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Chapter 91: Clear Sky Command Medallion

Ning Cheng pulled aside a Qi Gathering Cultivator and asked, “Friend, I heard people say that as long as you secure 76 Points in the written exam, you will be selected to go to the Clear Sky Academy?”

This cultivator stared at Ning Cheng and was quite for a while. evidently he was speechless and said, “Did you just arrive at Mo Ze City? Do you even know what those 76 Points represent? You can go look at those big Array Formation Projection Screens that are displaying the results of the previous written rounds, then you will immediately come to know what a score of 76 Points represents.”

Ning Cheng looked in the direction of the finger pointed by the cultivator, and saw a row of 6 big screens that were actually formed from Array Formations. He walked to the front of the first Array Formation big screen, and immediately became clear on what that cultivator meant.

These 6 big screens displayed the results of the previous written exams that were conducted in the past few months. On the first big screen showed the result of the first written exam. The Array Formation screen showed the names of only 500 people. According to the rules of the preliminary round, where at each time only 5000 people could participate, the list only showed just a tenth of those participants.

The highest score for the first written exam was 71 points, while the person at the 500th place on the screen only had scored 10 points.

The second screen showed the result of the 2nd written exam, but the highest score for this round was 94 point, while the second place had only scored 63 points. It was the same with the 500th place which also had only 10 points.

Ning Cheng kept looking till the he reached the 4th screen which was showing the result of the 4th written exam, and finally discovered the person that was being talked about, the one that had scored 76 points, he had actually obtained the 3rd place in this 4th written exam.

The fifth big screen was black, because the 5th written exam had still not started yet, and so was the 6th big screen.

Ning Cheng found another person and asked, “Will this 6th big screen show the final ranking of the preliminary round? Or will the 2,500 people from the five big screens will directly enter the next round?”

“How could it be so simple? The 6th big screen will definitely show the final results of the ranking, but it isn’t like what you are thinking about. In the end, out of the previous 5 written exams which displayed the results of the 2,500 people, only the top 1,000 from them would be selected to participate in the next round. This rule of selection that they follow, is according to their scores which will be from the highest to the lowest.” The man explained.

“The topics of each of the five written exams are different, doesn’t that means the choice would be unfair to others?” Although Ning Cheng did not know that the topics for each of the several written exams were different, but he guessed that it should be different, otherwise wouldn’t the exam paper leak out already.

“Who said that it was absolutely fair? But since no one raised an objection, wouldn’t it mean that no one had a problem with it.” This person obviously did not know much.

Although Ning Cheng did not know on what topic would the questions in the preliminary written exam be, but he simply did not think much about it, there were still a couple of days before the 5th written exam begins. How could he not know how many times in his childhood had he given such written exams, the others may fear such written exams, but how could be afraid of such an exam?

At this time, he was making his way towards the Clear Sky Academy, he wanted to go ask about the Clear Sky Command Medallion if it could really be used at the Clear Sky Academy, what he wanted to ask was if he was able to represent the Clear Sky Academy in the written test if he used the Clear Sky Command Medallion. Even if he could not represent the Clear Sky Academy, there were still many stalls of various Sects and Academies in the plaza, so for him to find a spot to participate in the written exam from would be really easy.

Compared to some of the Lower Level Academies and sects that were completely overcrowded with people, there were only a very few people in front of the stalls of the big five 5 Star Academies. Everyone knew, that if you did not have a good Spiritual Root, then even standing in front of the 5 Star Academies would really be disgraceful.

“Excuse me.....”

“What is the colour of your Main Spiritual Root?” Ning Cheng did not even finish what he wanted to say, when he was interrupted by a middle aged man sitting in front of the stall of for the Clear Sky Academy.

Ning Cheng had to say it, “I do not have a Main Spiritual Root.....”

“Pa.” The middle aged man pounded the table, “Who let in a person who does not have a Main Spiritual Root? Do you think that a 5 Star Academy is a joke? If everyone was the same as you, then how would we even exist? Fuck off.”

Ning Cheng almost drew the Spear that he was carrying on his back, he was only a mere Qi Gathering cultivator, yet he still dared to be this arrogant.

“I would like to ask if you could join the Clear Sky Academy with the Clear Sky Command Medallion?” Ning Cheng still said with a stiff tone.

“What? Do really have the Clear Sky Command Medallion?” Surprise flashed on the face of the Qi Gathering middle aged man, as he immediately stood up, then even his tone also changed 180 degrees and said, “Can you bring out the Clear Sky Command Medallion? So that I could check it.”

Ning Cheng took out the Clear Sky Command Medallion and placed it in the hands of the middle aged man, this middle aged man kept looking at the Command Medallion in his hands over and over, as his face kept changing.

After more than ten breaths of time passed by, he finally muttered, “Where did you get this Clear Sky Command Medallion from? Did you receive it from an ancestor or did you get a hold of it accidentally? Moreover, are you a rogue cultivator?”

Ning Cheng also did not want to hide it, and just said, "Yes, I indeed am a rogue cultivator, and I also obtained this Clear Sky Command Medallion by chance...."

The middle aged man's eyes flashed with joy before it disappeared, then coughing slightly, his expression became dignified and he continued saying, "Do you have any requests?"

When Ning Cheng saw the face of the middle aged man, he could finally feel that this Clear Sky Command Medallion really had some use, and directly spoke out his thoughts, "I have a friend, and wanted to use this Clear Sky Command Medallion to let them join the Clear Sky Academy. If I may, I would like to ask, if I could use this Command Medallion to get a place to participate in the written test? If the second request is not good, then just let them join...."

"It's OK, I know, that we can definitely satisfy your requests. I was already going to leave the Clear Sky Academy's Stall, just fill in this form with all your details, and I'll see to it that you have a spot to take part in the 5th written exam." This middle aged man once again said while interrupting Ning Cheng's words.

Ning Cheng felt that something was wrong, he had taken out the Clear Sky Command Medallion, not for a spot in the written exam, his main purpose was to use this Clear Sky Command Medallion to let Ji Luo Fei join the Clear Sky Academy. Then he would enter the Clear Sky Academy by taking the test, by doing it this way, both of them would be able to join the Clear Sky Academy, and take care of each other afterwards.

But this man just wanted to give him a spot in the written exam, and did not agree to the request of joining the Clear Sky Academy while using the quota.

Ning Cheng did not fill up the form, and once again asked a question, "My main request is not for a spot in the written test, but to join the Clear Sky Academy....."

This middle aged man gave a cold snort, and once again interrupted Ning Cheng's words and said, "Every person who holds the Clear Sky Command Medallion, can make only one request, I have already satisfied one of your requests, if you dare cause a scene here, do not blame me to call the law enforcers here."

Ning Cheng understood that this guy did not want to let go of the Clear Sky Command Medallion, this kind of a shameless guy, he had seen for the first time.

"Just give the Clear Sky Command Medallion back, I am not making any requests." Ning Cheng said, although he really wanted to teach this middle aged person a lesson immediately, but he still held back his anger.

The middle aged man looked at Ning Cheng with disdain and said, "Do you think that the Clear Sky Command Medallion is child's play? This is something that my Clear Sky Academy gives out extremely rarely, after it is used to complete a request, it will be taken back, moreover we have already agreed to your request. Hurry up and fill out the forms, otherwise just give up."

Ning Cheng was filled with anger, in this Qi Gathering Cultivators eyes, it was clear that he was not afraid to make this affair a big one. He simply said with a crisp voice, "That being the case, then I'll just have to

rush in, and look for someone else to talk to, and see how a mere Qi Gathering Cultivator like you can make such a decision?"

This Qi Gathering Cultivator saw that Ning Cheng was not at all intimidated by him, and immediately panic flashed across his eyes, at this time, a man dressed in the scholarly garments of an Essence Building Cultivator from the Clear Sky Academy arrived. This Essence Building Cultivator glanced at the two people and asked in an unhappy tone, "Just what the hell is going on here?"

"Young Master Jing, this person has no Main Spiritual Root...."

This Qi Gathering Cultivator had not even finished yet, when the cultivator called Young Master Jing stared coolly at Ning Cheng and said, "This is a 5 Star Academy, moreover you do not even have a Main Spiritual Root, if you dare continue to cause trouble here, then do not blame me for not being polite."

Ning Cheng did not continue to argue, he was already prepared on taking back the Clear Sky Command Medallion. This Essence Building Cultivator, although looked like a gentleman, but he knew that he would not even listen to his words, plus the way this Clear Sky Academy chose this kind of person for the enrolment of students, it was obvious to him that the Clear Sky Academy was really not that good.

Just when Ning Cheng wanted to take back the Clear Sky Command Medallion, he suddenly saw Lan Yin Yue, this Lan Yin Yue was following an old man who was an Essence Building Cultivator and seems to be heading this way. Ning Cheng did not continue to argue, and turned around and walked away. To him a Clear Sky Command Medallion was not that important. Taking revenge at this moment was not that important, he knew that if he had the opportunity, he would easily be able to deal with that Qi Gathering Realm cultivator of the Clear Sky Academy.

At this time for him to join the Clear Sky Academy, he absolutely did not have any interest in it. This Clear Sky Academy was at best only a 5 Star Academy, it was simply not worth him to fawn over it.

Moreover, he and Lan Yin Yue had huge grudge between them, and although he does not fear this woman, but by her side was still an Essence Building Cultivator which he really did not want to come in contact with.

If not for that, then with this kind of major opportunity presented to him, he would have already taken Ji Luo Fei and forced his way through.

When that Qi Gathering middle aged man saw that Ning Cheng actually did not argue and even turned away, he was completely ecstatic in his heart. He had already planned it out, that if Ning Cheng really spoke out about the Clear Sky Command Medallion, that he had taken the Clear Sky Command Medallion from Ning Cheng, then he would have said that he had already carried out the one request as per the instructions of the Clear Sky Command Medallion.

Using the Clear Sky Command Medallion to get into the Clear Sky Academy, was far from being that simple. With the Clear Sky Command Medallion, not only could you join the Clear Sky Academy, but can even select a Best Quality Artefact, and even get a hold of a True Grade Cultivation Method, much to the envy of others. Although he was one of the disciples of the Clear Sky Academy, but he was only an outer court disciple, once he could obtain the Clear Sky Command Medallion, then he could immediately get promoted to an Inner Court Disciple, and can then enjoy a wide range of benefits.

Even if had to give back the Clear Sky Command Medallion into Ning Cheng's hands, he had planned that as long as he could grasp the perfect timing, he would then go and completely eradicate that Ning Cheng.

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Although each written exam can have 5,000 people participating, but in fact, it was not that much. Ning Cheng went place to place from many of the 4 Star Academies to the 3 Star Academies, and had already inquired in about 20-30 stalls, but he still couldn't get a spot.,

Although his true cultivation level was at True Condensation Realm, but he concealed his cultivation level to look like Qi Gathering 9th Level. Although the preliminary round's written exam was the same for both the Qi Gathering and True Condensation Cultivators, but during the final results, they would be compared separately. Once they were separated, then his cultivation of True Condensation 1st Level would undoubtedly be the worst among the True Condensation Cultivators.

"Ning Xiao Cheng?" Ning Cheng suddenly heard someone calling him from behind, he did not need to turn back, and already knew that the person who called him was Zhu Mu Er. This woman really was everywhere, listening to her happy tone, he guessed that she had already obtained a spot for the tournament.

Ning Cheng finally turned back and sure enough saw Zhu Mu Er waving her hand towards him excitedly, walking towards her with a smile he said, "Good Coincidence, Zhu Mu Er."

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Chapter 92: The Terrible Topics of the Written Exam

"Didn't Sister Luo Fei come with you? Did you also come to find a spot for the written round? That's right, I know, you're helping your younger sister Lou Fei to find a place, right?" Zhu Mu Er immediately connected those questions as she asked Ning Cheng.

After she asked, she basically did not wait for Ning Cheng to answer and once again turned around to face the man sitting behind her with the face like a bitter gourd and said, "Academy Head Yin, you might as well give us the other spot that you have, anyway you know that it's useless for you, you could not find a better person as a representative for your Hua Yu Academy to attend the written exam."

After that bitter gourd like face man heard the words of Zhu Mu Er, his face immediately became even more ugly, and said, "Miss Mu Er, I only have a total of two spots that were given to me, I gave one to you already, now you ask me to give you one more, it would be better if you went somewhere else to look."

Zhu Mu Er just waved her hands and said, "One or two spots does not bother me, you can rest assured, the things that I promised you, I will certainly help you out. My father always followed my words, and would not hesitate for even half a moment, you'll only be making a good profit from this. Besides, if you go by yourself, I guess that you would not be even able to enter the list, so it would be better if you let me and Sister Luo Fei attend, or do you really think that you would be able to enter the second round, just because you are from the Hua Yu Academy."

Ning Cheng did not expect that this Zhu Mu Er would be so glib, not to mention that he did not even know what kind of commitment did she make with the Hua Yu Academy. The man sitting at the stall of the Hua Yu Academy looked like he had the cultivation of True Condensation 9th Level, and as such should be the Dean of the 2 Star Academy.

For a True Condensation 9th Level cultivator to be so polite with Zhu Mu Er, it was certainly not because he had good relations with Zhu Mu Er, it should be because Zhu Mu Er had promised something important to him, but also, this matter also had to do something with Zhu Mu Er's father.

Ning Cheng thought back to when Zhu Mu Er had casually taken out a Level 3 Healing Pill, then thinking about the True Condensation 9th Level cultivator's behaviour towards Zhu Mu Er, combined with his concern about the things that Zhu Mu Er promised, Ning Cheng could almost guess that Zhu Mu Er's father must be a Pill Master. The thing that this Academy Head Yin was seeking from Zhu Mu Er, was very likely to be an Essence Building Pill.

To a True Condensation 9th Level cultivator, nothing was more important to them than an Essence Building Pill.

"Is your father a High Tier Pill Master?" Ning Cheng immediately asked to confirm his guess.

"Hey, how do you know that my father is a Pill Master?" Zhu Mu Er immediately became astonished and looked at Ning Cheng in surprise.

Ning Cheng really became speechless, in his heart he spoke, you already have the words practically written on your face, 'my father is a Pill Master.' How could it be hard to guess? For her to walk with such a disposition around the Hua Continent, Ning Cheng may really end up worrying for her. A few days ago she was still saying that she would rely on her own abilities to make some achievements to let her father see her in a new light, but now she was using her father's reputation to show off everywhere, this Zhu Mu Er really was

Academy Head Yin only hesitated for a moment, after hearing Ning Cheng ask Zhu Mu Er about her father, he finally grit his teeth and said, "Fine, I'll give the two places to you. However, after this matter is concluded, you must take me to see the Master Pharmacist."

