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Chapter 861: One should return the grace of dripping water

A sense of weakness washed over him, and the First Bridge of Coping in front of Ning Cheng's eyes gradually turned illusory before finally disappearing.

Ning Cheng didn't feel disappointed but felt rather surprised as he looked at the Seven Bridges Realm Book in his Purple Palace. Although he had gained full control over the First Bridge of Coping, he couldn't display its full power. It's because his strength couldn't support the consumption required to activate it.

Moreover, the power of the First Bridge of Coping had gone beyond his wildest expectations. Compared to the Five-coloured Star Splitter Arrow, Ning Cheng preferred the First Bridge of Coping. The Five-coloured Star Splitter Arrow might have more killing power, but it had too many restrictions on its use. His grey hair had still not recovered from the damage to his vitality from the last time he used the Five-coloured Star Splitter Arrow.

In the future, as his strength increased, the First Bridge of Coping would also grow stronger proportionately if not exponentially. Moreover, he had five of the seven spirit techniques within the Seven Bridges Realm Book. Meaning, no matter what happened, he could at least try to comprehend five of the seven bridges in the future.

Time to look at my Law Soil. After gaining an understanding of the First Bridge of Coping, Ning Cheng's mood had drastically improved, and he quickly came to the place where he placed the clumps of soil from the outside.

Ning Cheng hadn't picked up the clumps of soil yet, but he understood that he had succeeded. The chunks of earth had already started to carry a bit of the law aura, clearly indicating they were developing in the desired direction.

As long as the chunks of soil were not more than two fists in size, they had already turned into Law Soil. As for the larger pieces, they were still in the process of transformation.

Ning Cheng quickly took out the clumps of soil that had transformed into Law Soil, put them into a jade box and put many restrictions on it. The world within the Mysterious Yellow Bead wasn't the same as the outside world. If he didn't put away these chunks of Law Soil quickly, they would assimilate into the Laws of Earth and become the foundation of the world within the Mysterious Yellow Bead. Once it happened, the Law Soil would lose all its effect.

The Law Soil in the Broken Land might not transform into an earth vein network or a foundation even after countless years. But that was because the laws here were broken and incomplete. Therefore, the longer the time a clump of soil remained within it, the larger would it grow as a chunk of Law Soil.

After comprehending the First Bridge of Coping and acquiring the Law Soil, Ning Cheng naturally wanted to head to the Quest Hall and hand it in to earn points.

But as soon as Ning Cheng rushed out of the ground, he saw two cultivators in a fierce fight. He even saw a few cultivators spectating from the side. From this, Ning Cheng understood what might have

triggered it even without asking. It most likely was a fight relating to Law Soil. This area anyways wasn't a safe place to search for Law Soil. Once two people set their sights on one clump at the same time, a battle wasn't out of the realm of possibility.

In any case, Ning Cheng wasn't the type of person to stand around and watch such things. He even didn't bother paying attention to who was fighting and wanted to leave this place as fast as possible.

"This Senior Apprentice Brother, please help....." A voice transmission fell in Ning Cheng's ear, and he instantly realised that this voice belonged to a female cultivator.

"Huh, it's you?" Ning Cheng looked back and saw the female cultivator who sent him the voice transmission. He had immediately recognised the female cultivator. Six months ago, he had learned about the Broken Land from a cultivator couple. The male cultivator had given him the introduction to the Broken Ground and helped him realise Law Soil's value. This female cultivator was the one who stood next to that male cultivator at that time.

But this female cultivator's aura felt chaotic right now, indicating a severe injury.

Ning Cheng quickly understood why this female cultivator had tried to stop him and ask for help. One of the two cultivators fighting was this woman's partner, the male cultivator who gave him the jade strip.

Since this female cultivator asked for his help, then it should be for the male cultivator that came with her. At this time, that male cultivator was not only at a disadvantage, but the opponent's spirit technique had even suppressed him by a large margin. Even his domain looked broken, and he also had a body covered in blood. It indicated that his injuries were no smaller than this female cultivator.

"This Senior Apprentice Brother, my husband and I found a piece of Law Soil here. He came a little later than us but demanded that we divide the Law Soil with them. But it was all a lie. Senior Apprentice Brother, if you're willing to help, my husband and I can....."

Ning Cheng stopped the female cultivator before she finished speaking, "Wait, that piece of Law Soil is still yours."

After Ning Cheng said that, he had already walked up. He understood that this couple had most likely offended someone who wasn't ordinary. If it were someone ordinary, as long as the couple willingly took out the Law Soil, someone would have come to help them.

"The two of you, please stop and just talk it out." Ning Cheng didn't directly walk into the middle. Instead, he released his domain and immediately suppressed the two locked in combat.

However, he also sighed internally. This kind of thing, he felt pretty sure that it happened regularly in the Broken Land. It was just like the situation between him and Peng Shan before, except that he and Peng Shan settled it peacefully.

As long as one wasn't a fool, one usually wouldn't interfere in such matters under normal circumstances.

But for Ning Cheng, he had decided to help the couple. After all, this couple had also helped him before. Although the couple's 'help' wasn't worth mentioning, he couldn't pretend to overlook their pleas just because they hadn't 'helped' him enough.

The imposing manner of Ning Cheng's domain had already reached terrifying levels. Therefore, even without fully stretching out his domain, it still managed to break through the two late-stage Eternal cultivators' domains and interfere in their battle.

The spectating cultivators on the side also noticed someone trying to poke their nose into this affair and started to talk amongst themselves quietly. This couple were rogue cultivators who hadn't joined any alliances. But the person fighting the couple for the Law Soil was a member of Beyond Heaven Path. Beyond Heaven Path wasn't as powerful as the Rogue Cultivator Alliance, or the Dao Confirming and Divine Thunder alliances. But it was still a relatively famous alliance within the Grand Essence Ruins.

Faced with such a situation, not to mention if you didn't know the couple, you wouldn't come forward to help even if you were friends with the couple.

That's why everyone felt it strange seeing Ning Cheng come forward to persuade the two people locked in combat. Some even started speculating which alliance Ning Cheng came from, as only cultivators from the big leagues would dare interfere in the Law Soil matters.

As soon as Ning Cheng's domain washed over the two, the male cultivator, who was on the losing end, immediately seized the opportunity to retreat and reached Ning Cheng's side. Simultaneously, he weakly cupped his fists and said, "Many thanks for the help. This Jing Weiran can't thank you enough."

Jing Weiran's aura felt not only weak but also very unstable. Most likely, he suffered some very severe injuries. After thanking Ning Cheng, he rushed to the side of the female cultivator. He embraced her before asking with anxiousness, "Yu Ling, are you okay?"

"Who are you? Why are you interfering in other people's private affairs?" The cultivator fighting against Jing Weiran was a person with a square face and thick lips. Although also a late-stage Eternal cultivator, his aura felt much deeper compared to Jing Weiran.

Without waiting for Ning Cheng to speak, the female cultivator named Yu Ling spoke up loudly, "Jing Wuya, do you still have any face? Just because you're a member of the Beyond Heaven Path, you want to snatch things from others? We were the ones who got that patch of Law Soil first. Yet you have the gall to grab it and say it's your business?"

The man named Jing Wuya didn't care about Yu Ling's yelling at all. He still stared at Ning Cheng with a cold gaze and said, "If you don't state your reason then I'll treat it the same way as provoking my Beyond Heaven Path. But if it's just a misunderstanding and if this friend leaves right now, this Jing Wuya wouldn't make a big deal out of it."

Had it not been for the imposing manner of Ning Cheng's domain, he would have already picked a fight with Ning Cheng immediately.

Ning Cheng sneered in his heart. Not make a big deal out of it? The murderous aura from this male cultivator called Jing Wuya had already almost condensed into something tangible. He even used the name of Beyond Heaven Path to threaten him, which indicated that he had no intention of letting go of this matter. Therefore, even if he retreated right now, these people would sooner or later come to settle the case with him. Once Jing Wuya chased down and killed this couple, this person most likely would go after him.

Ning Cheng still spoke with a calm tone, "Jing Weiran and his wife are my friends. For my sake, let this matter go. If dao friend still feels there is a loss, then....."

Initially, Ning Cheng just wanted to propose the thought of Jing Weiran and his wife paying out some compensation, after all, Jing Weiran wasn't their opponent. The only reason why he said that was not because he felt afraid of Jing Wuya, but out of consideration of Jing Weiran. After all, them giving some compensation to Jing Wuya would mean getting to live longer. Otherwise, as long as Jing Weiran's duo tried to seek a living here, they would have to face the constant threat of Beyond Heaven Path.

He didn't care about this Beyond Heaven Path. But he also didn't want to forge an enmity with Beyond Heaven Path over such a trivial matter.

But just before Ning Cheng could put up his offer, Jing Wuya sneered, "Give you face? Is your face even worth a fart? Brother Yu Lian, let's join hands to kill this idiot who doesn't know the immensity of heaven and earth."

As Jing Wuya's words ended, an electric light-like figure fell behind Ning Cheng. At the same time, Jing Wuya appeared in front of him. This new person was also a late-stage Eternal cultivator with an aura not any weaker than Jing Wuya.

After the cultivator called Yu Lian came, he didn't even say a word of nonsense. He brought out his weapon and unleashed his domain over Ning Cheng. The domain had nothing but killing intent directed towards Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng's face turned gloomy; he understood that he couldn't get out of this matter without a fight. He was a person who didn't like nonsensical acts, and now the other party even wanted to kill him. From this, he understood that none of the two would bother to take a step back.

Taking out a top-rank dao artefact long spear, the imposing manner of Ning Cheng's domain skyrocketed again. This time, it no longer had the same persuasive intent within it.

Ning Cheng lived by one principle. If the other party didn't make a move, he also wouldn't do anything. But if they ever dared to start, he would never show any mercy.

The surrounding cultivators also saw Ning Cheng bring out a top-rank dao artefact long spear and immediately shook their head in disappointment. Some of them couldn't even bear watching the outcome any longer and turned away their gazes.

In the Grand Essence Ruins, no matter how weak a late-stage Eternal cultivator was, they would at least have a low-rank spirit artefact. At the very least, they would have a pseudo-spirit artefact. But Ning Cheng used a dao artefact long spear, something they had never expected to see in such a place.

Jing Weiran also saw that Ning Cheng had brought out only a dao artefact long spear and immediately took out his weapon before rushing up to help. But Ning Cheng spoke up, "Brother Jing, you don't need to come up, just stay there and heal your injuries. By the way, I'll need your help in holding down the line; I have a few questions that I want to ask you later."

Jing Weiran froze for a moment, but he still obeyed Ning Cheng's words and didn't go up. He anyway was at the end of the rope himself, and if not for Ning Cheng stepping in to help, he would have already fallen.

The spectators naturally couldn't see the suppressive effect of Ning Cheng's domain. But Jing Wuya and the newly arrived cultivator could feel the potent suppression from Ning Cheng's domain the moment their domains intertwined.

Jing Wuya's face changed, how could he not understand that Ning Cheng hadn't even fully unleashed his domain before this? But without waiting for him to speak up, Ning Cheng had already started.

The top-ranked dao artefact long spear turned into endless spear patterns with flickering shadows before sweeping out. From the outside, it looked like the two cultivators had trapped Ning Cheng in between them. But after Ning Cheng acted, the domains surrounding him made a crackling-noise. Then, without waiting for the people around to see whose domain cracked, the traces of spear patterns immediately filled the entire sky above them. These spear patterns directly ignored the space between them and the target. Instead, they immediately covered the two people fighting Ning Cheng.

Domains started to shatter inch-by-inch, the surrounding space disappeared, and the sky filled up with spear patterns. Jing Wuya's heart instantly fell to the bottom on seeing all of this. He hadn't even activated his spirit technique, but he understood that he couldn't escape even if he could use it.

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"Stop...." Jing Wuya finally screamed. If he couldn't even cast his spirit technique, it meant that he and Ning Cheng weren't on the same level at all. If the opponent was not on the same level, then continuing to fight would just be suicidal.

Not only did Jing Wuya scream, even Yi Lian, who rushed towards Ning Cheng without saying a word, also regretted his choice. If he knew that this person had such power that he couldn't even move under his suppression, he would not have acted in such a manner on arrival.

"It's just a misunderstanding...." For the sake of preserving his life, how could Yu Lian continue acting in such a manner?

Misunderstanding? Ning Cheng sneered. If his cultivation were lower than them, this 'misunderstanding' would have already killed him.

Not to mention stopping, Ning Cheng didn't even think of stopping. Instead, his celestial essence surged up violently. He would never give these two fellows even a chance to breathe. If he did so, and these two guys escaped, they would undoubtedly come back with reinforcements and continue to annoy him.

Besides, the Traceless Spirit Technique had no trace, and since he already cast it, he couldn't take it back. He didn't want his Traceless Spear Pattern to leave behind a trail.

"Puff...." Trapped within the spear patterns from Ning Cheng's top-ranked dao artefact long spear, it quickly tore apart Jing Wuya and Yu Lian.

As the sounds of celestial essence explosions disappeared, Ning Cheng raised his hand and put away two rings.

The spectating cultivators felt stunned. They couldn't react at all, and the fight had already ended. Who was this cultivator with greyish white hair? How was he so terrifying? Was he still an Eternal cultivator?

This level of strength went beyond the Eternal Realm, probably even first-step Dao Confirming cultivators couldn't display such a level of power.

"If you have nothing else to do, then please go ahead and get on with your lives. Just now, these two people from Beyond Heaven Path took the initiative to act on me. I'm sure everyone has already seen it. Although I'm a reasonable person, I don't like taking care of troublesome matters. So I hope that today's matter, everyone will just forget about it."

"If one day, I find out that someone from here spoke to Beyond Heaven Path about today's matter, I will hunt you down to the ends of the world."

Ning Cheng knew that his threat would be of no use, but at least it would delay the information about him killing two members from Beyond Heaven Path. That way, it would take some time before Beyond Heaven Path could take action.

Ning Cheng's display of strength had truly terrified the people here. Therefore, no one would willingly stay here unless they had turned stupid. As such, the moment Ning Cheng's words ended, everyone immediately dispersed. In just a short while, the place only had Ning Cheng and Jing Weiran's duo.

Jing Weiran seemed to have gone into shock on witnessing Ning Cheng's power. It wasn't until Ning Cheng walked over to them that he finally reacted. He quickly bowed and thanked him and at the same time, took out a jade box and handed it to Ning Cheng. "Many thanks, senior, for helping us. This box contains the chunk of Law Soil we obtained."

