cheng? The one who took out the Space Crystal?” Old man Kong He ignored Lan Yi and instead looked at Ning Cheng.

Space Crystal? Lan Yi looked at Ning Cheng in shock. Only now did she come to know what Ning Cheng had taken out. But a Space Crystal was much more valuable than a starry sky battleship, right? Using a Space Crystal to ask old Man Kong He to refine a battleship, this....

“That’s right. I believe a Space Crystal should be enough to buy one of your battleships. But old man, you’re too greedy, saying that my Space Crystal isn’t qualified enough to ask for your services. By the way, since you called me over, it’s because I broke your so-called rules and swapped things on your turf, right?” Ning Cheng spoke with heavy sarcasm.

Old man Kong He stood up. One couldn’t have known about his stature because of his seated position. But now that he stood up, he looked like an iron tower. Moreover, despite being an old man, he gave people a sense of greatness and strength.

“Looks like you rely heavily on your cultivation to get things done. If I hadn’t asked you to come in, you would have come in regardless, right?” Old man Kong He looked at Ning Cheng and spoke with a calm voice.

Ning Cheng shook his head, “No, I wouldn’t have fought my way in here. I guessed that you would chase after me, and then try to snatch the rest of those Space Crystals from me.”

Old man Kong He raised his hand and grabbed at Ning Cheng. “You think too highly of your Space Crystals. In my eyes, those Space Crystals aren’t worth anything at all. Space-related spirit technique? Today, I will show you a true space-related spirit technique.”

Even if he didn’t aim the attack at Lan Yi, when old man Kong Yi tried to capture Ning Cheng, Lan Yi still felt her chest turning empty. She couldn’t even breathe properly.

The space around Ning Cheng also disappeared under old man Kong He’s grasp. Replaced by an ordinary cultivator, he or she would have no choice but to struggle fruitlessly in this space that didn’t belong to him or her.

A Law of Space-related spirit technique, huh. Ning Cheng understood it instantly.

Ning Cheng had fought against quite a few masters who had comprehended Laws of Space-related spirit techniques. Moreover, he had also touched the Laws of Space himself. Therefore, the moment when old man Kong He wanted to take control of the surrounding space; Ning Cheng punched out. It also contained a law-related spirit technique, but it wasn't a Laws of Space-related spirit technique. This old man Kong He's strength couldn't compare to him, but it also wasn't so low that he could despise it.

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The void space in the surrounding area hadn't fully formed yet when everything came to a stop the moment Ning Cheng punched. As Ning Cheng's fist moved, the void space within old man Kong He's area disappeared.

Ning Cheng didn't continue. If he wanted to continue, this old man Kong He would have already died.

"Laws of Time....." Old man Kong He exclaimed. Ning Cheng, a young man who didn't seem to be a threat, had displayed the Laws of Time. One had to know that even he couldn't touch the edge of the Laws of Time after all these years.

Only now did he understand why Ning Cheng dared to come up with a Space Crystal because he wasn't afraid of causing trouble at all. A cultivator who could touch the Laws of Time would have cultivation no lower than himself. He wouldn't believe it otherwise.

Lan Yi, who struggled to breathe in the void, just felt a slight tremor around her, and heard old man Kong He speak the four words 'Laws of Time'. She already felt shocked to listen to the words 'Space Crystals'. Therefore, when she heard that Ning Cheng used the Laws of Time just now, she almost thought she had heard it wrong.

As a Life and Death expert that came from a decent-sized sect, Lan Yi naturally wasn't an ignorant person. She knew full well about the power and also the inaccessibility of the Laws of Time. At least she hadn't heard of anyone who understood the Laws of Time before today. It was no wonder that Ning Cheng could take out the Eternal Emperor Continuance Pill without any care. It's because Ning Cheng himself was a very powerful cultivator.

"You aren't my opponent. I wouldn't need more than half an incense stick worth of time to kill you." Ning Cheng only stared at Kong He with a cold gaze.

Old man Kong He sighed, "You're right. I'm not your opponent. Moreover, you wouldn't need even half-an-incense stick worth of time to kill me."

Ning Cheng looked at the array formations and restrictions across the public square once again before speaking. "Using such a shameless method to collect materials, it should be because of that silver-haired man, right? Did he coerce you?"

Old man Kong He sighed even more after hearing Ning Cheng's words. "Unexpectedly, your spiritual consciousness can penetrate the shielding restrictions on the public square. That's right. It's indeed not me who collected these materials. But I'm not being coerced; I'm trading with him."

After Kong He spoke, the old man raised his hand and waved. The array formation restrictions behind the public square parted like a curtain and a gap slowly opened.

Ning Cheng could already use his spiritual consciousness to bypass the restrictions behind the public square. It proved that not only was his spiritual consciousness quite powerful, but even his understanding of array formations had also reached a terrifying degree. Facing such a person, Kong He truly had no right to bargain. Therefore, instead of waiting for Ning Cheng to blow it open, he took the initiative to open it himself.

After removing the restriction, the public square's area quickly expanded to more than 100 times its previous size. In the middle of this public square, one would see two leviathan-sized starry sky battleships. Even if people who didn't understand anything about starry sky battleships would immediately realise that these two starry sky battleships contained enormous firepower.

From one of the starry sky battleships, a silver-haired man wearing a silver robe walked over slowly. He had an ugly-looking face, but his body oozed a robust imposing manner. The silver-haired man had a high nose and bluish eyes. Barring the ugly look of his face, Ning Cheng thought that this fellow looked quite similar to the western people he had seen in movies.

"Kong He, why did you bring someone else to this place without my permission?" The silver-robed man spoke with an uncomfortable-sounding voice after walking up to old man Kong He.

Kong He showed a weak smile, "Fu Si, I didn't have many choices here. It's because you took other people's things."

Kong He truly felt helpless. Kong He truly had no interest in Ning Cheng's Space Crystal. According to his previous methods of working, if he needed the material, he would have helped its owner to craft a battleship. If he didn't like the material, he would return it immediately. But his 'partner', Fu Si, didn't care about it all. He wanted this material and also didn't want him to craft the battleship.

"That Space Crystal came from you, right?" The silver-haired man named Fu Si glanced at Ning Cheng and spoke with a calm tone.

Old man Kong He remained silent. If Fu Si knew about the move this young man had used a moment ago was a Laws of Time-related spirit technique, he wouldn't be so arrogant.

Ning Cheng showed a slight smile, "You're right. That Space Crystal came from me. You took my Space Crystal, so presumably, you wanted to wait for me to go out before stopping me and check if I have any more Space Crystals, right?"

When Fu Si heard Ning Cheng's words, he laughed and said, "You have a good head, talking to smart people is always easy. I wanted to do just what you said. I guess you're now regretting taking out that Space Crystal."

After speaking, Fu Si looked at old man Kong He and said, "Kong He, it's not that I didn't give you some face today, but I have to take those Space Crystals from this person. Don't try to stop me."

Kong He shook his head in silence. Even if he wanted to stop Ning Cheng, could he?

After Fu Si finished speaking, he waved his hand and the entire space filled up with a Wood-attributed aura. In the next moment, space itself started to harden slowly, as if it wanted to solidify. Even Ning Cheng's domain, under this wood-attributed aura, gradually began to solidify.

Ning Cheng had already cleared the Celestial Scryer Tower. Therefore as soon as Fu Si made a move, he knew that it was a wood-attributed spirit technique. As long as one was in a wood-attributed place, this wood-attributed spirit technique could pose a significant threat to a cultivator. But facing Fu Si, who was a bit weaker than Kong He, Ning Cheng had a hundred different ways to kill him.

Kong He controlled the Laws of Space; as such, this wood-attributed spirit technique did not affect him. But Lan Yi's cultivation didn't match up to any of them. Therefore, she once again found herself shackled. But this time, it wasn't the emptiness of space, but a unique kind of suppression caused by the solidification of space.

Ning Cheng had just thought of casting the Time Wheel and letting it sweep through Fu Si's wood-attributed solidified space. He wanted to turn it into nothingness, but then the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King attached to his wrist immediately trembled.

Since this Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King wanted to fight, Ning Cheng naturally wouldn't do anything. Therefore, once it got Ning Cheng's approval, the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King immediately materialised and stretched out countless branches.

These branches completely covered the space where the two people stood in just an instant. The wood-attributed spirit technique that Fu Si wanted to cast within the solidified area hadn't launched yet. But the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King had already started absorbing the endless wood-attributed aura.

Space suddenly started flowing once again, and Lan Yi took in a deep breath before quickly backing away. Just a moment before, this wood-attributed spirit technique had fully sealed her. Not only could she not breathe, but she also couldn't circulate her celestial essence. Facing such power, she truly didn't want it to trap her again.

"Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King?" Fu Si instantly recognised the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King, and his eyes immediately flashed with a green light. An Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King was too important of an object for his family. What if he could take this Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King as his own?

As Fu Si thought of this, a wood-attributed dao charm flooded the wood-attributed spirit technique within his solidified space. At the same time, he threw out a black net. He wanted to capture Ning Cheng alive and ask him where he got that Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King.

With the continued influx of Fu Si's wood-attributed dao charm, the shackles within the surrounding space started to harden at a much quicker pace.

Ning Cheng knew at a glance that his Underworld Ghost Rattan King couldn't defend against it. It wasn't that the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King couldn't do it, but the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King's cultivation wasn't high enough. Therefore, with a wave of his hand, Ning Cheng put away the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King.

Then, one after another Time Wheels started blasting out from his hand.

The solidified wood-attributed space, in front of Ning Cheng's Time Wheels, instantly turned into nothingness. They couldn't even block it for an instant. After the first wave of Time Wheels blew

through this surrounding space, Ning Cheng's domain then immediately tore apart the rest of the surrounding wood-attributed solidified area.

"Bang-Bang-Bang....." The first wave of Time Wheels, which tore through the surrounding solidified space, then blasted onto Fu Si's black net. Before this black net could fall and close up, it suddenly blasted open. The rest of the Time Wheels quickly followed and tore the black net into shreds.

"Crack... Puff....." Fu Si's wood-attributed domain shredded apart in just an instant under the Time Wheels' destructive power. Ning Cheng didn't wait for Fu Si to bring out more powerful means and controlled one of the Time Wheels to smash into Fu Si's lower body, turning it into nothingness.

"Stop, I'm someone from the Fu Si Clan, you can't kill me....." When Fu Si realised that he couldn't beat Ning Cheng at all and that Ning Cheng also controlled every inch of space around him, Fu Si immediately panicked. Didn't Kong He say that there weren't more than ten people stronger than him on this side of the universe? How did such a young powerhouse suddenly appear?

Ning Cheng sneered, what about this Fu Si Clan? You wanted to kill me and now expect me to stop just because you say so, stop dreaming. As for this Fu Si Clan, he never even heard of it.

As two more Time Wheels blasted out, Fu Si could no longer beg for mercy. Except for a ring, Ning Cheng's Time Wheels completely erased his body out of existence.

But just when Ning Cheng was about to put away the ring, he saw a black light suddenly cover it up before it disappeared into the endless void. Even Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness couldn't catch up with this black light.

"So fast...." Ning Cheng looked in surprise in the direction where the black light had disappeared and showed a slight frown.

After some time, Ning Cheng then turned to Kong He and asked the old man, "Who is that person? Where does he come from?"

Old man Kong He shook his head, "I don't know. His cultivation method is also quite strange. Yet, you easily defeated him. Most likely, it happened because he didn't take you seriously. He had come here to find me to help him refine the most powerful starry sky battleship I had ever seen."

"He understands starry sky battleships?" Ning Cheng asked in surprise.

"He doesn't understand them, but he has a special kind of flame, which can dissolve Void Returning Sifting Metal. Besides, I also wanted to refine a top-grade starry sky battleship like this for myself. Unfortunately, I don't have the flames that could help me fuse the required materials, so I had no choice but to cooperate with him."

Ning Cheng pointed to the two leviathan-sized ships in front of him and asked, "The top-grade starry sky battleships you mentioned should be those two, right?"

Kong He nodded, "That's right. This kind of starry sky battleship has a much better use than flight-type weapons as it can ignore ordinary laws. Even if you pass through various Law World using it, you won't lose the ability to fly because of the laws. I anyway had planned to leave this place after I finished it. I

was only responsible for crafting the battleship. He took care of providing the necessary Void Returning Sifting Metal and the flame for melting it.”

“What is this Void Returning Sifting Metal? What level of flames are needed to melt it?” Ning Cheng asked in confusion. He truly didn’t know anything about Void Returning Sifting Metal.

Kong He didn’t answer Ning Cheng’s question. Instead, he stepped onto one of the battleships and pointed to a piece of cold black lump on it and said, “This is a piece of Void Returning Sifting Metal. But it would require at least a Grade 6 Starry Sky Flame to melt it.”

Ning Cheng’s spiritual consciousness fell onto the lump of black metal and immediately understood Kong He’s words. Even his Celestial River Flame couldn’t melt this metal without advancing a level. However, he quickly focussed his attention on the starry sky battleship, which looked truly perfect in Ning Cheng’s eyes.

Ning Cheng didn’t care much about the concealed Radium Light Cannons and Flowing Sky Cannons. But what he did care was that this starry sky battleship was a perfect harmonisation between technology and artefact-crafting. Ning Cheng had never tried fusing technology and artefact-crafting techniques. But he understood that this thing could ignore relatively high-level Forbidden Space Restrictions, and could even ignore many of the spiritual power shackles.

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Chapter 833: Kong He’s Calculations

Thinking about the certainty of leaving Stately River Star in the future, Ning Cheng felt enthusiastic about this huge battleship. “Master Kong He, that Fu Si sought death on his own. Since this battleship is now an ownerless object, I want to buy it from you.”

Old man Kong He replied with a calm voice, “It’s your trophy anyways. Even if you took it without asking, you wouldn’t find me complaining.”

Ning Cheng felt happy, “Then, many thanks, Master Kong He. I don’t know what else is left to complete in this battleship. If you want, I can help you with it.”