Zhu Mu Er received the Jade Card from Academy Head Yin and handing it to Ning Cheng, she said proudly, "Look, is this not the Jade Card to participate in the first round of Written Examinations?"

Ning Cheng received the Jade Card and thanked Zhu Mu Er, then he turned to Academy Head Yin and said, "Academy Head Yin, thank you very much for the Jade Card, I will definitely not let the spot given to me go for nothing."

"Good, Good, these words I have already spoken them once, so you repeating it is completely meaningless." Zhu Mu Er waved her hands, and spoke in a very grand fashion.

Ning Cheng put away the Jade Card, looked at Zhu Mu Er and asked, "Did you find a place to live?"

If Zhu Mu Er had not found a place to stay, then Ning Cheng had the intention to ask if Zhu Mu Er would be willing to live with them in the rest stop.

“Of course, I found it easily, to put it simply, there a lot of people here who know my father.” Zhu Mu Er said without any hesitation.

It appears that this Zhu Mu Er to prove herself to her father that she could rely on her own, was still something that she had a long way to go. Ning Cheng scratched his head and once again said to Zhu Mu Er, “Then I will go back, otherwise Luo Fei would be anxiously waiting for me, I hope you can do well in the first round, and then make your father hold you in high regard.”

“That’s natural, I am also going back.” Zhu Mu Er finished, but also did not forget to say her goodbyes to that Academy Head Yin from the Hua Yu Academy before going.

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After Ning Cheng said goodbye to Zhu Mu Er, he returned to the rest stop and spoke about the Jade Card that he had obtained from Zhu Mu Er to Ji Luo Fei, Ji Luo Fei actually felt that this Zhu Mu Er had a really straightforward personality.

As the few days passed by quickly, Ning Cheng did not go out to look for Meng Yu Jing during these past few days, he knew that if wanted to meet Meng Yi Jing with his status, it was simply not possible at the moment.

On this day, it was the appointed day for the 5th Written Test Round, Ning Cheng and Ji Luo Fei had already arrived at the Mo Ze Grand Plaza a long time ago. In order to prevent Ji Luo Fei from being recognised by her paternal aunt, Ning Cheng specifically asked Ji Luo Fei to don a veil, and even wear a wide brimmed hat for women. If she did not intentionally sweep her with her Spiritual Consciousness, Ning Cheng believed that Ji Luo Fei would not be recognised.

The Mo Ze City Plaza was soon packed with cultivators that arrived from all directions, because today was the 5th Written Exam Round, moreover after the 5th Written Exam Round ended, the first 1,000 people to enter the second round would also be displayed. Thus, the number of people in the Mo Ze Plaza was extremely huge, as everyone wanted to know what kind of people would be eligible to enter the second round.

The Written Exam would be conducted in an exam hall near the Mo Ze Grand Plaza, after Ning Cheng and Ji Luo Fei confirmed their appointment, he entered the exam hall along with the rest of the participants.

The hall was very spacious and even with 5,000 people sitting inside the hall it did not feel cramped at all.

Ning Cheng looked at the number on the Jade Card, and sat according to it, as the rest of the participants also entered the hall waiting for the round to begin. When he came into the hall he had tried to use his Spiritual Sense to sweep through it and found that his Spiritual Sense would not cover the entire hall, it could not extend to even half of the hall. Not only that, even his head turned blank for a few breaths of time.

Other than the chair that he was sitting on, in front of him was just a table, with a few blank sheets of paper with a pen placed on top of it. Other than those things, there was nothing else.

Half an hour later, a beautiful woman wearing a long white skirt came in, and first swept a glance at the people in the hall who had come to take the written exam, then walking to the front of the stage she said, "Today is the Hua Continent's five 5 Star Academies last written exam round for the recruitment of disciples, and once today's round ends, the top 1,000 of these five rounds combined would be displayed. Most of the people from this top 1000 ranking would be selected by the 5 Star Academies, and a few of those lucky people may even get to participate in the tournament between the 5 Star Academies 2 years later. I hope that everybody here in this round, can get the best results."

This white long skirt wearing woman was not only very beautiful, even her voice was very melodious, making the people who listened to her feel a pleasant and enjoyable sensation in their hearts, and hoped that she continued speaking.

Perhaps she was one of the teachers in the 5 Star Academy, so thinking that if they were able to enter a 5 Star Academy, they would then be taught by such beautiful teachers, all the participants immediately became fired up, and got ready to fight it out, everyone here hoped that this time they would be the ones who would get the best result.

After the beautiful woman finished speaking, she paused for a moment, so as to let everyone there understand how important this 5th Written Round was, then she continued on with her gentle tone, "Today's written exam is of three and a half hours long, of which you will be allowed to look at the topic of the exam for a full 3 hrs, but you will only get half an hour to answer the questions....."

When Ning Cheng heard that the exam was of three and a half hours, he was immediately surprised in his heart for a moment, as he thought why would it be so long? If that was the case, then wasn't the exam practically equivalent to 7 full hours. But then when he heard that of these three and a half hours, three hours would be given to just look at the topic of the exam, and would only have half an hour to answer the questions, he immediately became even more confused.

"Although the topic of this written exam is different from the topics of the four previous exams, but I can assure you that the degree of difficulty is the same. The topics for the four previous written exams were: the basics of Talismans, Array Formations, Crafting (Weapon Refining) and Restrictions. So today we want to test your familiarity with the knowledge of Alchemy, of course, it would only cover the basic materials."

The beautiful woman had just finished speaking, when a lot of discussions started to spring up, even Ning Cheng also frowned. He had never bothered to study the basics of Alchemy, as the matter stood, wouldn't the people who studied Alchemy profit greatly in this test? No wonder the top scores in the previous four exams were so different from each other, the people who had achieved the top score were definitely the one who knew about those topics thoroughly.

When the beautiful woman saw that there was quite a lot of noise, she immediately raised her hands and started to exude an immense pressure, "After everybody looks at the topic, you will come to know, that even if some of the people here have studied some Alchemy, they will also stand with you on the starting line. Of course, it does not rule out that there might be some people among you who have learned about the topic beforehand and studied up on it, and even if I bring out the topic they would have already known about it. So there would always be some people who would get a high score, that is because they had tried hard enough for them to get such a chance."

Thinking about it, even if some people knew more about the topic, if a person worked hard and got an opportunity, wouldn't the 5 Star Academy only chose a disciple who was the stronger of the two?

The beautiful woman saw that everyone seems to have understood her point, and said with a smile, "Everybody, you do not have to keep looking at my face, please look at the tables in front of you, each table has a Projection Array Formation inscribed on it. This time the topic we have chosen is from the basics of Alchemy and mainly focuses on Spiritual Grasses that are used in Alchemy. We have already recorded most of the major Spiritual Grasses used along with their colour, taste, form and texture, however due to time constraints we did not record all of the Spiritual Grasses, and as such the topic only has 4600 pages."

"These 4600 pages of information about Spiritual Grasses are available on the Projection Array Formation on your desk and you would only be given three hours to read through it, and within these 3 hours you will have to remember as much as possible of these 4600 pages. After the three hours passes, the questions for the exam would be chosen at random from these 4600 pages....."

Almost every participant sucked in cool air, no wonder the scores of the previous tests were so low, trying to memorize the contents of 4600 pages in just 3 hours, this was extremely crazy.

Ning Cheng also turned gloomy like the others, and after hardly waiting for less than 5 seconds, immediately looked at the paper in front of him. Because Ning Cheng knew that the content on just one piece of paper here was similar to the content of two papers back on Earth. Moreover, not only the pages here were larger, even the characters were in extremely small print, it was really terrible.

Ning Cheng was just thinking to use his Spiritual Sense which was even more powerful than other cultivators and would easily help him commit things to his memory before the beautiful woman once again said, "Once the papers of the Spiritual Grasses come out, everybody please commit this to your memory, do not use your Spiritual Sense, as everything here is shielded from the use of Spiritual Sense. If you use your Spiritual Sense here, not only would you be able to see nothing, but even your mind will also turn blank for a few breaths of time."

Not being able to use one's Spiritual Sense, and having to completely rely on their own memories, Ning Cheng finally understood why his mind had gone blank for a moment before.

Ning Cheng thought to himself, with his powerful memory capabilities, he did not believe that he would be able to score less than 70 or 80 points.

"Well, introducing you all up to this point. I invite you all who are participating in this written exam to pay attention to your own tables, the projection will begin in a moment."

Just as the beautiful woman finished speaking, Ning Cheng immediately saw that on the front of the table appeared the first page of the Spiritual Grass Manual which was packed with extremely dense characters, so at this point Ning Cheng did not dare to continue to think of anything else, and immediately started to commit the information about the Spiritual Grasses to his mind.

The first page was displayed only for five seconds, before it was replaced by the second page. The people with a poor memory, simply could not even memorize the first few lines of the first page, before the page was replaced by the next one.

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Chapter 93: Who Is The First

Only a little bit of time had passed, when some people after reading hundreds of pages, immediately fainted. With this much of information that flashed across in just a few seconds, trying to commit this to their memory without using their Spiritual Sense really was simply impossible.

Even if one had a powerful memory, if they used it continuously for a few hours with high intensity, even they would find it extremely hard to commit such dense information to their memory.

After an hour passed by, people fainting were already a common sight, moreover there were even a few cultivators participating in the written exam who even coughed up blood on the scene because of overusing their brains.

But at this point of time Ning Cheng had already sunk into a trancelike state as he gobbled up the information in front of him, although the contents of the exam did indeed put some pressure on him, but the pressure was not so great. Every time he had gone to write an exam back on Earth, he would only start to read the materials just 1-2 hours before the exam. This kind of memory was also a great strength, especially at this particular moment, because he already had a lot of time before the actual test, moreover he also did not need to score a 100 points, he simply kept committing the information that flashed past him to his mind.

Although it took 5 seconds to flash through to the next page, but for Ning Cheng it was still within affordable range. Ning Cheng knew, that regardless of any place, this really was a very special ability.

In the Yi Xing Mainland where the main focus was on cultivation, although this special ability was amazing, but it was not as outrageous as it would have been back on Earth.

At the beginning, after Ning Cheng read both sides of the page, the page on the Array Formation would immediately refresh to a new page. But going forward, Ning Cheng could read the entire page and still have time to spare. Although he could only spare half a second of time, but it enabled Ning Cheng's brain to rest for a while as he sorted out the information.

Arriving at the end, Ning Cheng felt that regardless of the test or not, he felt that reading these things would be extremely beneficial to him.

The content contained the various details of the Spiritual Grasses including their shape, grade, colour, odour and other recognizable characteristics, including the various growing environments of the Spiritual Grasses and the special effects due to the various combinations with other Spiritual Grasses, which could then be used to refine pills. These things Ning Cheng deeply imprinted them on his mind, as he believed that these things would definitely be useful for him in the future.

Even though An Yi had given him the foundation book of the Spiritual Grasses, but it did not contain even a tenth of the information that he had before him.

For Ning Cheng, these three hours truly went by in a flash, when he found that the projection on the table in front of him disappeared, only then did he grudgingly lifted up his head with the expression of wanting more on his face. Looking at the still standing beautiful woman on the stage, Ning Cheng felt a surge of goodwill for this beautiful woman in his heart, counting the three hours that flashed by, by the

end of the test she would have been standing in that place for almost a full 4 hours, he could feel that this teacher was truly very competent.

Ning Cheng could also see that this woman also had the cultivation of at least Essence Building Realm, or probably even surpassed the Essence Building Realm.

All the participants who were attending the preliminary written test also looked up after the projection ended, and once again refocused their gazes on the beautiful woman.

That young woman once again spoke with a warm voice, "There is still a half an hour period remaining, we will now give everybody the time it takes for half an incense stick to burn, to sort out the things in your mind."

The entire examination hall was completely silent, and just as the time it takes for an incense stick to burn finished, that young woman once again continued, "Before we begin the written exam, all the participants are requested to please write your name on the topmost square on the blank sheet."

After waiting for a moment, guessing that everybody would have already written their names, this beautiful young woman then said, "Now for the questions, everyone please look at the front of your table where the questions would once again be projected in front of you for the written test. On the white paper in front of you, you will have to write the various characteristics and the properties of 10 random Spiritual Grasses that would be shown, remember to keep it as detailed as possible, the level of detail, will show the degree of comprehension that you gained from this Spiritual Grass article. Of these ten questions, each question has 10 points, with a total of 100 points."

Ning Cheng sighed, these kinds of questions really did not pose any challenge for him as he had thought. He had just memorized all the Spiritual Grass articles that was shown to him, so as long as the subject of the questions were about those Spiritual Grasses, he would certainly be able to write it down.

Ning Cheng once again looked at the questions, just to see if it really was from the Spiritual Grass Articles that was just shown. If he had not seen the Spiritual Grass Article a moment ago, then if he wanted to attempt those questions, he would not have been able to, because he had never seen any other books.

But when Ning Cheng saw the tenth question he was suddenly dumbfounded, 'Please write the name of the first Spiritual Grass on page 2932 along with its introduction as well as its various characteristics.'

It was not that he did not know about it, he had memorized not only all the contents of the pages but he even memorized the serial number of each page. The key problem in answering that, would mean exposing his extremely powerful memory. If he did not attempt this problem, then at least he could pretend that he had never seen this Spiritual Grass in the article provided.

Ning Cheng knew that even if he did not attempt this question, he could definitely enter any of the 5 Star Academies. If that person with 76 points could enter, then if he got 90 points and was not able to enter the Academy, it really would be a strange event.

If he attempted this question, he would really have stolen the show, and would not be of much advantage to him. At best, he would be ranked first rather than second, and then would have to enter

the second round with the identity of the First Ranker, moreover he would also not have any real reward.

Regarding exposing his memory capabilities in this place, Ning Cheng was not particularly worried about it as Yi Xing Mainland and the Earth were two completely different places, as here more importance was given to cultivation rather than memory. There were all kinds of strange people here, so having a strong memory was not much of an issue. If one had a strong Spiritual Sense in the future, then one's memory would become just a secondary characteristic.

Ning Cheng saw that there were no substantial rewards, and even if there was a reward, he did not want to go out in the limelight. After all his body also had the Mysterious Yellow Bead inside, since the Mysterious Yellow Origin had helped him remould his Meridians, it had already completely fused with him. Although Ning Cheng believed that an ordinary person would not be able to sense the Mysterious Yellow Bead in him, but it would always be better to be careful, since he had already reached his goal, then why should he be in the limelight?

The nine questions were soon finished by Ning Cheng, while he left the 10th question blank.