Ning Cheng waved his hand, "This Law Soil doesn't have use for me. You and your wife should leave this place as quickly as possible. I killed cultivators from Beyond Heaven Path on your behalf, so they surely wouldn't let go of the three of us."

Jing Weiran and Yu Ling felt even more ashamed and apologised to Ning Cheng once again. If not for them, Ning Cheng wouldn't have offended Beyond Heaven Path.

Besides, even without Ning Cheng's reminder, they knew that they could no longer stay in this place. They were nothing more than trivial rogue cultivators. Since they offended Beyond Heaven Path, how could they remain at peace in Grand Essence Ruins?

"It was this couple that caused trouble for the senior." Jing Weiran no longer regarded Ning Cheng as a cultivator on the same level as him. Two late-stage Eternal cultivators much more powerful than he had besieged Ning Cheng, yet Ning Cheng had instantly killed them. From this, he understood that Ning Cheng's cultivation had long since surpassed him by countless times.

Ning Cheng smiled and spoke, "It's not about being involved. Since I'm in the Grand Essence Ruins, such a thing would have happened to me eventually. It doesn't matter if it was a day earlier or a day later. However, I do have some questions for the two of you."

Ning Cheng didn't bother beating around the bush. If Peng Shan hadn't shown honest intentions, maybe he would have already killed Peng Shan at that time. But considering how Peng Shan spoke about this Flaming Feather Spirit Mountain, Ning Cheng also understood that it wasn't a small sect. Therefore, once he killed Peng Shan, Flaming Feather Spirit Mountain would investigate.

But fortunately, he didn't have any feud with Flaming Feather Spirit Mountain. However, because of this Jing Weiran, he ended up in a feud with Beyond Heaven Path. Therefore, even if he tolerated such things, this kind of matter would have eventually happened to him. Facing experts who he couldn't resist against, Ning Cheng might have to bear it for a while and wait till his strength reached the desired level before striking back. But in the face of two Eternal cultivators, Ning Cheng would never tolerate it.

"Senior, please ask whatever you want." Jing Weiran, who already felt guilty of involving Ning Cheng into their matters, replied with a respectful voice.

Ning Cheng knew that Jing Weiran and his wife wanted to leave as quickly as possible. So, he decided to ask some simple questions, "How strong is this Beyond Heaven Path? Who is their strongest cultivator, and what level of cultivation do they have? Do they have any special backing?"

Ning Cheng asked these questions with a purpose. If Beyond Heaven Path was too powerful for him, he might have to cancel the idea of going back to Grand Essence Ruins' Quest Hall to complete the tasks. The Grand Essence Quest Hall had too many good things. But no matter how good the stuff in there were, they weren't as important as keeping one's life.

But if Beyond Heaven Path's strength weren't enough to force him to escape, he would still do what he should do.

Jing Weiran bowed and replied, "Beyond Heaven Path is far inferior to the Dao Confirming, Rogue Cultivator, Sword Ruins, Spirit Thunder or the other major alliances. But it's still relatively famous among the small alliances within the Grand Essence Ruins. Fei Er, their leader, is a Dao Sculpting expert and his most famous spirit technique is the Everlasting Collapsing Thunder. It's quite strong and is even known as Grand Essence Little Spirit Thunder. Moreover, there aren't many Dao Sculpting cultivators on the same level that can defeat Fei Er in a solo battle."

"Vice Leader Ran Haosen is Fei Er's sworn brother, and he is a half-step Dao Sculpting expert. Beyond Heaven Path also has more than 20 full-circle Eternal cultivators. At the same time, they also have quite a few Eternal cultivators at varying cultivation levels. As for if Beyond Heaven Path has any backing, I don't have any information about it."

Only one Dao Sculpting cultivator? Ning Cheng felt somewhat relieved. He didn't know whether Hong Lun was a Dao Sculpting cultivator or not. But even if Hong Lun wasn't a Dao Sculpting cultivator, Hong Lun must have been close. Therefore, even if he couldn't fight against Fei Er, he could easily escape if necessary with his current strength. As for Ran Haosen's half-step Dao Sculpting, Ning Cheng entirely ignored it.

Ning Cheng, who originally wanted to leave, no longer wanted to after knowing Fei Er's strength. After he finished transforming his celestial essence into spirit essence, why would it matter if he had to face a Dao Sculpting cultivator? Besides, he came to the Grand Essence Ruins to look for Yan Ji, but he hadn't found Yan Ji yet. Moreover, the Grand Essence Ruins truly helped him in cultivation and had plenty of treasures everywhere. Why not take this opportunity to redeem more good things when he didn't care much about the points?

As for encashing Peng Shan's favour, Ning Cheng didn't even think about it. In his opinion, after finishing the transaction with Peng Shan, there would be no favours. It's already a favour if he didn't want anything with Peng Shan.

"I understand. I'll take my leave now; you guys also should leave. Goodbye." Ning Cheng finished speaking, and his figure flashed before it disappeared.

Jing Weiran and his wife naturally knew the dangers of staying in this place. Therefore, after Ning Cheng left, the two quickly took out concealment masks and instantly left the area.

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When Ning Cheng reached a secluded area, he brought out the Starry Sky Wheel and left the place ten times faster than when he entered the Grand Essence Ruins.

People still went in and out of the Grand Essence Quest Hall. But because of the feud with the Beyond Heaven Path, Ning Cheng remained vigilant even after entering the Quest Hall. He didn't know if it was because no one had realised his return or whether his warning worked. But after entering the Quest Hall, no spiritual consciousness fell on him.

Seeing this, Ning Cheng went straight to the Material Quest Area, found an open window and sat down. The one receiving him was a young female cultivator with a pair of crescent moon-shaped eyebrows.

"Excuse me, what quest have you come to hand over?" The female cultivator spoke with a crisp voice. It even had a sort of affinity that would draw people over to her.

Even Ning Cheng who felt on edge felt extremely comfortable after hearing this soft yet crisp voice. It even had a relaxing effect on his mind. He realised that he was just overthinking about various things. Even if Fei Er from Beyond Heaven Path came, he didn't have anything to fear truly.

Not to mention that fighting wasn't allowed in the public square of the Grand Essence Ruins, even if a fight did break out, so what? There wasn't anything to fear.

The female cultivator also seemed to have felt Ning Cheng's relaxed mood and smiled. People like her had received special training in relaxing cultivators who came to hand in their tasks.

"Can you tell me which tasks involve Law Soil?" Ning Cheng also smiled and asked.

When the female cultivator heard that Ning Cheng had come here for Law Soil related tasks, the smile on her face immediately brightened. "Law Soil pertains to the 163rd material task. Do you plan to select it or redeem it?"

For her window, any cultivators who take up and finish the tasks would receive points through her. For every transfer of 10,000 points through her window, she would also receive a commission of one point. On a typical day, she could easily earn a dozen points every day. And if she did a transfer for a task that exceeded one million points, her commission would increase by a factor of ten.

Unfortunately, she had manned this window for many years, and such things rarely happened. Even she had only handled one such transaction before. After all, hardly anyone could hand over tasks that exceeded one million points. Moreover, even if such a thing did indeed happen, it wouldn't be a material-type task. It would mostly be either a spirit technique task or a dao fruit task.

But Law Soil tasks involved very high points, which meant that she could earn at least 50% to 100% more than usual from Ning Cheng's transaction today.

"Yes, I want to hand over some Law Soil...." Ning Cheng took out a jade box while she was still talking and handed it over.

The female cultivator took the jade box and opened it carefully.

But when she saw the chunk of Law Soil in the jade box was larger than her fist, she almost screamed aloud. Fortunately, she quickly controlled her excitement and closed Ning Cheng's jade box. Then, she spoke to Ning Cheng with an even more polite voice, "I can't estimate the points for your Law Soil. Please wait for a moment as I call over a deacon."

Ning Cheng noticed the slight tremble in her tone as if she was afraid that Ning Cheng would switch to another window to exchange for points.

This female cultivator truly thought that Ning Cheng would do such a thing. However, only the deacon could evaluate the points for this chunk of Law Soil and the only person who could approve the commission. She naturally didn't want to lose out on such a huge income because she couldn't evaluate the points.

Ning Cheng smiled and said, "It's okay; you can go call him."

The female cultivator immediately taped the crystal ball next to her and made a few handprints over it. After just a few breaths, a red-faced old man eagerly came to this female cultivator, "Who's handing over the chunk of Law Soil larger than a fist? Where's this chunk of Law Soil?"

The old man asked anxiously before even coming to a stop. Law Soil chunks of such massive size were too rare. Now that one such piece had come to their doorstep; he naturally would feel excited about it.

The female cultivator quickly handed over the jade box and then pointed to Ning Cheng before speaking, "This dao friend came to hand it over."

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Chapter 863: Dao Confirming Exchange

The red-faced old man greeted Ning Cheng enthusiastically, and at the same time, opened the jade box in his hand.

"Good stuff." When the red-faced old man saw the Law Soil inside the jade box, he couldn't help but exclaim. He wasn't like the female cultivator looking over the transaction window. He had seen too many Law Soil chunks from many cultivators while working in this place for many years. He had even seen a few pieces several times larger than Ning Cheng, but he had never seen a chunk of Law Soil with such apparent law dao charms as the one in his hand.

The clearer the dao charm of law within the Law Soil, the more valuable the Law Soil would be for anyone. The chunk of Law Soil brought by Ning Cheng wasn't only large but also had a distinct law vein. It meant that a Dao Fruit Tree could more easily absorb the law aura contained within this chunk of Law Soil and fetch a higher price.

“This dao friend, the grade of your Law Soil is truly very high. I can give you 150,000 points along with 150,000 spirit crystals for it, how about it?” The red-faced old man looked at Ning Cheng with an eager gaze.

Ning Cheng showed a slight smile and said, “I don’t have an opinion.....”

Seeing that Ning Cheng didn’t haggle, the red-faced old man felt overjoyed and was just about to urge the female cultivator next to him to initiate the point transaction. But then he heard Ning Cheng continue, “I have a few more pieces here.”

While talking, Ning Cheng took out four more pieces of Law Soil. Three of those pieces were as big as two fists, and even the small chunk was about the same size as the one Ning Cheng had previously taken out.

Even if the red-faced deacon had seen too much of the world, he still felt shocked by Ning Cheng’s display. The larger the Law Soil, the more valuable it is, and the clearer the Law Vein within it, the more value it would add to it. The chunks of Law Soil that Ning Cheng had taken out were not only big but even had clear Law Veins.

He excitedly grabbed the jade boxes that Ning Cheng had taken out and the look in his eyes turned even more eager. As for the female cultivator beside him, she couldn’t help but visibly tremble in excitement. She could see that if all the Law Soil taken out by Ning Cheng turned into points, those points would exceed one million.

For her, as long as she handled a task transaction of more than a million points, the commission she would receive would increase tenfold. In other words, as long as Ning Cheng’s task brought in more than one million points, she would get much more than a hundred points in this one transaction alone. It could very possibly exceed a thousand points.

More than a thousand points for her was a lot. With this many points, she could redeem it for many resources suitable for her cultivation in the Quest Hall’s merchant house.

The red-faced old man checked the Law Soil from Ning Cheng several times, and then finally put all the chunks of Law Soil into one jade box and looked at Ning Cheng. “These five pieces of Law Soil can fetch you a total of 1.5 million points. Plus, 1.5 million spirit crystals.”

After speaking, the red-faced old man looked at Ning Cheng with an eager gaze. Even if Ning Cheng didn’t exchange these chunks of Law Soil for points, and put it up for auction, everyone would end up fighting for it. He wanted to ask Ning Cheng from where he obtained these chunks of Law Soil. But fortunately, the old man also understood that it was a taboo to ask about such matters. Eventually, he managed to hold back the curiosity and didn’t ask.

“Okay.” Ning Cheng didn’t hesitate to agree and nodded. He also understood that he acted a bit too showy when he took out those five chunks of Law Soil at the same time. But for the sake of obtaining more strength, he had to do it.

Besides, Ning Cheng had already planned that the Law Soil task was only a one-off task. He wouldn’t do it again after today. Ning Cheng didn’t dare to continue to take out Law Soil from the Mysterious Yellow

Bead. Not only was he worried that taking too much Law Soil from the Mysterious Yellow Bead would affect the Mysterious Yellow Bead, but he also didn't want anyone to start investigating him.

He could say that finding a few pieces of Law Soil as a lucky encounter, but even that would be a stretch. But if he 'found' so many chunks of Law Soil each time he went out; luck wouldn't just cut it. In any case, Ning Cheng decided to make this one-time deal and would stop exchanging the Law Soil from the Mysterious Yellow Bead for points.

Hearing Ning Cheng agree to the offer, the red-faced old man finally felt relieved. The female cultivator, however, felt even more delighted and tried to calm herself. After a few breaths, she then said to Ning Cheng, "Please take out your Quest Card, and I will help you finish the exchange for Quest Points."

Ning Cheng then took out the black card and handed it to the female cultivator.

Seeing that Ning Cheng's Quest Card was only a black card, the female cultivator felt even more shocked. A cultivator wanted to exchange for 1.5 million points in one go, and he took out a black card. No one would believe it even if she shouted about it at the top of her voice.

Fortunately, her ample professional experience helped her return to normal quickly. With a soft smile on her face, she quickly helped Ning Cheng transfer 1.5 million points to his card and at the same time, also handed Ning Cheng 1.5 million spirit crystals.

With over a million spirit crystals and also 1.5 million points, the first thing that Ning Cheng wanted to do now was to head to the Quest Hall's merchant house and exchange it for some cultivation resources. After that, he would find a place for secluded cultivation to convert his celestial essence into spirit essence.

"Huh, Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, are you also coming to hand over a task?" A surprised voice stopped Ning Cheng who had just walked out of the Quest Hall.

Ning Cheng quickly spoke up with cupped fists, "It turned out to be Junior Apprentice Sister Kong Ning. That's right. I just finished handing over a task. Did Junior Apprentice Sister Kong Ning also hear to complete a task?"

Ning Cheng knew the female cultivator who called him, it was Kong Ning, who he met in the Defying Ice Mound. Kong Ning was River Luo Sacred Sect's disciple. She had even asked Ning Cheng to join her River Luo Sacred Sect. However, Ning Cheng had rejected her without much thought. He never expected to see her here.

Next to Kong Ning, were another man and a woman. The male cultivator looked very handsome. The white cultivator robe over him made him look even more stunning and extraordinary. Moreover, disregarding this male cultivator's looks, the aura of cultivation from him also felt quite strong. Ning Cheng estimated that this male cultivator's strength didn't lose out to Hong Lun from back then, or even higher.

