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This was a fragmented and disorganized world, this was a place that had been forgotten.

That day, was the most frustrating time for Ning Chen, when on that day, he was abruptly brought here.

Because this world had Ning Chen, who would imprint his name in the vast heavens, it would finally shine in the endless universe!

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Prologue – Don’t Believe In What You See

On a narrow cement road, a Land Rover ran stably. Villagers on both sides saw this Land Rover, this was a daunting site on the concrete road outside. Allowing the Land Rover to pass through, these villagers could not tell what kind of car it was, but could feel that the people sitting in the car were clearly not ordinary.

In regards to Dong He Village, if not for the Village Access Project, this narrow cement road would not exist.

The Land Rover roughly stops a 100 meters outside the Dong He Village, the person driving was very careful, as he stops the car on the cement road just outside a raised piece of land.

After parking, the driver quickly got off and opened the passenger door, from the back seat two young girls got out.

The first one who got out wore a cyan floral dress, freeing her hair that was tied up allowed it to fall onto her shoulders. She wore an ankle length skirt, which brought out a contrast to her slim figure and fair skin.

Even though she just stood by the side of the road, it seemed as if she melted into the wilderness, as if it was a picture, which made her appearance look more dignified and refined.

She was followed by a girl wearing blue jeans and a white butterfly shirt. The slightly faded jeans on her slim waist and upturned butt made her more conspicuous, that coupled with short hair, made the youths who glanced at her to breathe hard. If her lips were not somewhat meager, this would definitely

make a person unable to remove their eyes from such a beautiful woman. Even if it was like that, she was still a very beautiful girl.

The short haired young girl who got out later, looked at the girl wearing the cyan dress who was standing on the roadside, the corner of her eyes flashed with jealousy which was not detected.

“Ji Yun, is this place Dong He village?” asks the cyan skirt wearing young lady while looking at the haphazard tile-roofed houses in a distance with a confused look on her face. There were only a few isolated multi-storied houses.

That short-haired girl called Ji Yun chuckled and said while smiling, “Of course, there is absolutely no mistake, I have been here once. Come on, Mu Wan, I will take you to Ning Xiao Cheng’s home to look. By the way, you can also see it while standing here. Do you see that tile-roofed clay house in the eastern-most corner? That is Ning Xiao Cheng’s house.”

Tian Mu Wan looked in the direction of Ji Yun’s finger, and when she saw a low tiled-roof clay house, she immediately frowned. This village did not look too prosperous, even clay houses were rare, even worse was the green bricked house with the tiled roof. She didn’t frown because Ning Xiao Cheng house was made of clay, but rather because Ning Xiao Cheng family was so poor, and yet he was a little too generous.

“Mu Wan, let’s go and have a look.” As Ji Yun saw the frown on Tian Mu Wan’s face, and immediately said from the side.

Tian Mu Wan nodded, then turned and said to the driver: “Uncle Meng, you wait for us here, we’ll be fine inside.”

“Yes” The driver answered in an extremely respectful tone.

The clay tile-roofed houses all looked the same when watched from afar, but after coming closer to it, Tian Mu Wan came to know just how worn out this house really was. The two decrepit broken down doors were locked by a bicycle’s chain lock. Just a little push was enough to reveal a big gap through which one could worm their way inside. Through this big gap, one could clearly see the interior of the house while standing outside.

If they looked while standing in the distance, they could not have a clear

understanding of this family's poverty, but Mu Wan who stood at the entrance of this house, realised how poor they were. In this house except for the few pieces of old farm tools outside, only had a shabby little broken down wooden table, a clay oven was built in the corner of the kitchen.

"Is this really Ning Cheng's house?" Tian Mu Wan asks with a quivering voice.

Ji Yun nods, "Yes, it is, he also has a younger sister, but his sister should be working in the fields now. Ning Xiao Cheng's school fees, I heard that it was provided by his younger sister. I've been there once, so should I lead you to have a look at his younger sister?"

Tian Mu Wan simply did not seem to hear the words of Ji Yun, rather in her mind Ning Cheng's sincere and natural smiling face appeared. Ning Cheng waved his rather big hands saying the words, 'Today, I invite you to dinner'.

If it wasn't for Ning Xiao Cheng, Tian Mu Wan would absolutely not go to such a third class restaurant which even had flies. Because she was afraid that Ning Xiao Cheng would not be able to afford to go to a good restaurant for dinner. For a man, eating a meal with a woman and unable to pay, that was a huge loss of face. Since she was with Ning Cheng together, she did not want Ning Cheng to feel ashamed.