“Sorry, Fu Si and I had a deal to build this. I do not have one with you. Besides, I won’t agree to help you craft this high-level battleship. You can take it if you want, but it doesn’t mean that I will complete it for you.” Old man Kong He replied with a flat tone. Ning Cheng controlled the Laws of Time, which meant that he wasn’t Ning Cheng’s opponent. It was a fact. However, he was also a top-grade master of technology and an equally high-level artefact-crafting master, which gave him a distinct sense of pride.

Ning Cheng didn’t expect Kong He would reject him. Therefore, he immediately said, “Master Kong He, I still have another Space Crystal with me, as long as.....”

Before Ning Cheng could finish his words, old man Kong He pointed at Lan Yi. “The reason why I called her in is to help her craft a battleship. I only did it because the Immortal Sifting Sulphur she brought was precisely what I needed. If it weren’t, I wouldn’t have called her here even if she brought a Time Crystal.”

Was it the truth? Ning Cheng had initially thought that the reason why Kong He called Lan Yi was due to Lan Yi trading with him. Ning Cheng had initially believed that Kong wanted to teach Lan Yi a lesson.

Either that or Fu Si, who he just killed, wanted to teach Lan Yi a lesson. Unexpectedly, Kong He truly took a fancy to Lan Yi's materials. It also meant that for Kong He to agree to craft battleships, higher-grade materials weren't necessarily better. Rather, the more suitable the materials, the better.

From the looks of it, cultivators who came to ask Kong He in helping them craft battleships misunderstood his intentions. They all thought that bringing in high-grade materials would give them a better chance. Unfortunately, it wasn't what Kong He wanted.

"Master Kong He, since the materials you need aren't necessarily the best, why not directly tell the world what you need?" Ning Cheng asked in doubt.

Kong He shook his head, "You don't understand. Do you have any idea of the hundreds of millions of materials the starry skies contain? What I say might not necessarily be the best, but what I see and use needs to be the best."

Ning Cheng didn't quite understand Kong He's meaning. But he still obtained a vague idea about it. That is, if one needed to craft something, then one would need many materials. Once you put a restriction on materials, the opportunities for receiving other materials that one could use in other things would also diminish considerably. One might even miss out on some of the best things.

"Senior Kong He. Since I obtained the opportunity to craft a battleship, I want to give this opportunity to Brother Ning." Lan Yi immediately intervened at this time.

"For crafting battleships, his material isn't qualified." Kong He put it out with a harsh tone.

Seeing Lan Yi's turn embarrassed, Ning Cheng quickly said, "Dao Friend Lan Yi. If you don't have anything else, please visit this place later. I want to discuss a few things with Master Kong He in private."

Lan Yi already felt anxious to go back into seclusion to advance to the Eternal Realm. Therefore, when Ning Cheng spoke, she quickly took the opportunity to leave.

After Lan Yi left, Ning Cheng waved his hand and piles of materials appeared in front of Kong He. These materials were his harvest from numerous battles. Whether it was Nine Jewel's Starry Sky Emperor Shangguan Fei, Hong Lun, or the trophies from Traceless Immortal Pond, they all gave him plenty of previous materials.

Although Ning Cheng had already used up a lot of the materials, he still had a lot more.

"Huh, Jade Wave Profound Root, Flying Celestial True Stone, Chopping Iron Stone, Thunder Firmament Crystal, Extreme Flame Silkworm Gold....." When Kong He saw Ning Cheng's stuff, his eyes immediately lit up. At the same time, he also identified dozens of materials from Ning Cheng's collection at the fastest speed.

Ning Cheng also noticed the gleam in old man Kong He's eyes and understood that things had already reached a critical point. It was time to hit the iron while it was still hot. "Master Kong He, are these things enough for you? I still have a flame, and maybe it could be of some help to you."

Kong He glanced at Ning Cheng, "Do you have a spirit-grade[1] flame?"

"What's a spirit-grade flame?" Ning Cheng asked in doubt. His Celestial River Flame was only a Starry Sky Grade 5 Flame, and he hasn't upgraded it yet. Could it be.....

“Since you don’t have any spirit-grade flames, don’t talk about helping. Moreover, the Void Returning Sifting Metal has already been melted and refined, so I don’t need your help.” Old man Kong He gave a calm reply. If it weren’t for Ning Cheng’s strength far exceeding his, he wouldn’t even let Ning Cheng stay in the place he worked.

Ning Cheng didn’t ask again. He had already guessed a few things in his heart. This spirit-grade flame Kong He mentioned should be the classification of flames above Grade 6 Starry Sky Flames. He had the Void Shimmering Light Crystal and Nirvana Heart. Therefore, it was only a matter of time before his Celestial River Flame became a spirit-grade flame.

“Since you came to me, you need me for something, right?” Since Ning Cheng didn’t know anything about the attitude of old man Kong He, old man Kong He took the initiative to speak up.

Ning Cheng felt happy on hearing those words and quickly took out the dilapidated battle disc Sifting Orchid. “Master Kong He, I want you to help me repair this battle disc.”

Old man Kong He’s words implied that he should have no problems in agreeing to help him repair this starry sky battleship. Therefore, Ning Cheng immediately took out Sifting Orchid and stated his request.

Kong He looked at Sifting Orchid in front of him and said with a slightly depressed voice, “You want me to fix this low-level thing?”

Since Ning Cheng came here specifically for repairing it, he couldn’t help but speak up with a weak voice, “That’s right. Sifting Orchid is something important to me. Therefore, no matter the cost, I have to fix it.”

Old man Kong He glanced at the pile of materials and said, “You have a lot of materials. But it’s far from enough to complete that top-grade battleship. As for repairing this low-level battle disc, it’s a lost cause. Even if you kill me, I won’t stoop so low as to repair such a low-level thing.”

Ning Cheng felt very upset about it. Since you disagree, then why did you pick out my materials? If you want my materials for nothing, even if it’s you Kong He, don’t even think about it.

“If that’s the case, then forget it.” It wasn’t in Ning Cheng’s character to beg Kong He for such a thing. He’d rather go anywhere else in Pill Rice Celestial River to repair this technological battle disc, but not Kong He.

After saying this, Ning Cheng raised his hand to put away the materials on the ground. However, Kong He spoke up at this moment, “Whatever little experience I have, I stored it in the cabin across the public square. If you study inside for a few days, you might be able to repair your Sifting Orchid by yourself. You can even try your hand at this top-grade starry sky battleship. The only condition is your materials. Of course, if you disagree, you can go ahead and leave. One more thing, my jade strips aren’t something that people can copy; otherwise, they all will self-destruct.”

Ning Cheng felt his heart move. He came from a planet with a very low-level technological civilisation. However, he had managed to cultivate to the Eternal Realm, and also had a starry sky Sea of Consciousness. Even if one took away these things from him, few people in the world could compare to his learning and comprehension abilities. Otherwise, it would have been an impossible thing to have such an achievement in the highly complicated Dao of Arrays.

In Ning Cheng's view, pills, array formations, artefacts, talismans or anything else he had learned so far. They were all countless times more complicated than learning technology. Since Kong He agreed to let him study his research, why would he still care about asking his old fellow's help? Kong He also said that he could look it for a few days, which also meant that Kong He had no plans to disturb him during those few days.

"I agree." As soon as Ning Cheng's words fell, old man Kong He raised his hand and took away the materials he had selected.

Ning Cheng didn't care about it either. After putting away the rest of the materials, he immediately walked to a small wooden cabin on the opposite side of the public square.

Kong He chuckled and mumbled to himself, "Study for a few days? It would be a miracle if you could even come out after a thousand years. No, you will have no choice but to come out in two years. Because in two years, my things will naturally follow me into the void."

After talking to himself, Kong He immediately went inside one of the battleships and continued to perfect it. The reason he said that was not because he looked down on Ning Cheng, but that what he kept in that cabin wasn't the same as average technological research. Those were all his self-contained understandings that combined technology with starry sky artefact-refining methods. In a sense, one could even regard it as a brand new path.

It didn't matter how heaven-defying of a genius Ning Cheng was. Without spending at least a thousand years studying his research, Ning Cheng wouldn't grasp even a bit of his understanding. Just think about how long it took for one to become an accomplished Weapon Emperor? Even if one had access to sufficient materials, it would still take many thousands if not tens of thousands of years, right? Moreover, when it came to his understandings, if one wasn't a Weapon Emperor, one couldn't even think about learning it.

He did it only because he had taken a fancy to Ning Cheng's materials. Otherwise, he wouldn't have allowed Ning Cheng to enter his wooden house even if he knew that Ning Cheng couldn't learn his things.

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After Ning Cheng entered the house, only then did he understand how many things were inside of it. This wooden house was nothing but a space-shrinking artefact that stored hundreds of millions of jade strips.

Fortunately, Kong He classified everything in an orderly manner. From low-levelled things to high-levelled information, one level after another level.

Ning Cheng didn't take out any of the jade strips to read. He knew that if he took out and viewed them one after another, he might not finish them within a hundred years. Instead, his spiritual consciousness fell onto the first jade strip. Absorbing all the information quickly without reading any of it, he then moved from the first jade strip to the second jade strip, then the third, fourth.....

In just half a day, Ning Cheng had already immersed himself in all the knowledge he absorbed from the jade strips into his Sea of Consciousness. It was just like Kong He's prediction. Sometimes knowledge

was also a kind of poison. Once one got immersed inside of it, one would find it impossible to come out of it until one understood it all. Kong He had already predicted that as long as Ning Cheng fell into this state, he wouldn't give up on it casually.

All of Kong He's entry-level jade strips contained only simple information. As long as one read through it, one could then follow the instructions to combine it with the methods of artefact-crafting. However, for ordinary people to understand all of his information and experience, it would only be a foolish and idiotic dream.

Unfortunately, Ning Cheng wasn't an ordinary person. He was a top-grade Weapon Emperor himself, and his artefact-crafting method didn't lose out to Kong He. It's just that Kong He didn't know about it. If Kong He knew that Ning Cheng was also a top-grade Weapon Emperor, he would have never let Ning Cheng in here. This wooden cabin was Kong He's countless years of accumulation and effort. Even if he helped Ning Cheng complete that battleship for free, he wouldn't agree to let Ning Cheng learn his things.

Ning Cheng's Sea of Consciousness and comprehension ability was just too strong. The information within the millions of jade strips within the room transformed into flowing streams and flowed into his Sea of Consciousness. In the beginning, Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness had to sweep through one jade strip after another. But now, Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness could quickly sweep through thousands of jade strips at a time.

In just over a year, Ning Cheng had swept through all the jade strips, leaving none behind. Not only that, because of his cultivation method, he also found a few problems in Kong He's jade strips. Therefore, to understand these things better, Ning Cheng didn't leave the cabin and instead used it to seclude himself and organise his understandings. He also carved these observations into some blank jade strips.

Ning Cheng decided to give these jade strips to old man Kong He. Since Ning Cheng had learned and gained so much from Kong He, he wanted to carve his understanding into new jade strips and give it to Kong He as a reward.

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Chapter 834: Siege caused by the array pattern

Before Ning Cheng could finish his jade strip, he felt the space surrounding him fluctuate. He rushed out of the room instinctively, but the next moment, the cabin erupted with a bright light before disappearing into the void.

The cabin escaped into the void? Ning Cheng understood a few things and quickly looked in the opposite direction, and found only one of the two huge starry sky battleships still present on the public square. As for the other one, it had disappeared without a trace.

Ning Cheng quickly rushed towards the remaining battleship and carefully scrutinised it. Fortunately, nothing had happened to the battleship, and everything inside of it also remained untouched.

Apart from old man Kong He and his battleship that disappeared from the public square, the other thing this place used to contain was the cabin filled with information. However, it had also disappeared.

Because Ning Cheng had immersed himself in imprinting a jade strip with his deductions inside the wooden house, he didn't consider that such a thing would happen. Now that he sobered up, he quickly understood why it happened.

That old man Kong He truly didn't have a good heart at all. Kong He allowed him to study the scientific and technological information he had collected within the wooden house. But the knowledge inside was a fusion of technology and artefact-crafting. Apart from a top-grade Weapon Emperor, nobody else could have comprehended even a part of the information within two years.

Besides, even if one were a Weapon Emperor, if this person didn't have a mighty Sea of Consciousness and comprehension ability, this person wouldn't be able to understand the information inside it.

In other words, replaced by an ordinary person, he or she wouldn't have understood any of the knowledge inside the cabin before Kong He swept it away.

Fortunately, Kong He didn't know that Ning Cheng was also a highly accomplished Weapon Emperor, let alone know about his Sea of Consciousness. Replaced by anyone else, they probably couldn't have comprehended even one hundred thousandths of the information within these two years. It was also the primary reason why Kong He made such a generous offer.

From the looks of it, Kong He already had planned it all out. That is, once Kong He completed his battleship, he would immediately leave this place. And since that cabin was his blood, sweat and tears, Kong He naturally wouldn't leave it behind.

After understanding this, Ning Cheng nearly raised his middle finger to Kong He with contempt.

Fortunately, even though Kong He was very stingy about that thing, he at least wasn't a truly disgusting person. At least he didn't leave with both battleships. If Kong He had decided to go with both battleships, it would have left Ning Cheng with no alternative.

After understanding Kong He's thoughts, Ning Cheng no longer felt the need to give Kong He what he understood.

Ning Cheng didn't stay here to finish perfecting this top-grade starry sky battleship. Instead, he put away the starry sky battleship and left Kong He Emperor Mountain. With his current ability, he could complete this starry sky battleship without any help. But it would take a considerable amount of time. As for Sifting Orchid, Ning Cheng could now restore it to its original state at any time without much effort.

Therefore, he decided to repair it slowly after he returned to Stately River Star.

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Pill Rice Celestial River was the most famous technological celestial river among the four grand starry skies. Most of this celestial river's planets and stars followed the path of technology, engaging in the specialised production-related activities. Moreover, laser weapons and various battleships were their best-selling items, along with planetary space locking equipment.