The female cultivator wore a light blue robe, had snowy white skin, and sported slim eyebrows. Although she had long hair, she put it up in a fairy bun, which seemed to add an aura of an immortal to her. Kong Ning herself was a beautiful woman, but standing next to this lady, she couldn't compare to her at all. She even looked inconspicuous and ordinary.

Of course, it was just the first impression of a bystander. From Ning Cheng's perspective, Kong Ning's beauty wasn't any different from this female cultivator. It's just that Kong Ning chose to dress in a grey robe, without any decorations or trinkets, which made her seem like a far cry from that female cultivator.

In Ning Cheng's view, this female cultivator's cultivation should have already reached the full-circle Eternal Realm. However, Ning Cheng didn't like the expression on her. She sported an ice-cold face as if someone owed her money. That said, the man and the woman standing side by her side did look like an immortal couple.

"No. I, Senior Apprentice Brother Yin and Senior Apprentice sister Yaocen came here to participate in the Dao Confirming Exchange in the Quest Hall's merchant house. By the way, let me make the introductions. He is Senior Apprentice Brother Ying Yongxuan from Seven Star Sacred Shrine, one of the three sacred shrines. And this person is my Senior Apprentice Sister Shan Yaocen."

While Kong Ning said this, she also pointed to the two cultivators one by one and introduced the man and the woman. "Senior Apprentice Brother Ying, Senior Apprentice Sister Yaocen, this is Senior Apprentice Brother Ning Cheng. He helped me out in the Defying Ice Mound before..."

Ning Cheng also stepped forward to greet them out of politeness. Shan Yaocen and Ying Yongxuan both had higher cultivations than him and came from prominent sects. Moreover, he had heard about these so-called sacred shrines quite a few times till now and understood that these most likely weren't trivial forces at all.

But just as Ning Cheng took a step forward, he stopped. Ying Yongxuan and Shan Yaocen didn't even glance at him after hearing Kong Ning's introduction. Since these people didn't even bother to nod, even if they were Dao Perfection powerhouses, Ning Cheng wouldn't bother with courtesies.

Seeing Ning Cheng pause and frown, Kong Ning also looked embarrassed.

However, Ning Cheng smiled and said to Kong Ning, "Junior Apprentice Sister Kong Ning, how does one get to this Dao Confirming Exchange on the Quest Hall's Merchant House?"

Kong Ning quickly asked, "Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, do you want to go there too?"

Ning Cheng nodded, "Yeah. I just finished handing over a task, and I happen to have some points to spare. So I wanted to see if I could convert them into cultivation resources, and then find a place to seclude myself for a while."

"Well, if it's just entering the Dao Confirming Exchange, you need to have a silver card. Wait....." Kong Ning finished speaking and then said to the two people next to her, "Senior Apprentice Brother Ying, Senior Apprentice Sister Yaocen, you both have silver cards. Since people with a silver card can bring one person along with them, can one of you take Senior Apprentice Brother Ning in with you?"

Shan Yaocen finally glanced at Ning Cheng, but with an ice-cold gaze. However, she didn't answer Kong Ning's words and instead turned around and left. The male cultivator called Ying Yongxuan quickly followed Shan Yaocen when he saw her go.

Kong Ning frowned, but after a while, she spoke to Ning Cheng apologetically. "Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, I'm so sorry. My Quest Card is only a white card, so I can't bring anyone with me."

Ning Cheng didn't mind it and said, "It's alright, you should go. It doesn't matter much if I can go or not, I don't have a lot of points anyway."

Shan Yaocen, who had only walked a few meters, heard Ning Cheng say that he didn't have many points, showed an even more disdainful expression. Was there any need to say this? Not to mention now others also know that you don't have any points.

Ning Cheng had no intention of pretending to be a broke person. However, he had no idea about the value of points. Therefore, Ning Cheng truly didn't know if 1.5 million points were a lot or not. After all, just the Permanent Essence Pills that he used for cultivation numbered in hundreds of millions, which meant that 1.5 million points weren't much in his eyes.

Kong Ning felt even more embarrassed and ashamed. If the Dao Confirming Exchange hadn't started already, Kong Ning would have done everything in her power to help Ning Cheng find a way to enter. It's just that the exchange would begin shortly, and she had no other alternative. Kong Ning considered this Dao Confirmation Exchange as something extremely vital to her. As such, she could only bid farewell to Ning Cheng before quickly leaving. She, however, made up her mind to help Ning Cheng after coming out of the exchange.

As soon as Kong Ning caught up with Shan Yaocen duo, Ning Cheng heard Shan Yaocen's low-pitched voice, "Junior Apprentice Sister Ning, you're also a disciple of one of the three sacred shrines. Yet, you even addressed a cultivator who hasn't reached the late-stage Eternal Realm as 'Senior Apprentice Brother'. If this thing got out, it would cause a loss of face for my River Luo Sacred Sect."

Upon hearing this, Kong Ning showed a slight frown. If it weren't for the Dao Confirming resources, she would have already turned around and left. But thinking that they both were from the River Luo Sacred Sect, Kong Ning held back her anger and said, "Senior Apprentice Brother Ning isn't an ordinary Eternal cultivator. He's strong enough to be a king within the Eternal Realm. What's more, I owe him a favour."

Without waiting for Shan Yaocen to say anything, Ying Yongxuan chuckled and said, "Forget it, Kong Ning just has a kind heart. After all, the Grand Essence Ruins is open to everyone, and there are all kinds of people here. People can say anything here, so one is bound to believe in one or two things."

After hearing Ying Yongxuan's words, Kong Ning stopped talking entirely. She felt that there was no need to continue explaining to these two people. In any case, everyone had their ideas and perceptions.

Ning Cheng naturally didn't care about what two unknown people thought of him. Instead, he focussed more about finding a way to participate in the Dao Confirming Exchange after entering then Quest Hall's Merchant House.

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Chapter 864: Tough Woman

"Pa....." A giant palm slapped onto a jade tea table, and the exquisite jade tea table instantly shattered to dust.

It was a blond man with a dark face and a high nose that smashed the tea table. When other people saw this man, they would first notice the person's giant palms. Even his arms were much longer than ordinary people. Not just that, his palm looked like a pair of large dustpans.

“Did you find anything?” Sitting across from him was a man and a woman. The man had short hair and short beard; however, he had a burly figure and looked very young.

The blond man nodded and threw the crystal ball in his hand towards the young male cultivator who asked the question.

The young male cultivator took the crystal ball and let his spiritual consciousness seep into it. After a while, his expressions turned a bit ugly to look at, and at the same time, he spoke up with a cold voice, “I thought it was one of those sacred parties that wanted to oppose my Beyond Heaven Path, but it turned out to be just a little kid.”

After speaking, the young male cultivator handed the crystal ball to the female cultivator sitting next to him. Although Ning Cheng still had a head full of grey hair, these two people had discerning gazes. With just a look, the two could tell that Ning Cheng wasn’t too old.

The angry blond man was Fei Er, the leader of Beyond Heaven Path, and the young male cultivator was Ran Haosen, the deputy-leader of Beyond Heaven Path. Finally, the female cultivator currently looking at the crystal ball was Deacon Yuwen Qianping of Beyond Heaven Path. One could even say that Beyond Heaven Path was the brainchild of Yuwen Qianping, and every strategy that Beyond Heaven Path employed had her shadow some way or the other.

Yuwen Qianping waved and brought out another tea table, then placed the crystal ball on the table after seeing it and poured out a cup of spiritual tea for Fei Er and Ran Haosen. Only after doing that did she slowly speak up, “Looking at the strength of this person, he should have already reached the full-circle of Eternal Realm. However, his strength still exceeds that of ordinary full-circle Eternal cultivators. But since we identified him as a rogue cultivator, it would be an easy matter to take care of him. Regardless, we have to find this fellow as soon as possible, and we mustn’t drag this out any further.”

Fei Er felt angry, not because someone killed Jing Wuya and Yu Lian of his Beyond Heaven Path. But because it was a rogue cultivator who had killed these two people. If even a rogue cultivator could provoke his Beyond Heaven Path, then let alone expanding the Beyond Heaven Path outside, they might even find it difficult to stay in Grand Essence Ruins.

“Junior Apprentice Sister Qianping, why do you say that we shouldn’t drag it? The Grand Essence Ruins is just too vast. Even Dao Perfection experts can search all corners. If this person wants to hide, then even if we release a task to capture him, it might take some time to find this person.” Ran Haosen spoke with a deep voice.

Yuwen Qianping pointed to the crystal ball in front of her, “From this crystal ball, you can already gauge that this person’s strength exceeds people of his level. Even among those sacred children, I suspect very few can match his strength at full-circle Eternal Realm. Moreover, the Grand Essence Great Meet is also around the corner. If the big sects of Grand Essence Domain get wind of this person’s strength, I’m afraid they’ll do everything in their power to get him to join their sects.....”

Before Yuwen Qianping could finish speaking, Fei Er and Ran Haosen quickly understood what it implied. They nodded and said, “Yes, we have to kill this person as quickly as possible.”

No matter how strong was Beyond Heaven Path in these parts, they couldn't compare to those powerful sects with deep foundations. If this rogue cultivator ended up joining one of those big sects, it would become impossible for Beyond Heaven Path to take revenge.

Fei Er finished this sentence but frowned once again. What Ran Haosen said wasn't unreasonable either. The Grand Essence Ruins was simply too huge. Could they truly find that rogue cultivator in this place if he wanted to hide from them?

Yuwen Qianping spoke up with confidence, "Two elder brothers, you don't have to worry about it. I suspect that this rogue cultivator will come out of the Grand Essence Ruins, and even appear in the Grand Essence Ruin's public square."

Don't look at Ran Haosen having a naive and young appearance. Just like Fei Er, he was an old demon who had already lived for many thousand years. Moreover, they all have lived at the edge of the Grand Essence Ruins for quite a long time, and have experienced countless things together. Therefore, the moment Yuwen Qianping said those words, the two of them immediately thought of the critical point, and their eyes suddenly lit up.

Ran Haosen also laughed, "Have to commend Junior Apprentice Sister Qianping's thought process. This person saved that couple, so that couple would most likely give the Law Soil they obtained to this person. As long as this person obtained the Law Soil, he might take the risk of coming to the Grand Essence Ruin's Quest Hall and hand over the task. He might even go to the Quest Hall's merchant house after redeeming it for points."

Yuwen Qianping nodded, "That's only one of the points. The other point is that since he dared to act against people from our Beyond Heaven Path, this person is confident in his strength. Either that, or he doesn't care about our Beyond Heaven Path at all. Moreover, such people have quite a high-spirited nature, which means it's only natural for him to come to the Quest Hall and hand over the task."

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Yuwen Qianping's guess wasn't entirely correct but wasn't completely wrong either. Ning Cheng did come to the Quest Hall to hand over the Law Soil task. She also guessed that Ning Cheng would dare to leave the Grand Essence Ruins, but not because he didn't fear the Beyond Heaven Path. Even if he wanted to go into hiding, he had to wait until he exchanged the points for a large number of cultivating resources before finding a place to go into seclusion.

At this time, Ning Cheng stood at the door of the Quest Hall's merchant house. After repeatedly questioning others, he already knew that if he didn't find someone to take him inside, he wouldn't be able to enter.

Ning Cheng had already inquired about when the Dao Confirmation Exchange would start and knew that he had just a little less than half an hour. Seeing many experts entering the merchant house, Ning Cheng felt even more anxious. He also understood that this kind of exchange would have a lot of good things. Therefore, even if he spent all of his 1.5 million points on the merchant house's black level, it might not compare to the items inside.

Two more beautiful female cultivators came over. Ning Cheng saw these two people's appearance and knew that they must have come here to attend the Dao Confirming Exchange. At this time, Ning Cheng

didn't care about anything and took the initiative to walk over. He stopped with cupped fists in front of the two women and said, "Two Senior Apprentice Sisters, please."

"What's the matter?" The tall female cultivator glanced at Ning Cheng with a cold gaze and spoke with an equally icy tone.

Ning Cheng quickly spoke up, "Two Senior Apprentice Sisters, I don't have a silver card. However, I truly want to participate in the Dao Confirming Exchange. I wanted to ask if the two Senior Apprentice Sisters could bring me in. I'm even willing to pay some points....."

Before Ning Cheng could finish his words, the tall female cultivator's imposing manner came crashing down on Ning Cheng. At the same time, she spoke up with an even colder voice, "Get lost."

Ning Cheng's expressions truly looked ugly at this point. Even if you disagreed, how could these people think they were better than others? Was having a silver card that big of a deal? Once I consume my points, I'd also have a silver card.

"Hehe, did you truly think that women from Nine Revolving Sacred Dao Pond would take you inside for some points....." A voice filled with schadenfreude came over.

Ning Cheng turned around and saw another female cultivator. It's just that this female cultivator's appearance was far from those two beautiful women. She had a plump face, and when she smiled, it almost turned her eyes into thin slits. However, this face still gave Ning Cheng a familiar feeling.

"This Senior Apprentice Sister, is the Nine Revolving Sacred Dao Pond that good?" Ning Cheng cupped his fists and asked with a polite voice.

The plump female cultivator chuckled again, "Nine Revolving Sacred Dao Ponds is one of the three Grand Essence's Sacred Shrines. You tell me if they are that good or not? Do you even know who that woman is, the one who told you to get lost? She is Shi Yishuang, and the one next to her is Na Yuanxing. Well, from your point of view, they might look awesome. But in my opinion, she's just slightly better than average. No, even a urine pot looks better than either of them, yet they still keep their eyes and nose up in the sky."

Ning Cheng could hear the sourness from that plump female cultivator's face. He guessed that she was the type of person who would declare the grapes as sour if she couldn't eat them.

"Don't worry. None of those two will take you in, but I can. As for that silver card bullshit, this old lady also has one." This plump female cultivator didn't even talk like a woman. Instead, all that came out of her mouth was cursing and degrading insults before she finally shut her mouth.

Ning Cheng, however, didn't care about this female cultivator's words. Hearing that this female cultivator could take him inside, he quickly cupped his fists and thanked her. "Many thanks, Senior Apprentice Sister, for your help...."

The plump female cultivator showed a cunning smile, "I'm not going to help you for free. I heard you say that you wouldn't mind paying some points. How many points do you have? Give me half, and I'll take you inside immediately."

Half? Ning Cheng frowned immediately. He had about 1.55 million points. If he gave her half, what could he do with the slightly more than 700,000 points?

“Huh, what, you don’t want it anymore? Forget it then. This Peng Ruimei isn’t someone who forces others out of their points. Goodbye.....” The plump female cultivator turned around and started leaving.