She had no idea that Ning Xiao Cheng's family was impoverished to this extent. Moreover, he also had a younger sister who worked at home in order to provide for Ning Xiao Cheng's studies.

Suddenly, a feeling of anger rose in her heart, despite depending on his younger sister to work in farms and homes in order to let him study, he unexpectedly dares to squander money. Behind this Ning Xiao Cheng's sunshine like smile, unexpectedly there is hidden such a shameless heart.

Remembering once again Ning Xiao Cheng's small details, her sincere feelings of love towards Ning Xiao Cheng, Tian Mu Wan felt an acute pain in her heart. She did not want the person whom she loved to be this kind of a selfish person. A person who treats his own sister like this, how could he treat her well in the future? Could everything up till now be fake.

"Let's go back, I don't want to see any more." Tian Mu Wan said in response to Ji Yun's words, she all of a sudden felt her interest in him had come to an end.

At this moment, she was filled with a deep sorrow, she also did not know whether it was Ning Cheng or she herself, she doesn't seem to believe that the person she loved was like this. Now, she had finally realized why her family had opposed to her being together with Ning Xiao Cheng, unless she was really wrong.

In this grey expanse of dust, Ning Xiao Cheng rushed out, behind him, the cement mixer was also giving out whooshing like roars.

Although his body was covered from top to bottom with a layer of dust and mud, but Ning Xiao Cheng was rather in an extremely pleasant mood. Today was the day he received his paycheck, he had reached an agreement with the foreman uncle, and after his work today, he could receive half a month's salary.

The foreman was very good towards Ning Cheng, today was actually not the day for salary, but Ning Cheng still received 1300 dollars. Most of this money was earned from his absence from school, and he also came to work at the construction site on weekends.

Holding more than a thousand dollars, Ning Cheng almost eagerly went back to the school, then he hurriedly took a bath in the washroom with cold water, changed into clean clean cloths and again rushed out of the school.

He was going to meet his sister Ning Ruolan, in this world, his younger sister Ning Ruolan was his only family member. Not only was she two years younger than him, but was actually more intelligent than him, even in school she was better than him, while he was a junior in school, she was already a senior.

The only thing that let him feel like an older brother, was that he was responsible for his younger sister's living and school expenses.

"Elder Brother….."

Ning Xiao Cheng just got down from the bus, when a girl who stood in front of the entrance of Jiangzhou Institute of Foreign Languages excitedly called out to him.

"Ruolan, how did you know I would come today?" Ning Xiao Cheng actually saw the young girl waiting at the school entrance, and asked in a somewhat strange way.

“Originally, I wanted to find you, I made a phone call to uncle before going, heard Uncle saying that you have already received your wage, I guessed that you would definitely come here. Wait, did you not wash your face while taking a bath …….” Ning Ruolan chirps, after seeing her Elder Brother, like a happy bird in excitement.

As Ning Ruolan spoke, she already took out her handkerchief and wiped the dust on both sides of his nose which he had not washed off. She like Ning Xiao Cheng, simply had not seen a Land Rover drive past them.

“Was that Ning Cheng …..” Ji Yun said this time, she already knew that Tian Mu Wan saw Ning Xiao Cheng.

Tian Mu Wan did not speak, she looked at Ning Ruolan intimately touching the face of Ning Cheng, her whole heart was broken. Even she was disappointed with Ning Xiao Cheng to the extreme, not only he was wasting his sister’s hard earned money, but also was dating another girl.

Moreover this Ning Cheng’s intimate female friend was not worse than her, with long hair, wearing a light blue short sleeved shirt, demonstrated that she was not of inferior stature. On the fair and beautiful face, there was a smile like a summer sunshine.

“Mu Wan, do you want to go and ask?” Ji Yun asked after looking at the pale complexion of Tian Mu Wan.

Tian Mu Wan shook her head, then without saying a word powerlessly leaned against the back seat. There were some things which couldn’t be forgotten, for two years, all of her happiness and joy were given to her by Ning Xiao Cheng. Ning Xiao Cheng was together with her for two years, before that she did not experience any kind of happiness for over a decade. She had already harbored innumerable impressions and had a deep attachment to Ning Xiao Cheng, she always thought Ning Xiao Cheng to be her interpretation of love.

But today, she discovered that Ning Cheng was not at all what she originally thought as, similarly wrapped in a false mask, even the most basic of things have been lost. She wanted to say that these were all false, but she knew that it was true, because she personally saw it.