Grand Nursing Star, where Ning Cheng went before, was Pill Rice Celestial River's most famous starry sky battleship production star. Even compared to the rest of the Pill Rice Celestial River, Grand Nursing Star far outclassed every other place when it came to starry sky battleship production.

However, not all planets and stars within the Pill Rice Celestial River were purely technological planets. At least Sifting Forest Star wasn't one. Sifting Forest Star had a large number of starry sky sects, similar to other sects found in different grand starry skies. In other words, one would mainly find starry sky cultivators within this star. However, they still used technological products for some activities. Primarily, however, they used these technology-focused products for auxiliary support in cultivation.

Rainbowfall Sword Sect wasn't a prominent sect within Sifting Forest Star, at best it was only a very ordinary sect. Even its current sect master, Sect Master Xian Chanxu, was only a Heaven's Mandate cultivator. Even the sect's most powerful cultivator, Elder Yu Bo, hadn't come out in ages. People had only heard that he had reached the late-stage Life and Death Realm, but it was only a rumour without any evidence.

Ning Cheng had never been to the starry sky's Rainbowfall Sword Sect before. But he could judge from Feng Kai's posture in front of Liang Qiurui that Rainbowfall Sword Sect wasn't a dominant sect within Sifting Forest Star.

But now that Ning Cheng came to Rainbowfall Sword Sect, he felt that his initial conjecture might have been a wrong one. Rainbowfall Sword Sect didn't seem to be a small one, at least the area occupied by the sect looked and felt quite right. It had abundant Starry Sky Spirit Qi, and the mountain range surrounding it formed a naturally defensive array.

What surprised Ning Cheng, even more, was that the entrance of Rainbowfall Sword Sect looked very lively and crowded. If it were a makeshift market's entrance, Ning Cheng wouldn't have felt surprised. But as a sect entrance, he saw all kinds of miscellaneous people coming in and out of it. Moreover, the two sect disciples guarding the gate didn't seem to care about it all, which made Ning Cheng a little puzzled.

Ning Cheng walked through the defensive array around the Rainbowfall Sword Sect along with the many other cultivators who entered and exited. As expected, no one came forward to stop him or even used their spiritual consciousness to look at him.

Was Rainbowfall Sword Sect open to outsiders to such an extent? Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness swept out and quickly scanned the rest of the sect grounds. Soon, he saw the Rainbowfall Sword Stone. This Rainbowfall Sword Stone, however, was much larger than the one in Graceful Star Mainland. Even he couldn't figure out if Graceful Star Mainland imitated the sword stone here, or if the sword stone here was an imitation of the one in Graceful Star Mainland.

Just past the sword stone, he saw millions of cultivators packed together over Rainbowfall Sword Sect's public square. In the middle of the public square, however, was a duelling platform. The duelling platform had a few ordinary restrictions around it, with two male cultivators fighting each other in what appeared to be a serious fight.

Right above the Rainbowfall Sword Sect's sword stone, he also saw a few people sitting, who Ning Cheng guessed as the various heads and elders of the sect. Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness swept through them lightly and found quite a few Eternal cultivators among them.

Was the Rainbowfall Sword Sect this powerful? Did it truly have so many Eternal cultivators?

Ning Cheng initially thought that it was just a regular sect competition or maybe a grudge match between two sect disciples. But when one of the fighters beheaded the other, he understood that it wasn't a competition but a deathmatch.

"Round seven, Rainbowfall Sword Sect's Shang Yongzhan fell, Constellation Sect's Fu Xu wins." With the announcement, Ning Cheng realised that Rainbowfall Sword Sect's disciples were fighting against disciples of other sects. And that, Rainbowfall Sword Sect suffered a loss.

But Ning Cheng quickly noticed something wrong about the whole situation. He immediately pulled a Celestial Shatterer cultivator next to him and asked, "My friend, I just came here. May I ask why Rainbowfall Sword Sect's disciples are fighting against disciples from Constellation Sect over the duelling platform?"

This Celestial Shatterer cultivator could feel that Ning Cheng was someone much stronger than him. Therefore, he didn't dare show any neglect and replied. "My friend, what you said isn't correct. Rainbowfall Sword Sect's disciples aren't just fighting against disciples from Constellation Sect. Rather, it's a competition between seven forces. Rainbowfall Sword Sect's disciples are fighting against disciples from Constellation Sect, Scarlet Cloud Faction, Green Feather Spirit Religion, Void Border Gate, Universal Development Sect and Blue River Mountain."

"Why?" Ning Cheng felt even more baffled. Since it was a battle between seven factions, why put the battlefield in the middle of Rainbowfall Sword Sect?

The cultivator whispered, "I heard that it's because Rainbowfall Sword Sect's Liang Yi and Feng Kai joined forces to kill Universal Development Sect's Liang Qirui. They had even snatched a treasure from his body. Universal Development Sect immediately came here with big fanfare demanding Rainbowfall Sword Sect compensate the Universal Development Sect for its loss. Universal Development Sect claimed that the treasure stolen by Feng Kai was something extraordinary and asked Rainbowfall Sword Sect to surrender its Rainbowfall Mystic Realm."

"Rainbowfall Mystic Realm?" Ning Cheng frowned and asked again.

"It's only the cultivation mystic realm of my Rainbowfall Sword Sect and also the source of my Rainbowfall Sword Sect's starry sky spirit grasses. Those people are just too shameless and want to grab it for themselves....." A teeth-grinding voice emerged from behind Ning Cheng.

Hearing this voice, the Celestial Shatterer cultivator who just explained a few things to Ning Cheng stopped answering Ning Cheng's questions and quickly squeezed into the crowd.

"Are you from the Rainbowfall Sword Sect?" Ning Cheng asked, looking back at the young woman behind him.

This young woman had hatred clouding her eyes, but wore a snow-white robe and similarly white-coloured accessories over her head. If one talked about a fusion between pretty and filial piety, this woman vividly reflected it with her attire.

However, Ning Cheng could tell that this young woman dressed in white, not to look pretty, but rather more out of filial piety. Plus, from the anger and hate in her eyes, he understood that something terrible had happened to someone dear to her.

The young woman glanced at Ning Cheng with a cold gaze before turning around and leaving. She didn't bother to answer Ning Cheng's question.

"Round 8, Rainbowfall Sword Sect's Ru Yanhong fell, Green Feather Spirit Religion's Kang Ke wins...." At this time, another announcement came from the battle ring.

Ning Cheng felt even more troubled by it. Why have Rainbowfall Sword Sect's disciples fallen twice in a row?

"Eight people from Rainbowfall Sword Sect have already fallen, do they still want to continue?" Someone in the crowd whispered, but Ning Cheng heard it. From this, Ning Cheng understood that someone wanted to put pressure on Rainbowfall Sword Sect.

He quickly speeded up and caught up with the pretty young woman in white robes and said, "This Junior Apprentice Sister, I'm also a disciple of Rainbowfall Sword Sect. Feng Kai and I know each other, may I know where Feng Kai is right now?"

The young woman stopped and looked at Ning Cheng in confusion. After a while, she frowned and said, "Since you're a disciple from my Rainbowfall Sword Sect, don't you know that Feng Kai has already died?"

"Feng Kai died?" Ning Cheng asked in surprise.

The young woman in white robes could tell that Ning Cheng wasn't pretending. Therefore, she said, "Which peak do you belong to? Did you just return to the sect? Otherwise, how could you not know what happened right in front of the sect's entrance?"

Ning Cheng vaguely guessed that this matter might have something to do with that array pattern. Therefore, he suppressed the murderous spirit surging within him and asked. "I'm not a disciple of Sifting Forest Star's Rainbowfall Sword Sect, but Graceful Star Mainland's Rainbowfall Sword Sect. I met Feng Kai two years ago. At that time, Universal Development Sect's Liang Qiurui was chasing after him, and I helped Feng Kai kill Liang Qiurui. Later, Feng Kai gave me an item and said that it was an item obtained by Rainbowfall Sword Sect's disciple Liang Yi. Initially, I came here to meet up with him as promised, but now I want to know who killed Feng Kai."

"You were the one who took that thing?" The young woman in white robes exclaimed in surprise.

"What the hell is going on?" Ning Cheng's tone immediately turned sharp.

The young woman in white robes gave Ning Cheng a respectful bow, "Greetings, Senior Apprentice Brother. I'm Yu Yayun, Liang Yi's dao companion. After Feng Kai returned, he gave me some cultivation resources and then immediately went into seclusion. I never had the chance to ask him anything. However, a year later, Universal Development Sect came to my Rainbowfall Sword Sect and forced us to give up Feng Kai."

"Feng Kai told me about Liang Yi's death before he left, but we heard no news about him after they took him away. I'm afraid he has already fallen. I think he did not divulge that Senior Apprentice Brother took that thing. Otherwise, Universal Development Sect would have known about it. But now, six different forces besiege my Rainbowfall Sword Sect. I'm afraid that after today's battles, Rainbowfall Sword Sect

will gradually die out. Senior Apprentice Brother, since you come from the same ancestral sect as our ancestors, you should leave this place quickly.”

In Yu Yayun’s view, since Ning Cheng could kill Liang Qirui, someone with Heaven’s Mandate cultivation, it meant that Ning Cheng’s cultivation surpassed hers. It was also the reason why she addressed Ning Cheng as ‘Senior Apprentice Brother’.

Ning Cheng waved his hand, “We’ll talk about other things later. I heard that it was a competition between seven forces, so why did it become six sects besieging Rainbowfall Sword Sect?”

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Chapter 835: The ninth round

“Universal Development Sect wanted Rainbowfall Sword Sect to hand that thing over, but Rainbowfall Sword Sect couldn’t. Therefore they asked Rainbowfall Sword Sect to compensate them with its mystic realm. Of course, Sect Master naturally didn’t agree to it. As a result, Universal Development Sect forced Rainbowfall Sword Sect into a competition for the Rainbowfall Mystic Realm, which Sect Master couldn’t refuse. Moreover, Universal Development Sect even invited Constellation Sect, Scarlet Cloud Faction, Green Feather Spirit Religion, Void Border Gate, Blue River Mountain and other sects to come over and act as a public witness.”

Ning Cheng immediately interrupted Yu Yanyun, “I don’t see the other forces acting as witnesses.”

If these forces wanted to act as witnesses, why would they send their disciples into the battle ring?

Yu Yayun angrily spoke up, “Sect Master knows that our Rainbowfall Sword Sect’s disciples can’t match up to Universal Development Sect. But he also couldn’t give in to the demands, despite agreeing to it. Elder Lu Yun felt uncomfortable and didn’t want Universal Development Sect to occupy Rainbowfall Sword Sect’s mystic realm alone. Therefore, he proposed that the seven forces should fight it out together and then determine the number of slots to enter the mystic realm based on the outcome.”

“Originally, Elder Lu Yun thought that Universal Development Sect would reject it. Once Universal Development Sect rejected it, it would also mean offending the other forces. Unexpectedly, Universal Development Sect had already negotiated with the other five about joining hands to snatch Rainbowfall Sword Sect’s mystic realm. Elder Lu Yun’s proposal immediately worked in their favour. In the end, the six powers combined forces to kill Rainbowfall Sword Sect’s core disciples one after another under the pretext of competition.”

“Moreover, all the participating disciples have to be core disciples of their respective sects. Therefore, after the next round, I’m afraid that Rainbowfall Sword Sect would no longer have the power to remain in Sifting Orchid Star. It’s a publicly available regulation of sect competitions set down by the ancestors at the founding of the sect. Therefore, even our sect master isn’t qualified to stop this competition midway.”

Ning Cheng sneered, “I’m afraid that once all the core disciples of Rainbowfall Sword Sect die, this competition would immediately come to an end. I think that these six forces aren’t here just for Rainbowfall Sword Sect’s mystic realm. Most likely, they want to erase Rainbowfall Sword Sect out of existence.”

Yu Yayun sighed and said, "Sect Master also said the same thing. After this competition, Rainbowfall Sword Sect might not survive for long. Other major sects would occupy the sect's grounds. The death of Universal Development Sect's disciple was just a trigger. But even without it, the other forces would have come after Rainbowfall Sword Sect sooner or later. Since the discovery of Rainbowfall Mystic Realm, many forces have been eyeing our Rainbowfall Sword Sect."

"You're just a disciple. So how do you know about these matters so clearly?" Ning Cheng looked at Yu Yayun suspiciously.

Yu Yayun looked up at the central platform directly above the public square before sighing. "My aunt is Sect Master's dao companion. So, I naturally know about a lot of things. But my aunt is only one of the seven dao companions of sect master. Therefore, even though I know a lot about many things, I don't have a clear understanding of them. You should quickly leave. Maybe we might get to meet each other later if fate decides it."

Ning Cheng once again stopped Yu Yayun as she was about to leave, "Wait, are you planning to go up on the stage?"

Yu Yayun carried within her a monstrous, murderous intent, which meant that she wanted to take the stage and compete.

Yu Yayun nodded, "I'm still a core disciple of Rainbowfall Sword Sect. So, I naturally would have to go up and compete sooner or later. But even if I have to die, I will make sure to kill one or two of those bastards to avenge Liang Yi."

"Good, good. Both grievance and gratitude need attention. It's sometimes difficult to repay gratitude, but it's very simple to avenge a grievance. Come, I'll lend you this vine for now. Go up and fight to your heart's content and kill all the core disciples of those sects." Ning Cheng raised his hand and called out the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King before passing it along to Yu Yayun.

Universal Development Sect had colluded with other forces to bully Rainbowfall Sword Sect. Although this method of fighting was a bit more insidious, it wasn't unreasonable, at least on the surface. As an Eternal cultivator, he could kill all these cultivators. He wouldn't even need to put any effort. But it would end up creating a lot of problems for Rainbowfall Sword Sect later.

Roaming the starry skies, Ning Cheng had seen many instances of strong preying upon the weak. If you had the strength to prevail over others, then use that strength to speak. If your power wasn't as good as others, then you had no choice but to bear with it. Just like Rainbowfall Sword Sect's current situation, they truly didn't have any other option other than to take it in silence.