Seeing that half an hour had already passed, this middle aged beautiful woman suddenly said, "In this written examination, other than the common questions, also contains one more bonus question, this question is also for 10 points but you all will get 10 minutes to answer this question. Moreover, this bonus question would not be projected onto the screen but rather would be spoken out by me, so please listen to the question carefully."

Ning Cheng then understood, that the original perfect score was 110 points, if this bonus question was something that he could do, he would definitely do it, as long as it was not especially noticeable, he would not continue to pretend to not be able to do it.

Seeing all of the participants ready with their pen and paper, this middle aged beautiful woman spoke in a slow voice, "We all have looked at the foundation article on the Spiritual Grasses, and now the bonus question is the simplest of all the questions about the Spiritual Grasses that you have attempted till now. The question is as follows, there are ten different Spiritual Grasses, if you need to choose 6 Spiritual Grasses to refine batch of pills, then all together how many selection methods could you perform?"

This question really sounded simple, and some of the people enthusiastically started to scribble the answer on the blank sheet of paper in front of them.

Ning Cheng was shocked, was this actually a problem of permutations and combinations? He only needed three seconds to work out the solution of this problem, and the result was 210. But to think that this question was this simple was a big mistake. As to list out the various 210 combinations was a very difficult task to do in just a few minutes.

Sure enough, the participants who had already begun to write them out started to know about the difficulty of the problem, this was simply not a problem of listing out a dozen or even several dozens of combinations.

Finally, the time soon came to an end, in the end the only people who were able to compute the result along with Ning Cheng were very few.

“Time is up, please keep your own Jade Card on top of your answer sheets, as after 5 breaths, your responses will be directly transferred to us.”

After hearing that after 5 breaths, the answer sheets would be transferred away, those participants who were still writing the Spiritual Grasses selection methods, quickly wrote a casual figure, and pressed their own Jade Cards onto their answer sheets.

Ning Cheng who had already finished answering, after his examination paper was transferred, followed the huge crowd of participants out of the examination room.

Ning Cheng had just come out, when Ji Luo Fei who was already waiting for him outside came running to him and anxiously asked, “How much did you score in the written exam?”

“Getting on the list should not be any problem, the list will be out in a few moments, let’s go out near the big screen and wait there.” Ning Cheng said as he took Ji Luo Fei out of the crowd.

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The area in front of the six huge Projection Array Formation screens in the Mo Ze Plaza, was already packed with people. All of them were waiting for the test results to come out.

Because now that the 5 preliminary rounds of the written exam were over, all the people were now starting to talk about the topics, hearing that the participants in the 5th round had to remember nearly 5000 pages of the fundamentals of the Spiritual Grasses within 3 hours, and that too without Spiritual Sense, everybody suddenly became speechless with admiration. Immediately some people in the front also spoke that they had to memorise 4000 pages of foundation materials. Those people who hadn’t participated in the preliminary rounds, absolutely did not have any idea about this kind of exam.

“Brother Yi Yang would certainly be the first, I estimate that after his score of 94 came out, even the teachers who examined the test papers would not have believed it.” Ning Cheng heard this from a young girl in pink dress who was standing not far away from him, as she spoke with a chuckle.

“It goes without saying, you can see that even Brother Leng who scored 76 points and in the third round is too far off.” The people besides the young girl immediately spoke up.

A man dressed in a white robe immediately spoke up with a condescending voice, “The results of the 5th round are still not out, so saying who would be first at this time would be too early.”

“Brother Yi Yang, you will absolutely be first. I think that the only person with a Pure Spiritual Root participating in this preliminary examination, is only you Brother Yi Yang.” The girl did not agree with the words of that man and spoke up.

“That certainly is one’s real strength. If others had a Pure Spiritual Root, then why would they participate in the preliminary round. What is the purpose of this round? Isn’t it to be selected by the 5 Star Academy? Brother Leng had a Pure Wooden Spiritual Root, which one of the 5 Star Academies would not want him.” Some of the nearby people echoed from the side.

“I heard that the representative of the Thunder 5 Star Academy is Ling Naixin who also has a Pure Spiritual Root, she could easily become the core disciple of the Thunder Academy, but she is also the

same as Brother Leng, and wanted to take part in the preliminary rounds of the written test.” A grey robed youth said out loud, and also refuted that pink robed girl.

“Ling Naixin? Wasn’t she the one from the 3rd written exam, who was placed first with a score of 85 in the exam?” Someone asked in surprise. Apparently he did not think that two of the high scores would be scored by two different people with Pure Spiritual Roots.

“Even if that Ling Naixin has Pure Spiritual Roots, she only scored 85 points, so in the overall ranking she would only be placed 2nd, and Brother Yi Yang would still be first.” That pink dressed girl still supported this Brother Yi Yang of her.

More and more people were now joining in the discussion, as that white robed man cupped his fists in front of him while appearing to be modest, but the pride in his eyes showed that he had already taken being first as granted.

Ning Cheng also understood, that this person should be the one who scored 94 points in the preliminary round, and should be the one called Leng Yi Yang. But at the moment he was thinking about Shui Yu who had jumped down from the restaurant, who was also wearing a white robe, and could not help but muttering the phrase, “Sure enough to demand respect, one has to be dressed in white.”

“Why would one have to dress in white to demand respect?”

Ji Luo Fei had just asked the question, when they heard someone cry out, “The 5th Array Formation Screen has lit up, the 5th written exam results are about to come out.”

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Chapter 94: The First In The Written Round

Ning Cheng saw Ji Luo Fei looking at him, but then everyone heard a voice say “Didn’t I say that the white robed guy who scored 94 points in the exam, for him to get first place, was simply a dream.”

Ji Luo Fei spoke with some doubt, “But 94 points is truly very high, ah, I see the second name to be 85 points, while the third and fourth places both have 70 points....”

At this point, Ji Luo Fei as if she understood the meaning of Ning Cheng’s words, quickly asked, “Do you mean to say that there is someone who scored even higher than 94 points in the 5th written exam? But I heard that the 5th written exam was even more difficult than the previous 4 written exams. How could anyone even score more than 94 points in that kind of exam? If there really was such a person, then wouldn’t it be equivalent to going against the heavens.”

Ji Luo Fei had also listened clearly to the conversations, trying to memorize almost 5000 pages of content within 3 hours of time, and that to without using their Spiritual Sense, just how could a normal person even accomplish it?

Ning Cheng somewhat sheepishly touched his hair and said, “It is not considered as going against the heavens, but it seems I am not that person. It appears that next time I will have to put on white clothing, and then

Speaking till there, Ning Cheng suddenly saw that scholar like Leng Yi Yang move towards them, cupping his hands in front of Ji Luo Fei he said, "The 5th Written Exam's results have not yet come out, so I cannot say that I certainly will be the first."

Ning Cheng suddenly felt that this Leng Yi Yang was acting as if he had already assumed to be the first, he was trying to act humbly in front of Ji Luo Fei, Leng Yi Yang thought that he would win over them in front of these many people, and was presumably very proud of it.

Ji Luo Fei almost laughed out because of the joke Ning Cheng cracked just a moment ago, and the unpleasant idea of her returning to Mo Ze City, also had disappeared without a trace.

"Sister Luo Fei, how did you fare in your test?" They did not know how Zhu Mu Er had found them, but when she saw Ning Cheng, she knew that the woman standing beside Ning Cheng would only be Ji Luo Fei.

When Ji Luo Fei saw Zhu Mu Er, she hastily replied, "I did not write the 5th Round, Xiao Cheng did."

"Oh, what a pity, then there really is no hope, I also did not write the test well. I know that I should have looked at my dad's medicine books before coming here, it's too late to regret it now." Zhu Mu Er said with an upset voice.

Saying that, she said to Ning Xiao Cheng, "Ning Xiao Cheng, in a short while when you meet Academy Head Yin, you just say that there were some faults in the projection, so as to avoid his thinking that he had wasted his two quotas. Just a moment ago he was muttering the same thing in front of me for a long time, I only just managed to put him off."

Ji Luo Fei said in an unexpectedly good mood, "Sister Mu Er, Xiao Cheng said that he would be first on the 5th written test, you do not have to be too disappointed."

Perhaps because she had never seen Ji Luo Fei crack a joke, but when Zhu Mu Er heard Ji Luo Fei say that, she became stunned for a moment, and only after a long while, she pointed at Ning Cheng and laughed, "You say that Ning Xiao Cheng would get the first place in the 5th written exam, ha-ha, this really is too funny....."

Zhu Mu Er was already laughing loudly, so before she could even react, many people had already turned their stared towards her.

"Truly shameless, even with Brother Yi Yang here, there are still people here that dare to say that they are first."

"Fuck! this kind of person is really too much."

"Brother Leng, that person really is shameless, he even said that he would come first in the entire preliminary round." Someone who was standing beside Leng Yi Yang spoke up, not only him but a lot of people were not feeling good about Ning Cheng's words.

"What he seems to say was that he would be the first in the 5th written round."

Leng Yi Yang waved his hand, and with a bit of chill in his voice he said, "Such people are everywhere, there is no need to heed about them, the more you heed them, the more he would think that he is fantastic. If he knew that he was just a clown, he would not say such a thing."

"Is that so? Maybe he really is the first?" A voice emerged from the surrounding.

Leng Yi Yang's face changed, as he immediately saw a white robed man in front of him, his cultivation level was also above him, at least it was not something that he could perceive.

"This friend, I was just talking with this friend here....."

Leng Yi Yang had not yet finished, when he was once again interrupted, "Didn't you and your friends not discuss about me, when I come and speak up, didn't you find it meddlesome? Although you did not speak about me, however weren't you just now speaking happily about my Junior Apprentice Sister, this kind of thing is nothing to be proud of. The second round has not yet even started, so speaking to others like this, doesn't this make you feel ashamed."

It seems that this person had come out to defend Ling Naixin, the corners of Leng Yi Yang's mouth twitched a few times, and although he did not speak, but his eyes already showed, that even if he did not defend against this kind of injustice, he still had scored higher than Ling Naixin.

Not far away was a young girl wearing a purple dress who was looking at the liveliness at this place, and was somewhat speechless as she shook her head. But another young girl beside her actually spoke up in disdain, "This Leng Yi Yang just scored a few more points in the first written test, the second round hasn't even started yet, and he is already swaggering around here, isn't that a little bit too early."

That purple dress wearing young girl smiled and said, "Compared to the person who said he would be the first in the 5th written round, at least this Leng Yi Yang was fairly low key."

"Moreover, at this present moment who knows if both of them would even have a face to exist." The young girl on her side also nodded to her sentence.

"I am really sorry, Ning Xiao Cheng, I seem to have brought some trouble towards you." Zhu Mu Er knew that her own laugh was too loud, and spoke apologetically.

Ning Cheng just waved his hands and said, "You really did not speak wrong a moment ago, as I truly am the first."

The results would be out soon, and Ning Cheng felt that he did not have any more reason to hide it.

"What?" Zhu Mu Er thought that Ning Cheng had become muddleheaded.

"Compared to the trouble that would be coming towards me, the trouble you brought is simply nothing troublesome." Ning Cheng finished, as he calmly stared at Lan Yin Yue who was standing across him.

The noise here was already too loud, as many people were looking at this place, and since Lan Yin Yue was also here to see the list, so seeing her here was nothing unusual.

"You not only live longer but are also tougher than I thought, you even arrived at the Hua Continent, I really underestimated you." Lan Yin Yue spoke with an ice cold tone, if this was not the Mo Ze Grand Plaza, she would have already attacked Ning Cheng.

However, although she had such thoughts, she did not begin, now that she had found Ning Cheng, she would definitely not let him escape from her hands, this time she would do it herself.

"The list for the 5th Written Examination has already come out." A sudden voice interrupted Lan Yin Yue and Ning Cheng's confrontation.

All the people in the plaza immediately focussed on the 5th huge Array Formation projection screen, at the rows of names that were now starting to come up one by one.

"Hua Yu's Ning Xiao Cheng, First Place, 100 points...."

Someone from the crowd read out the first name aloud, making everyone present, hear the first name for the 5th Written Round. As everyone here was mostly concerned only about the first name and as such almost all of them only payed attention to it, they basically ignored the rest of the names on the list.

But the moment Hua Yu's Ning Xiao Cheng's name was announced, it immediately attracted everyone's attention, and no one was in the mood to pay any attention to the one who was at the second place. But every person's eyes were not on the name of Ning Xiao Cheng on the list, but the score of 100 points in front of it.

This was an unprecedented high score, it was also the first and only 100 points, as even in the previous four written rounds no one ever scored more than or even equal to a 100 points.

"Aaaah...." Before all the people even began to discuss, a high pitch scream emerged, "Ning Xiao Cheng, are you really the first? Hua Yu's Ning Xiao Cheng, yes, yes, that must be you, first, ha-ha, you really are the first....."

This Zhu Mu Er's emotions were completely out of control, she had thought that Ji Luo Fei had joked about Ning Cheng before, only now did she came to realize that it was not a joke, this really was way better than just gold.

It was not until this point that the crowd also burst into all kinds of discussions, so Zhu Mu Er screaming out in the crows did not actually seem obtrusive.

"The first name is Hua Yu's Ning Xiao Cheng, why haven't I heard this name before?"

"It should be because he is a representative of a small Academy, wasn't the 3rd Rank Gong Jun also a representative of a 2 Star Academy. I guess this Ning Xiao Cheng is also a representative of a Lower Level Academy for this round."

"That Gong Jun had only scored 76 points; how could we even compare him to Ning Xiao Cheng? This Ning Xiao Cheng had scored 100 points, which means he is also the first of all the 5 written rounds."

"Just who said that the first place was definitely Leng Yi Yang's? Now aren't they covering up their beat up face."

"Yes, I have heard some people call Ning Xiao Cheng here a moment ago, just who is Ning Xiao Cheng?"

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Ji Luo Fei was foolishly gawking at the first name on the 5th big Array Formation screen, and did not react for a long while. She also knew the difficulty of the exam as she had heard the other people talking about it and immediately felt her scalp tingling, but now that she herself saw Ning Cheng score a 100

points, it was simply too outrageous. She realized that what he had originally said was true, and not a word about it was fake, moreover it turned out that what she had joked about with Ning Cheng actually came true.

At this point the 6th giant projection screen started to display the names, and sure enough the Number 1 name on the screen was the person who scored 100 points, and the one representing Hua Yu Academy, Ning Xiao Cheng.

Some people who were looking at the 6th giant projection screen began to read out aloud, “Ranked 1st, Hua Yu’s Ning Xiao Cheng, with 100 points. Ranked 2nd, Luo Huo Academy’s Leng Yi Yang, with 94 points. 3rd place Thunder Academy’s Ling Naixin, 85 points. The 4th place Clear Sky Academy’s Gong Jun, 76 points. 5th place Falling Star Academy’s Yuan Liang, 74 points. 6th place Thunder Academy’s Xi Men Gao, 71 points. 7th place God Wind Academy’s Meng Jing Xiu, 71 points.....”