“These are for you.” Ning Cheng did not know that Tian Mu Wan saw him, and

happily handed out a thousand dollars to Ning Ruolan.

Ning Ruolan pushes back Ning Chengs hand, “Elder Brother, I will graduate soon, the money that I have with me is enough to meet my expenses. Didn’t you talk about a girlfriend, buy something for her.”

Ning Cheng did not mind it and slipping the money towards Ning Ruolan again saying. “I have to say it again, besides, Mu Wan’s family is very wealthy, she is not with me for money. And by the time you graduate, I’ll take you to see Mu Wan, I have not yet mentioned about you to her.”

“Okay” this time Ning Ruolan did not refuse, she knew what her elder brother meant. The reason why her elder brother did not mention her to Tian Mu Wan, was because she was afraid Mu Wan would secretly spend money on her.

She never thought that her elder brother Ning Cheng wasn’t good enough for others, in this world any outstanding woman can match up with her elder brother. But she knew, a woman who fell in love with her elder brother would certainly be good.

Seeing Ning Ruolan receive the money, Ning Cheng pulls out a pearl hair clip in the shape of snowflakes and said, “This is also for you. I bought two, one for you, and one for Mu Wan.”

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Prologue: Falling Through The Void

At the Jiangzhou University's entrance, Ning Xiao Cheng was grasping a snowflake shaped pearl hair clip, feeling a bit pumped up. He has not seen Mu Wan in a long time, this time also he gave the money and another pearl hair clip to his younger sister, and didn't even have time to eat a meal together with his sister, coming to the Jiangzhou University right away.

Ning Xiao Cheng didn't wait too long, as he saw Tian Mu Wan walk out. Tian Mu Wan was still as beautiful as ever, she moved in such a way that it would make everyone to become nearly breathless. Ning Xiao Cheng's heart started to fill up with a hint of pride, that such a beautiful woman would one day become his wife. At this point he was even happy regarding that accident, if not for the catastrophic flood that occurred, he wouldn't even have had the chance to get to know Tian Mu Wan.

"You wanted to see me?" Tian Mu Wan says flatly, this made Ning Xiao Cheng to swallow "Wan Er", these two words that what he was going to say, he felt that there was something wrong with Mu Wan today.

[TL Note : Wan Er, Wan is her name, when you add 儿(Er) behind as a nickname, basically it just means "Baby"/"Babe".]

"I bought this pearl hair clip for you ….. " Ning Xiao Cheng had wanted to say that he bought this pearl hair clip for her, and then go out to eat dinner together. But the words only managed to arrive at the tips of his tongue, as he just uttered half of it, when he felt the sudden change in Mu Wan.

Tian Mu Wan calmly took the hair clip that Ning Xiao Cheng gave, and without even looking at it asked, “Is there anything else?”

“I would like to invite you for dinner ……”

Ning Xiao Cheng had not finished his sentence, when he saw a blue car stop next to him and Tian Mu Wan.

“Wan Er.” A young man exuding a strange perfume opened the door and got out, and at the same time eagerly called out.

Ning Xiao Cheng frowned, he very much disliked the smell, a fully grown man had made his all of his body to be covered in this sweet fragrant scent, this really made it hard for him to bear it. He recognized this young man, Wan Lin’s family had introduced him to be her’s so to-be boyfriend, and was called Zha Zhi Yi.

“Zhi Yi ….”

The way Mu Wan responded made Ning Xiao Cheng frown, previously whenever this young man called Zhi Yi called her Wan’er, Mu Wan would always answer in a cold voice, “Wan’er is not your’s to call, please be prudent.”

Today, however, she does not seem to have the momentum.

Tian Mu Wan not only not seem to be displeased with him, but also did not say anything when she was called Wan’er, noticing this Zha Zhi Yi suddenly felt elated, he hurriedly walked up and said, “Wan’er, are you free today? I would like to invite you to have dinner together.”

Contrary to what Zha Zhi Yi expected, Tian Mu Wan did not refuse, but nodded her head and said, “Today I happen to have some free time, then let’s go together.”

Zha Zhi Yi was so surprised, he almost forgot his own name, he was just about to speak, when he heard Tian Mu Wan speak again, “Zhi Yi, can you help me take a look at this?”

That said, Tian Mu Wan placed the pearl hair clip she got from Ning Xiao Cheng into Zha Zhi Yi’s hands.

“What is this?” Zha Zhi Yi took the pearl hair clip, and subconsciously asked the question.