Rainbowfall Sword Sect couldn't leave Sifting Forest Star. Therefore, even if he took to the stage and killed everyone from those sects, it wouldn't help Rainbowfall Sword Sect at all. Ning Cheng couldn't stay in Sifting Forest Star all his life, but Rainbowfall Sword Sect had already established its roots here. Therefore, if he wanted to help Rainbowfall Sword Sect, and let it continue in this place, he had to think of other methods. If the other sects banded together to wipe off the Rainbowfall Sword Sect openly, the Rainbowfall Sword Sect would have already fallen a long time ago. Therefore, he had to also think of ways to prevent such a thing from happening.

Fortunately, they couldn't do such a thing openly without creating problems for themselves. Therefore, the six forces, including the Universal Development Sect, came up with such an idea that seemed just on the surface. But, on the contrary, it was nothing but bullying. Ning Cheng decided to use the same tactics as them. He gave the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King to Yu Yayun, which also seemed fair on the surface, but was just another means to bully the bullies.

Since you want to destroy the core disciple of Rainbowfall Sword Sect with strength, let Rainbowfall Sword Sect also return the favour in kind.

Yu Yayun subconsciously took the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King, which only was an inch long. She didn't believe it first, and had to ask for confirmation, "Is this an Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan?"

Ning Cheng nodded, "This vine will automatically attach to your wrist and will help you when needed."

He didn't explain that it wasn't an Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan, but an Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King.

As soon as Ning Cheng's voice fell, the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King turned into a vine tattoo and attached itself to Yu Yayun's wrist.

"Many thanks, Senior Apprentice Brother." Yu Yayun gave a respectful bow. She had a vague feeling after this Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan attached to her wrist. Combined with the fact that this person could kill Liang Qiurui, this Senior Apprentice Brother of hers most likely had a late-stage Heaven's Mandate cultivation. Or maybe he might even be a Heaven Seated powerhouse.

"By the way, I have another thing to ask. You said Universal Development Sect took away Feng Kai. Did Rainbowfall Sword Sect voluntarily send him out, or did they forcibly take him away?" Ning Cheng asked another question just when Yu Yayun was about to leave.

"It was the Eternal powerhouse of Universal Development Sect that came to our sect. Feng Kai knew that even if Sect Master fought with the whole sect on the line, it wouldn't stop that Eternal powerhouse for even a moment. Therefore, after he told me those things, he took the initiative to give himself up to the Universal Development Sect's Eternal powerhouse." Yu Yayun understood why Ning Cheng asked this sentence and immediately told him the truth.

Ning Cheng nodded, "Go ahead. I'll help you hold the line. Just remember to kill as many as possible."

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"Sect Master Xian, the eighth round has already ended. For the ninth round, Void Border Gate's disciple has been standing on stage for quite a while, why hasn't anyone come up?" On the public square over the sword stone, an elder from Universal Development Sect asked a middle-aged cultivator sitting not far away from him.

This middle-aged male cultivator was Sect Master Xian Chanxu of Rainbowfall Sword Sect. He truly regretted his decision right now. He felt sure that even if the other six forces competed with each other, they wouldn't have lost a single disciple. It's a pity that he hadn't seen any of the different sects fighting each other yet. They had already decided before the 'competition' that since Rainbowfall Sword Sect was the host, they would preside over the first ten rounds.

The seven factions had already agreed and signed upon the rules of the competition, which meant that no sect could exit halfway. If one left midway, that sect must immediately withdraw from Sifting Forest Star.

Rainbowfall Sword Sect had existed on this Sifting Forest Star for as long as he could remember. It had taken many generations and incredible efforts to reach this place. It meant that he, Xian Chanxu, wasn't qualified to decide on moving out, nor was he qualified to stop it midway. If he did, he would become the biggest sinner of Rainbowfall Sword Sect.

"Elder Bao, you underestimate the Rainbowfall Sword Sect. Isn't there a disciple already on stage? Such a beautiful woman, sigh, I truly feel pity for her...." A middle-aged woman at the early-stage Life and Death Realm spoke with a smile.

She was not the only one who noticed it. Elder Bao had also seen her. But in truth, whether someone came to the stage or not, it wouldn't have mattered to him at all. Therefore, he didn't bother seeing a young woman dressed in a plain white robe walking onto the fighting stage.

"Yayun...." Xian Chanxu's expression changed, and he stood up immediately. The disciples from Void Border Gate who got onto the duelling platform were all late-stage Heaven's Mandate cultivators. But Yu Yayun was only at the middle-stage Undead Realm. The difference in strength was too vast, and she would die without a doubt. But he soon sat down in grief. He was a Sect Master, yet he couldn't do anything to prevent the deaths of the core disciples of his sect. The shame had already turned into sadness.

Rainbowfall Sword Sect's disciples weren't as good as disciples from other sects. Moreover, amongst the disciples of Rainbowfall Sword sects, hardly anyone had reached Heaven's Mandate Realm. When Rainbowfall Sword Sect's Celestial Bridge disciples took to the duelling platform, the other factions would send in disciples at the Undead Realm. If Rainbowfall Sword Sect sent out disciples at the Undead Realm, others would send out disciples at Heaven's Mandate Realm. When his side sent out Heaven's Mandate disciples, those bastards sent out full-circle Heaven's Mandate, or even half-step Heaven Seated experts.

In this way, every disciple that they sent out would end up dead in the hands of their opponents.

"Void Border Gate, Bian Peng. Can this sister tell me her name?" Bian Peng's eyes immediately lit up on seeing Yu Yayun. Even a particular part of his body started to get hot. He liked such women the most and wanted to ravish her immediately.

Yu Yayun's face had already turned gloomy, and she didn't even bother to speak before taking out a green sword. The sword had just come out when it transformed into countless sword shadows that locked onto Bian Peng's spacial position.

Rainbowfall Sword Sect's disciples mostly walked the Dao of Swords. Yu Yayun didn't have a high-level Dao of Sword-related spirit technique. But her sword shadow spirit technique still outclassed other ordinary sword techniques. Regardless of the backgrounds of others, in front of sword cultivators of Rainbowfall Sword Sect, they truly didn't have any right to be arrogant.

Bian Peng showed a faint smile, "So hot-tempered, huh. Today, this big brother will let you know what a man is....."

As Bian Peng spoke, he already brought out a pair of drums and locked onto Yu Yayun. He hadn't hit the drums yet, but the vibrations immediately flustered Yu Yayun's heart.

But just when Bain Peng was about to strike the drums, several rattans suddenly appeared out of thin air, binding him fully. Those tore his domain to pieces and even suppressed his celestial essence and spiritual consciousness.

Yu Yayun felt the suppression around her lifting and then saw the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King binding Bian Peng. Before she could even react to it, the sword shadows she had shot out earlier smashed into Bian Peng, and his body cracked into pieces like a crumbling statue. Even his essence spirit couldn't escape death.

The entire Rainbowfall Sword Stone's public square fell silent. The battle had ended in just the blink of an eye. Rather, it had finished before it had even started.

Yu Yayun felt even more shocked. She didn't expect that Senior Apprentice Brother from Graceful Star Mainland to be so overbearing. He had only lent her a vine, yet it instantly killed Bian Peng who was a late-stage Heaven's Mandate cultivator.

Fortunately, she quickly sobered up and put away Bian Peng's ring. Then, with a fireball, she burned Bian Peng's remains into ashes. As for the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King, it had already concealed itself after making it move, once again entrenching itself on Yu Yayun's wrist.

At this time, the cultivator presiding over the competition quickly made an announcement, "Round nine, Void Border Gate's Bian Peng fell, Rainbowfall Sword Sect's Yu Yayun wins..."

After the announcement came out, the public square immediately erupted in shock and surprise. Some of the low-levelled disciples of Rainbowfall Sword Sect even started to scream like lunatics. After losing eight rounds in a row, they had finally won one.

"Long live Senior Apprentice Sister Yu..."

"Glory to Senior Apprentice Sister Yu..."

Various chants sounded out and even Yu Yayun, who initially had a murderous expression over her face, blushed with excitement. She had never experienced such treatment. She had come here fully prepared to die, but she never expected that not only would she not die, she also helped her sect kill one of those bastards this easily.

"Haha..." Even if a disciple won or lost the match, people at Xian Chanxu's position wouldn't show their emotions this easily. Yet, Xian Chanxu couldn't help standing up and laughing.

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Chapter 836: Insta-kills

Three seats away from Xian Chanxu, a short-haired man with a pointed face turned blue from anger when he heard this laugh. The other five sects faced no problems against disciples of Rainbowfall Sword Sect. Yet, when it was his Void Border Gate's turn, it resulted in the death of their disciple. It truly was a slap to their face.

Moreover, the disciple who just died was a disciple with the highest potential in Void Border Gate. Yet, such a high-potential disciple had fallen in this backwater Rainbowfall Sword Sect for no reason at all.

Before the cultivator presiding over the competition could announce the start of the tenth round, a man jumped onto the battle ring.

Xian Chanxu's laughter stopped immediately. The cultivator who had come up this time was someone he knew. It was Constellation Sect's disciple Fu Xu who had killed Rainbowfall Sword Sect's core disciple, Shan Yongzhan in the seventh round.

Seeing another person stepping onto the stage, the host quickly called for the start of the tenth round. Many cultivators watching the battle in the audience also calmed down. They couldn't help but look at the duel between Fu Xu and Yu Yayun nervously.

But no matter how strong Fu Xu was, he hadn't reached the Heaven Seated Realm. Moreover, even if he did reach it, facing the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King, it still wouldn't help him at all. Yu Yayun had just cast her sword shadows and unleashed her domain to clash with Fu Xu's domain when the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King tore through Fu Xu's domain.

In just a few breaths, the fully activated sword shadows blasted Fu Xu into slag. Fu Xu had fallen much faster than Bian Peng. At least Bian Peng had fully unleashed his domain and had almost activated his weapon before dying. Yet, Fu Xu had fallen before he could bring it out.

Yu Yayun couldn't help but stare blankly at the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King's tattoo on her wrist. Her opponent had died before she had even moved. This....

The cultivator hosting the competition responded quickly. He immediately announced, "Round ten. Constellation Sect's disciple Fu Xu falls, Rainbowfall Sword Sect's Yu Yayun wins...."

Yu Yayun instantly killed Fu Xu; it happened again. The public square immediately erupted in uproar. At least in the previous fights, the opponents had put up a decent fight before death. Yet, in the past two rounds, the opponents couldn't even exchange a move before dying the moment they stepped onto the stage.

Ning Cheng secretly scolded the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King as an idiot. If it continued to fight like this, would it still kill any of those core disciples? He immediately sent the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King a message, ordering it to stay low. If it killed those opponents in one strike, the plan would fall through quickly. He wanted Yu Yayun to kill those disciples personally. Otherwise, how was it any different from personally stepping onto the stage and killing those disciples from other sects? Why would he send Yu Yayun?

The public square over the sword stone remained noisy. However, no one wanted to step onto the stage to fight. Two Heaven's Mandate cultivators had died instantly. The other cultivators weren't fools; wouldn't it mean death if they went up?

No one went up, but some of the sect elders and sect masters on the main stage kept talking about it. Yu Yayun's means had shocked everyone.

"She has a very powerful companion beast, something like a vine...."

“Much like a Starry Sky Grade 7 Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King....”

“Impossible, how high is her cultivation? Could someone like her even control a Starry Sky Grade 7 Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King?”

“Using such a companion beast is tantamount to cheating.”

“Yes, it’s cheating. If all of the sects gave high-grade companions beasts to the disciples on stage, would it even be a fight? It would be nothing more than a fight between beasts.”

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The discussions on the main stage made Xian Chanxu’s face pale with anger. These sects were just too shameless. Although he also wondered why Yu Yayun became so powerful, Yu Yayun’s usage of those vines still fell within the confines of the rules. It had nothing to do with cheating.

“Sect Master Xian, your Rainbowfall Sword Sect truly likes to cheat, huh. You even used such a high-grade companion beast to help your disciples. What’s the point of this competition then? If you truly want to go ahead with such a farce, then let’s also give our sect’s top-grade companion beasts to our disciples for the fights.” That Elder Bao from Universal Development Sect, who had ridiculed Xian Chanxu before, once again made a mockery out of him.

He knew that Yu Yayun’s companion vein wasn’t of low rank. However, he felt sure that it wasn’t a Starry Sky Grade 7 beast. Besides, Sifting Forest Star couldn’t cultivate a single Starry Sky Grade 7 beast. Even if it could cultivate it, Yu Yayun certainly didn’t have the qualifications to control it.

Xian Chanxu sneered. “If you can’t win, just say you lost. Why bother making up excuses? Eighth core disciples from my Rainbowfall Sword Sect had fallen one after another, did you see me make a single complaint? Sure enough, people can say anything if they’re shameless. My Rainbowfall Sword Sect’s disciple has been waiting for a while, yet no one had stepped onto the duelling platform. Why hasn’t anyone gone up there yet?”

Bao Xuan suddenly stood up, full of murderous aura, “What does Sect Master Xian want to teach me here?”

Xian Chanxu’s face turned pale. He knew that he could compare to Bao Xuan in strength, but these bastards have bullied his sect too much. He naturally wouldn’t shrink back and suddenly stood up and said, “Teach you, I dare not. I just seek truth from facts. Maybe Elder Bao likes to use excuses, but my Rainbowfall Sword Sect doesn’t rely on excuses whether we win or lose.”

After saying this, Xian Chanxu immediately reeled in his words despite wanting to say more. The reason for this unfair competition was the Rainbowfall Sword Sect wasn’t as good as the other sects.

Ning Cheng felt quite happy seeing the conflict on the main stage. As long as this Bao Xuan dared to take the initiative, he would use the Time Wheel to turn all these offenders into nothingness. Then, he could use that excuse to destroy the rest of those sects.