Ning Cheng suddenly remembered something and shouted, “Do you know Peng Shan? Can you tell me where he is now?”

“Huh, how do you know my brother?” Peng Ruimei stopped and looked at Ning Cheng with a suspicious gaze.

Ning Cheng took out a jade card and said, “Peng Shan gave this to me when I helped him. My name is Ning Cheng. If you go back and ask your brother, he can tell you more about it.”

“Oh, so you’re Ning Cheng. Why didn’t you say it earlier? Let’s go. You’re coming inside with me whether you like it or not. You don’t need to pay me any points either. In any case, I also wanted to thank you for helping my brother find such a large piece of Law Soil.....” Peng Ruimei’s expressions changed quickly after hearing that Ning Cheng was a friend of her younger brother Peng Shan. She even became more enthusiastic.

“Many thanks, Senior Apprentice Sister.” Ning Cheng felt overjoyed and thanked her once again.

Peng Ruimei waved her hand and said, “I truly do want to thank you for Peng Shan’s matter. But you also should know that beautiful women think that the meat on their body is very precious. Bah, it’ll never look the same once you strip off their clothes or once they grow old anyway. That Peng Shan doesn’t understand it, nor does he want to live up to the family’s expectations. He’s just desperately fond of that one woman, but the woman he likes requires a piece of Law Soil as a betrothal gift. Even after I tried to kick some sense into him, he wouldn’t listen. He still went ahead and came to the Grand Essence Ruins to find that clump of Law Soil.”

Ning Cheng stood there in silence. Peng Shan’s big sister had quite an unrestrained mouth. She’s one tough woman, no doubt.

Fortunately, without waiting for Ning Cheng’s answer, the two had already arrived at the place where the Grand Essence Ruin’s merchant house hosted the exchange.

After entering the Exchange Hall, Ning Cheng secretly sighed that this place truly was a gathering of powerhouses. One could feel the aura of dao charm everywhere, and every corner gave out a strong aura fluctuation.

The hall covered a large area, and there was still a lot many cultivators coming in from the outside. Ning Cheng glanced around and found nearly a thousand people already seated inside. The exchange hall looked like a pot from above, with a circular table and a crystal screen suspended over it. It also seemed somewhat similar to an auction stage. As for the cultivators participating in the exchange, they all sat around it.

Although Peng Ruimei had an unrestrained mouth, after entering the exchange hall, she immediately stopped talking. She guided Ning Cheng to find a seat and then sat down next to him.

“Huh, Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, you also came in?” Kong Ning’s surprised voice sounded right beside Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng then saw Kong Ning, Shan Yaocen and Ying Yongxuan. He smiled and nodded, “Yeah, my friend did me a favour.”

Peng Ruimei also saw Kong Ning’s trio and showed a slight frown before asking, “Are those three your friends?”

Ning Cheng quickly explained, “No, only Junior Apprentice Sister Kong Ning is my friend. I don’t know the others.”

Shan Yaocen and Ying Yongxuan heard Ning Cheng’s words and gave a cold humph but didn’t speak.

Peng Ruimei nodded, “That’s alright then. You must be careful when you make friends. You can’t make friends with riff-raff. Better learn from Peng Shan’s example, or you’ll drown in bitterness.”

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Chapter 865: Competition for Dao Fruits

Ning Cheng didn’t even notice what Peng Ruimei said. Although he didn’t bring out his spiritual consciousness, he could feel that many people in this hall could beat him. Moreover, the strength of a few people here didn’t lose to that red-haired man he had seen in the Grand Essence Sea.

But despite the many people seated in the hall, no one made even the tiniest noise. Even if they wanted to talk to their friends or people they knew, everyone used either voice transmissions or whispered in a quiet voice.

After half-an-incense stick worth of time passed, a middle-aged man dressed as a Confucian scholar walked onto the centre stage of the exchange hall, clasped his fists and spoke up. “Many thanks to the dao friends here for participating in the Dao Confirming Exchange hosted by my Grand Essence Quest Hall’s merchant house. We host the Dao Confirming Exchange every three years, and it usually involves a lot of treasure exchanges. Every Dao Confirming Exchange would produce many strong experts.”

“We hope that all the dao friends here can leave in contentment today and get what they want. This Dao Confirming Exchange will still follow the old rules; the merchant house will take a 1% cut out of every exchange between two parties.”

1% cut out of every transaction value wasn’t that much. Ning Cheng, who came from Earth, naturally knew that the merchant house’s primary purpose was not to earn points but to create popularity. In any case, just to enter this exchange meeting, one needed a silver card. And to get a silver card, one needed to spend a large number of points. Therefore even if the merchant house didn’t take a cut out of the transaction points, the more such exchanges they hosted, the better it would be for the merchant house.

“Everyone has a transfer station and a point transaction slot in front of your seats. I believe that all the dao friends know exactly how to do the transaction. So, I won’t say anything about it. The exchange sequence will start from the position marked ‘1’.” After the middle-aged scholar spoke, he cupped his fists before walking down the stage and sitting down on one seat.

Ning Cheng had already studied the square table in front of his seat. The square table contained a small transfer area, most likely to transfer items and spirit crystals. The table also had a slot just beside the transfer area, where one could put their Quest Card and then increase or decrease the points through the array formations and mutual agreement of the parties involved. Besides, the table also had a quotation screen, on which one could report the price and anything that you wanted to use in exchange for it.

One could say that this exchange table was a very advanced thing, purely from the point of view of similar exchange platforms. Moreover, it was controlled by several array formations, which was countless times more advanced than anything owned by a network from the technological world. At least Ning Cheng hadn't seen any technology that had even a minute grasp over the Laws of Space. If such a technology could control the Laws of Space, it could eliminate the need for logistics in the technological world.

"The thing I want to exchange is a cultivation method, Spirit Sifting Penta Cauldron. I'll only accept points or Law Crystals and nothing else." A deep and thick voice sounded out in the hall.

Ning Cheng then saw a golden aperture light up around one of the seats, and the number behind this seat was '1'.

Sitting at the seat numbered '1' was a tall male cultivator. On the table in front of him was a book made out of unknown materials. The book also had several restrictions covering it, making so that no one can even peek into it. It was most likely the cultivation method 'Spirit Sifting Penta Cauldron' that he had just mentioned.

Ning Cheng then took a look at the number on the table and saw the number '666', but it had a grey colour. He then glanced at other seats and understood that only when he took out an item for exchange would his chair glow with a golden light.

Ning Cheng had a lot of Law Crystals, more than a hundred. Moreover, each of those crystals contained the Law of Space. However, he had no interest in this Spirit Sifting Penta Cauldron and naturally wouldn't compete for it.

Ning Cheng didn't bid for it, but that didn't mean others didn't want it. Ning Cheng could see the constant price updates on the bidding screen, and at the same time, he also saw a lot of silver lights flashing throughout the exchange hall.

Ning Cheng quickly found out a pattern; the silver lights on a seat would fade away because the price put down by the cultivator ended up suppressed by a higher price. A new silver light would appear on the chair that quoted the higher price, while the lower bids' silver lights would flash out.

The price also changed quite quickly. The offer for the cultivation method, Spirit Sifting Penta Cauldron, increased to more than 30,000 points in just a short time. In the end, it finally came to a stop at 43,000 points. After reaching this level, no one placed any offers. Looking around the hall, Ning Cheng then saw a flashing silver light on seat number 411. It was a middle-aged female cultivator, and it seems she was the one who quoted the 43,000-point bid.

Ning Cheng's heart started to race. He wasn't a fool. He understood that the cultivator who took out the Spirit Sifting Penta Cauldron was most likely a strong Dao Confirming expert. Such a person wouldn't take out things of low quality, and he could see it from the competitive scene with just the first item.

Yet, one could still purchase such a good thing for slightly over 40,000 points. From this, Ning Cheng also understood that having 1.5 million points was quite a big deal.

After the price stopped fluctuating, a crisp female cultivator's voice emerged, "The highest quotation on the screen is 43,000 points from No. 411. Is No. 1 willing to exchange?"

These exchange meetings were different from auctions. Therefore, even if someone outbid others and had the highest quote, the exchange would depend on the cultivator who owned the item. If the cultivator who possessed the item felt that the so-called highest price was still too low, he could choose to not go through the exchange. Alternatively, they could also choose to conduct the sale with any of the other bidders.

"Let's exchange." When the cultivator who owned the Spirit Sifting Penta Cauldron finished speaking, he put the Spirit Sifting Penta Cauldron Cultivation Method into the miniature teleportation array and then put his silver card on the groove right next to it.

The moment the Spirit Sifting Penta Cauldron got teleported away, 43,000 points suddenly appeared on this cultivator's silver card. Ning Cheng sighed as he looked at this; this kind of approach to exchange was truly convenient and fast.

With the first transaction completed, the seat that next lit up was No. 3. Ning Cheng took a look and saw that there was no one seated in seat number 2.

Sitting on seat number 3 was a female cultivator with white hair. After her seat lit up, she raised a jade box and said, "What I want to exchange is a Dao Fruit containing wood-attributed laws, the Drifting Cotton Fruit. However, I will only accept points for it.

Dao Fruits were also of multiple types. Dao Fruits containing wood-attributed laws mainly would help cultivators comprehend the Laws of Wood. This kind of law was beneficial for understanding the Laws of Wood-related spirit techniques. It could even help cultivators proficient in alchemy and even help cultivate spiritual grasses to the spirit level. Of course, it didn't have much effect on reaching Dao Confirming. Besides, only a few cultivators would rely on attribute-based Dao Fruits to enter Dao Confirming; such cultivators were barely even a handful.

A real Dao Confirming Dao Fruit was essentially different from an attribute-based Dao Fruit. Dao Confirming Dao Fruits contained not just a law-attribute, but also law-related dao charm.

But even if Drifting Cotton Fruit wasn't a Dao Confirming Dao Fruit, it was still quite popular. Therefore, the moment this Drifting Cotton Fruit came out, someone quickly snatched it up for a high price of 92,000 points. Ning Cheng also understood that as long as it was a Dao Fruit, the cost would shoot up in a straight line.

It immediately lit up Ning Cheng's eyes. No wonder Law Soil provided such high points. From the looks of it, a piece of Law Soil could help a Dao Fruit Tree grow a bunch of Dao Fruits. Just how many points would it fetch if one sold all of those fruits?

The things brought out from seat numbers 4 to 20 were all quite valuable, they were either top-grade raw materials, top-grade weapons, cultivation methods or some other treasures. Even Ning Cheng had taken a fancy to seven or eight of those items, but Ning Cheng didn't make any moves. He came here for a purpose; he just wanted to buy the things truly needed, not the ones he fancied.

Eventually, the turn for exchange reached Seat no. 26. Sitting on this seat was a pale and thin man. He raised a jade box and said, "I also want to exchange a Dao Fruit, Falling Scar Fruit...."

As soon as he spoke the three words 'Falling Scar Fruit', it immediately caused a stir within the hall. Falling Scar Fruit was a genuine Dao Confirming Dao Fruit. More than 20% of the cultivators here came here for Dao Confirming Dao Fruits from its looks.

Ning Cheng also wanted such a Dao Fruit. But he knew that it wasn't the right time. Since so many people here wanted the Falling Scar Fruit, it would paint a target on himself if he bought it. Maybe after this exchange got over, someone would follow him out to kill him. He had already offended the Beyond Heaven Path, so purchasing this Falling Scar Fruit, which he didn't need right now, wasn't a wise move.

He had already decided to use the points for things that could help him improve his strength immediately.

As soon as the Falling Scar Fruit came out, the competition immediately turned fierce. The price quickly rose to 360,000 points and still kept increasing. Although Drifting Cotton Fruit was also a Dao Fruit, it couldn't compare to the Falling Scar Fruit.

Ning Cheng noticed the worried look on Kong Ning's face, and he also observed that she had put in an offer of 330,000 points. However, someone quickly suppressed her bid, and the price of the Falling Scar Fruit reached 360,000 points. Kong Ning's face turned pale when she saw this quote.

The Falling Scar Fruit price remained at 360,000 for a while before Kong Ning once again quoted a new price, 363,000 points.

Ning Cheng saw the price and Kong Ning's expressions and understood that Kong Ning might not have enough points to buy this Dao Fruit.

Sure enough, in just a moment, the price of Falling Scar Fruit rose to 390,000 points.

Kong Ning hesitated before looking at her Senior Apprentice Sister Shan Yaocen who came with her. However, Shan Yaocen didn't seem to notice her at all. She kept staring intently at the bidding screen as if flowers were growing out of that screen. Ying Yongxuan, who sat not far away, also didn't notice Kong Ning's gaze asking for help, and set his eye on the bidding screen.

Ning Cheng felt a bit speechless at such actions. Being people from the same sect, how could she not even help her fellow sisters? Even if she didn't want to help, at least don't pretend to not know about it. Wouldn't it be better just to say that you don't have enough points and get over with it?

After seeing those two people's demeanour, Kong Ning struggled for a while, before finally averting her gaze from them. However, she wanted the Falling Scar Fruit, so she then looked at Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng didn't feel that his friendship with Kong Ning had reached the level to borrow her some points.

Kong Ning should have also known that the friendship between her and Ning Cheng wasn't on such a level that she could ask to borrow some points. Especially at this kind of exchange meeting. Yet, even if that was the case, Kong Ning still looked at Ning Cheng, which showed her eagerness to obtain this Falling Scar Fruit.

Ning Cheng smiled at Kong Ning and said, "I still have some points, Junior Apprentice Sister Kong Ning, I can lend you some points. If I feel like I don't have enough points, I will remind you of it immediately."

Since Kong Ning used such a help-seeking gaze, Ning Cheng naturally wouldn't pretend to know about it otherwise, unlike her Senior Apprentice Sister. If she didn't want to borrow, he would also not talk about it. Ning Cheng wasn't the type of person to feign ignorance anyway. Besides, as long as the points she wanted to borrow didn't exceed 100,000 points, Ning Cheng could help Kong Ning. But if it exceeded that, there wasn't much he could do about it. He came here to improve his strength, so he can't go about lending others too many points.

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Chapter 866: Appearance of Spiritual Consciousness Spirit Technique

If not for the high importance of this Dao Fruit, Kong Ning would never even think of borrowing even a single point from Ning Cheng. Stuck in the Eternal Realm for many years, all she lacked right now was a suitable opportunity. As long as Kong Ning could grasp this small opportunity, Kong Ning felt sure to successfully reach Dao Sculpting. No matter how bad her talents, she could at least step into the half-step Dao Sculpting list.