“Hey, how come in the top seven, the God Wind Academy is only ranked at 7th Place?” Hearing someone else read the names, everyone felt that the God Wind Academy’s position was really a bit too bad.

In regards to the top seven contestants being mostly from all the 5 Star Academy’s, nobody was surprised. Even about Ning Xiao Cheng who had taken the first place, as he would soon be joining a 5 Star Academy as a disciple.

“Are you really Ning Xiao Cheng?” Lan Yin Yue stared at Ning Cheng and frowned, in her heart she suddenly had a bad feeling, if Ning Xiao Cheng was really the first, then she absolutely would not be able to kill Ning Xiao Cheng. It basically did not take long for her to understand, that Ning Xiao Cheng would definitely be rushing to a 5 Star Academy.

As a student of a 5 Star Academy, although she was a True Condensation Cultivator, but since she came from the Ping Continent, she could not dare to make a move on him. At this moment, she was even somewhat regretting that she should have killed Ning Cheng long before.

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Chapter 95: Who Is Ning Xiao Cheng

“Just where is this Hua Yu Academy?”

“Who is the person in charge of this Hua Yu Academy?”

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When the 5th written exam’s result came out, ‘Hua Yu Academy’ became the most popular three words among the people, in the entire Mo Ze Grand Plaza, everyone was enquiring about where the Hua Yu Academy was situated.

Other than the enquiries about the stall of the Hua Yu Academy, there was a huge crowd of cultivators outside the stall of the Hua Yu Academy wanting to join them, more than even the five big 5 Star Academies combined.

As for the ones in charge of the five 5 Star Academies, they immediately began a door to door search for Ning Xiao Cheng, who obtained the first position in the written exam, it was more than necessary for them to find this Hua Yu Academy.

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Ning Cheng looked at the ever changing face of Lan Yin Yue, and said in a cold voice, "Get lost, we'll settle our accounts slowly."

Lan Yin Yue's facial expression rapidly changed, this person who she considered even beneath ants in her eyes dared to call her out. But then she thought that Ning Cheng was soon going to be disciple of a 5 Star Academy, she now did not have a reason to fight with him. Her position was simply to bring the few disciples with Pure Spiritual Roots from her Academy to the Falling Star Academy, and as such did not have anything to do with the Falling Star Academy. If Ning Cheng really ended up becoming a student at a 5 Star Academy, then he would definitely try to take his revenge, even she knew that the Falling Star Academy would not protect her. Moreover, An Yi was also Ning Cheng's cousin, once she learned the truth, with An Yi's qualifications, Lan Yin Yue knew that she would not be able to continue on.

"Yin Yue, you're really here, come accompany me to the Hua Yu Academy's stall, for Hua Yu Academy to send out a student like Ning Xiao Cheng, our Falling Star Academy...." The one who had come over was an old man of the Essence Building Realm, with the Falling Star Academy's emblem on his clothes.

"What happened to you?" He had not yet finished, when the Essence Building Cultivator saw that something was not right with Lan Yin Yue, as he reached out and grabbed Lan Yin Yue's wrist.

Lan Yin Yue tried to shake off her hand while saying, "Brother He Hong, please behave."

But this Essence Building Cultivator refused to let go of Lan Yin Yue's hand, moreover he also did not get angry, instead he stared at Ning Cheng who was standing opposite to Lan Yin Yue and shouted with a cold voice, "Was is you who made Junior Apprentice Sister angry? Immediately kowtow to Junior Sister Yin Yue and apologize."

If not for the prohibition of fighting in the Mo Ze Grand Plaza, this He Hong would have already taken the initiative to strike at Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng just said with contempt filling his voice, "Looking at the person who had just rejected you, you still have the guts to seek out your father? Are your dog eyes blind?"

Before Ning Cheng did not dare to cause trouble at the entrance of the Falling Star Academy, because he was already too clear on his own status back then, he knew that once he made trouble, he would be captured and killed, and would probably be just like a soap bubble being punctured, there would not even be half a ripple. But he knew that things were now radically different, since he was the first in written round's final list, no one would casually dare to blow up the soap bubble that he was.

"You are courting death." This was something that this He Hong could not endure, for a mere junior cultivator to ridicule him like this, he had already raised his hands to strike him.

Although he very much wanted to denounce the rules of the Mo Ze Grand Plaza before and punish him, but now he could actually continue with it, at least he already had a good excuse, as the opposite party was just a junior cultivator who dared to ridicule an Essence Building Senior.

When Ning Cheng saw that He Hong was starting to act, he also did not hesitate for even half a moment, and immediately took the Spear that he was carrying on his back into his hands, he would let this He Hong strike first, so that he could then use the Spear in his hands to immediately lay waste to He Hong's palms. He believed that if he used his Spear later, then when the person in charge of the law enforcement came out, then as long as he gave out his name, he would definitely not eat a big loss.

"Stop." A powerful force surged over to their side.

This He Hong's complexion immediately changed, and abruptly stopped his palm from striking Ning Cheng.

This He Hong did not dare to continue, and Ning Cheng also did not use his Spear, since this He Hong had already stopped, he would also not take the initiative to provoke him, as there was no rational reason for him to do so.

The reason why he did not begin yet, was because he knew that he did not have absolute power. As long as you had real power in your hands, then when you begin, the other people would also not ask you for the reason, even if what you said made the other party unhappy, there would be nobody who would say that his reason was wrong, even if the others chime in, that it wasn't right, the opposite party would still seem like the bad guy. But it was regrettable, that at this moment, he did not have that kind of strength.

"Deacon Jia, this one is one of the teachers of the Falling Star Academy, He Hong." He Hong immediately cupped his fists and greeted. He knew that the one in front of him was Deacon Jia, he simply cannot be considered anything in front of him. The one in front of him was called Jia Han, and was one of the law keepers of the Mo Ze Grand Plaza with a cultivation of Profound Congealing 6th Level, which simply could not be compared to him at all.

"You are a cultivator of the Essence Building Realm from the Falling Star Academy, don't you know that you are not allowed to fight in the Mo Ze Grand Plaza?" Although this Jia Han was holding He Hong accountable, but he had already relaxed his aura and also his tone, it was obviously because this He Hong was a person from the Falling Star Academy. As for Ning Cheng, he was just a trifling person with a cultivation of True Condensation 1st Level.

When Jia Han finished, he stared at Ning Cheng with a cold glint in his eyes and said, "And you, you even dared to take out your Artefact in the Mo Ze Grand Plaza, you really have guts that cover the heavens."

Ning Cheng just calmly put his Spear on his back again, and first cupped his fists in front of Jia Han and said, "Hua Yu Academy's Ning Xiao Cheng greets Deacon Jia Han, because this person tried to attack me for no reason at all, I had to bring out my Spear in self-defence."

Using the name of Ning Xiao Cheng from the Hua Yu Academy, Ning Cheng knew that it would not go in vain.

"Are you really Ning Xiao Cheng? The Ning Xiao Cheng from the Hua Yu Academy who is the first in the 5th Written Exam?" Jia Han immediately asked.

"Of course, he is the same Ning Xiao Cheng, amongst the two people who represented the Hua Yu Academy in the 5th Written Exam, he is indeed one of them along with me." Zhu Mu Er said as she

finally calmed down, and even her speech did not have even a hint of surprise in them, at least it seemed that way to the people around her.

Ning Cheng spoke with a very respectful and prudent tone, "Yes, this junior is indeed the Hua Yu Academy's Ning Xiao Cheng."

"You're Ning Xiao Cheng?" He Hong was also shocked, he did not think that his luck would be this bad, he wanted to play it cool in front of the person he liked, and ended up seeking out the guy from the first place in the Written Exam.

Although he did not fear Ning Xiao Cheng, however this Ning Xiao Cheng would surely join a 5 Star Academy, so he knew that he would be questioned for picking a fight with him for no reason at all.

Leng Yi Yang who was also not far away was also shocked, he really had not expected that he would be the person who ranked first in the 5th Written Test, not only did he secure the first place, he had also secured the absolute first place in the entire written exam round. Before when he heard the words spoken by him, he had also thought of immediately killing him and erase the shame in his heart as he did not know who Ning Xiao Cheng really was. Now he only hoped that no one remembered the words spoken by him recently.

But how could the others fulfil his wish, the white robed cultivator who had defended Ling Naixin stared at him and spoke in a mocking tone, "Not long ago, wasn't there someone here who had ridiculed others by calling them out as a clown for thinking that they would get the first place. Ha, it really is great, you really are a clown, ha-ha...."

As this white robed cultivator spoke, he kept staring at Leng Yi Yang, until Leng Yi Yang's face turned to the colour of pig's liver, and even then kept laughing as he turned around and walked away. While walking, he also spoke out the words of Leng Yi Yang cynically, "The result for the 5th Round has not come out yet, this time it's too early to say who is the first.... Haha, it really was too early, at least he was aware of it himself."

"Naixin, this Ning Xiao Cheng is truly the first." Said the purple robe wearing young girl in surprise who had previously talked in disdain towards Leng Yi Yang who had scored 94 points.

This Naixin who was just spoken to by this purple dressed young girl, even her face turned slightly red as she spoke, "I spoke incorrectly a moment ago, I had also thought that that person had a thick skinned face. I really did not think, that he really would have the skill."

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Compared to the commotion caused due of Ning Cheng's dispute, the Hua Yu Academy's space in the Mo Ze Grand Place was completely overcrowded.

If not for hearing the few words of Zhu Mu Er, the Hua Yu Academy's Head Yin Bo had already planned on leaving. So when the result of Zhu Mu Er came out, he had only spoke a few words to her, before he hurriedly walked away from there.

Yin Bo had actually been depressed when he learned that Hu Yu Academy had secured the first position, but he had never heard of this person called Ning Xiao Cheng. However, after thinking carefully for a

while, didn't Zhu Mu Er ask him to give the second quota to a person, was that second person Ning Xiao Cheng?

Did he actually obtain the first place? But when Yi Bo finally once again saw Ning Xiao Cheng clearly, his heart was filled with ecstasy

Now that Hua Yu Academy had secured the first place, he did not need to seek out Zhu Mu Er's father to refine a pill for him, as he could now easily secure an Essence Building Pill. Not only that, there were even many more rewards, and it was most probable that the Hua Yu Academy might even get promoted to a 3 Star Academy.

But he had only met with Ning Xiao Cheng once, and was not familiar with him at all. At that time Yin Bo wanted to go look for Ning Xiao Cheng, but his place was already surrounded by people.

Some of the people had come here to congratulate Yin Bo, while still more asked if he was still recruiting students.

Yin Bo had only brought 2 disciples to the Mo Ze Grand Plaza, and the three people were not enough to manage such a crowd that came over. It was only until the people from the 5 Star Academies arrived, did the situation in front of the Hua Yu Academy's stall regained some form of order.

"Academy Head Yin, I am the manager of the Clear Sky Academy's stall...."

"The Hua Yu Academy's atmosphere really is different, this Le Kang from the Falling Star Academy has come to especially congratulate Academy Head Yin....."

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Although these people who had come from the 5 Star Academy were polite, but Yin Bo did not dare neglect any of them, and immediately greeted everyone respectfully, it was only after a good long while, that the delegates from the 5 Star Academies finally settled down.

"Academy Head Yin, do you not know that the first place was obtained by your Ning Xiao Cheng? My Luo Huo 5 Star Academy longs for such talent like Ning Xiao Cheng, take the example of the person ranked second in the first round, Leng Yi Yang. I believe that even the Hua Yu Academy would also scale to new heights because of Ning Xiao Cheng." The representative of the Luo Huo Academy could not help but speak up.

"Deacon Chi, the words you spoke just now are not quite appropriate, right? We have just come here to sit around for a while. As for what Academy will Ning Xiao Cheng chose, it can be discussed with him in the meeting amongst the representatives of the 5 Star Academies, he can then make the decision by himself." The representative from the God Wind Academy immediately said with a dissatisfied tone.

There was not a single person from the God Wind Academy amongst the top of any of the written rounds, which seen from no matter what point of view, was still very disadvantageous to the God Wind Academy.

In the view of all the 5 Star Academies, for Ning Xiao Cheng to score a 100 points in the written test, it proved that he was absolutely a genius. Generally, for such a gifted genius, their Spiritual Roots would also not be bad, and everyone could see this fact from the memory test round, that his Spiritual Roots

were of a higher quality. The stronger the ability to comprehend and react, the higher would be the score.

Whether it was Spiritual Roots or their comprehension ability, these were the basic conditions required for cultivation. In the case of Clear Sky Academy unconventionally admitting the candidate Gong Jun, it was because not only Gong Jun scored 76 points, even the results of his Spiritual Roots Test showed that he had a Dual Main Spiritual Root, moreover one of his Main Spiritual Root was already white.

Even if these things were not taken into consideration, whichever Academy enrolls the cultivator who obtained the first place in the written round, that Academy's name would instantly rise, and in the upcoming tournament for the selection of a 6 Star Academy, it would definitely be advantageous to them.

Moreover, these reasons were actually not the most important, the most important reason was that during the tournament for the selection of the 6 Star Academy in the Hua Continent, there will also be a memory written test. In this memory test, if this person who obtained the first place here, entered any of the 5 Star Academies, that 5 Star Academy would have a certain advantage over the rest of the 5 Star Academy's participants in the tournament for the selection of the 6 Star Academy.

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Chapter 96: The Fight For Ning Cheng

To Lan Yin Yue, for such a person who she considered an ant in her eyes to call her out in such a manner, it was too difficult for her to accept, if she was in any other place, she would have already slapped Ning Cheng dead with her own hands.

Unfortunately, she had to roll with the flow for now, she could not figure out how Ning Cheng who was clearly a Qi Gathering Cultivator in her eyes managed to arrive at the Hua Continent, moreover how could he have scored a mind blowing 100 points in the 5th written exam. Lan Yin Yue, who was very much looking forward to visiting the 5 Star Academies, immediately cooled down.

She knew that Ning Xiao Cheng's Spiritual Roots were very bad, but the 5 Star Academies not only evaluated people just based on their combat abilities, but they equally focussed on other things. Which was one of the reasons why these kinds of written exams were conducted, now that Ning Cheng obtained a literally unbeatable and unheard of result, all the 5 Star Academies would definitely rush to recruit him, even if Ning Cheng had an absolutely trash Spiritual Root they would do everything in their power to recruit him.

Now that Lan Yin Yue had already walked away, that He Hong could only walk away in disgrace. Fortunately, Jia Han had taken into consideration of He Hong being a teacher from the Falling Star Academy, and thus did not take any action against him.