But to Ning Cheng’s disappointment, another Eternal cultivator stopped Bao Xuan. From the looks of it, this Eternal cultivator had also understood that if they wanted to occupy Rainbowfall Sword Sect, they absolutely couldn’t use such a tough stance. They all needed a valid reason before they could take

action. Otherwise, they would have to face endless troubles in the future. Therefore, they couldn't use Bao Xuan's argument.

After the Eternal cultivator stopped Bao Xuan, a person standing behind him took the initiative. "Master, Elder Bao, I will take the eleventh round. It's also for my big brother. Let me take the initiative here."

The Eternal cultivator nodded, "Qiuqi, you have to be careful. Her vine is a little weird. If I saw it correctly, it should be an Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King. However, it's tough to raise an Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King to Starry Sky Grade 7. That little female cultivator on stage shouldn't have the means to do it."

Although he said that Yu Yayun couldn't do it, what he meant was that Rainbowfall Sword Sect couldn't have raised an Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King to Starry Sky Grade 7.

The cultivator who volunteered to fight gave a cautious bow and nodded before stepping into the air and reaching the duelling platform.

Seeing this cultivator on stage, Xian Chanxu couldn't help but frown. He knew this cultivator too, the premier genius disciple of Universal Development Sect, Liang Qiuqi. His elder brother Liang Qiurui was the cause of this incident. According to Universal Development Sect, Lian Qiurui died because of Rainbowfall Sword Sect. Moreover, Liang Qiuqi's cultivation had already reached the full-circle of Heaven's Mandate Realm. Rather, he was already a half-step Heaven Seated cultivator, someone just below the Heaven Seated Realm.

But despite Universal Development Sect sending out this disciple, who had already reached the half-step Heaven Seated Realm, Xian Chanxu couldn't say a word against it.

After Yu Yayun killed two people in succession, someone finally dared to take up the challenge. The public square over the sword stone once again erupted with enthusiasm. Some of the cultivators who knew about Liang Qiuqi's origins even started to cheer for him crazily. At the same time, Rainbowfall Sword Sect's disciples wholeheartedly cheered and prayed for Yu Yayun.

Liang Qiuqi didn't do anything when he came up. Instead, he stared at Yu Yayun calmly and spoke up with a flat tone, "My name is Liang Qiuqi. Better remember it. I don't want you to die without knowing the name of the person who killed you."

Yu Yayun's seductive body looked like a piece of wood in his eyes. He didn't have the same gaze as Bian Peng at all.

Yu Yayun's tone remained as cold as glacial ice, "You should also remember my name, that it was a disciple from my Rainbowfall Sword Sect that killed both of you brothers."

"So my elder brother truly died at your Rainbowfall Sword Sect's hand....." Liang Qiuqi's voice carried a knife-like killing intent. After speaking, he didn't wait for Yu Yayun to answer at all and immediately burst forth with his killing intent-filled domain.

Since Ning Cheng had already instructed the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King not to kill Liang Qiuqi instantly, it didn't act immediately. As such, Yu Yayun's domain cracked apart like an eggshell under Liang Qiuqi's domain.

Yu Yayun hadn't made any moves before she got suppressed under his domain's powerful imposing manner. It even caused her to vomit a mouthful of blood on the spot.

Seeing Yu Yayun spitting blood, the sect elders from the other sects secretly breathed in a sigh of relief. It seems that Yu Yayun could only amount to this much. As long as one restrained that vine, Yu Yayun would become a fish over the chopping block.

Liang Qiuqi also felt relieved. He truly felt a little scared when facing Yu Yayun. But since Yu Yayun no longer could resist under his domain's imposing manner, he naturally felt a lot of relief. The other sects also relaxed, but the people from Rainbowfall Sword Sect felt their hearts in their throats.

Liang Qiuqi raised his hand and brought out a Yin Yang Divination Disc. He wanted to suppress Yu Yayun entirely and as quickly as possible before taking her away from this place. Since Yu Yayun knows who killed his big brother, how could he let her go?

The moment he brought out the Yin Yang Divination Disc, it transformed into two discs filled with the aura of Yin-Yang. With Yu Yayun's strength, and under the suppression from this Yin Yang aura, she found it hard to breathe, let alone resist. Despite holding her long sword, she couldn't even move a muscle.

But at this time, the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King finally moved. Countless rattan vines spread out and confronted Liang Qiuqi's domain in an instant. Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King's rattan vines even resisted the Yin Yang aura from Liang Qiuqi's Divination Disc.

Liang Qiuqi surpassed Yu Yayun in every aspect, but no matter how great his strength, he couldn't compete with the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King. If not for Ning Cheng's orders, Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King could have already held an absolute advantage over this fight.

Yu Yayun's body suddenly loosened, and she immediately understood that the ghost rattan had made its move. Taking advantage of this chance, she quickly brought out her sword shadows.

The duelling platform quickly filled up with endless rattan vines, Liang Qiuqi's Yin Yang Divination Aura, and Yu Yayun's sword shadows.

Celestial essence explosions rang out, but these explosions came from the Yin Yang Divination Discs striking the restrictions at the edge of the duelling platform. It truly created a shocking scene for the spectators.

It didn't matter if it was the main stage of the public square or the countless cultivators watching the battle underneath the platform. They all kept their gazes peeled at the fierce fight over the duelling platform. After two instant kills, the eleventh round finally gave them a decent match to watch.

"Boom-Boom-Boom....." The sword shadows slashed down while the Yin Yang Discs criss-crossed over each other. However, the number of rattan vines on the battle stage kept decreasing.

Most of the cultivators watching the fight thought that Liang Qiuqi's Yin Yang Divination Disc finally had managed to overwhelm those rattan vines. As long as the battle continued, Yu Yayun's rattan vines would eventually clear away. Even Liang Qiuqi felt that the rattan vines had lost their power as it attacked him, which made him grow less vigilant. He snorted and stimulated his celestial essence to its

limit. It was time to strike. He no longer wanted to remain in a stalemate against a low-levelled cultivator like Yu Yayun.

Only a few Eternal cultivators felt something wrong about the situation, despite Liang Qiuqi having the upper hand.

Just when Liang Qiuqi stimulated his celestial essence and wanted to cast a big move, two rattan vines abruptly protruded from his feet. Directly ignoring his domain, the two vines managed to restrain him completely. These two rattan vines were several times stronger than the previous rattan vines. Therefore, even if Liang Qiuqi struggled with all his might, he couldn't move even a bit.

No, Liang Qiuqi quickly realised that things had suddenly taken a turn for the worse. But Yu Yayun's sword shadow surged over at this moment and tore through his body unimpeded.

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Chapter 837: What did you just say?

"Round Eleven. Universal Development Sect's Liang Qiuqi falls, Rainbowfall Sword Sect's Yu Yayun wins." This time, the battle was a fierce one and took a long time. Therefore, the cultivator hosting the match announced the result the moment Liang Qiuqi died.

Liang Qiuqi was quite strong, but he wasn't the strongest under Heaven Seated Realm. Even then, after Liang Qiuqi and Yu Yayun fought, though Yu Yayun defeated Liang Qiuqi, she wasn't much better herself. With her aura in disorder, she once again spat out a mouthful of blood.

Seeing this, the cultivators who weren't any weaker than Liang Qiuqi felt eager to fight against her. The battle between Yu Yayun and Liang Qiuqi showed that Yu Yayun couldn't handle continuous fighting, which also meant that she would most likely lose in the next round. If they went up and killed Yu Yayun in one fell swoop, it would immediately make them famous throughout the Sifting Forest Star.

In just a dozen breaths of time, someone finally flew onto the duelling platform. Moreover, there were still quite a few people in the audience eager to try.

From the last fight over the duelling platform, everyone could see that Yu Yayun had truly run out of steam. But just like the previous battle, the fight lasted for a long time and was quite intense. Yu Yayun barely defeated her opponent at the last possible moment.

"Round twelve. Green Feather Spirit Religion's Kang Ke fell, Rainbowfall Sword Sect's Yu Yayun wins."

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"Round thirteen. Green Feather Spirit Religion's Gan Zhuyu fell, Rainbowfall Sword Sect's Yu Yayun wins."

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"Round fourteen. Scarlet Cloud Faction's Yin Ziqian fell, Rainbowfall Sword Sect's Yu Yayun wins."

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"Round nineteen. Constellation Sect's Kang Shana fell, Rainbowfall Sword Sect's Yu Yayun wins."

After the cultivator hosting the matches announced the result of the nineteenth round, no one came onto the stage. Everyone suddenly sobered up to a dark reality. Yu Yayun had won eleven matches in a row, and all her opponents in the last eleven rounds had died on the duelling platform.

However, unlike her first match, every subsequent round looked tough on her. It felt as if Yu Yayun would fall at any moment. But Yu Yayun managed to persist until the end and even kill her opponent.

Seeing this all the cultivators shuddered, and no one wanted to come up to the stage and seek death. Most people even thought that Yu Yayun was only pretending to be a pig to eat the tiger. Deliberately showing a weak side to her opponent and then killing them swiftly. Despite looking like someone at the verge of death, she still managed to put up a good fight and even killed all her opponents. How was this a weak opponent?

Bao Xuan of Universal Development Sect slapped the table in front of him and suddenly stood up in anger. "Xian Chanxu, does your Rainbowfall Sword Sect know no shame? You even loaned the sect's Starry Sky Grade 7 Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King to a disciple. Letting that disciple kill the other sect's core disciples on the duelling platform. Did you think that six of us are blind?"

Xian Chanxu knew that Bao Xuan was looking for excuses. Therefore, he could only hold back his anger and say to Yu Yayun on the duelling platform, "Yayun, come down. The next match is not my Rainbowfall Sword Sect's fight. It's time for other sects to take the stage."

Yu Yayun had killed eleven core disciples in a row, and the murderous aura in her heart had almost worn out. Since her sect master asked her to come down, she naturally wouldn't stay put on the stage.

But at this time, even if she wanted to come down, it wouldn't be possible. Yu Yayun had killed eleven core disciples from other sects in a row. Moreover, they were all the most outstanding talents within their sects. If they let Yu Yayun go down like this, how could the six sects swallow it down?

If Rainbowfall Sword Sect truly had such strength, then they would have begrudgingly accepted it. But Rainbowfall Sword Sect wasn't even a weak sect in their eyes. Yet, its disciple dared to kill the core disciples of other sects on the duelling platform.

"Go down? Did you start daydreaming? Today, if your Rainbowfall Sword Sect doesn't give a proper explanation about your cheating, my Universal Development Sect would never stop here." Bao Xuan said sharply.

The elders from other sects immediately echoed Bao Xuan's words. Some even vocally supported Bao Xuan. Even those Eternal cultivators didn't step in to hold them back. From this, everyone understood that they wanted to press Rainbowfall Sword Sect to admit to cheating and then punish Yu Yayun.

Rainbowfall Sword Sect was a sword cultivators' sect. As a sword cultivators' sect, the disciples naturally developed themselves like a sword and cultivated sword aura. Therefore, when Xian Chanxu suffered so much bullying for such a long time, he no longer could take it anymore and burst out.

Xian Chanxu also slapped the table and stood up, "Bao Xuan, you keep saying that my Rainbowfall Sword Sect cheated. When your other sect killed my Rainbowfall Sword Sect's disciples, why didn't I hear you raising any objections? My Rainbowfall Sword Sect's Disciple Yu Yayun has a companion beast, so what's wrong with it? Are cultivators not allowed to own a companion beast?"

Bao Xuan gave a cold snort, "If we all lend our sect's companion beasts to our disciples, then what's the use of battles between disciples?"

Xian Chanxu struggled to keep his anger in check before giving a cold reply, "Yu Yayun is my Rainbowfall Sword Sect's proud disciple. I swear in the name of all the sect masters of my Rainbowfall Sword Sect that I have not given any companion beast to Yu Yayun. If I had lent my sect's companion beasts to my disciples, I, Xian Chanxu, would never have said even half a bit of nonsense. Disciples on the duelling platform compete with their lives on the line. If your disciples can't win then don't try to find excuses. Your sects might do such things, but my Rainbowfall Sword Sect would never indulge in such practices."

Bao Xuan turned silent for a while. If they had a Starry Sky Grade 7 demonic beast in their sect, they would have taken it out a long time ago. But none of the factions here had one. Moreover, was it easy to cultivate a Starry Sky Grade 7 demonic beast? Not to mention top-grade plant-type demonic creatures, it would be difficult to raise even an ordinary companion beast to such a level.

"Good....." An old voice came and then an old man in grey robes landed in the main stage.

Xian Chanxu saw the old man and quickly bowed and paid his respects, "Disciple Xian Chanxu greets Elder Taoist Yu."

This old man was the strongest Elder Taoist, Elder Yu Bo, in Rainbowfall Sword Sect. Only when Rainbowfall Sword Sect reached a dire situation with no way out, would he come out. Unfortunately, even if he came out, it would be of no help. A Life and Death cultivator, even at full-circle Life and Death Realm, couldn't face off against several Eternal experts alone.

"Hehe, Yu Bo, even after secluding yourself for so many years, you didn't make any progress at all. Your Rainbowfall Sword Sect's disciple cheated with a Starry Sky Grade 7 companion beast, and you said yes[1]. Did you think you can deceive my Universal Development Sect?"

If one didn't have comparable cultivation, then even having a spine would prove useless. This brocade-robed man was the Sect Master of Universal Development Sect, Lian Yan, with an early-stage Eterna cultivation. It was him who came looking for the array pattern, and he was also Liang Qiuqi's master.

After suppressing Yu Bo with his imposing manner, Lian Yan said to Bao Xuan standing at his side. "Go and catch that cheating disciple and confiscate her things. Strip her naked and hang her at the edge of that platform as a warning to others."

After Lian Yan said those words, the other Eternal cultivators regretted not thinking of it earlier. It was a Starry Sky Grade 7 Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King, one you obtained it, wouldn't it mean improving your strength to a whole new level?

Xian Chanxu and Yu Bo's complexions changed drastically. Once these bastards stripped Yu Yayun naked and hung her up, it would also mean stripping Rainbowfall Sword Sect naked. It would no longer have any standing in Sifting Forest Star. The two wanted to stop it immediately. However, the cultivation of the two, despite being good, couldn't match any of the Eternal cultivators in this place.