When Shan Yaocen didn't even bother looking at her, Kong Ning also understood why she decided to act this way. It wasn't just about points, but primarily because they had similar cultivation. Shan Yaocen already obtained a Dao Fruit a long time ago, so her reaching Dao Sculpting was just a matter of time. The only reason why she had come here was to find treasures that could stabilise her advancement to the Dao Sculpting Realm. Since they both were competitors, Shan Yaocen naturally hoped that Kong Ning would delay her entry into the Dao Sculpting Realm.

Since Ying Yongxuan pursued Shan Yaocen, he naturally would also not lend her any points, lest he risked invoking the ire of Shan Yaocen.

Therefore, now that Ning Cheng agreed to lend her some points, Kong Ning felt delighted. Although she had asked Ning Cheng for help, she never expected Ning Cheng to agree. Moreover, even if she had to owe others a favour, she didn't want to miss out on such an opportunity.

In just a short time, the price of Falling Scar Fruit reached 410,000 points. Kong Ning hesitated for some time before quoting 415,000 points, but someone still surpassed her, and the bid for the Falling Scar Fruit climbed up to 420,000 points.

Shan Yaocen glanced at Kong Ning with some doubts. She knew that Kong Ning didn't have more than 400,000 points on her. One had to know that misquoting in this kind of Dao Confirming Exchange would involve unimaginable consequences.

Ning Cheng shook his head. He felt that Kong Ning's quote lacked any aggressive intent, which would only drag things out for her and drive up the price. Only by quoting a bid without hesitation, could falter others and reduce unnecessary competition.

Kong Ning also seemed to have realised her shortcomings. Therefore, after the price reached 420,000 points, she immediately quoted 430,000 without any hesitation.

In truth, although the Falling Scar Fruit was a Dao Confirming Dao Fruit, it wasn't a top-grade Dao Confirming Dao Fruit. Therefore, once the price reached 400,000 points, one could already consider it the highest ceiling for this fruit. It also meant that after reaching 400,000 points, people wouldn't willingly increase their bids by much. Therefore, when Kong Ning added 10,000 points to the previous quote, it immediately showed her determination, and the rising offers immediately stopped at 430,000 points.

After the organiser announced that Kong Ning's price held up, Kong Ning then turned her nervous gaze at Ning Cheng. If Ning Cheng couldn't give her the required points, she wouldn't escape heavy punishment; she might even die.

Ning Cheng smiled and stretched out his hand to Kong Ning and said, "Junior Apprentice Sister Kong Ning, give me your quest card."

Kong Ning didn't hesitate to hand over her quest card to Ning Cheng. It was a white card, and Ning Cheng also noticed the 371,000 points next to Kong Ning's name. He then took out his quest card and transferred 70,000 points into Kong Ning's card. With more than 440,000 points, Kong Ning could now easily buy this Falling Scar Fruit. She also wouldn't have any problems in paying the 1% cut to the merchant house.

Kong Ning finally felt relieved when she saw the 441,000 points on her quest card. Smiling gratefully at Ning Cheng, she then traded with the cultivator from seat number 26.

Shan Yaocen frowned slightly. She didn't think that a rogue cultivator like Ning Cheng could loan tens of thousands of points to Kong Ning. It made her very upset. Whoever stepped into Dao Confirming first would also be the first to enter the sect's Spirit Technique Pavilion. River Luo Sacred Sect has only a few powerful spirit techniques, and the sect only taught them to one disciple every 10,000 years. The Star Scarring Spirit Technique that she had wanted to learn happened to be one of those spirit techniques. Therefore, if Kong Ning successfully reached the Dao Sculpting Realm before her, she would end up missing this opportunity. She couldn't wait for another ten thousand years.

As she thought of this, she even started to feel a killing desire towards Ning Cheng. He was nothing more than an ant in her eyes, yet this ant dared to ruin her opportunity. To please Kong Ning, this ant probably took out all his points. But even if he wanted to court Kong Ning, he can't even lick Kong Ning's toenails as he is.

As River Luo Sacred Sect's inner sect powerhouses, how could an ant have the qualifications to pursue them?

While Shan Yaocen continued to mull over her thoughts, the cultivator in seat 27 had already reported the items for exchange, "The thing I want to exchange is a piece of Phantom Wind Trace. I believe many dao friends here already know about the Phantom Wind Trace...."

Sure enough, after this cultivator reported his item, it immediately caused some surprised gasps around the hall. From this, one could tell that the Phantom Wind Trace was something rare.

“Phantom Wind Trace can only condense in wind-attributed Law Space; moreover, the chance of condensing even in those areas is almost minuscule. Maybe this thing has no use for most people, but it’s the most needed treasure for wing-type flying treasures. Phantom Wind Trace can help upgrade wing-type flying weapons who have achieved nirvana by a full level. You won’t find this thing whenever you want, and even if you don’t have a wing-type flying weapon today, what about the future?”

Even without the cultivator’s encouragement, Ning Cheng decided to get this item immediately when he heard that it could upgrade wing-type flight weapons that had already undergone nirvana, by a full level.

After he used the Wind Thunder Apricot Tree’s branches to let the Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds experience nirvana, it had already reached the limit in its speed. He had no idea if he could still upgrade its speed or not, which made Ning Cheng a little disappointed. As his cultivation continued to improve, the wings would eventually become a liability instead of an asset. Now that a treasure that could potentially upgrade it once again appeared in front of him, how could he let it go?

Phantom Wind Trace wasn’t as useless to most people as the cultivator from seat 27 mentioned. As soon as this thing came out, the price quickly rushed to 60,000 points, and it continued to rise rapidly. Ning Cheng even saw Shan Yaocen bidding and understood that this woman also had a winged-type weapon.

Ning Cheng didn’t rush to bid. After the price of Phantom Wind Trace reached 90,000 points, the price finally stabilised. At this point, Ning Cheng immediately quoted a price of 100,000 points.

Except for a few people here, most cultivators didn’t know anything about Ning Cheng. Therefore, when Ning Cheng bid 100,000 points, not many people cared about him. However, Shan Yaocen knew about Ning Cheng’s background. Ning Cheng was a rogue cultivator, also a rogue cultivator in the Eternal Realm. How could he come up with so many points? Were points so easy to obtain?

Seeing Shan Yaocen frowning, Ying Yongxuan gritted his teeth and said in a low voice, “Junior Apprentice Sister Yaocen, if you continue to increase the price, I won’t have enough points for later.”

Shan Yaocen shook her head and said, “Senior Apprentice Brother Yin, let’s wait and see.”

To get Shan Yaocen’s favour, plus without the need to borrow her points, Ying Yongxuan naturally wouldn’t object to it.

Ning Cheng also felt satisfied when he saw no one increase the price after his bid of 100,000 points. He didn’t care much about the points, as long as he could get the Phantom Wind Trace. Once his Twin Wings of the Heavenly Clouds got upgraded to another level, it would immediately increase his survivability chances.

“Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, do you truly want the Phantom Wind Trace?” When Ning Cheng was about to conduct the exchange and announced his intention to start the transaction, he immediately heard a woman’s voice. However, he also understood that this voice didn’t belong to Kong Ning.

Ning Cheng quickly understood that it was Shan Yaocen who sent him a voice transmission. He received another message from her, “Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, I’m Shan Yaocen, and I’m also the Senior Apprentice Sister of Kong Ning.”

Why would Shan Yaocen send him a voice transmission? What was up with this development? He anyway had nothing to do with this woman. Besides, this woman wasn't willing to even bring him into the hall, so why would she send him a message? No matter what went on in this woman's mind, Ning Cheng had no intention to form a connection with this woman. He didn't even bother to reply to the transmission. Whether I want the Phantom Wind Trace or not, how was it any of your business?

"With Senior Apprentice Brother Ning's talent, not joining one of the three sacred sects would be an insult to your talents. My River Luo Sacred Sect likes to absorb talents from all over the world..... Let's talk about it later. Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, just carry on with your exchange. You don't have to answer me right now. Let's meet at the Grand Essence Ruin Restaurant after the exchange meeting....."

Ning Cheng had already started with the exchange, and no one bid more than 100,000 points. Seeing Ning Cheng beginning the transaction, Shan Yaocen also quickly ended her voice transmission.

Ning Cheng also shook her head in speechlessness. Was River Luo Sacred Sect so amazing? He never planned to enter a sacred sect anyway. And even if he wanted to go, he had already talked to Kong Ning about it before. How could this woman feel so good about herself? Regardless of whether the exchange started or not, Ning Cheng didn't intend to answer Shan Yaocen's words.

Ning Cheng borrowed points to Kong Ning and spent a hundred thousand points to buy things, even Peng Ruimei, who sat next to Ning Cheng, couldn't help speak up. "Ning Cheng, which inner sect disciple of a big sect are you? How come I feel you're richer than me?"

Ning Cheng smiled, "I'm just a rogue cultivator."

Peng Ruimei curled her lips. I'd be an idiot to believe that you're just a rogue cultivator.

As the exchanges continued, Ning Cheng didn't make any further moves. He thought that Shan Yaocen would continue to send voice transmissions and wanted his Phantom Wind Trace. However, he never expected that Shan Yaocen wouldn't send him any more voice transmission.

At this time, the exchange had already reached seat number 76. Seat number 76 was an elderly black-robed man with a mask on his face, making it difficult to see his appearance.

"What I want to trade is a cultivation method...."

The black-robed old man's voice was intense and slightly hoarse as if his throat had a few cuts. After Ning Cheng heard that the other party wanted to trade a cultivation method, he suddenly lost interest. He had the Mysterious Yellow Formless; as such, he had no interest in cultivation methods.

"Although the cultivation method is a bit incomplete, it's still a top-grade spiritual consciousness spiritual technique and cultivation method....."

When the black-robed old man said the words 'spiritual consciousness and spirit technique cultivation method', the scene immediately exploded in whispering. Even Ning Cheng sat up straight on hearing those words. What he currently wanted the most was to create a spiritual consciousness spirit technique. His starry sky Sea of Consciousness was very powerful, and his spiritual consciousness also couldn't compare to others of the same level. It would be a pity if he missed this opportunity.

Unfortunately, even if he had the Mysterious Yellow Formless, he still didn't make much progress in developing a spiritual consciousness spirit technique, let alone a cultivation method. At most, he could only release his spiritual consciousness, break some restrictions that shielded spiritual consciousness, and form some spiritual consciousness thorns or spiritual consciousness blades. These things could only help him against an enemy or two when his cultivation had still not grown by much. But as his cultivation improved and his opponents also grew stronger and stronger, these low-level spiritual consciousness attacks would no longer be of much use.

Building spiritual consciousness spirit technique involved more than just having a strong Sea of Consciousness. It not only required countless years of experience but also needed a devilish genius-like mind. Ning Cheng believed that his mind far surpassed ordinary people and wasn't too inferior to those so-called devilish geniuses. It's just a pity that what he lacked the most was those 'countless' years of experience. Plus, he never even had a proper 'teacher' to learn the basics.

Experiences weren't something that one could replace, and one can only obtain it through personal efforts. One could only accumulate it through time and wasn't something that one could explain in words.

Now that a spiritual consciousness cultivation method appeared here, even if it wasn't a complete spiritual consciousness cultivation method, Ning Cheng didn't want to give up on it.

Looking at the hall's enthusiasm, Ning Cheng readied himself for making a big offer if required. He knew that he wasn't alone in desiring the spiritual consciousness cultivation method, but Ning Cheng didn't want to give up on it.

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Chapter 867: Ning Cheng's quote

However, the old man's next words suddenly poured ice-cold water on the cultivators who wanted the spiritual consciousness cultivation method. "I won't say the name of this cultivation method, but I won't sell it for less than 600,000 points."

Six hundred thousand points for an incomplete and unknown grade cultivation method, it was just too risky. How many years would it take to earn 600,000 points? To buy a Dao Fruit, Kong Ning had saved points over many years, and even then she had to borrow points from Ning Cheng. From this, one could understand that 600,000 points almost equated to everyone's lifelong savings in this place.

"Such a price for a nameless cultivation method, who would even ask for it?"

"At least tell everyone the name of the cultivation method?"

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All kinds of discussions erupted in private, and the old man also felt that such a price wasn't a justified one for a nameless cultivation method. However, he didn't report the name due to his fear that no one would dare to buy it after hearing the name. Moreover, once the name got out, it would immediately cause a huge commotion. He just wanted to get rid of it in exchange for some points to buy the things he needed. But at the same time, he also didn't want to cause any commotion over it.

But from the looks of it, no one would even consider buying it without knowing the name. If he couldn't sell off this spiritual consciousness cultivation method, he would have no chance of getting what he needed.

Thinking of this, the old black-robed man once again spoke up, "Well, in that case, I will state the name of this cultivation method....."

But before he could even speak the name of the spiritual consciousness cultivation method, someone immediately put up a quote on the bidding screen.

The 600,000-point bid looked quite conspicuous on the bidding screen.

The old black-robed man gave out a sigh of relief and stopped talking. Someone had finally stepped up and put up a bid, which prevented him from speaking the cultivation method's name. Many people understood that he didn't want everyone here to know about the cultivation method's name.

As for the cultivators who wanted to know the name of the mysterious spiritual consciousness cultivation method, they all felt disappointed. It was just an incomplete spiritual consciousness cultivation method with an unknown origin, yet someone still bid 600,000 points for it.

Ning Cheng also felt a bit confused. In truth, he was already preparing to place a bid, and never expected that someone would put a bid before him under such a condition.

The quote was from seat 129, from a man with thin, almost none, blue hair sitting on it. Moreover, this man had a pale, almost white, face.

But when Ning Cheng looked at this person, he understood that this person's cultivation far exceeded that of the Ninth Prince. He even had various dao charms circulating his body, and every strand of it felt powerful. But even if the person eyeing this spiritual consciousness cultivation method was even more robust, Ning Cheng had no intention of letting it go. He only had one opportunity. If Ning Cheng missed it, Ning Cheng wouldn't get another one, at least not for a short while. Therefore, he quoted a price of 610,000 without any hesitation.

Everyone in the hall knew about the cultivator with sparse blue hair and pale face, as this person was a real Dao Sculpting powerhouse. Therefore, when such an expert bid 600,000 points to purchase an incomplete spiritual consciousness cultivation method, it did not cause much surprise.

But Ning Cheng was different, Ning Cheng even looked very young, with cultivation around the middle-stage Eternal Realm. Yet, such a cultivator bid 610,000 points. It immediately created quite a stir around the hall. When did it get so easy to earn points? How could an Eternal ant obtain more than 600,000 points?

People who didn't know Ning Cheng simply felt that Ning Cheng's approach was just too abrupt. As for Kong Ning, the only person who knew about Ning Cheng's roots, she felt even more shocked.