Ning Cheng also knew that he could not completely take on He Hong by himself, as he knew that He Hong was an Essence Building Cultivator from the Falling Star Academy. Unless his strength completely surpassed him, only then could he look for an opportunity to teach that He Hong a lesson.

Jia Han gave a faint smile towards Ning Cheng and said, "Young man you really are something, for you to obtain the first place in the written exam out of all these people here, your future sure would be promising. According to the Hua Continent's unified recruitment of the 5 Star Academies, after the end

of the preliminary round, the top ten would be able to join the 5 Star Academies, and then continue on to the next round. I wish you good luck.”

Jia Han had just finished speaking, when his body immediately disappeared.

After Zhu Mu Er saw that Jia Han had walked away, she immediately said with an excited voice, “Ning Xiao Cheng, even Deacon Jia Han came to congratulate you, Deacon Jia is a Profound Congealing Master, and would definitely look after you later on.”

Ning Cheng knew that what Zhu Mu Er said was just a dream, as although this Deacon Jia Han had wished him good luck, one can never say just what would happen in the future. Although he did obtain the first place in the preliminary round, this was not enough for Deacon Jia Han to befriend him.

As for what Jia Han said, for wishing him good luck, it was just said casually, if he were to take it seriously, then that would only be him being stupid.

Zhu Mu Er then suddenly said, “Ning Cheng, out of the top ten people in the first round, you are the only person not from a 5 Star Academy, while the rest of the 9 people are already disciples of the 5 Star Academy.”

It was only at that time did Ning Cheng notice such a thing, that of the top ten names on the 6th big screen in front of him, only he was the one from the Hua Yu Academy, while the remaining 9 people were indeed disciples from the 5 Star Academies.

At this time, all the Sound Jade Tablets in the Mo Ze Grand Plaza suddenly rang out simultaneously, “Now that the Preliminary Round of the Written Exams are finally finished, and the 1000 outstanding disciples from the 5 written exams have been finalized, the final Second Round will be held in 10 days. In accordance to the provisions made, before the next round can begin, the first ten participants can choose to join the 5 Star Academies in advance. Because the participants from the second to the tenth places in the preliminary round have already joined the 5 Star Academies, the only one remaining is the person at the First Position, Hua Yu’s Ning Xiao Cheng who has not yet selected a 5 Star Academy for himself. Now the Head of the Hua Yu Academy, Yin Bo has asked his disciple Ning Xiao Cheng to make his way towards the main altar at the centre of the plaza, for him to make a choice of which 5 Star Academy would he join.”

“The main altar is up ahead, Ning Xiao Cheng, you should hurry up and go.” For Ning Cheng to choose a 5 Star Academy, it seems that Zhu Mu Er was even more anxious than Ning Xiao Cheng.

Even after saying that, Zhu Mu Er seemed to be a lot worried, as she once again whispered in Ning Cheng’s ears, “Remember there are still many good points, since you have taken the first place in the preliminary exam, even if your Spiritual Roots are bad, all the 5 Star Academies would still rush to grab you. That is because, 2 years later, when the tournament between the 5 Star Academies takes place, it will also have a written test similar to this one. So the main reason all those 5 Star Academies want you, is for the tournament for the establishment of the 6 Star Academy two years later.”

After hearing Zhu Mu Er’s words some of the apprehensions in Ning Cheng’s heart suddenly cleared up. He was also worried about his own Spiritual Root problem, he was thinking that since his Spiritual Root was bad, so even if he grabbed the first place in the preliminary written exam, he would still not be valued much by others. He had never thought that in the tournament 2 years from now to determine

which of five 5 Star Academy would advance to a 6 Star Academy, would also have this kind of a written test. Since this was the case, then why should he be worried about it?

Ning Cheng already saw that the main altar in the middle of the plaza was already packed with people, and on the main altar, there were five emblems displayed, these five emblems displayed were precisely the five emblems of the five 5 Star Academies.

Ning Cheng then went to the side of Ji Luo Fei, and grabbed Ji Luo Fei's hands, Ji Luo Fei's face immediately turned red, as she tried to urge Ning Cheng to hurry up. She heard Ning Cheng's soft voice in her ear, "Will you help me keep this, when we meet again you can then give it to me."

Saying that he stuffed Ji Luo Fei's hands with a Storage Bag, as he quickly made his way towards the main altar at the centre of the plaza. This Storage Bag that Ning Cheng gave her contained his more valuable possessions, including the Imperial Jade Seal, the Five Elements Treasure Fall Coins, the Soul Wood Cores and others. He would have to face numerous experts with much higher strength and cultivation when he would go on the main altar, in the case he was inspected, keeping these things on him would be really very unsafe.

As for the Mysterious Yellow Bead, Ning Cheng did not have any way to take it out, moreover he knew that he could not take the Mysterious Yellow Bead out even if he wanted to. As the Mysterious Yellow Bead and he were already a single entity. Plus, now that he had obtained the first position, so he probably would not be examined, so the Mysterious Yellow Bead should be safe.

But Ning Cheng then saw that there were no teachers from the 5 Star Academies, only Yin Bo, who came up to him in excitement as he rubbed his hands and whispered to him from the side, "Brother Ning, I really did not expect that you would help my Hua Yu Academy to secure the first place, I really"

Ning Cheng understood the excitement of Yin Bo, as he patted Yin Bo's hands and said, "I am still currently the disciple of the Hua Yu Academy, and you are still the Head of the Hua Yu Academy, try to maintain a little demeanour of an Academy Head. I took one of the places of your Hua Yu Academy, so it is only natural that the Hua Yu Academy should get an appropriate compensation."

When some of the people with a higher cultivation level standing on the main altar heard the clear words of Ning Cheng, none of them had thought, that the person they were going to choose was such a person. If they had to pick from all the people who all wanted to join the five 5 Star Academies, and then let them take the written test, then the 5 Star Academies would not have to spend so much energy. What's more, the rest of the other Academies also needed to recruit a few disciples. For Hua Yu Academy to pick up Ning Xiao Cheng, it showed the insight of the Hua Yu Academy, and should be rewarded appropriately for it.

Seeing Ning Cheng and the head of the Hua Yu Academy, Yin Bo starting to ascend to the main altar, the crowd of onlookers around the plaza immediately broke out in discussion.

"So he is Ning Xiao Cheng, ah, I remember, wasn't he the one who came to our Jin Yu Academy's stall to seek for a place, but we did not give it to him, I thought it really would have been a bother, alas."

"I also know how you feel; he had also visited our Yu Ding Academy's stall"

"Our Liu Guang Academy was also visited by Ning Xiao Cheng, what a pity"

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Unfortunately, such comments were quite abundant, as Ning Cheng in order to find a slot for the preliminary round, ended up visiting a lot of places. But he was, without a single exception, rejected by everyone, especially when the people heard that he had a multi-line Hybrid Support Spiritual Root, none of them even thought for a single moment before refusing him.

“How can Ning Cheng come here?” When Ji Yao He also saw Ning Cheng, she was immediately shocked, as she immediately understood that that Ning Cheng was really that Ning Xiao Cheng who had obtained the first place.

After finally understanding that Ning Cheng really was Ning Xiao Cheng, a storm was rising in her heart, she was not shocked because Ning Cheng had obtained first place in the written round, but she was actually shocked that Ning Cheng already had the cultivation of True Condensation 1st Level. Initially when she first saw Ning Cheng, Ning Cheng was just a garbage with the qualification of only a three-line Hybrid Support Spiritual Root. With that kind of qualifications, how could he rise to the True Condensation 1st Level this quickly? This definitely was a problem.

Ji Yao He and Lan Yin Yue were different, Lan Yin Yue only had the cultivation of True Condensation Realm, so even if Ning Cheng did not try to conceal his cultivation level, she could only vaguely feel Ning Cheng’s cultivation level. Because of her preconceptions about him, she absolutely would not think or even believe that Ning Cheng might have been a cultivator in the True Condensation Realm, and thus simply did not care about him.

But Ji Yao He was already a cultivator of the Essence Building Realm, and even if Ning Cheng used some kind of Concealment Technique to conceal his cultivation level, she could make out with a single glance that Ning Cheng had the cultivation level of True Condensation 1st Level.

After confirming once again that Ning Cheng indeed had the cultivation of True Condensation 1st Level, Ji Yao He’s heart suddenly started to race. Ning Cheng definitely had a huge fortune on him, otherwise in her view it was basically impossible for him to advance to the True Condensation Realm this quickly. At this moment almost all her attention was focussed on Ning Cheng’s body, as she started to ponder on how Ning Cheng could advance his cultivation level this quickly.

Ning Cheng stepped onto the spacious main altar, and cupped his fists as he turned to all sides and spoke, “Ning Xiao Cheng greets fellow seniors.”

Although he did not know who the people in front of him were, but he knew that these people in front of him were by no means simple, and were an absolutely powerful existence to him. At worst, he estimated, that these people were also cultivators in the Essence Building Realm.

Ning Cheng had just greeted those seniors in front of him, when he felt numerous Spiritual Consciousness’ sweeping over him. This made Ning Cheng to become secretly startled in his heart, fortunately he had already stowed away his Storage Bag, otherwise it was quite possible for the items in the Storage Bag to be exposed.

“Good, good, he is not a least bit off compared to those geniuses with Pure Spiritual Roots.” After an old man who was sitting on the side, with the Clear Sky Academy’s insignia on his robes appraised him, he once again spoke to Ning Cheng with an amiable manner, “You should take a seat first, I am a Tier 4

Talisman Master from Clear Sky Academy, Ming Hao Kuo. For you to come on to the stage with a cool head, plus with such a powerful memory, no matter what kind of Spiritual Root you have, the door to my Clear Sky Academy will always be open to you.”

“What is a Talisman even useful for? Ning Xiao Cheng’s memory for Spiritual Grasses is extremely good, so if he joined my Luo Hou Academy then the Dean would personally take the time and develop him. Ning Xiao Cheng, I am Luo Hou Academy’s Cheng Xuan, I can place you directly under any of the Pill Masters of your choice in my Luo Hou Academy.” Not waiting for Ming Hao Kuo from the Clear Sky Academy to finish what he was saying, another middle aged looking cultivator from the Luo Hou Academy spoke, interrupting Ming Hao Kuo’s words.

Then immediately representatives from the Falling Star Academy, God Wind Academy, and Thunder Academy also narrated the benefits of joining their Academies to Ning Cheng, and even made various commitments with Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng was very clear in his heart that these old fogies would just burn the bridges that they built after they crossed them, as they would never speak such polite words with a cultivator in the True Condensation Realm who they always looked down on. This was absolutely not because of his qualifications, but because he knew that even if he possessed the qualifications of a Pure Spiritual Root, it would still be impossible for this many high ranking people to make a beeline to grab him.

As for the reason for this kind of behaviour from their side, it was to deal with the upcoming tournament to select a 6 Star Academy, as long as any one of the Academies successfully roped him in, it meant that at least in the written test they would be off to a great start. At this moment the only thing in the other people’s eyes, was his score.

What they were trying to grab was not Ning Cheng, but trying to snatch the score for the written exam in the 6 Star Academy’s Tournament. Once the 6 Star Academy was selected from among them, then even if Ning Cheng was to die, these old fogies would definitely not even bat an eye for him.

Understanding this Ning Cheng still gave a calm performance, as he once again cupped his fists and said in the most respectful voice that he could muster, “Thank you for the deep affections that the seniors had shown to this junior, this junior had originally planned to join the Clear Sky Academy”

“Yes, yes, coming to my Clear Sky Academy is definitely the right choice, you will definitely not regret it.” When Ming Hao Kuo heard Ning Cheng’s words, he immediately stood up smiling and spoke as if he had already planned on welcoming Ning Cheng to join the Clear Sky Academy for a long time.

Ning Cheng intentionally sighed and said, “Originally I did wanted to enter the Clear Sky Academy, and also painstakingly went out and found one of the Clear Sky Command Medallions and wanted to register with the Clear Sky Academy immediately, but this Clear Sky Command Medallion was confiscated by the Clear Sky Academy, moreover not only was the Clear Sky Command Medallion confiscated, the people there even tried to threaten me, fortunately I was very tactful, and got the message, and did not rush into the Clear Sky Academy, and thus managed to escape from disaster unharmed.”

“WHAT? Which bastard was it, who dared to not fulfil the request of the Clear Sky Command Medallion, and even refused to give you a place in the preliminary round? This father will shred all of his skin.” Ming Hao Kuo almost jumped three feet high, showing his anger.

Ning Cheng sneered in his heart, what you owe this father, this father will slowly reap it with interest, and this granddaddy will definitely make it up for snatching the Clear Sky Command Medallion from him.

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Chapter 97: Joining The God Wind Academy

It was only after a short while, that the middle aged man from the Clear Sky Academy Stall had been brought to the main altar on the plaza. At this point of time his complexion was extremely pale and was trembling all over, he also still had the Clear Sky Command Medallion that he had taken from Ning Cheng.

If he knew that Ning Cheng would secure the first place in the written exam's round, moreover he also planned to destroy his cultivation later, he would never have ever dared to do such a thing.

"Ha-Ha, Elder Brother Ming, the Clear Sky Academy really does not live up to its reputation, for it to even have this kind of person existing among you, in the end, alas....." The woman from the Thunder Academy deliberately sighed, clearly rubbing salt into their wounds. Her words implied that for Clear Sky Academy to have such a person among them, it really was not a good choice.

Ming Hao Kuo stared at the ashen faced man with the cultivation of Qi Gathering 9th Level, "First hand over the Clear Sky Command Medallion, for my Clear Sky Academy to have such a scum like you, it really is disgraceful."

This middle aged man, who was at Qi Gathering 9th Level, was shaking uncontrollably as he handed over the Clear Sky Command Medallion, he did not even have the time to explain himself, before he was immediately slapped by Ming Hao Kuo and turned into bloody mist.

After killing this Qi Gathering Cultivator, the anger on Ming Hao Kuo's face vanished instantaneously as if it never existed, as if this matter never happened at all, as he smiled once again and returned the Clear Sky Command Medallion to Ning Cheng and said, "Every Academy will have some bad seeds and worms, fortunately this man was only a disciple of the outer court. The disciples of the inner court of my Clear Sky Academy are the elites of the elites, in fact, you could just have met the in charge of our stall at that time, if anyone even dared to not follow your Clear Sky Command Medallion, you could have just told me or any other Deacon of my Clear Sky Academy, and we would have definitely solved the problem for you."