Bao Xuan was already itching for action. He had wanted to do it a long time ago, but his Sect Master hadn't said anything. Now that the Sect Master has announced it, he immediately stepped into the air before raising his hands to grab Yu Yayun on the duelling platform. He even spoke with anger, "The

duelling platform is a fair and just place for duelling between people. You used the sect's guardian companion beast to cheat. Since you like breaking the laws so much, I have to uphold justice for everyone else."

As the powerful imposing manner came crashing down. Yu Yayun, as an Undead cultivator, couldn't even breathe. Moreover, under the suppression of such a powerful imposing manner, even Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan King couldn't break free.

Yu Yayun subconsciously wanted to look at Ning Cheng; however, she couldn't even turn her neck, let alone stretch out her spiritual consciousness.

Just when Bao Xuan's hand was about to grab Yu Yayun, his body suddenly stiffened. A terrifying suppression descended over him, and even his domain tore apart like a rotting rag. At this moment, he couldn't even bring out his spiritual consciousness or circulate his celestial essence. The only thing that could move was his consciousness, which kept screaming 'death' within his mind. Bao Xuan's eyes filled with panic. He wanted to yell, but couldn't either.

Yu Yayun's body loosened, and she saw a huge celestial essence handprint slowly stretch out. This handprint wrapped itself around Bao Xuan's neck and lifted him.

It was the Senior Apprentice Brother who gave her the Underworld Crow Ghost Rattan. Yu Yayun realised it instantly, as intense surprise filled up her eyes. She knew that Bao Xuan was a very famous elder of Universal Development Sect and that he was a middle-stage Life and Death powerhouse. Yet, a formless celestial essence handprint had grabbed such a powerhouse by his neck. Just how powerful was this Senior Apprentice Brother from Graceful Star Mainland? Thinking back to how she tried to advise this Senior Apprentice Brother to escape, would he even want to leave with such strength?

Sure enough, the disciples from Graceful Star Mainland were all mighty. Even Junior Apprentice Brother Rui Baishan, who Sect Master had brought back a few years ago, was also very strong. Now this Senior Apprentice Brother was even more powerful. No wonder their ancestor could establish the Rainbowfall Sword Sect in the starry sky, as that ancestor also came from the Graceful Star Mainland.

As the huge celestial essence handprint grabbed Bao Xuan by his neck and lifted him, Bao Xuan couldn't even put up a resistance. In the air, he was like a frog gasping for air while his hands and legs flailed weakly in the air.

The horrific sight immediately shocked everyone on the public square and the main stage. All the elders and sect masters seated on the main stage stood up one after another. At this moment, the domain suppression that chained Xian Chanxu and Yu Bo also opened up.

Ning Cheng casually stepped through the air and onto the duelling platform before looking at Bao Xuan who slowly floated towards him. Looking at him, he spoke with an ice-cold voice, "Did you just speak something about being fair and just? You're a cultivator in the Life and Death Realm, yet want to deal with a cultivator in the Undead Realm. Do you call this fairness? Do you still have any face, or are you someone truly shameless? Who stipulated that disciples can't use their companion beasts, talismans, or other methods at their disposal on the duelling platform? Don't come here if you don't have the guts to handle embarrassment, you disgusting piece of trash....."

As soon as the celestial essence handprint increased its pressure, Bao Xuan suspended in the air exploded into a mist of blood and disappeared without a trace. Only a ring remained of Bao Xuan, which slowly floated towards Yu Yayun. Yu Yayun then heard Nong Cheng's words, "This ring should ease your shock a bit."

Yu Yayun bowed in surprise and said, "Many thanks, Senior Apprentice Brother." She stretched out her hand and put the ring away.

A ring of a Life and Death powerhouse, just how many good things would it contain? Seeing Yu Yayun put away the ring of a Life and Death cultivator, the people on the sword stone felt envy and jealousy growing within them.

"This Dao Friend, this is an internal matter of our seven sects. You intervened in our seven sect's internal matter. Even killed my Universal Development Sect's Life and Death elder, isn't it a bit too unreasonable?" The Universal Development Sect's Sect Master had an ugly look over his face. Standing up, he could feel that Ning Cheng was also an Eternal powerhouse, but a far stronger one than him.

Ning Cheng stared at the Universal Development Sect's Sect Master in front of him with a cold gaze before asking directly. "Just now, didn't you say something about stripping Yu Yayun naked and hang her up?"

[1] The character '好' can mean 'yes/good/well/okay' depending on the context. I wasn't sure what they were speaking about and choose the most literal translation of the word.

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Chapter 838: Daring to call yourself as Emperor

"So what it was me? This Emperor Lian Yan is Universal Development Sect's Sect Master....." Lian Yan gave a cold snort. Even if he was only at the early-stage Eternal Realm, he was still an Eternal expert. No matter Ning Cheng's power, it was still in the Eternal Realm. Since both were in the Eternal Realm, why talk like this? Besides, Ning Cheng had attacked and killed Bao Xuan the moment he came, immediately forming a link of hatred with his Universal Development Sect. As the Sect Master of Universal Development Sect, how could he show any weakness in front of Ning Cheng?

Ning Cheng didn't answer Lian Yan's words at all; instead, his domain surged out.

When Ning Cheng appeared in front of everyone and killed Bao Xuan, Lian Yan had immediately put up a guard against Ning Cheng. He had even fully deployed his domain around himself.

Unfortunately, although both were at the early-stage Eternal Realm, the difference between Ning Cheng and Lian Yan's strength was just too vast. The moment the two domain's imposing manners clashed; Lian Yan's domain cracked apart in an instant. Moreover, Lian Yan even lost his connection to the area around him.

Lian Yan initially didn't feel too afraid of Ning Cheng as he thought that Ning Cheng would only be a bit stronger than him. However, he never expected Ning Cheng to show this level of power. Therefore, in panic, he quickly brought out a weapon.

But by the time Lian Yan's weapon could activate, Ning Cheng's Traceless Spear Pattern ripped through its dao charm-filled light rays.

Before Lian Yan could even react, Ning Cheng's spear pattern had already locked on to him. The next moment, just like Bao Xuan, Ning Cheng picked him up like a helpless chicken.

"Neither Yi Jiufeng nor Qiao Jierui would dare call themselves emperors in front of me. Yet, an early-stage Eternal cultivator dares to address yourself as emperor in front of me?" Ning Cheng raised his hand while speaking and with a flick, threw Lian Yan onto the duelling platform. A few dozen array flags suddenly appeared around Lian Yan and immediately sealed his celestial essence. The next moment, Ning Cheng's Entrapment Formation tore apart the trapped Lian Yan's robes right in front of everyone.

Lian Yan immediately turned embarrassed and angry. As an Eternal-level powerhouse, when had he ever faced this much insult? As for his previous words of humiliating Yu Yayun, he naturally didn't think anything wrong with it. In his eyes, Yu Yayun was just a puny Undead cultivator. Even if he stripped her naked and hanged her in full public display, it would have only counted as a warning. Yet, such a thing happened to him, an Eternal-level powerhouse.

As countless gazes stared at him, Lian Yan almost went crazy. He desperately burned his essence blood and even his life essence. However, he quickly discovered that although he couldn't move, he could burn his essence blood, but could no longer control it. It would only lead to self-detonation.

Lian Yan's heart immediately surged with regret and grief. From this, he understood that this person wanted to force him to blow himself up. His strength couldn't match up to this person, and even if he didn't blow himself up, this bastard wouldn't let him go.

"Boom....." In front of everyone's gazes, Lian Yan's body immediately exploded with a terrifying celestial essence explosion. He ultimately decided to take the path of self-destruction rather than humiliation, whether he wanted it or not. Besides, Ning Cheng's Entrapment Formation was something he had arranged in haste. Therefore, the explosion resulting from Lian Yan's self-detonation not only tore apart the Entrapment Formation it even blew apart the duelling platform. However, the Sword Stone Public Square remained intact, without even the slightest scratch.

An Eternal cultivator had chosen self-detonation, yet it only caused this much destruction. Everyone instantly understood that it was only because Ning Cheng had sealed a majority of Lian Yan's celestial essence.

Ning Cheng had almost insta-killed the elder and sect master of Universal Development Sect. Seeing this, the experts from the other five sects stood up one after another, their expressions a little disturbed. They could tell that Ning Cheng's strength far exceeded any of them, so strong that they couldn't even dare raise any objections.

Eventually, a male cultivator with a pointed face and short hair cautiously stepped forward and bowed to Ning Cheng. "We all just experienced Dao Friend's strength. Since this Dao Friend knows Brother Jierui, then it means we're all acquaintances. But Dao Friend, as an expert at your level, isn't it too much for you to indiscriminately intervene in matters between sects of Sifting Forest Star? Of course, I'm just an early-stage Eternal cultivator, and Dao Friend can kill me at will, but I had to say this."

This person was Sect Master Qu Xusheng of Void Border Gate, and also a cultivator at the early-stage Eternal Realm. All of Void Border Gate's important core disciples had fallen in Rainbowfall Sword Sect.

He wanted to destroy Rainbowfall Sword Sect down to its roots because of it. It's just that he never expected a terrifying expert like Ning Cheng to show up here at such a critical time.

He called Qiao Jierui as 'brother', but that was nothing but gilding his face with gold. Even as a cultivator in the Eternal Realm, Qiao Jierui wouldn't even glance at him. He only spoke those words because he had once talked to Qiao Jierui at a gathering.

Everyone who heard Qu Xusheng's last sentence would have thought of it as a sign of weakness, but no one said anything at this time. They also understood that Qu Xusheng's words were the only thing they could say that was still within reason. That is, if you didn't give them a reasonable explanation, then there was nothing for him to do here. But even if you had reason on your side, and even if you were Qiao Jierui, you can't intervene in this kind of thing.

How could Ning Cheng not understand what Qu Xusheng meant? But he only glanced at Qu Xusheng before speaking up with disdain, "So, you're familiar with Qiao Jierui?"

But before Qu Xusheng could speak up that he had only met Qiao Jierui once at a gathering, Ning Cheng followed. "The last time I went to Devil Domain, I taught him quite a satisfying lesson and cut off his arm. Would you like to help him out?"

Qu Xusheng felt his soul flying out of his body when he heard Ning Cheng's words. He had thought that Ning Cheng was the same as him, and came into contact with Yi Jiufeng and Qiao Jierui in a gathering of powerhouses. Unexpectedly, Ning Cheng and Qiao Jierui had a grudge between them, and he even cut off Qiao Jierui's arm. Moreover, it was even in Qiao Jierui's home territory, the Devil Domain.

Shocked by Ning Cheng's words, Qu Xusheng broke into cold sweats. He couldn't even say a word, let alone move.

"Senior, this junior is Blue River Mountain's Guang Ruotong. What Sect Master Qu means is that this is an internal matter of Sifting Forest Star's sects. Even if Senior has heaven-defying cultivation, it wouldn't be proper for you to intervene here." An early-stage Life and Death female cultivator came forward and spoke with a humble posture.

Xian Chanxu sneered from the side, "Want to use reason now? Your six sects want to force my Rainbowfall Sword Sect to give up on the Rainbowfall Mystic Realm. How come no one amongst you talked about reason then? Bah!"

Xian Chanxu no longer had the demeanour of a Heaven Seated expert. After speaking, he even spat at them.

Then, he quickly came to Ning Cheng and knelt to the ground, "Many thanks, Senior for upholding justice. Otherwise, these shameless people would have taken over my Rainbowfall Sword Sect."

Guang Ruotong's face turned red but didn't speak anymore. What Xian Chanxu said was a fact, they had come here to take over Rainbowfall Sword Sect's mystic realm by force. But since Ning Cheng showed up, they had no choice but to take the side of reason.

Ning Cheng motioned Xian Chanxu to stand aside before speaking to Guan Ruotong. "I'm sure that your Blue River Mountain's Lan Yi has gone into seclusion to try and break into the Eternal Realm, right? Go back and tell your people from Blue River Mountain that Ning Cheng will be taking over this matter."

Ning Cheng still had a good impression of Lan Yi from Blue River Mountain. This woman not only had a good heart but had also exchanged a critical material that he needed. However, Ning Cheng also felt very upset that Blue River Mountain wanted to occupy the Rainbowfall Mystic Realm.

“Ah...” Guan Ruotong immediately went into shock when she heard Ning Cheng’s words. She quickly bowed and said, “Junior greets Senior Ning. Our Blue River Mountain has been in the wrong in this matter, and am willing to bear any punishment for it.”

While talking, Guan Ruotong had already sent out a message. She knew Lan Yi quite well, which meant that she also learned about what kind of existence Ning Cheng was. Therefore, the moment she heard Ning Cheng’s name, she immediately sent Lan Yi a message.

Ning Cheng ignored Guan Ruotong but spoke up loudly. “I’m Ning Cheng, from Graceful Star Mainland’s Rainbowfall Sword Sect, and also the Sect Master of Graceful Star Mainland’s Rainbowfall Sword Sect. Do you think that I’m now qualified to take care of this matter? I already am aware that Universal Development Sect, Constellation Sect, Scarlet Cloud Faction, Green Feather Spirit Religion, Void Border Gate and Blue River Mountain covet the core of my Rainbowfall Sword Sect, the Rainbowfall Mystic Realm. I also know that this so-called competition is just an excuse to come to my Rainbowfall Sword Sect to kill my Rainbowfall Sword Sect’s core disciples.”

When the cultivators here heard Ning Cheng’s words, they almost couldn’t comprehend what they just heard. The Rainbowfall Sword Sect had such a powerhouse? If he truly belonged to Rainbowfall Sword Sect, then it was the perfect justification for him to intervene in this matter.

The elders from the other sects started to panic. No one even questioned if Ning Cheng spoke the truth or not. People at the level of Ning Cheng, why would they come to such a place and claim to be a part of it? What should they do now? With Rainbowfall Sword Sect having such an expert, it would truly be a stupid move to covet Rainbowfall Sword Sect’s mystic realm.