Ning Cheng had borrowed her 70,000 points and had even spent 100,000 points to purchase the Phantom Wind Trace. Now he bid 610,000 points. Didn't it mean that Ning Cheng had at least 800,000 points? But she knew, as clear as day, that Ning Cheng was just a newcomer to the Grand Essence Ruins. At most, it would have been not more than three years since Ning Cheng came to the Grand Essence Ruins. So how did such a newcomer obtain so many points?

Shan Yaocen's eyes lit up even more. She first glanced at Kong Ning and scoffed at her in secret, Kong Ning you sure know how to finesse. No wonder Kong Ning showed such politeness to a rogue cultivator. It turns out that this rogue cultivator was quite wealthy. From the looks of it, Kong Ning's scheming and skills had already surpassed her. Just look at how that rogue cultivator didn't hesitate to lend points to Kong Ning. Anyone would come to realise that this rogue cultivator was just a puppet dancing in Kong Ning's hands.

Now that she 'understood' that this rogue cultivator was nothing more than a sheep, he better not blame her, Shan Yaocen, to also take advantage of it.

Ying Yongxuan frowned. No matter how he looked at it, Ning Cheng didn't look anything like a wealthy cultivator. How could he earn so many points? Moreover, if Ning Cheng truly was so rich, how could he not even have the qualifications to enter this place by himself?

"Yishuang looks like the ant who wanted to get close to us is quite rich." A little farther away from Ning Cheng, sat two very beautiful female cultivators. They were none other than 9-revolving Sacred Dao Pond's Shi Yishuang and Na Yuanxiang. It was Na Yuanxiang, the shorter of the two, who glanced at Ning Cheng and whispered.

The tall Shi Yishuang showed a slight frown, and then said after a while, "From the looks of it, this person most likely is an inner sect disciple of a big sect, and wants to swagger around shamelessly relying on a few points."

After speaking, her gaze disdainfully swept across Kong Ning seated not far away from Ning Cheng and then at Shan Yaocen sitting a little farther away. As for Peng Ruimei, who sat next to Ning Cheng, she completely ignored her because of her 'unsightly' appearance.

"Ning Cheng, how many points do you have?" Peng Ruimei didn't know that others had blatantly ignored her, and couldn't help but ask in a low voice.

"I don't have a lot of points, but I'm about to use up half of them." Ning Cheng told the truth.

Peng Ruimei gave a cold humph, about to use up half of the points. Didn't it mean that this fellow had at least a million points? How the hell did this bastard get so many points?

The sparse blue-haired cultivator didn't expect that someone would compete with him, let alone an Eternal ant. His spiritual consciousness blithely swept towards Ning Cheng to use the powerful momentum to warn Ning Cheng to quit competing with him. At the same time, he once again quoted 640,000 points.

Even if the blue-faced cultivator felt dissatisfied with Ning Cheng, he could only give a quick warning in such an exchange meeting. If he dared to oppress Ning Cheng openly, it wouldn't be a small matter.

The blue-faced male cultivator added 30,000 points bringing the price up to 640,000 points. After seeing this price, the people in the exchange hall ignored the male cultivator's actions but instead focussed their gazes at Ning Cheng. Everyone wanted to know whether this nouveau rich idiot would continue to increase the price. And if he raised the price, by how much?

Even if it spotlights him, Ning Cheng will increase the price regardless of the circumstances. The spiritual consciousness cultivation method directly correlated to his strength in the future, how could he shrink

back from it? But Ning Cheng also knew his limits. He only had 1.5 million points. Compared to those old monsters who lived in the Grand Essence Ruins for countless years, he still had a high chance of losing.

It also meant that there was a limit on how much he could fight others on points. Therefore, if he obtained this cultivation method in exchange for all his points, it wouldn't be worth it. What's more, he still hasn't fulfilled his primary purpose of coming here to find a way to transform his celestial essence into spirit essence. Although Ning Cheng knew that he could use the spirit crystals for the conversion, he wanted to check if there was something better. Plus, he also wanted to purchase a suitable long spear for himself.

It also meant that he had to take out something that could tempt this old black-robed cultivator. Thinking over everything, Ning Cheng once again quoted a new price, 650,000 points plus five egg-sized Time Stones.

Ning Cheng chose Time Stones over Space Crystals not because he had a wrong perception of Space Crystals' value. He believed that Time Stones were far less valuable than Space Crystals for cultivators who have not yet touched the Laws of Space. But for cultivators who have already come into contact with the Laws of Space, Space Crystals were practically worthless.

On the other hand, only a handful of cultivators could come into contact with the Laws of Time. Therefore, at this moment, a Time Stone, which could potentially help someone touch the Laws of Time, would have a significantly higher value.

Ning Cheng understood that this old black-robed cultivator had already touched the Laws of Space from the fluctuations. Therefore, for this black-robed cultivator, Time Stones should have a much higher value.

Unfortunately, it was just an illusion of Ning Cheng. No matter what, a Space Crystal had the same value as a Time Crystal. Only a Law of Time Crystal would have a much higher value compared to a Space Crystal. However, a Time Stone, which was far inferior to a Laws of Time Crystal, couldn't compare to a Space Crystal.

There already were too many people who could use space to confront the enemy, but how many people could truly comprehend the Laws of Space? Just because one could create spacial collapses, spacial compressions, or expansions against their enemies, it didn't mean that one could control the Laws of Space.

And a Space Crystal contained a more explicit Law of Space. So how could this kind of thing be less valuable than Time Stones, which only included fuzzy and incomplete remnants of the Laws of Time?

Moreover, even when one already contacted the Laws of Space, Spacial Crystals' value would remain unparalleled. Whether for a deeper understanding of the Laws of Space, or for cultivating space-related spirit techniques, or arranging array formations and refining spacial weapons, the value of such an object couldn't compare to a Time Stone.

Although Ning Cheng mistakenly overestimated Time Stone's value, the five Time Stones he took out were relatively valuable. Therefore, as soon as Ning Cheng's quote came out, private discussions once again resumed.

“Time Stones, this is something that contains fragments of the Laws of Time.....”

“I heard that the most powerful Holy Emperor that controlled the Laws of Time was Perpetual Moon Holy Emperor. Did this person find the remains of Perpetual Moon Holy Emperor?”

“Unfortunately, it’s not a Laws of Time Crystal. Although it contains vague fragments of the Laws of Time, it only has limited value.”

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As the various discussions arose, Ning Cheng eventually heard someone say the words ‘Perpetual Moon Holy Emperor’ and felt shocked. From the looks of it, Perpetual Moon Holy Emperor truly surpassed Chuan Xinlou, making him look like nothing but a fake Heavenly Emperor.

Without waiting for the blue-faced cultivator from seat 129 to increase the price, the old black-robed cultivator quickly spoke up, “I agree to the price. I choose to exchange with the Dao Friend seated in seat 164[1].”

Things like Time Stones were almost impossible to find, and even if someone found it, one might not be able to buy it with just points.

After Ning Cheng’s quote suppressed his bid, the blue-faced cultivator seated on seat 129 turned even bluer. His spiritual consciousness remained focussed on Ning Cheng for a while before finally moving away.

Ning Cheng already knew that this fellow wouldn’t let him go, but why would he bother with it at this time? Strength was the king in these areas. Only with power would people give you some face. Otherwise, even if he gave the spiritual consciousness cultivation method to this blue-faced cultivator, others would never even think of thanking him let alone leaving him alone.

Time Stones was an exchange item, which meant that the merchant house wouldn’t take its 1% cut. Therefore, Ning Cheng obtained the spiritual consciousness cultivation method after delivering the five Time Stones and 656,500 points.

The spiritual consciousness cultivation method was just as the old black-robed man described. It wasn’t only incomplete but also had a significant portion missing. But on the surface, it only looked like a book with few pages. Ning Cheng didn’t use his spiritual consciousness to check it thoroughly; instead, he put a few more restrictions on it before throwing into his ring.

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Chapter 868: The Only Bidder

The moment Ning Cheng obtained the unnamed spiritual consciousness cultivation method, the number of people who noticed him immediately shot up. Many even swept him with their spiritual consciousness from time to time.

Peng Ruimei also spoke into Ning Cheng’s ear with some worry, “Ning Cheng, you shouldn’t have competed for the spiritual consciousness cultivation method just now. The cultivator with the blue face and sparse hair is called Ou Yandu, and he has the nickname ‘Lifeless Poisonhand’. Even for the slightest offence, people who offended him have never managed to survive under his hands. This man has a dark

and poisonous heart, and even I have no idea about the number of innocent people that died because of him in the Grand Essence Ruins. Yet, he lives quite comfortable in these areas as if it's his home."

Ning Cheng showed a carefree smile. If he were still in the four grand starry skies, he would have felt some fear. But in this place, Ning Cheng did not have to worry about such things. Alone in this place, why would he worry about his family going hungry if he had already filled his stomach? Why would Ning Cheng be afraid of an Ou Yandu? Even Ou Yandu would have to flee in front of a Dao Raising expert, wouldn't he?

After the exchange for the spiritual consciousness cultivation method concluded, the hall seemed to have grown less enthusiastic. Even though more than 500 more deals happened after that, it all seemed a little flat. Although a few high-priced treasures did appear in the middle, none of them could compare to the spiritual consciousness cultivation method exchanged for more than 600,000 points and five Time Stones.

As another hundred numbers passed by quickly, it eventually reached Ning Cheng. However, Ning Cheng had already made up his mind that he would just skip it when it was his turn to place an item.

Initially, Ning Cheng wanted to take out a Space Crystal, but he quickly dismissed the idea after taking the limelight twice. No matter the value of a Space Crystal, he felt that he shouldn't bring out this kind of thing here.

He wanted to purchase a long spear spirit artefact, but he could also buy it from the merchant house later. It didn't necessarily require exchanging a Space Crystal.

"The thing I want to exchange is a Dao Fruit Tree...."

The moment the cultivator in seat number 637 reported his item, the exchange hall, which gradually had become dull, once again got aroused by the three words 'Dao Fruit Tree'. Just a single Dao Fruit could fetch hundreds of thousands of points, so just how much was a Dao Fruit Tree worth?

Ning Cheng also eagerly looked at the cultivator in seat 637. Since this seat was quite close to him, he saw that the person wanting to trade the Dao Fruit Tree was a bald monk with a huge string of prayer beads around his neck. Even his face looked like that of a naive and gullible kid. Ning Cheng might not have high cultivation, but he did have a pair of discerning eyes. When he looked at this monk, he instantly understood that this person was at least on the same level as Ou Yandu.

Peng Ruimei, who sat next to him, immediately leaned towards him and said, "Ning Cheng, this monk is very powerful. Don't mix with him. This person's called Ju Mei and has a nickname similar to that of Ou Yandu. People call him the Heartless Monk. He's one of the four 'No[1]' of the Grand Essence Ruins. Don't think of him as someone honest, but as someone extremely cruel. This kind of person will never bring out a Dao Fruit Tree without reason. No matter what the price he asks, you shouldn't even quote...."

Sure enough, Peng Ruimei's words had just ended, when Ning Cheng saw the hall's enthusiasm immediately die down. Many people had also recognised the Heartless Monk. No one here believed that the Heartless Monk would truly sell a treasure like the Dao Fruit Tree. Just like a dog, could one change its habit of eating shit?

Ning Cheng was just about to ask about the four 'No's of the Grand Essence Ruins when he saw the Heartless Monk Ju Mei raising his hand. The next moment, a Dao Fruit Tree about three feet in height appeared in the middle of the exchange hall's main stage.

Even people like Ning Cheng, who had never seen a Dao Fruit Tree, knew that it was a real Dao Fruit Tree in just a glance. The tree body exuded a faint dao charm aura, something that no one could fake. The tree even looked lush and green with luxuriant branches and leaves. The only flaw on this Dao Fruit Tree surface was that the tree didn't have a single Dao Fruit.

The Heartless Monk brought his hands together in prayer and continued in a simple tone, "Ancestors, seniors, elder brothers and sisters. Please don't find fault for this lowly monk for stirring the pot. If not for extenuating circumstances, I would never have put this treasure up for sale. But alas, I have no choice. As long as anyone can give me 200,000 points for it, they can immediately take ownership of this Dao Fruit Tree. Please forgive me for my ignorance, as even after cultivating this Dao Fruit Tree for several years, I still don't know its name."

"I infused almost all my cultivation resources into this Dao Fruit Tree. If I don't sell it now, I won't be able to feed myself. Today, I will put my lifeblood here. I hope that there is a dao friend here who can take better care of this Dao Fruit Tree, and also treat it kindly...."

Speaking with such an honest look and a sincere tone, it seemed that almost no one could doubt the words of the Heartless Monk.

However, very few people here didn't doubt Heartless Monk's words. Not every cultivator here was the same as Ning Cheng, who has only been here for less than a year.

Two hundred thousand points for a Dao Fruit Tree, one could say that it was practically free. But after this Dao Fruit Tree came out, no one made an offer.

None of the people here was a fool, and despite the tree's appearance, everyone could see that this Dao Fruit Tree had no life force. The facade in front of them was just an empty shell. Although the Dao Fruit Tree in front of them looked lush and vibrant on the surface, it was just a temporary state stimulated by spirit crystals' infusion. This kind of situation would only last three days at most. After three days, this Dao Fruit Tree would wither completely.

And as the Heartless Monk said, no one could discern this Dao Fruit Tree's identity, which also meant that no one here had any idea about what kind of Dao Fruits would appear on this tree. Although the Dao Fruit Tree contained a faint dao charm flowing on its surface, this dao charm wasn't the dao charm from the Dao Fruit Tree's core. It was just a remnant dao charm of the Dao Fruit Tree's laws on the verge of dissipation. This kind of dao charm, one could find it any Dao Fruit Tree.

If this Dao Fruit Tree still had its life force, others could try using the dao charm of its life force to determine the type of this Dao Fruit Tree.

Unfortunately, this Dao Fruit Tree's life force had almost entirely dissipated. Even if a prominent sect from the Grand Essence Domain took it away, they couldn't bring it back to life. Who here was so stupid as to spend their points to purchase this almost-dead Dao Fruit Tree?

Besides, the one who put it for the exchange was the Heartless Monk. Even those who had the capital and background to go against him, wouldn't casually step into such a deal. Despite this person's looks, this person truly had a black heart and had no morals or principals.

Therefore, everyone also understood that this Dao Fruit Tree didn't truly belong to the Heartless Monk, but most likely, something he obtained by killing others. From the looks of it, after the monk killed the previous owner and seized the Dao Fruit Tree, he absorbed the life force of this Dao Fruit Tree and then came here to pit it against others.