Ning Cheng did not try to be polite again, this Clear Sky Command Medallion was already his to begin with, he just thanked him once as he received the Clear Sky Command Medallion, as he sighed and spoke, "Alas, I had originally wanted to do so, but then an Essence Building Senior from the Clear Sky Academy, who seemed to have been called by Teacher Jing, he did not want to even hear a single word from me, and directly asked me to "Fuck Off". He said that this was the area of a 5 Star Academy, and did not even allow me to speak. When I left there, I really was very sad in my heart, Clear Sky Academy was my dream that I wanted to enter, but after this incident, all the dreams in my heart have already shattered."

After listening to the words of Ning Cheng, the complexion of Ming Hao Kuo's face was not so simple, as his face immediately turned ashen, he could not help but think about the written exam during the

tournament for the 6 Star Academy, didn't they just kicked the opportunity presented to the Clear Sky Academy right in the face.

This time, he really did not have the face to continue and invite Ning Cheng to join the Clear Sky Academy, and directly said to Ning Cheng, "Ning Xiao Cheng, I'll definitely go look for that bastard, since you want to join my Clear Sky Academy, then you can come there at any time, and would also not require the Clear Sky Command Medallion."

With that Ming Hao Kuo walked away, and now there were only the 4 other Academies competing for Ning Cheng.

"Ning Xiao Cheng, this time my Falling Star Academy has the most members with the Pure Spiritual Roots, you might as well join my Falling Star Academy." An emaciated man with the cultivation of Profound Congealing Realm from the Falling Star Academy spoke to Ning Cheng, the expression on his face resembled a wolf who saw a small white rabbit.

Ning Cheng hurriedly cupped his fists and replied, "Actually before I was preparing to join the Clear Sky Academy, I was going to join the Falling Star Academy. I have a cousin with Pure Spiritual Roots who had joined the Falling Star Academy, I think, that if I went to the Academy with my cousin, it would be really good"

"Your cousin is in the Falling Star Academy, moreover with a Pure Spiritual Root? Then why are you even hesitating about, come join my Falling Star 5 Star Academy." This man with the cultivation of Profound Congealing Realm revealed an excited expression on his face, he did not actually see Ning Cheng, but only a heap of scores.

Ning Cheng once again sighed and said, "My qualifications were not as good as my cousin, so the Clear Heart Academy's Senior Sister Apprentice Lan Yin Yue refused to let me in. Actually I did not care about it, as long as my cousin joined the Falling Star 5 Star Academy, it was more than good for me. But I did not think that, Senior Sister Apprentice Lan Yin Yue would dismiss me on the grounds of hindering my cousin's cultivation, and even chased me all around the place to kill me. I really had nowhere to escape from her, and could only run into the Daan Forest."

"Fortunately, I happened to find a Spiritual Essence Spring Pool, after cultivating for nearly half a year at this Spiritual Essence Spring Pool, I unexpectedly advanced to the Qi Gathering 9th Level. Afterwards I also was able to obtain a True Condensation Pill from a Pill Master in the Yuan Continent, I really did not think that I would be lucky enough to successfully advance to the True Condensation Realm. Alas, if not for these matters, me and my cousin would definitely have come to the Falling Star Academy, but right now, I really do not have any such thoughts."

The reason why Ning Cheng said those words this time, aside from digging a pit for Lan Yin Yue, it would also explain his bad Spiritual Roots and also how he was able to cultivate this quickly. As such he did not wait for the others to ask as he took the initiative to explain it himself.

After this man at the Profound Congealing Realm heard Ning Cheng's words, he also went into the same flying rage, a cultivator from the True Condensation Realm of a mere Clear Heart Academy unexpectedly dared to obstruct the Falling Star Academy in recruiting the person who obtained the first place in the written round. He could still ignore the matter if Ning Cheng had not taken the first place, but since this

matter was the consequences of Lan Yin Yue's actions, he would still go out and punish this Lan Yin Yue no matter how good looking she was.

Seeing that the Clear Sky Academy and Falling Star Academy were both simultaneously refused by Ning Cheng, the old man from the God Wind Academy stood up and spoke, "Ning Xiao Cheng, I think that the God Wind Academy would really be the best for you."

"My God Wind Academy can not only provide you with an independent Immortal's Cave, but will also allow you to enjoy the various treatments received by the core disciples. If you are somewhat lacking in your Spiritual Root, even then you would have the freedom to come and go as you like." The old man from the God Wind Academy said very enthusiastically.

Ning Cheng was really moved in his heart, as he understood the meaning behind the words spoken by the old man. He was very clear on this point, that even though he had grabbed the first position in the Preliminary Round's written test to join one of the 5 Star Academies, his Spiritual Roots were not very good. In all the 5 Star Academies, the core disciples all have a good Spiritual Root, and were fiercely protected, and to a certain extent, there were even some restrictions placed on them.

Because among the top ten people in the First Round's written test, the God Wind Academy held only a single spot and that was the 7th Position, from this it could be said that the out of the top ten places in the First Round's written exam, the God Wind Academy was really the weakest of them all. Because of this, Ning Cheng had already made up his mind to go to the God Wind Academy, as he knew that they would try to do anything to rope him in. Now that the old man from the God Wind Academy had spoken, he was already more than satisfied with it.

Seeing that the other two people from the rest of the two 5 Star Academies were going to speak, Ning Cheng quickly cupped his fists and bowed to the old man in front of him and said, "Thank you seniors, but this junior had already decided to join the God Wind Academy. Because this junior has only a multi-line Hybrid Support Spiritual Root, for me to be able to advance to the True Condensation Realm was really a lucky coincidence. Although the God Wind Academy does not care about the strength of this junior's Spiritual Root. But this junior has just a small request."

Although the old man from the God Wind Academy had indeed invited Ning Cheng, but he did not have even a shred of confidence in his heart that he might accept it. Of all the 5 Star Academies in the Hua Continent, the God Wind Academy was the weakest and the worst of them all. So for them to even think about competing in the tournament for the selection of the 6 Star Academy, it was not something that they had confidence in, you could even say that they were just accompanying the prince to his study. But now that Ning Cheng had spoken those words, then at least in the written exam they would be able to get a good score, even if they finally lost, at least they would not have to be too ashamed about it.

Because he also heard about a rumour, that once when one of the five current 5 Star Academies would get promoted to a 6 Star Academy, there would also be a 4 Star Academy that would be promoted to a 5 Star Academy. So if the God Wind Academy obtained a result that was too bad, then there was even a possibility that they may even lose their 5 Star status.

"If you have any request, you can speak them freely." At this time the old man from the God Wind Academy was the most excited he had been in his entire life. As for Ning Cheng having a multi-line

Hybrid Support Spiritual Root, he had already ignored it. Since Ning Cheng had already said it before, that he had a chance encounter with a Spiritual Essence Spring Pool, and had only just recently advanced to the True Condensation 1st Level, it obviously showed that the qualifications of Ning Xiao Cheng were not good.

"I have two friends, who also want to join the God Wind Academy, I do not know...." Ning Cheng immediately hinted towards Zhu Mu Er, and this time, naturally put forward his condition.

These two friends, besides Ji Luo Fei, the other one was obviously Zhu Mu Er. After getting to know Zhu Mu Er, Ning Cheng came to understand that Zhu Mu Er had a straightforward character, and was always frank about what she spoke, in short she had no brains to think for herself. Moreover, he had got this opportunity because of Zhu Mu Er, so he had already planned to give one of the places to Zhu Mu Er. Whether Zhu Mu Er wanted it or not, that was her own personal choice.

The reason he had to join a 5 Star Academy, besides wanting to go look for an opportunity to go to an Intermediate Class Continent, was because he also wanted to take the advantage of learning in a 5 Star Academy. Because he had not studied systematically, he felt that compared to the other cultivators on the same level as him, he only understood a very few basic things.

"Of course, as long as your two friend's qualifications are not too bad, you all can enter my God Wind Academy." The old man from the God Wind Academy agreed to Ning Cheng's request without any hesitation.

After the man finished, he seemed to have thought that he should really introduce himself, and quickly added, "I am Liu Jian who is responsible for the external affairs of my God Wind Academy, now that you have decided to join my God Wind Academy, so if you have any difficulty in the future, you can come to me directly."

Seeing that Ning Cheng was determined to join the God Wind Academy, the two other people from the rest of the two 5 Star Academies felt disappointed, they knew that they did not have any alternative to him.

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"Luo Fei?" When she saw Ji Luo Fei and Zhu Mu Er leave along with Ning Cheng and the people from the God Wind Academy, Ji Yao He could see it clearly, after she recognised Ji Luo Fei, she almost called out.

Fortunately, she also knew better to not call out her name, Ji Luo Fei was a person who the Shui Clan had settled on, and once the Shui Clan knew that Ji Luo Fei had returned back to Mo Ze City, moreover even living together with Ning Cheng, it would definitely not be good for Ji Luo Fei. Whether Ning Cheng was dead or alive, she did not care, but Ji Luo Fei was different, after all, she was her niece. She had wanted for Ji Luo Fei to be married into the Shui Clan, of course it was for the sake of herself, but that did not mean that she did not want to help Ji Luo Fei.

Although Ning Cheng was now a disciple of the God Wind Academy, it was still not enough to contend against a colossus like the Shui Clan.

Thinking of this, Ji Yao He decided to temporarily not go look for Ji Luo Fei.

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“That was Luo Fei, it was certainly Luo Fei, Luo Fei really has come to the Hua Continent....” In the corner of the Mo Ze Grand Plaza, a middle aged beautiful woman was staring at Ji Luo Fei, but her voice was trembling as she spoke, and even her expression was excited. When she first saw the girl wearing a veil walking along with Ning Cheng, she knew that it was definitely her daughter, Ji Luo Fei.

This middle aged beautiful woman was none other than Xiong Qi Hua, after Ning Cheng had recognized her, she could no longer spend even a single day in the Daan Forest, she knew that she had to come out to find her daughter Ji Luo Fei.

As for the man beside her, he was also none other than Zhu Hong Wen, but his heart was full of bitterness at this moment, as Zhu Hong Wen really wished that Xiong Qi Hua did not meet Ji Luo Fei this soon. When Xiong Qi Hua was preparing to go back to the Ping Continent, he had taken the chance to persuade Xiong Qi Hua to first head to the Yuan Continent, so as to start her search for her daughter Ji Luo Fei from there. He had even argued that since the relationship between Ning Cheng and Ji Luo Fei was not a simple one, he proposed that since Ning Cheng was heading to the Yuan Continent, then Ji Luo Fei was also certainly in the Yuan Continent.

Xiong Qi Hua was his treasure, no matter where she would go, he would always follow the love of his life. So she felt that the words spoken by Zhu Hong Wen were definitely right, and had left the Daan Forest with him, making their way towards the Yuan Continent. After coming to the Yuan Continent, the two people came to know that the five 5 Star Academies of the Hua Continent were holding a joint selection of disciples in the Mo Ze City. Zhu Hong Wen then proposed that since Ji Luo Fei was probably like the other ordinary people, she would definitely head towards the Mo Ze City in the Hua Continent. If Ji Luo Fei’s qualifications were good, then perhaps she could get selected by a 5 Star Academy on her own.

Ji Luo Fei was the daughter of Xiong Qi Hua, so Xiong Qi Hua would definitely not think that her own daughter’s qualifications would be bad, thus she immediately rushed towards the Hua Continent from the Yuan Continent.

If not for Zhu Hong Wen having the map of the Thunder Fall Desert and also the experience of crossing it once before, the two of them would have definitely fallen in the Thunder Fall Desert.

What Zhu Hong Wen did not expect, was the moment they arrived in the Mo Ze City of the Hua Continent, they would really see Ji Luo Fei. Moreover, he had even guessed it right, Ning Cheng and Ji Luo Fei were indeed together. Not only that, this fellow was called Ning Xiao Cheng and had even obtained the first position in the written examination.

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Chapter 98: Unexpected Visitor

“It appears that we have indeed found the right place.” Zhu Hong Wen spoke with a pleasantly surprised tone, but whether he was really surprised or not, only he knew.

“Hong Wen, I must see Luo Fei.....” Xiong Qi Hua had completely forgotten the things that she had discussed with Zhu Hong Wen, and rushed towards Ji Luo Fei.

Zhu Hong Wen quickly pulled Xiong Qi Hua back and said, “Qi Hua, I also hope that you can meet Luo Fei, but at the moment Luo Fei is together with Ning Cheng. Moreover, their relationship appears to be

very close, so I am sure that that Ning Xiao Cheng had obviously told her about our matter, fortunately you did not go meet with Luo Fei, once you go see Luo Fei, it may cause her to not look at you as her mother anymore and I don't think that you would have another opportunity to fix this."

Saying that, Zhu Hong Wen did not think that it was enough, and further added, "That Ning Xiao Cheng is quite crafty, for him to be together with Luo Fei, it was definitely because he had deceived her with his honeyed words. Moreover, we had also injured him in the Daan Forest, I am sure that he would have highly coloured the matter between you and me, possibly even slandered it to a point that even you could not hear."

"What do we do then?" Xiong Qi Hua's face turned pale, she really did not know what they should do.

"Qi Hua, you do not have to be worried about it, as we had talked about it before, for now let us just track Luo Fei, and find out where Luo Fei is staying. Then we wait for Ning Cheng and Luo Fei to separate before we then proceed to go find Luo Fei." Zhu Wen Hong calmly spoke.

"But...." Xiong Qi Hua's expression finally relaxed a lot and said, "That Ning Xiao Cheng looks even more powerful than before, not only is he difficult to deal with, but he now even has the identity of a core disciple of the God Wind Academy, and would definitely have a bright future. I think that if Luo Fei really follows him, it would also be quite good for her"

It was only because she found out that Ning Cheng knew about of the private affair with Zhu Hong Wen, that she had wanted to kill Ning Cheng. But now that she saw that Ning Cheng and Ji Luo Fei were quite close to each other, she was hesitating somewhat, she did not know if Luo Fei would be very sad after she killed Ning Xiao Cheng. Meanwhile in the depths of her heart, she was beginning to feel that Ning Cheng really was worthy of her daughter.

"Qi Hua, you still are too kind. Even if he looks good on the surface, out of the thousands of people who took that written exam, didn't Ning Xiao Cheng personally said that his qualifications is definitely not that good. Even if his qualifications are good, for such a crafty person like him to be together with Luo Fei, it would only end in Luo Fei getting hurt. Besides, didn't you see that there was another woman beside him, I could make out with a single glance that that woman is definitely a spiteful junior, how could she let Luo Fei to have a higher status than her?"

Zhu Hong Wen said all that while still staring at the retreating backs of Ning Cheng and Ji Luo Fei.