Xian Chanxu and Yu Bo, on the contrary, felt ecstatic. They never expected that this expert truly was someone from the Rainbowfall Sword Sect, or that he came from Graceful Star Mainland. With such an expert, not to mention Sifting Forest Star, even within the entire starry sky, no one would dare have any ideas over the Rainbowfall Sword Sect.

After hearing Ning Cheng’s words, Qu Xusheng’s face turned white. He already felt worried that Ning Cheng would pick him and throw him into an array formation at any moment and force him to blow up. If it was before, they still could use some flimsy excuse to force Ning Cheng to back away, but now, reason has already left their side. Even if Ning Cheng killed all of them, he wouldn’t have to worry about pushing people down.

At this moment, a cyan-coloured shadow quickly descended from the sky.

Immediately, a young female cultivator walked up to Ning Cheng and bowed before speaking with a highly respectful and reverence-filled tone. “Junior Lan Yi greets Senior Ning and also thanks Senior for the help.”

Lan Yi addressed Ning Cheng as ‘Brother Ning’ before, but now she dared not call him that. Moreover, Ning Cheng was an expert no weaker than Kong He. Since her Blue River Mountain caused such trouble for Rainbowfall Sword Sect, it immediately frightened Lan Yi.

When it came to Ning Cheng, she knew him better than anyone else present here. She had even witnessed Ning Cheng extinguishing old man Kong He's prestige. Ning Cheng had even killed Fu Si, who was so powerful that she couldn't even imagine it. What's more, Ning Cheng had even shown her great kindness. But even without that kindness, Blue River Mountain can't afford to offend such a powerhouse.

"Sure enough, you already stepped into the Eternal Realm." Ning Cheng nodded. He guessed that Lan Yi, most likely, didn't know about this matter. With Lan Yi's eagerness from back then, she would have immediately secluded herself to break into the Eternal Realm and then stabilise her cultivation.

Lan Yi spoke with trepidation, "Senior has shown the utmost kindness to Lan Yi. My Blue River Mountain wrongly coveted Rainbowfall Sword Sect's mystic realm and deserves punishment. This junior will stand trial for Blue River Mountain's actions, and will accept any punishment without a sound."

Lan Yi, as the newly advanced Eternal expert of Blue River Mountain, had already held an Eternal Advancement Ceremony before, which they all had attended. Now that the elders from other sects saw how Lan Yi spoke to Ning Cheng as a revered senior, it immediately threw them into even more panic.

Qu Xusheng was the first to react and immediately slapped a Heaven Seated elder next to him in the face, "Fool, you listened to Universal Development Sect's bewitchment. How could you dare to offend your friends without figuring out the truth.....?"

After putting up a performance, he bowed to Ning Cheng and waited for him to speak, as if accepting a punishment.

With Qu Xusheng taking the lead, the other sects also picked up on it and put up one performance after another. They all wanted to take the opportunity to put themselves on lower pedestals.

Ning Cheng only sneered at the clowns in front of him. If it were him, he would have already erased them with a single pass from a Time Wheel. But Ning Cheng also understood that Sect Master Xian Chanxu of Rainbowfall Sword Sect must resolve this matter himself. After all, he wouldn't stay here forever, and Xian Chanxu was still the sect master in this place.

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Chapter 839: Celestial River's Advancement

Ning Cheng turned his head and said to Xian Chanxu next to him, "You're the Sect Master of Rainbowfall Sword Sect, you can handle it."

Xian Chanxu immediately stood up when he heard Ning Cheng's words, "Because of Universal Development Sect's oppression, Rainbowfall Sword Sect suffered a huge loss this time...."

Without waiting for Xian Chanxu to finish, Qu Xusheng quickly spoke up. "Yes, yes, this time, we ended up bewitched by one sect and should rightfully compensate Rainbowfall Sword Sect for the damage. I suggest that each sect here give up a star vein, 100 million Perpetual Moon Pills and one million Permanent Essence Pills. We should also give up ten spots for Sifting Forest Mystic Realm."

Ning Cheng had no idea about this Sifting Forest Mystic Realm, but from the looks of it, it should be something similar to the Time Wilderness. However, the offer only garnered a secret sneer from Ning Cheng. Did this Qu Xusheng think that he could brush all of what happened today with such a paltry

offer? If replaced by Ning Cheng, even if he decided not to kill these bastards, he would have at least forced these sects to give up on the Sifting Forest Star.

But to Ning Cheng's surprise, Xian Chanxu only hesitated for a bit before nodding in agreement with Qu Xusheng's proposal. "Sect Master Qu is correct. This time, Universal Development Sect bewitched everyone. Now that Universal Development Sect's sect master has fallen, we should all consider ourselves in the same boat. As for compensation, just follow the words of Sect Master Qu."

Ning Cheng frowned slightly, but he quickly understood Xian Chanxu's reasoning. When he asked Xian Chanxu to take care of it as the sect master, Xian Chanxu must have realised that he wouldn't stay in Rainbowfall Sword Sect for long.

Rainbowfall Sword Sect's current momentum was all thanks to him. Once he left, and since Rainbowfall Sword Sect had already offended too many sects, it wouldn't survive for long by itself in Sifting Forest Star. Therefore, Xian Chanxu's decision as the sect master was the correct one.

Seeing Xian Chanxu look over at him, Ning Cheng waved his hand and said, "Just follow Sect Master Xian's instructions, except for one slight exception."

Ning Cheng casually walked over to the only remaining elder from Universal Development Sect before speaking up with a cold voice, "Rather it's two things. First, Universal Development Sect will send the culprits responsible for Feng Kai's death to Rainbowfall Sword Sect. Second, Universal Development Sect has to move out of the Sifting Forest Star."

"Yes, senior. It was Bao Xuan and Liang Qiuqi who killed Feng Kai, and my Universal Development Sect will immediately leave Sifting Forest Star....." This elder didn't dare to speak even half a word against it. Therefore, after he finished speaking, he quickly retreated as far as physically possible from Ning Cheng.

The Universal Development Sect had come here to force the Rainbowfall Sword Sect out. But the result was the opposite. Not only did they not force away Rainbowfall Sword Sect, but the Rainbowfall Sword Sect had forced them away. As for the elders and sect master of the other sects, they immediately decided to make amends with Rainbowfall Sword Sect. With Universal Development Sect withdrawing from the Sifting Forest Star, the mineral veins and some of the spiritual lands left behind by Universal Development Sect would naturally end up under Rainbowfall Sword Sect.

"Sect Master Ning, many years ago, I met a Rainbowfall Sword Sect's disciple from Graceful Star Mainland in Culmination Grand Starry Sky. His name was Rui Baishan...."

Before Xian Chanxu could finish speaking, Ning Cheng immediately interrupted him, "Did you say Sect Master Rui Baishan also came here?"

Xian Chanxu initially thought that Ning Cheng was Rui Baishan's predecessor. But now that he heard Ning Cheng call Rui Baishan as 'Sect Master' he understood that Ning Cheng wasn't Rui Baishan's predecessor.

Because of this, he no longer was in a position to call out Rui Baishan's name directly and spoke with a conservative tone. "Yes, Sect Master Rui followed me to the Rainbowfall Sword Sect and remained here for about half a year before venturing into the starry skies alone for gaining experience."

Ning Cheng had a relatively good understanding of Rui Baishan. Ning Cheng understood that he was a very strong-willed person and would take up any opportunity that came his way. Rui Baishan wouldn't stay in a sect for long and let his cultivation stagnate, which Ning Cheng found quite reasonable and consistent with what he knew about him.

Ning Cheng nodded, "I'll be taking my leave now. If you have any problems, you can come to my Mysterious Yellow Celestial River in Culmination Grand Starry Sky to find me. Mysterious Yellow Celestial River belongs to me, and I also established my Mysterious Yellow Sect there. If you find your future development restricted here, you can also choose to shift your Rainbowfall Sword Sect to Mysterious Yellow Celestial River."

When Xian Chanxu heard that Ning Cheng had established a sect, his expressions turned even more respectful. He also vaguely guessed that Ning Cheng wasn't a true disciple cultivated by Graceful Star Mainland's Rainbowfall Sword Sect. Otherwise, Ning Cheng wouldn't have established a separate sect.

Seeing Ning Cheng about to leave, Yu Yayun quickly stepped forward to thank him. She had already discovered that the vine tattoo on her wrist had disappeared after she stepped down from the duelling platform. From this, she presumed that Ning Cheng had already taken it away.

Ning Cheng looked at Xian Chanxu and said, "Yu Yayun is a good disciple. Give her a safe cave and concentrate on cultivating her."

Yu Yayun had received Ning Cheng's help; Xian Chanxu had already understood it by now. And now, Ning Cheng had explicitly asked him to take care of Yu Yayun before leaving. From this, Xian Chanxu presumed that Ning Cheng should have taken a liking to Yu Yayun. Besides, Yu Yayun's appearance would arouse any man, so it wasn't surprising to him that Ning Cheng would fancy her.

Thinking of this, Xian Chanxu quickly spoke, "Sect Master Ning can rest assured, I will take care of Yu Yayun to the best of my abilities."

If Ning Cheng knew about Xian Chanxu's thoughts, he would have kicked him away immediately. The reason why he had said that sentence just now had nothing to do with Yu Yayun. It's because Ning Cheng had given Yu Yayun a Life and Death cultivator's ring. If he didn't explicitly state to Xian Chanxu about taking care of Yu Yayun, the ring he gave her wouldn't help her at all. Rather, it would only bring her more harm than do any good.

Yu Yayun's face blushed slightly. But even if Ning Cheng liked her, she wouldn't change her mind. She would only have Liang Yi in her heart. Even if Liang Yi perished, it would never change her thoughts about him.

Just as she thought about how she should let her aunt air out her thoughts to sect master, Ning Cheng cupped his fists towards her sect master, Elder Yu Bo and the others. "I'll be taking my leave now. If you need anything, you can come to my Stately River Star to find me."

After saying this, Ning Cheng stepped into the air and disappeared without leaving a trace. Yu Yayun gave out a sigh. She understood that she and her sect master overthought a few things. If Ning Cheng truly had any interest in her, he would have said something to her before leaving.

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Chasing Bull controlled the Starry Sky Wheel as it shuttled through the starry sky. During this time, Ning Cheng took out the Celestial River Flame and the Void Shimmering Light Crystal. He had to raise the Celestial River Flame's grade first before doing anything else.

The surface of the Void Shimmering Light Crystal looked like a Space Crystal. It seemed hollow on the inside too. However, once one's spiritual consciousness penetrated it, one could then feel the heat coming from a thousand strands of shimmering lights inside of it. Even Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness couldn't stay inside it for long and could only touch the lights before it melted away.

But as soon as the Celestial River Flame touched the Void Shimmering Light Crystal, the Celestial River Flame immediately formed a bright dao flame flower. As the Celestial River Flame swept through the Void Shimmering Light Crystal, the dazzling lights within it instantly lit up the entire starry sky wheel like a rising sun.

Chasing Bull, who put its full concentration into controlling the Starry Sky Wheel, immediately felt startled by the dazzling lights that suddenly breached through the restrictions. However, it quickly understood that Ning Cheng was upgrading his flame and promptly shifted his concentration back to controlling the Starry Sky Wheel.

In just an incense stick-worth of time, the dazzling lights over the surface of Celestial River Flame dissipated and the Celestial River Flame started to hover in front of Ning Cheng. At this moment, it began to look more like the vast and boundless starry sky than a flame. Even the six almost-invisible golden flame halos around the surface of the Celestial River Flame looked like six rivers flowing through the Milky Way's heavens. It gave the flame an exquisite appearance.

Ning Cheng could also feel the Celestial River's joy, as well as the high temperatures contained within the Celestial River Flame.

Ning Cheng didn't hesitate and took out the Nirvana's Heart. Celestial River Flame had just advanced to a Grade 6 Starry Sky Flame, and he also had a Nirvana's Heart at hand. Therefore, Ning Cheng would naturally let the Celestial River Flame evolve once again and become a spirit grade flame as mentioned by old man Kong He.

Previously, when Ning Cheng took out the Void Shimmering Light Crystal, the Celestial River Flame had only formed a dao flame flower before engulfing the crystal. But, at this time, when Ning Cheng took out the Nirvana's Heart, the Celestial River Flame, which had already reached Starry Sky Grade 6, immediately issued a joyous scream. An instant later, it immediately rushed over.

At this time, Ning Cheng could only see it with his eyes as the Celestial River Flame rolled out like a flaming tornado. The terrifying temperatures of Nirvana's Heart and the Celestial River Flame then quickly intertwined and started to fuse.

Ning Cheng tried to extend his spiritual consciousness to watch the process more closely. But the moment his spiritual consciousness touched the Nirvana's Heart, it immediately turned into nothingness under the terrifying heat. Ning Cheng quickly took back his spiritual consciousness. The Celestial River Flame was still in mid-ascension, and he couldn't suppress the Nirvana's Heart anymore with his current strength. Moreover, he couldn't even observe the process with his spiritual consciousness.

But even though his spiritual consciousness couldn't sweep in, Ning Cheng could still see and feel that the Celestial River Flame was starting to converge on itself. The seemingly vast Celestial River Flame seemed to want to hide, and the brilliant flaming surface from before begun to turn ordinary. If it weren't for the continually rising temperature, Ning Cheng would have never thought that the Celestial River Flame was evolving, but regressing on itself.

With the Nirvana's Heart still glowing at the centre, the Celestial River Flame seemed to be growing weaker. It felt as if the Celestial River Flame wanted to turn itself into something completely ordinary. After an unknown amount of time, the Nirvana's Heart at the centre of the Celestial River Flame disappeared, and the Celestial River Flame suddenly dimmed, almost vanishing into the darkness.

Was this weak flame still his Celestial River Flame? But Ning Cheng quickly discovered a difference. If the previous Celestial River Flame felt vast and boundless like a celestial river, the Celestial River Flame now felt like the endless starry sky. The brilliance on the surface had disappeared, but it now seemed to contain infinite celestial rivers inside of it.