But just when everyone thought that no one would be stupid enough to buy this Dao Fruit Tree, the bidding screen suddenly showed an offer of 200,000 points.

Peng Ruimei, who sat next to Ning Cheng, naturally understood that Ning Cheng placed the bid. She immediately sent a hate-filled message to Ning Cheng, "Do you have a problem with your hearing? Did you not hear me say to not compete for this thing?"

In just an instant, all the cultivators in the exchange hall immediately noticed that the quote came from Ning Cheng and they all quickly shifted their gaze to Ning Cheng. Just how many points does this nouveau riche Eternal cultivator have? Didn't he already spend close to 700,000 to 800,000 points just a few moments ago? Why would he spend another 200,000 points to buy a useless almost-dead Dao Fruit Tree?

Taking a step back, even if the Dao Fruit Tree wasn't in an almost-dead condition, could a rogue cultivator even cultivate it? Besides, just how did he have so much courage to buy something from the Heartless Monk?

Kong Ning also felt shocked by Ning Cheng's actions. When Ning Cheng purchased the spiritual consciousness cultivation method, she already felt appalled by the number of points in Ning Cheng's possession. But now, Ning Cheng wanted to spend another 200,000 points to purchase the Dao Fruit from the Heartless Monk? How could one dare to buy items from the Heartless Monk? Regardless of if the thing was valuable or not, as long as it came from the Heartless Monk, even disciples from the big sects would hesitate to purchase it.

Whatever the others thought, she felt compelled to send an urgent message to Ning Cheng. "Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, you must not buy this Dao Fruit Tree. It's not a matter of 200,000 points....."

Ning Cheng smiled, but before he had the time to answer Kong Ning, Shan Yaocen sent him a message, "Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, you must not buy this Dao Fruit Tree...."

Ning Cheng looked at Shan Yaocen in surprise, why had this woman become so caring towards others?

Shan Yaocen had no choice but to care about Ning Cheng. Since Ning Cheng bought the Heartless Monk's Dao Fruit Tree, it meant that the Heartless Monk would most likely make a move against him. How could she let her points bag fly away to others?

"Sister Yishuang, this person truly is an idiot. He even dared to butt heads with the Heartless Monk." Na Yuanxiang, who looked at Ning Cheng from a distance, shook her head and spoke up with some disdain.

Shi Yishuang sneered, "That's because he let those points get into his head, which turned him into an idiot. Even if we wanted to take advantage of such a low price, we would never buy the Dao Fruit Tree from the Heartless Monk."

Ning Cheng wanted this Dao Fruit Tree no matter what, it didn't matter to him if others saw him as an idiot or not. As soon as this Dao Fruit Tree came out, he could vaguely feel that it was a thunder-attributed Dao Fruit Tree. Sensing that, he had immediately communicated with the Everlasting Blue Thunder Fort and felt a slight tremor of excitement coming from the Everlasting Blue Thunder Fort.

The Everlasting Blue Thunder Fort was a thunder-attributed weapon. Only when facing a top-grade treasure having a similar thunder-attribute, would it show a slight reaction.

Similar to the lack of spiritual consciousness cultivation method, Ning Cheng also lacked a powerful thunder-based spirit technique. Although this thunder-attribute Dao Fruit Tree wouldn't bring him a thunder-attributed spirit technique, it could help him deduce a thunder-attributed spirit technique unique to himself.

Moreover, Ning Cheng's purpose for it wasn't limited to a spirit technique at all. He was also a Starry Sky Grade 9 Pill Emperor. Within the four grand starry skies, one could say that his proficiency in alchemy had no peers. Even the Premier Pill Emperor Cang Caihe couldn't match him. But after coming to the Grand Essence Realm, he came to know about the existences of Pill Deities and Pill Sages.

In this place, as long as you couldn't refine a Dao Pill, even if you can make medicinal pills for Dao Transformation Holy Emperor with divine grasses, you can only be called a Pill Deity. At most, people would give you the title as Dao Transformation Pill Deity.

Only those people who can refine Dao Pills can call themselves Pill Sage. A Dao Sculpting Pill Sage was far more sought after and more valuable than a Dao Transformation Pill Deity.

But how many Pill Sages could refine Dao Pills? No sect had such confidence to let their Alchemy divisions use their Dao Fruits to refine Dao Pills. Therefore, even if someone wanted to become a Pill Sage, just how many Dao Fruits would that person have wasted? It's because of this reason that Dao Pills rarely if ever appeared in the market. Because of this very reason, the vast majority of the cultivators would not ask for Dao Pills and would rather consume the Dao Fruit directly.

Ning Cheng bid for this Dao Fruit Tree mainly for the second goal. Only by owning a Dao Fruit Tree could he hope to learn how to refine Dao Pills without the help of masters. Using points to buy Dao Fruits for learning to refine Dao Pills, Ning Cheng understood that he couldn't afford it all.

As for this Dao Fruit Tree's almost-dead state, Ning Cheng wasn't worried about it at all. He had the Mysterious Yellow Bead and a bunch of Wood Origin Crystals. Not to mention that Ning Cheng also had a way to form Law Soil. Considering all these factors, Ning Cheng believed that he could save this almost-dead thunder-attributed Dao Fruit Tree.

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Chapter 869: I'm stupid, I have a lot of points

Without a second bid, Ning Cheng obtained this tree at the price of 200,000 points without any dispute.

Kong Ning and Peng Ruimei could only sigh at this. In any case, they and Ning Cheng didn't know each other very well. Therefore, after failing to persuade Ning Cheng with their advice, they also naturally felt helpless.

The moment Ning Cheng transferred the 200,000 points, a ring containing the Dao Fruit Tree also reached him. Ning Cheng's spiritual consciousness scanned the ring, and after confirming the Dao Fruit Tree inside, he immediately took a jade box and put the ring into the jade box before throwing it into his True Spirit World.

Ning Cheng believed that Kong Ning and Peng Ruimei wouldn't lie to him; therefore, even if he purchased something from the Heartless Monk, he would have to remain cautious with it. Because of this, he had placed a lot of restrictions on the jade box. After putting the ring into the jade box, even if the Heartless Monk did something to the Dao Fruit Tree, he could go back and take care of it slowly.

Regardless of whether someone wanted to cheat him or create trouble for him, except for the few cultivators who coveted Ning Cheng's points, most cultivators no longer paid any attention to Ning Cheng.

As the exchanges went on, Ning Cheng skipped his turn when it reached him.

Ning Cheng never made any moves even when the exchange reached the last seat. Most of the people got what they wanted and started to leave one after another.

Seeing Kong Ning still wanting to talk, Ning Cheng understood her thoughts, and stopped her with the words, "Junior Apprentice Sister Kong Ning, you should go back first. You can pay back the points you owe me later."

Kong Ning was at the full-circle Eternal Realm. Now that she obtained a Dao Fruit, Ning Cheng already guessed that she wanted to go into secluded cultivation immediately. She didn't leave because she worried about the points she had borrowed from Ning Cheng.

"Many thanks, Senior Apprentice Brother Ning." Kong Ning quickly thanked him. She indeed had the same thoughts as Ning Cheng. Kong Ning wanted to go into secluded cultivation immediately and advance to the Dao Sculpting Realm as quickly as possible. Moreover, since Kong Ning owed Ning Cheng points, she intended to return it to Ning Cheng once she returned and took up a Dao Sculpting task.

But before leaving, Kong Ning once again passed on a voice transmission to Ning Cheng. To let Ning Cheng stay cautious of the Heartless Monk.

Peng Ruimei and Ning Cheng also quickly said their farewells and left in different directions.

Ning Cheng didn't leave right away. Instead, he walked over towards the Quest Hall's merchant house's silver floor to see if it had suitable long spears.

It was Ning Cheng's first time visiting the Quest Hall's business floors. He had never even entered the black floor at the ground level. Therefore, after arriving right in front of the silver floor's entrance, Ning Cheng couldn't help but marvel at what he saw.

Talismans, divine grasses, raw materials, weapons, cultivation methods.....

Spear-type weapons were quite affordable in this place with the cheapest costing only a few thousand points, while the costliest about a few hundred thousand points. However, not to mention the long-spears that cost a few thousand points, Ning Cheng wasn't even satisfied with those priced at a few tens of thousands or even hundreds of thousands of points.

After hesitating, Ning Cheng eventually left the building with only a hundred thousand points left on his card. He used the rest to purchase artefact-crafting raw materials and divine grasses for alchemy.

Instead of spending many points to buy spirit artefacts long spears, Ning Cheng felt that purchasing the raw materials and then crafting the spear by himself was a much better option. In any case, he could already refine top-grade dao artefact spears, and this Celestial River Flame had also reached spirit grade. Therefore, it wouldn't take much time to upgrade his artefact-crafting proficiency to another level.

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Within Beyond Heaven Path's residence, Fei Er did not have to wait for long. Ran Haosen hurried over, and Yuwen Qianping also followed in after a while.

"Elder Brother, Junior Apprentice Sister Qianping didn't guess wrong. That fellow truly came to the Grand Essence Public Square." Ran Haosen spoke eagerly before taking a seat.

When Fei Er heard this, the killing desire in his eyes flashed a bit before dying out. He then waved his hand and spoke with a flat tone, "Haosen, remember to calm yourself no matter what you encounter. Besides, it's just an ant that we could kill at any moment."

Ran Haosen nodded before eventually sitting down. However, he felt very disapproving of those words. Remain calm no matter what happened? Who was the one who slapped the Spiritual Tea Table to pieces yesterday? However, he wouldn't speak any of this aloud.

"Qianping, as for you, since you didn't do anything, did something happen?" Fei Er also sat down and asked Yuwen Qianping.

Yuwen Qianping nodded before also sitting down. Compared to Ran Haosen, she truly looked calm. At least she didn't show the slightest fluctuation in her mood till now.

"This person is called Ning Cheng. He obtained a large amount of Law Soil from the Broken Land. Moreover, the grade of the Law Soil he obtained was also quite high, as he got 1.5 million points in exchange for it....."

"What?" Even Fei Er, who told Ran Haosen to calm down, couldn't help but shout and interrupted Yuwen Qianping's words, "Law Soil worth 1.5 million points?"

Yuwen Qianping spoke up with a cautious tone, "Yes, it's truly Law Soil worth 1.5 million points. I've already confirmed this matter through multiple sources."

"Where did he go? Has he already left the Grand Essence Public Square?" Fei Er had already forgotten about what 'calm' meant. He thought of the same thing as the others. Since Ning Cheng could take out 1.5 million points worth of Law Soil, he most likely had more Law Soil.

Yuwen Qianping sighed and continued, "No, he didn't leave the Grand Essence Public Square, but went to the Grand Essence Quest Hall's merchant house to participate in the Dao Confirming Exchange. The

Dao Confirming Exchange has already ended, but Ning Cheng didn't leave the Quest Hall's merchant house. I guess that he's still inside the merchant house and buying things. I have a few people keeping an eye on the entrances to the Quest Hall's merchant house."

Fei Er stood up eagerly and said without hesitation, "We will go to the Quest Hall's merchant house immediately."

At this moment, he had wholly forgotten what he had said a few moments ago, about being calm no matter what happened.

Yuwen Qianping shook her head and said, "Elder Brother, this Ning Cheng is a bit weird. He entered with the daughter of Flaming Feather Spirit Mountain's Sect Master Peng Qiyuan, Peng Ruimei. Moreover, he also seems to have a friendship with River Luo Sacred Sect's Disciple Kong Ning. He even lent Kong Ning some points at the exchange."

Hearing that Ning Cheng entered with Flaming Feather Spirit Mountain's Sect Master's daughter and had a friendship with River Luo Sacred Sect's disciple, Fei Er finally calmed down. He sat down once again, and frowned, but didn't speak.

Whether it was the Flaming Feather Spirit Mountain or the River Luo Sacred Sect, their small Beyond Heaven Path couldn't compete against any of them.

"But I think this person's friendship with Peng Ruimei and Kong Ning is just average." Yuwen Qianping said with affirmation.

Fei Er's eyes lit up, "Why?"

Yuwen Qianping explained, "Because, after the exchange meeting, Kong Ning had spoken to him about paying Ning Cheng the points she owed sometime later. She then quickly left, and also didn't invite Ning Cheng to the River Luo Sacred Sect. The same was true for Peng Ruimei. She also didn't invite Ning Cheng to Flaming Feather Spirit Mountain."

"Even so, aren't they friends?" Fei Er frowned.

Yuwen Qianping smiled slightly, "There are many types of friends. There is a type of friend who pays attention to your news every day. Then there is also a friend who, even if you suddenly disappeared for no reason, would only think of it as an accident for a long time, let alone investigate why you disappeared."

Fei Er slapped his forehead and laughed, "Qianping, it's a blessing that I have you in my Beyond Heaven Path."

He wanted to kill Ning Cheng publicly before. But if his Beyond Heaven Path had to grow vertically, it might be best to sneak in and kill Ning Cheng now.

Whether it was because Ning Cheng knew Peng Ruimei and Kong Ning, or because of the Law Soil on Ning Cheng, they couldn't quickly act on Ning Cheng in public.

"If he does anything, I will get to know about it immediately." Yuwen Qianping didn't care about Fei Er's words and still spoke with a calm voice.

“He should leave the Grand Essence Public Square immediately.” Ran Haosen spoke up with a harsh tone.

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Ning Cheng never even thought of leaving the Grand Essence Public Square. But he did come out of the Quest Hall’s merchant house. Ning Cheng initially wanted to purchase an attack-type weapon; instead, bought many artefact-crafting and alchemy materials. Next, he decided to change his Quest Card, and then rent a cave.

No matter who wanted to deal with him, as long as he was still in the Grand Essence Public Square, the other party would never dare to act openly.

“This dao friend, this monk Ju Mei wishes to greet you.” Ning Cheng had just walked out of the Quest Hall’s merchant house when a fat monk with a cheery smile greeted him and gave Ning Cheng a one-handed ceremonial greeting.

Heartless Monk? Ning Cheng felt secretly wary. However, he still asked with a puzzled look, “Pardon me, but why is this master looking for me?”

The Heartless Monk touched his bald head and put on an even more naive expression before speaking up with a slight embarrassment. “I came here to thank you properly. Those 200,000 points truly saved my life. If it weren’t for this dao friend, I’m afraid I’d still be in dire straits.”

Ning Cheng spoke with a light tone, “Master Ju Mei is just too polite. Your Dao Fruit Tree only costs 200,000 points, which isn’t too expensive at all.”