Seeing Xiong Qi Hua to be somewhat at a loss, Zhu Hong Wen's expression finally softened up and said, "That Ning Xiao Cheng is now a student of a 5 Star Academy, and was also leading Ji Luo Fei and another woman, with his craftiness, in the future he can easily establish a firm foothold in the 5 Star Academy. Moreover, he is now even a core student, and the 5 Star Academy will most definitely have a lot of beautiful girls, so would Ji Luo Fei still have a place with him? Moreover, if we do not separate Ji Luo Fei and that Ning Xiao Cheng, it would be equivalent to you losing your daughter."

"I'll listen to you....." Xiong Qi Hua spoke with a weak and feeble tone.

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"Do you really have a Dual Main Spiritual Root?" After they arrived at the residential area reserved for the God Wind Academy, Deacon Liu Jian finally came to know that Ji Luo Fei and Zhu Mu Er both had a

Dual Main Spiritual Root, and became even more excited. For a disciple to have a Dual Main Spiritual Root, not to mention inner court disciples, even some of the more outstanding core disciples may not have such qualifications.

But Zhu Mu Er was the happiest among the group, “My father said several times to send me to a 5 Star Academy, but I did not listen to him, I wanted to rely on my own strength to enter a 5 Star Academy.”

When Zhu Mu Er spoke, she completely forgot that the reason why she was able to enter the God Wind Academy was because of Ning Cheng’s help from before.

“Your father?” Elder Liu Jian asked in a puzzled way, for someone to casually be able to send their kid to a 5 Star Academy, he should definitely not be someone obscure.

Then Zhu Mu Er proudly said, “My father’s name is Zhu Yao Shi, you should know him right?”

Liu Xian immediately became terrified, and quickly said, “So you are Elder Brother Yao Shi’s daughter, I really have neglected my duties.”

Ning Cheng had long since had guessed that Zhu Mu Er’s father was not simple, it seems that it really was the case. Even to the people like Deacon Liu Xian from the God Wind Academy to show such behaviour, it showed that Zhu Mu Er’s father was really respectable.

Because of their special relationship with Zhu Yao Shi, Liu Xian chatted quite enthusiastically with Ning Cheng and the others, as he personally gave them the Jade Cards of the God Wind Academy, as he completed the rest of the formalities for entering the God Wind Academy.

“The second round will be conducted in 10 days, this round will test one’s ability to comprehend, all the top 1000 participants will be attending this round. Do you want to move into the God Wind Academy residential area here directly? And use these 10 days to prepare for the upcoming second round?”

Although Ning Cheng is now the disciple of the God Wind Academy, but this Deacon Liu Xian’s tone showed that he was still very much concerned about the opinion of Ning Cheng.

“Many thanks Deacon Liu, but as I have a few personal things to take care, so for the time being I will not live here. However, I will not leave Mo Ze City, and 10 days later I will come to participate in the second round.” Ning Cheng quickly rejected his offer.

His body had the Mysterious Yellow Bead inside, unless it was something that absolutely couldn’t be helped, he did not want to live together with a master of the Profound Congealing Realm.

“Of course, once you take care of your things, then 10 days later you can directly come to the Mo Ze Grand Plaza.” In regards to the treatment given to Ning Cheng, Liu Xian was extremely tolerant.

Since Ning Cheng was not interested in staying at the God Wind Academy, Ji Luo Fei would also obviously not stay here. As for Zhu Mu Er it was even more unlikely for her to stay here, coupled with her thinking that she joined the 5 Star Academy on her own strength, at this time, she would definitely go and try to show off in front of her dad. Her meaning being, ‘You see I don’t need your help, with my own ability, how could I not join the God Wind Academy?’

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“Luo Fei, during these 10 days it would be better if we did not go out, Mo Ze City is not necessarily a safe place for us.” Coming back to their room, Ning Cheng first urged Ji Luo Fei to not to go out.

“En, I feel like I am going to break through to the Qi Gathering 6th Level, so I will stay inside to cultivate during these few days.” Ji Luo Fei immediately replied, even if Ning Cheng had not asked her, she would definitely not get onto the streets of Mo Ze City by herself.

As Ji Luo Fei went into her closed door training while attempting to breakthrough to the Qi Gathering 6th Level, Ning Cheng was also getting ready to enhance his cultivation during these 10 days. His Meridians had already been remoulded by the Mysterious Yellow Origin, so if he wanted to successfully cultivate in the True Condensation Realm, then he would have to work several times harder than before.

This was not because his qualifications were poor, but because his cultivation now required even more resources than before. If there were no more resources for him to continue his cultivation, then to Ning Cheng, the expansion and remoulding of his Meridians was not necessarily a good thing. In other words, the resources needed for him to advance to the Essence Building Realm before, would now probably be only enough for him to advance only to the Intermediate Stages of the True Condensation Realm.

“Since you still have not gone into closed door training, I came to find you regarding somethings.” Ning Cheng had just prepared the Isolation Array Formation, when a familiar voice abruptly sounded in his ears.

Ning Cheng immediately stood up with surprise, “Who?”

For this person to come in through his Isolation Array Formation and into his room, how could he not sense it?

“How much time has it been since then, and you still do not recognize your benefactor?” This voice was coming from in front of Ning Cheng, then Ning Cheng immediately saw a white haired old woman wearing a blue robe in front of him.

“Is it really you? How are you” Ning Cheng wanted to inquire how this old woman came in silently, he had already arranged several Array Formations in his room, but he swallowed the words that he was about to speak.

The white haired old woman slowly walked to the chair nearby and sat down, “I really did not expect that you would be able to arrange a Level 2 Array Formation. Although, this Level 2 Array Formations is just a small bubble in front of me, it is not something that could stop me from entering.”

Ning Cheng immediately restrained this heavy shock in her heart, then cupped his fist in front of this white haired old woman, he spoke very respectfully, “Ning Cheng greets Senior, many thanks to senior for helping this junior with your refined Artefacts. If not for the inner armour that was made by senior, this junior would have died a long time ago.”

Ning Cheng did not speak any nonsense, if not for the help of the white haired old woman who had helped him in refining not only the 7 Pleiades Ice Needle but also the inner Dragon Hide Armour, he really would have died. These two things had saved his life numerous times.

Although he was thanking her, Ning Cheng was still a bit uncomfortable in his heart, as he felt that he had to definitely improve his own Level of Array Formations. At least he had to improve his Sensing

Array Formation, so that when someone entered his Array Formation, he would be the first to know about it.

But then thinking about the thousand-mile gap between the cultivation levels of the white haired old woman and him, Ning Cheng could feel his powerlessness. Perhaps even if he could arrange a more powerful Sensing Array Formation, other people may still be able to enter his room quietly. The level of Array Formations did not really matter to him, what really mattered to him was the disparity between their cultivation levels.

“You can thank me for the inner armour that I refinished, but the 100 points that you obtained in the first round was obtained by relying on your own ability, so why would you try and thank me for it?” To Ning Cheng’s surprise, the white haired old woman said something that Ning Cheng could really not understand.

Ning Cheng had a few doubts in his heart, the reason why he obtained the first place, was because of his own memory, what relation could it even have with Ning Cheng’s relationship with the white haired old woman?

“When you received my wooden box, did you also not receive the words I left behind for you?” Seeing the puzzled look on Ning Cheng’s face, the white haired old woman once again reminded him.

Ning Cheng immediately thought of the wooden box that he had received from the very ugly looking teenager who had said to him, “Aunt Gong Sun gave me this just before she left, she said to pass this on to you, all the things that you want are in here, hope you do what your strength allows.”

He was still thinking about the 7 Pleiades Ice Needle at that time, what did she mean by those words ‘hope you do what your strength allows’? Now thinking about it, he could see that these words spoken by the white haired old woman seemed to be quite unique.

In that wooden box other than the ice needle inside it, it only had the inner armour and nothing else, Ning Cheng thought back to the wooden box that he had emptied for the first time, and immediately took it out. While simultaneously sweeping through the wooden box with his Spiritual Sense, the next moment he could vaguely feel a Jade Piece sealed in the base of the wooden box.

“Why don’t you take out the Jade Piece.” The old woman knew that Ning Cheng found out the Jade Piece she had put there.

Ning Cheng immediately crushed the base of the wooden box, and after the Jade Piece came out, he asked with a puzzled expression, “Senior, what does this Jade Piece contain?”

“You’ll know if you look.” The old woman replied in a mild tone.

Ning Cheng immediately swept the Jade Piece with his Spiritual Sense and could see the contents inside, it turned out that the Jade Piece was filled with the basics of Alchemy. This Jade Piece was filled with innumerable simple and complex information that even his head began to hurt. The Jade Piece even contained the basics of Spiritual Grasses, when Ning Cheng saw the basics of the Spiritual Grasses in it, he immediately understood what the matter was.

The basics of the Spiritual Grasses in this Jade Piece and the contents of the Spiritual Grasses that he had seen in the preliminary round were exactly the same, but the Jade Piece contained even more information on the Spiritual Grasses than the one he had seen during the written examination.

Seeing that Ning Cheng finally saw the contents, this old woman said in a light voice, "I was sincere to you, and even helped you this much, but you even deceived an old woman like me."

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Ning Cheng immediately responded, when the woman said that he had deceived him, he immediately understood what was happening.

She had thought that if he had not read the basics of the Spiritual Grasses beforehand, then he could not have scored those 100 points. In other words, it would imply that his memory was indeed extremely powerful, perhaps even bordering on having a photographic memory.

Since she had already guessed that his memory was extremely powerful, this old woman had hidden that Jade Piece inside the wooden box, so Ning Cheng would certainly remember it if he saw it again. But didn't the white haired old woman say that she did not want this Jade Piece to go to him, moreover even firmly said it.

Now that this white haired old woman had caught on to the current, he also could not deny what she thought to be the undeniable.

Thinking of this, Ning Cheng said in an embarrassed tone, "Senior, this junior had indeed memorized the contents of the Jade Piece that you hid, therefore I do not want the Jade Piece. This junior had truly tried to deceive this senior, please punish me senior."

Ning Cheng could only play along, this white haired old woman's cultivation was extremely powerful when compared to him, if he went against her, despite what he said or did, it would only be disadvantageous to him.

But the white haired old woman still spoke in an unhurried way, "It's good that you know, since your memory is already this powerful, so you do not need to give that Jade Piece back to me, whether one day you really become a master of Alchemy or not is not important for me."

"Thank you senior." After Ning Cheng said those words in embarrassment, he put away the Jade Piece, but his heart was still somewhat uneasy. He and that old woman were definitely not related, therefore, for her to be this nice to him, it wouldn't take the sky to fall for Ning Cheng to believe that she had some sort of request that she wanted to ask him.

The old woman seemed to know what Ning Cheng was thinking at the moment, and suddenly spoke up, "Do you think that I am interested in you? As such you are feeling some trepidation in your heart?"

She did not wait for Ning Cheng to speak, as the old woman continued to speak, "At first, I thought that you were an honest person, coupled with the fact that you even gave the materials from the One Horned Flood Dragon that I really needed, so I really did not think much in helping you. Although the level of the One Horned Flood Dragon was not very high, but this kind of beast like a One Horned Flood Dragon is already very rare, so for you to obtain it was indeed very impressive."

Ning Cheng finally understood why this woman had given him the basics of Alchemy, so it was really because of such a thing.

“Moreover don’t you ever think that the Alchemy Jade Piece that I gave you is something very ordinary, the fact is that the basics of Alchemy that I gave you, even if was the entire Yi Xing Mainland, it can be counted among the top of the top. If you want learn Alchemy, you will come to know about this fact in the future. However, to me, the One Horned Flood Dragon that you brought was something that I very much needed.”

Talking till this point, the old woman stopped and carefully looked at Ning Cheng for a long time, and then continued, “The last time I gave you the Jade Piece containing the basics of Alchemy, there was reason for it. The last time that I saw you, you seemed to have an elusive Qi around your body. That kind of Qi was something that I found very splendid, but I also could not find what it actually was. But now that I see you, that Qi has already disappeared? Or should I say that I cannot detect it anymore?”

Ning Cheng forcefully suppressed the fear that was starting to show in his heart, and made an appearance as if he couldn’t understand what she was saying, as he frowned and said, “Senior, what do you mean that I have an elusive Qi around my body? What in the world is that? Could it be because of the Spiritual Essence Pool that I had went to cultivate in before?”

The white haired old woman gave a meaningful glance to Ning Cheng, and just shook her head and said, “Absolutely not.”

But then she did not continue to ask about the elusive Qi that she felt around Ning Cheng before, and even her tone became very gentle and said, “Although you deceived me last time, I do not hold it against you, but you have to help me in one thing.”

Ning Cheng immediately gave a crisp reply, “What is the need to even ask this junior, senior can freely speak her request, as long as this junior is able to fulfil it, this junior will definitely not refuse it.”

“You should be probably the same as what I thought of you, I have already seen the last additional question in the 5th written round, you could solve that problem in such a short time even without using your Spiritual Sense, it would only mean that you have a special ability, that is you should have an extremely powerful computing ability, in addition to your powerful memory.” The old woman said without even a single doubt in her voice.

Ning Cheng knew, that regardless of if what she said was true or not, the only thing that he could do was to simply remain silent.

The old woman saw that Ning Cheng’s attitude had already changed, and still continued, “In the Thunder Fall Desert, just near to the entrance to the Hua Continent you will find a river, this river is called the Thunder Fall Scorching River. There is a thing in this Thunder Fall Scorching River, that I have been in pursuit for many years. However, even with all my preparations, I found that I still could not obtain it. You already have a very powerful computing ability, perhaps you would be able to help me out a bit in that regard.”

Ning Cheng did not even seem to consider it for even a single moment, before he replied, “OK, I will definitely accompany senior to the Thunder Fall Scorching River, but only after I finish up with the second round.”

He knew that he could not refuse it even if he wanted to, because he had made the same promise to the old woman in the past. At this moment he only hoped that this old woman would not kill him after she obtained the thing that she has been searching for all this time. However, this old woman really did not look like that type, and normally wouldn't kill him without a reason.

"No, you will accompany me now, it would only be for 2 or 3 days at most, and since your second round is in 10 days, you would not be delayed." The white haired old woman simply said.

Ning Cheng was just about to say that they would not be able to arrive even at the edge of the Thunder Fall Desert in 2-3 days, but then immediately thought about the cultivation level of the other side, he immediately understood that time was absolutely not applicable to the old woman in front of him.

Ning Cheng gave out a dark sigh in his heart and said, "In that case, let me at least go speak to my partner, so that she would not become nervous when she cannot find me."

"No, you little **, she is in the middle of her closed door training, it would be better to not disturb her." This white haired old woman did not wait for Ning Cheng to speak again, and grabbed hold of Ning Cheng and immediately came out of his room.

Ning Cheng said with some anger in his voice, "I always at least leave a letter, you are too unreasonable."