If one hadn't roamed the starry skies, one wouldn't have known what the starry skies looked like from the outside.

While Ning Cheng observed this new Celestial River Flame, the dim flame quietly landed on Ning Cheng's outstretched palm and gave off a kind of intimate aura.

Ning Cheng's mind once again fully connected with the Celestial River Flame and he once again felt a horrifying temperature from it. Sensing such terrifying temperature, Ning Cheng couldn't help but mutter to himself in shock, "Is this the spirit-grade Celestial River Flame?"

He hadn't used this kind of flame till now, but Ning Cheng had a hunch that it could burn everything within the starry skies, it could even burn the void. Compared to starry sky flames, spirit-grade flames were just too abnormal.

After Ning Cheng murmured to himself, the Celestial River Flame sent out a thought, "Yes, master. I just evolved into a spirit flame...."

Ning Cheng patted his head in speechlessness. Because of that idiot Chasing Bull, all his companion beasts ended up calling him as 'Master'[1]. Even a flame called him master, meaning Chasing Bull must have influenced it.

Chasing Bull, who controlled the Starry Sky Wheel, sneezed a few times. It seemed to have realised that its master had scolded it behind its back. It quickly shrank its head and increased Starry Sky Wheel's speed, as if to compensate for whatever it had done wrong.

Ning Cheng raised his hand and took out the Nirvana Spear before speaking, "See if you melt it."

Ning Cheng had searched everywhere for materials that could help in upgrading his flame. Apart from improving his strength after his flame evolved, he felt much more concerned if it could melt the Nirvana Spear. Only when he could melt this Nirvana Spear could he begin thinking about refining the Good Fortune Spirit Spear.

Ning Cheng truly felt excited when he took out Nirvana Spear to test out his flame. He felt confident that the newly-evolved Celestial River Flame could melt the Nirvana Spear. Especially since it had already

evolved to become the highest grade of flame in this part of the starry sky. It would truly be a strange matter if it couldn't melt the Nirvana Spear.

But even after a few days later, the disappointment in Ning Cheng's eyes kept growing. Not to mention about melting the Nirvana Spear, the Celestial River Flame couldn't even leave a small mark on it.

At this moment, the Celestial River Flame also sent out a message feeling ashamed of itself, "Master, my strength is still too low to melt the Nirvana Spear."

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Chapter 840: Somebody from Butterfly Mountain

Ning Cheng felt even more sure that the material that made up this Nirvana Spear was something extraordinary. Even after upgrading the Celestial River Flame to such an extent, it still couldn't melt this Nirvana Spear. Just what grade of flame would it require to melt it?

Regardless of the grade, the current Celestial River Flame couldn't refine it. Ning Cheng could only put away the Nirvana Spear and concentrate on studying the teleportation array.

After touching the Laws of Space, Ning Cheng had a completely new understanding of the Dao of Arrays. Moreover, with the several years of prior research into the Dao of Arrays, coupled with the integration of the Laws of Space, Ning Cheng's understanding of the Dao of Array increased rapidly. The level of Dao of Arrays that he couldn't break past in the last few years, Ning Cheng managed to blow by it in just a month after integrating it with the Laws of Space. It meant that Ning Cheng had now become a real Array Dao Master. With enough materials, he could now easily arrange array formations beyond Starry Sky Grade 9.

But the more you learn, the more you discover your ignorance. This sentence felt too appropriate for Ning Cheng. Even if recreating it wasn't possible, Ning Cheng at least felt confident enough to tinker with its coordinate matrix. That way, he could reach somewhere near its initial coordinates.

But after reaching the level of an Array Dao Master, Ning Cheng realised how ridiculous his previous idea was. Even if he somehow climbed to the peak of Array Dao Master-level, he couldn't touch the teleportation array's coordinate-matrix as he initially thought. At least not without the blueprints of the original array.

After hesitating for a long time, Ning Cheng decided to take out the array pattern. Ning Cheng had had initially thought of using this array pattern if he couldn't complete the long-distance teleportation array. However, in his heart, he still wanted to keep it.

But at this moment, he understood that he couldn't complete this teleportation array in a short time, meaning that he had no choice but to use this array pattern. He didn't feel worried about consuming the array pattern. Rather, he felt more concerned if this array pattern was of a sufficient grade. If the level of this array pattern weren't adequate, then even if he used it, it wouldn't recreate this teleportation array.

Opening the jade box, Ning Cheng raised his hand and brought out the almost-invisible circular array pattern. The array pattern then slowly fell onto the defunct teleportation array. Just like a stone thrown into a calm lake, ripples immediately started to emerge from the centre of the array pattern and moved

outwards. In just a few breaths, all the structures within this teleportation array immediately appeared in Ning Cheng's mind.

The array base, array heart, and even the aspects of the Laws of Space used in this array appeared in Ning Cheng's mind. Ning Cheng also found himself unknowingly immersed within all this knowledge. Some of the vague pieces of knowledge also started to grow clearer under the influence of this array pattern. Countless ideas about the Dao of Arrays that Ning Cheng had never even thought of began to emerge and fuse into what he already knew.

Under the influence, Ning Cheng subconsciously threw out one array flag after another. In just a few moments, the defunct teleportation array in front of him started to change. An hour later, the ripples from the array pattern finally disappeared, and Ning Cheng suddenly woke up. He no longer felt disappointed. On the contrary, this experience had brought him many pleasant surprises. Moreover, with the help of this array pattern, he had completed the re-arrangement of the teleportation array. At this point, as long as he put down the required Permanent Essence Pills into the array slots, he could activate the teleportation array at any instant.

Ning Cheng sighed. For this teleportation array, he had spent too many years. And now, he finally completed it. Moreover, because of this teleportation array, his understanding of the Dao of Arrays had also improved significantly.

After sealing the teleportation formation under the Thorn Tooth Lake, Ning Cheng then returned to Stately River Star. Even if he wanted to leave, he needed to first carefully consider the situation with Luofei and Ruolan.

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Ning Cheng hadn't reached Stately River yet when his spiritual consciousness picked up Cang Caihe standing on the public square outside the Star-protecting Grand Array. Not only Cang Caihe, but he also saw Ning Ruolan and Luofei, and even Ning Ruoqing standing there. Even Gongxiu Zhu and Bei Junyi, the ones in charge of Stately River Star and Mysterious Yellow Celestial River's affairs were also standing there.

A man and a woman stood opposite them. The two looked arrogant as if they wanted to pick a fight with Cang Caihe and the others.

But it didn't seem like a big deal to Ning Cheng. If it were something urgent, Cang Caihe would have already sent him a message. However, Ning Cheng still felt a little unhappy about it. Coming to his Stately River Star and even forcing the proud Cang Caihe to come out, this man and woman didn't seem to understand what modesty meant.

Putting away the Starry Sky Wheel, Ning Cheng and Chasing Bull landed on the public square outside the Stately River Star together.

Cang Caihe and the others also noticed Ning Cheng as soon as he returned. Ji Luofei and Ning Ruolan quickly came up, and Ning Cheng could also see the longing in Ji Luofei's eyes.

Seeing that Ning Ruolan had already reached the Celestial Gatherer Realm, Ning Cheng also felt very happy. No amount of cultivation resources would be of any help if one couldn't use it. Since Ruolan managed to reach the Celestial Gatherer Realm, it showed that she truly worked hard in seclusion.

Ning Ruoling also felt very happy on seeing Ning Cheng. She immediately arrived in front of Ning Cheng with one step before speaking up with joy, "You've returned, and my cultivation has also recovered by a lot. When that Lou-something[1] returns, I'll slap him to death."

Cang Caihe and the others also came over to greet Ning Cheng. But Ning Cheng quickly said to Ning Ruoling, "We'll talk about these things later...."

Ning Cheng had just greeted everyone. But before he had the time to ask who the man and woman were, the woman snorted and said, "Finally, someone who can talk. Are you Ning Cheng?"

Ning Cheng didn't even bother to answer the woman's question. Instead, he simply glanced at the man and woman standing on the public square.

Not only did they look young and arrogant, they even had high cultivations. However, this man and woman didn't look like the kind of hegemonic-level experts he had met before. Moreover, their bodies didn't have any indication of any experience within the starry skies, yet they both had such high cultivation. How could Ning Cheng not feel surprised?

Ning Cheng had gone through numerous trials within the starry skies. But despite owning the Mysterious Yellow Bead, he had only reached the early-stage Eternal Realm after so many years.

Moreover, besides this man and woman looking arrogant and having high cultivation, they both also had eye-catching appearances.

Although 'eye-catching' wasn't an appropriate word to describe the man, in Ning Cheng's eyes, this man indeed embodied this word. Not only did he have exquisite facial features, but he even seemed to have a supple skin like that of a young woman. But judging from his aura and the Adam's Apple, Ning Cheng knew for sure that he wasn't a woman posing as a man.

As for the woman, she was no less inferior to the man. She even looked younger than him. However, she had a tall stature and a surging chest. Combining her curvy figure with a face that only the word 'pretty' could describe, it created quite a visual shock to the onlookers.

If not for her arrogant expression, and eyes that only seemed to see the sky, this beautiful face would have given people a very likeable impression of her at first sight.

"Brother, these two people say that they're from Butterfly Mountain. They have been here for many days, and they talk as if someone owes them a planet." Ning Ruolan whispered from the side.

"Butterfly Mountain?" Ning Cheng showed a slight frown. He knew that it was a place even the big-four Starry Sky Emperors feared to some extent. Moreover, Duan Gantai also claimed to have come from Butterfly Mountain. But he had nothing to do with any of these people. So, why did these people come here?

Cang Caihe also frowned on seeing Ning Cheng frown and quickly spoke up, "They have been here for just over half a month and said that they came here to look for you. Because you weren't here, I didn't

let them inside. Today, they said that if you didn't return to see them, they would leave but Butterfly Mountain would list Stately River Star as an unwelcoming place."

Ning Cheng's expressions improved a bit when he heard that these people hadn't done anything. As for Butterfly Mountain listing Stately River Star as an unwelcoming place, Ning Cheng didn't care about it at all. His Stately River Star didn't need to court behind others, even if it was Butterfly Mountain.

"I just asked you if you are Ning Cheng?" Seeing Ning Cheng ignore her, the woman frowned and spoke up once again.

Ning Cheng only gave a calm reply, "That's right. I'm Ning Cheng. I have nothing to do with your Butterfly Mountain and from now on, my Stately River Star doesn't want to have anything to do with your Butterfly Mountain. So, the two of you can leave."

The woman snorted again, "Then I'll tell you if we have anything to do with you. My name is Duan Qian, and I come from Butterfly Mountain. This man here is my cousin Yin Xiushan, also from Butterfly Mountain. We came here to find you for one thing, where is that thief Duan Gantai?"

Ning Cheng understood from this woman's words that she was just a little madam. From the looks of it, she always stayed at home under secluded cultivation. She rarely came out and seldom interacted with people. A person old enough to ask for Duan Gantai's whereabouts wouldn't go around asking about it while calling him a thief. Wouldn't everyone know that she wanted to capture Duan Gantai? If she had a friendly relationship with Duan Gantai, she would have at least spoken a little politely.

Ning Cheng, who had initially felt a bit angry, felt his anger melt away slightly after understanding that she was just a little madam. If he truly felt anger against such an ignorant person, it would only mean finding faults with himself.

Ning Cheng gave a calm reply, "How should I know where Duan Gantai went? He is him, and I'm me. Stately River Star doesn't have the person the two of you are looking for, so I won't be sending you off."

Hearing Ning Cheng's disrespectful tone, Duan Qian's face turned cold. It felt as if her pretty face had a layer of frost covering it. Usually, they only needed to say two words, 'Butterfly Mountain', and they would receive respect from everywhere. People would even treat them as gods wherever they went. Unexpectedly, a small Stately River Star dared to talk to them like this.

If it weren't for the strict orders they received before coming, they would have already attacked Cang Caihe even if he didn't give them a reason to attack. They wouldn't have waited for over a dozen days outside Stately River Star before taking action.

"According to the information we obtained, you and Duan Gantai have an excellent relationship. You even worked together several times and were even seen together at the auction in Devil Domain. Duan Gantai also disappeared after the auction in Devil Domain. Are you sure you want to hide information about him from us? Offending my Butterfly Mountain, don't blame me for reminding you of the consequences. Maybe the next moment, your Stately River Star will turn into powder. If you see my words as a threat, that's also fine by me." Duan Qian, who felt very dissatisfied with Ning Cheng's attitude, spoke with a sneering voice.

Ning Cheng's expressions turned cold. He didn't want to butt heads with these two inexperienced homesitters. But that didn't mean that they could threaten his Stately River Star. He replied with a cold voice, "Get the fuck out of here. Otherwise, don't blame me for not being polite."

So what if you came from Butterfly Mountain? If you have any ideas about my Stately River Star, then don't blame me for sending it right back at you.

"Courting death....." Duan Qian almost trembled in anger when she heard Ning Cheng daring to tell her to fuck off. When had she ever suffered such grievance even back at home, let alone in a small place like Stately River Star?

As Duan Qian's domain stretched out with her murderous aura, Yin Xiushan who stood next to her also felt equally angry. Although he hadn't said a word so far, he still felt pissed off with Ning Cheng.

Stately River star was just a puny planet. How could it dare tell his Butterfly Mountain to fuck off?

Want to take action, huh? As the two murderous domains stretched out, Ning Cheng's domain also erupted at full force. He wasn't a gentle or soft-spoken person like Cang Caihe.

"Crack....." Even if Duan Qian and Yin Xiushan's two domains superimposed over each other, under Ning Cheng's domain, they couldn't even block it for a moment before instantly shattering.

The expression of the two changed immediately, and two dao law-filled light rays appeared on top of their heads.

"Stop." Just when the fight was about to start, a scolding voice washed over them followed by a blue light descending on the public square outside Stately River Star.