“No, no, I know my tree. Because I didn’t take good care of it, the life force of the Dao Fruit Tree is about to fall apart. This Dao Fruit Tree is my lifeblood. Now that the tree is with this dao friend, I wanted to stay here and wait for this dao friend to come out. I just wanted to ask this dao friend to treat my Dao Fruit Tree kindly. Of course, I believe that since dao friend has purchased this Dao Fruit Tree, it will survive.” The Heartless Monk spoke with a sincere tone.

Ning Cheng showed a slight smile, “It seems that the master has said something wrong just now. This Dao Fruit Tree no longer belongs to the master, but mine. As for the reason I bought this Dao Fruit Tree, well it’s because I like to drink tea.”

The smile on Heartless Monk’s face bloomed even more brightly, and he continued, “Yes, yes, I was wrong. This Dao Fruit Tree belongs to this dao friend. But dao friend, what is the relationship between you buying this Dao Fruit Tree and drinking tea?”

Ning Cheng chuckled and said, “Because I heard that using a Dao Fruit Tree to kindle a flame will create a more refreshing and fragrant spiritual tea. Plus, I don’t have many points to spend, so I just wanted to give it a try. If the master has nothing else to talk about, then I’ll be taking my leave now.”

“Did you just say that you bought the Dao Fruit Tree not to save it, but to burn it and make spiritual tea?” The Heartless Monk opened his mouth and looked at Ning Cheng blankly. Even his eyes lost focus for some time. However, the innocence on his face made it so that no one would bear the thought of him deceiving them.

Ning Cheng didn't seem to care that the Heartless Monk's cultivation far exceeded him, and patted the Heartless Monk on his shoulder. "Of course, you didn't think that I bought this Dao Fruit Tree because I could save it, did you? Even if I somehow obtained many points, I'm not so stupid to do such a thing. Goodbye."

Looking at Ning Cheng's disappearing back, the Heartless Monk lowered his head, and his eyes filled up with killing desire. A tiny ant had dared to put a Spiritual Consciousness Imprint on him, making him look like an utter fool.

"Isn't that Heartless Monk? How could this person be familiar with the Heartless Monk?" Somewhat farther away from Ning Cheng, the blonde-haired Fei Er frowned. Even as Beyond Heaven Path's leader, he would never dare to underestimate the Heartless Monk.

Standing next to him, Yuwen Qianping leaned slightly and said, "Heartless Monk sold a Dao Fruit Tree in the exchange meeting, and he bought it."

"He even dared to buy things from the Heartless Monk?" Fei Er's eyes betrayed his surprise.

Yuwen Qianping smiled, "Not only did he dared to buy from the Heartless Monk, but he also snatched a cultivation method from Lifeless Poisonhand at the exchange meeting."

"No wonder this person dared to kill people from my Beyond Heaven Path, turns out he's an idiot[1]." Fei Er muttered to himself, and then sneered, "Since he's nothing but an idiot, let's go up now."

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Chapter 870: Renting a cave

"Wait-Wait..." Yuwen Qianping stopped Fei Er. "If this person hadn't made such a scene already, we could go up right now. But with this person's behaviour, I can say for sure that we aren't the only one looking for him. Moreover, the public square has a lot of hidden masters, with quite a few people having eyes on him."

Fei Er didn't put Ning Cheng in his eyes, which was why he wanted to grab him immediately. But Yuwen Qianping's words reminded him that Ning Cheng was a person about to disappear. Since they weren't the only people eyeing Ning Cheng, they couldn't grab him before Ning Cheng truly went out of sight.

"Let someone keep an eye on him; we don't need to come out in person." Ran Haosen said from the side.

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Ning Cheng naturally wasn't an idiot to put a Spiritual Consciousness Imprint on the Heartless Monk. Coupled with what happened in the exchange meeting, this action would give the Heartless Monk a sense of arrogance and unawareness against him, as the saying went, better to let your enemies despise you than to let them value you.

Ning Cheng learned this trick from Duan Gantai. After all, the best thing Duan Gantai could do was to pretend to be an idiot in front of others.

On the surface, it felt as if Ning Cheng despised the Heartless Monk, but in fact, he had nothing but vigilance against this person. Not only the Heartless Monk but even quite a few people who stalked him in secret. It didn't include the people he hadn't found yet, like the Lifeless Poisonhand.

However, Ning Cheng didn't show any care towards these people. Instead, he went to the Quest Hall and changed the black card in his hand to a silver card. Since he already spent approximately 1.3 million points in the Quest Hall, he faced no difficulty replacing it with a silver card.

One could only get a silver card after spending at least a million points in the Quest Hall's merchant house. The points Ning Cheng consumed at the exchange meeting were also considered as points exchanged with the Quest Hall's merchant house. Therefore, adding everything up, he changed the card to a silver card without any issues.

Stepping out of the Quest Hall, Ning Cheng ignored the cultivators secretly stalking him. He had nothing to be afraid of, and in any case, he also had no plans to leave the Grand Essence Public Square for now. No matter how ruthless the Heartless Monk and the Lifeless Poisonhand were, they wouldn't dare to openly act in the public square of the Grand Essence Ruins.

"Do you know how long I have been waiting for you?" A cold voice fell in Ning Cheng's ear, and Ning Cheng saw Shan Yaocen standing some distance in front of him with an unhappy face.

"Waiting for me?" Ning Cheng frowned and looked at Shan Yaocen.

Shan Yaocen trembled with anger. She and Ning Cheng had an agreement to meet at the Grand Essence Ruins' Restaurant. But despite waiting for more than an hour at the Grand Essence Ruins' Restaurant, Ning Cheng never showed up. Moreover, to meet with Ning Cheng, she had even sent away Ying Yongxuan.

Others always fawned over her, when was it ever her turn to wait for a rogue cultivator? Moreover, did a rogue cultivator even have the right to make her stay?

Seeing Ning Cheng's blank look, Shan Yaocen suppressed her anger and tried to speak in a calm tone. "Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, did you forget that I asked you to meet me at the Grand Essence Ruins' Restaurant after the exchange meeting?"

Despite the anger, she still tried to ask Ning Cheng in a polite voice. She wasn't willing to offend Ning Cheng at this time.

Ning Cheng suddenly spoke up, "Yes, I did hear such a thing. But, I didn't make any promises to you, did I? Did someone else pretend to be me and made the promise to Junior Apprentice Sister Shan?"

Shan Yaocen took in a deep breath to calm herself. She believed that Ning Cheng would never forget this. But Ning Cheng simply didn't bother to go to the Grand Essence Ruins' Restaurant at all. The only explanation that could justify it was that he didn't take Shan Yaocen seriously at all.

Shan Yaocen guessed it right this time, Ning Cheng truly never cared or bothered with Shan Yaocen. Come to the Grand Essence Ruins' Restaurant, who said that I would?

“Senior Apprentice Brother Ning, you should know about the Grand Essence Great Meet, right?” Shan Yaocen forcibly squashed the rage building up inside her and tried to speak with a calm tone. But anyone could read that she was in an agitated mood.

Ning Cheng shook his head, “I don’t know about it. Why? Is there a problem?”

Shan Yaocen saw that Ning Cheng truly didn’t know about the Grand Essence Great Meet. Therefore she once again had to suppress her rage and explained, “Do you at least know what’s the most important thing for an Eternal cultivator to achieve Dao Sculpting?”

“Finding a Dao Fruit.”

“No.”

“Then, finding a good cultivation method? Or maybe, yes, that’s right..... It’s about finding the right opportunity.”

Shan Yaocen’s expressions had already twisted beyond the scope of what was possible. She didn’t wait for Ning Cheng to make another guess and said, “Neither. If you came from a big sect’s inner sect, you would know that what truly affected an Eternal cultivator’s path to reach Dao Sculpting was the conversion of their Essence Qi. A Dao Sculpting cultivator’s strength has a lot to do with the conversion of Essence Qi. Moreover, the location, timing, and even the source of Spiritual Qi could affect the conversion process of Essence Qi, which would also impact the height you could reach in the future. Of course, if you only want to reach Dao Sculpting and don’t care about the reaching higher than Dao Sculpting in the future, you can just forget about what I said.”

Ning Cheng’s heart suddenly moved. He truly was talking nonsense before, because he had no intention to speak with this woman. But Shan Yaocen’s words made him understand that those big sects truly had some skill.

If he didn’t put Shan Yaocen in his eyes before, he now knew that Shan Yaocen’s words had already started to work on him.

According to his previous plan, he wanted to find a place and immediately transform his celestial essence into spirit essence. But listening to Shan Yaocen’s words, he understood that he still lacked a lot of knowledge about spirit essence transformation.

“The best place for spirit essence transformation in the Grand Essence Realm is the Extraterritorial Spirit Spring. However, only a few people can enter the Extraterritorial Spirit Spring for the spirit essence transformation. Only the top people in the Grand Essence Great Meet have the chance to enter it. But at the same time, only by joining a sect will you get the chance to participate in the Grand Essence Great Meet, and get the opportunity to enter the Extraterritorial Spirit Spring and start the spirit essence transformation.”

Shan Yaocen seemed to have already expended all her energies today. So, after talking about the Extraterritorial Spirit Spring, she then said to Ning Cheng. “You have a lot of potential. My River Luo Sacred Sect lacks talented cultivators like you. If you want to join my River Luo Sacred Sect, I will try my best to help you. That way, you can also get the opportunity to enter the Grand Essence Great Meet.....”

As long as Ning Cheng showed the intention of joining the River Luo Sacred Sect, she would achieve her goal. As for whether Ning Cheng could truly enter the River Luo Sacred Sect? Hehe, he could just keep dreaming about it. Her River Luo Sacred Sect wasn't a place any random cat and dog from the street can join.

As for entering the Extraterritorial Spirit Spring, don't even dream about it. Even she, Shan Yaocen, wasn't qualified to enter the Extraterritorial Spirit Spring. So how could a rogue cultivator?

Just as Shan Yaocen didn't sincerely invite Ning Cheng to River Luo Sacred Sect, Ning Cheng also barely heard the words she said. Rather, her words were like passing clouds to him. However, he did focus on the four characters 'Extraterritorial Spirit Spring'.

"Junior Apprentice Sister Shan, thank you for the reminder. But since I obtained a cultivation method, I want to retreat for a few months to study it. After a few months, I'd like to go to the Grand Essence Great Meet. That, I'm sure about it. What do you think, Junior Apprentice Sister Shan?" Ning Cheng already understood Shan Yaocen's mind and had no intention to look for Shan Yaocen.

Initially, he planned to go into secluded cultivation and start the spirit essence transformation process. But now he understood that he couldn't take a casual approach to it. Therefore, he decided to search for more information about it, study it carefully, and then try it.

Shan Yaocen felt disappointed when she heard Ning Cheng's words. She initially thought that with her beautiful appearance and the River Luo Sacred Sect's lure, it would immediately draw Ning Cheng to her. In that way, she could easily ask Ning Cheng to borrow her some points. Maybe she might not even need to borrow points from him, and Ning Cheng would take the initiative to give it to her. Perhaps Ning Cheng might even take the initiative to provide her with the spiritual consciousness cultivation he purchased in the exchange meeting.

But, now that Ning Cheng had already stated his intention to go into secluded cultivation, she couldn't force Ning Cheng directly. Thinking of this, Shan Yaocen felt the urge to kick him over. When had she ever been wronged like this in her entire life? But it didn't matter if she had to suffer through a few months. Once Ning Cheng comes out of secluded cultivation, she could still have another shot at it.

Thinking of this, Shan Yaocen took out a communications pearl and said, "In that case, let's exchange communication pearls. Don't worry. I will return to the sect and speak for you."

From Beyond Heaven Path, the pair kept looking at Shan Yaocen and Ning Cheng talking and felt their expressions turning uglier by the moment. They didn't expect that Ning Cheng wasn't just related to Kong Ning but also had an association with Shan Yaocen of River Luo Sacred Sect. After some rogue cultivators saw the relationship between Ning Cheng and Shan Yaocen, they immediately dispelled any thoughts of plotting against Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng smiled and exchanged communication pearls with Shan Yaocen before heading straight to the cave leasing area in the Grand Essence Ruins. With Shan Yaocen as a shield, at least no one would come up and talk nonsense before he entered the cave leasing area.

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There weren't many people in the cave leasing area of the Grand Essence Ruins. From this, one could tell that the caves here were pretty much either all rented out or almost empty. The cultivator in charge of leasing caves didn't even lift his head when Ning Cheng walked up to him and only swept him with a casual wave of spiritual consciousness.

Renting out caves in Grand Essence Ruins barely needed any work. Moreover, Ning Cheng was just a rogue cultivator with low cultivation. It wasn't worth the time to even look up at him.

"Only caves at the outskirts of the Grand Essence Public Square are available for lease. Nothing else available." As Ning Cheng walked closer, the caves' person-in-charge sent a blunt message, still not lifting his head.

Ning Cheng threw the silver card in his hand in front of the person-in-charge and spoke with a cold voice, "I want to rent a cave."

Seeing the silver card in front of him, the cultivator seemed to have jolted awake and quickly stood up. Then, grabbing Ning Cheng's silver card in both hands, he spoke up with a respectful voice, "What kind of cave does this dao friend want to rent?"

A cultivator with a silver card was an important person for the Quest Hall. As the cultivator-in-charge of cave leasing, he couldn't afford to offend such a person.

"What're the prices? Let's hear it." Ning Cheng's tone also eased up a bit.

"The cheapest one here is for 1,000 points per year; better ones are at 5,000 to 12,000 points a year. The best ones are about 30,000 points a year, and even better ones...."

Ning Cheng interrupted the cultivator-in-charge, "I'll take the 30,000 points a year one."

Hearing that Ning Cheng wanted to rent a 30,000-points-a-year cave, the cultivator's tone turned even more respectful. How many years would it take for an ordinary cultivator to earn 30,000 points? Yet, the person wanted to rent such a cave, which truly went beyond imagination.

In just a short time, the cultivator-in-charge helped Ning Cheng complete the leasing procedure for renting out the cave. A few moments later, he then handed Ning Cheng a number plate with the characters 'Cave B1391' carved on it.

Soon after Ning Cheng left with the number plate, a cultivator wearing a black robe appeared in front of the cultivator-in-charge.

With Ning Cheng's example, the cultivator did not dare talk any nonsense. However, this black-robed cultivator did not come here to rent a cave. Instead, he threw out a storage bag and spoke with a hoarse voice, "The bag contains 5,000 spirit crystals. Just tell me which cave did that person rent?"

The cultivator-in-charge naturally wouldn't help Ning Cheng conceal this matter. He put away the spirit crystals without hesitation, and at the same time, told the black-robed cultivator about the cave Ning Cheng rented.