The white haired old woman seemed to feel a little embarrassed, and let go of Ning Cheng, and immediately spoke: "We will come back soon, as such there is no need for you leave a long message. Don't try to be too affectionate, if you don't care of losing several days."

Facing this impervious old woman, Ning Cheng didn't bother to argue with her, he only hoped that old woman was at least trustworthy, and would bring him back to the Mo Ze City within 2-3 days.

Inside the Mo Ze City, the old woman did not continue to urge Ning Cheng. But left quickly, and in just a short period of time, they were already out of the Mo Ze City.

Ning Cheng who was following behind the old woman, also had to speed up.

The old woman did not immediately take out her Flying Type Artefact, even after coming out of the Mo Ze City, she only increased her pace a little. Ning Cheng guessed that she wanted to find a place where nobody could see her Flying Type Artefact.

Even though they were out of the city, there were still many people walking on the road. And in addition to the cultivators who were flitting through, there were even a few adventurers who were also coming and going through the Mo Ze City.

Ning Cheng had just passed by two cultivators when he heard one of them saying, "Junior Apprentice Sister Yu Jing, do you know why Dean Man asked us to come to the Thunder Fall Desert?"

"I am not very clear about that, I heard that the ruins of the Lan Yi Country appeared in the Thunder Fall Desert, and many people are looking for it, but I never heard anyone say that they found the ruins. For Dean Man to take us to the Thunder Fall Desert, it is most likely because of it, I guess that it is some sort of a trial for the core disciples of the Falling Star Academy." The other person replied quietly.

Ning Cheng immediately slowed down, the one who had answered was obviously a woman. Of these two male cultivators, one of them was obviously a woman dressed up as a man. Moreover, he had also heard several keywords, Yu Jing, Core Disciples, and the Falling Star Academy.

From those keywords, Ning Cheng could almost ascertain that the woman cultivator disguised as a man was most probably Meng Yu Jing. As Ning Cheng slowed down his pace, Meng Yu Jing and the other man immediately went past him. He used his Spiritual Sense to sweep at Meng Yu Jing, but found that her face was covered with a veil that blocked his Spiritual Sense.

However, from the eyes that were exposed, Ning Cheng could definitely tell that she was an absolute beauty, as that pair of eyes were really beautiful and matchless.

If not for Meng Yu Jing having a veil on her face, Ning Cheng would have already walked up to her to talk to her and then give the parcel to her that was entrusted to him for her.

“Just what the hell are you doing? Move faster, don’t dawdle around.” The white haired old woman did not know when Ning Cheng had moved away from her side, and called back at Ning Cheng with a very dissatisfied tone.

Ning Cheng quickly replied, “Senior, a moment ago two people went past us and one of them seems to be called Meng Yu Jing, I saw her talking to the other person, I just want to talk a bit with her, I might end up delaying you a bit, but I still want to track her for a bit.”

This white haired old woman said while frowning, “Ning Cheng, you already have a woman called Ji Luo Fei by your side, although I can see that you don’t love her, but she is definitely quite a beautiful woman, so why do you not like her. Besides that, Meng Yu Jing is not only a peerless beauty but she is also the spoiled child of the Falling Star Academy, even if you already are a core disciple of the God Wind Academy, and even secured the first place in the first round, you still aren’t qualified enough for her to even spare a glance at you. It would be better if you gave up this thing immediately.”

“Senior Gong Sun, I do not see love as a hobby. Even if it was Ji Luo Fei, we are just friends. The reason why I want to find Meng Yu Jing is because I really have to complete something, it is already very difficult to meet with her, so now that I saw her, I would of course want to complete this matter.” Ning Cheng said with an unhappy expression, this old woman really judges people too easily, when did I even have a person that I loved here?

Even if he was together with Ji Luo Fei, it was also for a reason.

“Then why don’t you just directly go up to her and be done with it?” The old woman said impatiently.

Ning Cheng simply refuted her idea, “No, first I have to look into her character. Only then, would I try to determine if I should really look for her or not.”

This Meng Yu Jing was already Kou Hong’s fiancée, but it seems that she was very affectionate towards that other man, if Meng Yu Jing really turned out to be the same as Xiong Qi Hua, then Ning Cheng was reluctant to give her something that Kou Hong had risked his life for. Although he had also benefited from Kou Hong, but he really felt responsible for Kou Hong’s death, he believed that if that Kou Hong was alive, he would definitely not be willing to see his fiancée being this affectionate with another man.

The white haired old woman said with a helpless tone, "That being the case, I let you track her down this once only. It seems that seeking your help is really too difficult for me, when you found me for refining an Artefact, didn't you also ask the basics of Alchemy from me, did I hesitate to give it to you? I even gave the inner armour to you."

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Ning Cheng just ignored the complaints of the white haired old woman by his side, and stealthily followed behind Meng Yu Jing.

Half an hour later, they already left the Mo Ze City behind, and arrived at a mountain village. There were not a lot of people in the village, and even on the streets there were not more than 10 people roaming around.

Such mountain villages were quite numerous all around the Mo Ze City, as some of the adventurers and the merchants that frequently go to the Mo Ze City, were the local residents here.

As Ning Cheng was following Meng Yu Jing and the other man, he saw her and that man enter the corner most house of the mountain village.

Ning Cheng quickly and stealthily arrived at the window of the house, and used his Spiritual Sense to carefully explore the inside of the house.

Unexpectedly the inside of the house was fully furnished, not only the living room but also the bedroom too, and looking at the actions of Meng Yu Jing and that man, it seemed that they often came her.

"Junior Apprentice Sister Yu Jing, did he not come to seek you out?" The man asked, somewhat absent-mindedly

"No, I guess that he had gone to find his little brother, otherwise if he had the chance, then he would certainly come to see me." Meng Yu Jing's voice was very low, as if she was thinking of something very deep and far away.

"Junior Apprentice Sister Yu Jing" The man suddenly came in front of Meng Yu Jing, and with one hand loosened Meng Yu Jing's robe, as the other hand climbed towards Meng Yu Jing's breasts.

Ning Cheng's heart was suddenly filled with sorrow for Kou Hong, at that time when he was dying he was still reminiscing about his fiancée, moreover he also wanted Ning Cheng to deliver his stuff to his fiancée, but he didn't seem to think that his fiancée would turn out to have such a character. If Kou Hong knew that his fiancée was this kind of person, he would have definitely not send someone like him to deliver his things to her nor would he do it himself if it was possible.

Ning Cheng was still guessing that this little house was where Meng Yu Jing often conducted her 'private' meetings, when he felt that the scruff of his neck tighten, the next moment he was taken away from here.

The white haired old woman tossed Ning Cheng on the ground and said, "Aren't you afraid to become cross eyed, there is no point in looking at such things, hurry up and let's go to the Thunder Fall Scorching River with me."

Although Ning Cheng did not speak, but his heart was filled with a lot of sorrow, he knew that if he looked at this for too long he would definitely go cross eyed, but looking at the place that was overflowing with his virility, didn't he go cross-eyed a long time ago. This old woman really did not have any sense of shame. Besides, if she herself was not looking, how could she know what he was looking at?

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The white haired old woman had really not bragged about her strength, as she arrived at the Thunder Fall Scorching River in just half a day while carrying Ning Cheng.

In Ning Cheng's opinion, the distance to the Thunder Fall Scorching River from the Mo Ze City was much farther than the distance he had travelled when he had come out of the Thunder Fall Desert to the Mo Ze City.

Seeing the Thunder Fall Scorching River from the Flying Type Artefact, Ning Cheng felt that it really was boundless. Looking at the ripples flowing on the water surface, it made people feel that the river was very gentle. But the deep colour of the water, made Ning Cheng think of the quicksand river in the movie Journey to the West.

This quicksand like river had the width of 800 meters and 3000 meters deep. Looking at it, it felt that even if a feather was floating on the surface, it would end up sinking into the depths of that river.

"Why is it so cold here?" Ning Cheng had just got down from the Flying Type Artefact, when he immediately asked with a surprised voice.

When heard the name as Thunder Fall Scorching River, he had thought that the water temperature would be very high, at worst, he thought it would only be an ordinary river. It was absolutely impossible for such a place that was emanating a piercingly cold temperature, to be called as Thunder Fall Scorching River.

Could this even be called a river, Ning Cheng felt that because of the biting cold that he was feeling just by standing on the side of the river, if he really went inside the river, then would he still be alive? One must know that he was already a True Condensation 1st Level cultivator, even if did not circulate the True Essence in his body, it should still not be enough for him to be this sensitive towards the cold.

"That's because this river also has another name, and is called Forbidden Cold River. When I said its name as the Thunder Fall Scorching River, it was its name countless years ago and now the people who know this river as the Thunder Fall Scorching River are not many. Most of the people know this place as one of the 2 coldest places of the Yi Xing Mainland, the Forbidden Cold River. Many people say that the coldest place in the Yi Xing Mainland are the cold caves in the Forbidden Woods, but they are wrong, the coldest place in the Yi Xing Mainland is here, the Forbidden Cold River."

The white haired old woman seemed to explaining this to Ning Cheng, but also seemed to be just thinking out loud.

Ning Cheng actually did not think that what the old woman said was wrong, he was just standing by the side of the river, and could already feel the biting cold temperature, once he entered the river, how couldn't it be more terrible than this?

“The reason why I stayed in the Nan Yuan City, was because I was infected by the cold Qi in here. I had originally thought that I would never come back to this place again, but then I did not think that you would actually give me the materials from the One Horned Flood Dragon. For me this probably was an act of the heavens, to let me once again enter the Forbidden Cold River.” The old woman sighed, and said out those words even though Ning Cheng had never asked for it.

“Why must you use only the materials from the One Horned Flood Dragon?” Ning Cheng asked in a puzzling voice.

The white haired woman kept staring at the faint ripples on the surface of the river, before she finally spoke in a very mild voice, “No matter how high your cultivation is and no matter how extreme you have refined your body to, no one can resist the biting cold of this river. Only by using a Water Boat Type Artefact refined from the materials of the One Horned Flood Dragon, could one enter the Cold River, and even the effect from the cold Qi would be a lot lessened. Moreover, refining the horn of the Flood Dragon into the bow, the speed of the boat would also be the fastest in the Cold River.”

Ning Cheng suddenly understood, no wonder that even though this old woman’s cultivation was so high, but she still held the Class 4 One Horned Dragon so dear to her. He could understand that she originally wanted to explore this Cold River, but he did not know what kinds of treasures were inside this Cold River, for the old woman to be this concerned about it.

“Before I had found two Horned Flood Dragons to use as materials, the first Horned Flood Dragon was a Class 7 Monstrous Beast, and it was the material that I could use over and over in this Cold River. Unfortunately, while trying to find what I wanted, this water boat refined from that Horned Dragon’s materials ended up being eroded by the cold Qi. Later, after several years passed, I once again obtained materials from a Class 5 One Horned Flood Dragon....”

As Ning Cheng heard the white haired old woman speak, his heart started to race, for this white haired old woman to obtain materials from a Class 7 Horned Flood Dragon, just how high was her cultivation level? It would at least be at the Soul Sculpting Realm, right? No wonder she could easily enter his room without him noticing.

The white haired old woman did not know that Ning Cheng was thinking about her incredible cultivation level, and still continued, “That water boat refined from the materials of the Class 5 One Horned Flood Dragon, being worse in grade than the water boat made from the Class 7 One Horned Flood Dragon also did not last for much time. When I used it to enter the Cold River for the third time, the water boat even began to break up. But I was much more skilful than before, and was able to find what I was looking for. At that time, I thought that even if the water boat broke down, I would still be able to be down there for 1-2 hours with my own power but”

Ning Cheng was somewhat worried in his heart when he heard that the water boat made by the old woman from the materials of the Class 5 One Horned Flood Dragon, could only last for three times before breaking down under the Cold River. Doesn’t that mean the Class 4 One Horned Flood Dragon that he had given to the white haired old woman wouldn’t also last for much long? Once the boat broke inside the water, wouldn’t he find it difficult to even hold a few breaths?

Sure enough, the white haired old woman continued on, “But I overestimated my own abilities, and couldn’t even stay inside for more than an hour, before I was invaded by the cold Qi. In desperation, I

could only withdraw from the Cold River, and went into seclusion in Nan Yuan City, a small place, to heal myself. If I had not met you back then, I don't think that I would have come back here again."

"Senior, if that boat made from the Class 5 Horned Flood Dragon could only hold out for three times, then the Flood Dragon that I gave you was only a Class 4, wouldn't it be more"

Ning Cheng had not even finished speaking the words he wanted to say, before the white haired old woman understood what Ning Cheng wanted to say and spoke in a light voice, "Do not worry, my Crafting Level has also improved a lot, this time we would only require a single trip. Moreover, this time I already know the way, so we can, in the shortest possible time, reach the bottom of the river. Of course, if you are too slow at computing at the entrance, and the boat breaks, I would really not have any other alternative, other than for you to accompany me in death at the bottom of the Cold River."

Ning Cheng cursed in his heart, who would even want to accompany an old woman to death, but ultimately was unable to find a reason to resist.

The white haired old woman simply ignored Ning Cheng's silent resistance, and immediately brought out a pitch black boat with a horn at the bow. While at the same time jumping onto the middle of the boat, she pulled out a hatch that was on top of the middle of the boat, it actually resembled more of a space capsule rather than a boat.

Once the old woman entered through the hatch, she then called out to Ning Cheng, "Come in."

Ning Cheng also got inside the cabin through the hatch.

But the space inside the cabin was extremely small, and the two people could only squeeze in. Fortunately, that white haired woman was quite old, and he himself was also only 20 years in age, so he did not feel embarrassed.

After Ning Cheng was swindled into entering the cabin, the white haired old woman immediately shut the hatch, raising her hand she immediately took several pieces of Spirit Stones as she inserted them into the mosaic like pattern in front of the two of them, while simultaneously controlling the boat to enter the river.

Even though they were inside the cabin, once they entered the water in the Cold River, Ning Cheng couldn't help but tremble at biting cold that he was feeling.

In the meantime, Ning Cheng's heart was beating crazily, as the shock that he received was just incomparable.

The white haired old woman thought that Ning Cheng was surprised because of the freezing cold and said with a bit of disdain in her voice, "We have only just entered the water, the deeper we go the colder it gets."

But only Ning Cheng knew, that he was not surprised because of the freezing cold that he was feeling nor because of the icy coldness of this Cold River. It was because when the old woman had taken out those Spirit Stones to insert them into the grooves of the mosaic like pattern, Ning Cheng could clearly see that the wrist of that white haired old woman was white and smooth, it was definitely not the wrist of an old woman. Even Ji Luo Fei's wrist, were not this smooth and white.