“Oh, this was just given to me by Ning Xiao Cheng, I do not any any place to put it.” Tian Mu Wan said nonchalantly, seemingly not caring that this pearl hair clip could be worn at any time on her head.

“Oh…..” said Zhi Yi after listening to Tian Mu Wan, shook his hand, the pearl hair clip fell to the ground, and rolled into the gap between the sewer covers.

Zhi Yi did not seem to think that it would fall into the sewers, with some frustration he said, “I’m sorry, Wan’er, I was too careless, I will buy you a better one.”

Zhi Yi did not seem to mind it, Tian Mu Wan actually noded and said, “If it’s lost then forget it, you are free to buy a good one for me, lets go,”

Ning Xiao Cheng looked a bit pale, how could he not know that what Zhi Yi did was intentional. The one who made him more depressed was Mu Wan, he had only not seen Mu Wan for half a month, how could she change so much? In his mind, Mu Wan was not such a person.

“Wan’er, I want to speak a few words with you.” seeing Tian Mu Wan was going to leave, Ning Cheng spoke.

Tian Mu Wan seemed to know what Ning Cheng wanted to speak, she turned around, and said in a slow voice, “Ning Xiao Cheng, I know what you are going to say. It’s just that I have just graduated from college, I cannot play around anymore. You should know that there is a huge difference between us, it is absolutely impossible for us to be together.I was naive and innocent before, but now I understand, I hope you do not come to look for me in the future, it would be bad for us.”

Having said that, Tian Mu Wan simply ignored Ning Xiao Cheng, and went directly to the blue sportscar, pulled the door and sat inside.

Watching the blue sportscar spit out a white circle of smoke while it disappeared without a trace, Ning Xiao Cheng felt his heart bleed. He did not understand why Mu Wan would become like this, the impression he got from Mu Wan was completely different.

Were all women so fickle? Although he was born in a poor family, he never felt himself unworthy of Mu Wan, moreover Mu Wan also never cared for his

appearance.

“Xiao Cheng, why are you standing here?” A clear and crisp voice sounded, interrupting Ning Cheng who was still immersed in the midst of a daze.

Ning Cheng looked a bit pale, he looked up and saw a pretty girl with short hair, and subconsciously said, “Zeng Ji Yun……”

“I just saw, Xiao Cheng, some matters you just let nature take its course. Mu Wan’s family is not ordinary, you can see, if there is someone more suitable for you perhaps in the same room.” Ji Yun spoke with a gentle tone, like clouds drifting gently in the horizon, comforting Ning Xiao Cheng.

Ning Cheng did not seem to hear the words of Ji Yun, he was vainly looking at the pearl hair clip that fell into the sewer, he took quite a while before responding, saying to Ji Yun, “Thank you, I need to go now.”

“Wait, Xiao Cheng, I will accompany you for a walk.” Ji Yun suddenly took a step forward, her gaze looking somewhat scorching when she looked at Ning Cheng.

Ning Xiao Cheng shook his head, did not speak again, and quickly turned into the streets and vanished in the crowds.

Looking at the disappearing back of Ning Xiao Cheng, Ji Yun bites her lips, and even said in a voice, so quiet that even she herself couldn’t hear, “Ning Xiao Cheng, I like you more than Tian Mu Wan.”

She was Tian Mu Wan’s best friend, and she even felt that she was better at understanding Ning Xiao Cheng than Tian Mu Wan. He was one of the most outstanding man she has ever seen. Ning Xiao Cheng had a tough and optimistic personality, and for any hardships he couldn’t care less.

Because after knowing Ning Xiao Cheng, only then did she want to get to know him even better. She inquired about Ning Cheng’s high school, he did not seem to have any formal education, even when that was the case, he was still admitted into the University. After entering University, he never seems to study during classes, but there was never any cases of him failing subjects. According to her inquiries, Ning Xiao Cheng never took notes, always arriving one or two hours before tests, then going through the books once, the same as reading a

regular fiction novel or something.

Just like this, there weren't any subjects where Ning Xiao Cheng would fail at, which also included not only written exams but also practical ones of Science and Engineering.

With the leftover time, he would go and do part-time jobs. He and his sister's school fees, all of them was his hard earned money.

Ji Yun concluded that, Ning Xiao Cheng not only had photographic memory, but also had a strong understanding ability, it can even be described that he had a special kind of talent.

The only regrettable thing was, Ning Xiao Cheng did not know how to make money, with his kind of ability, basically he wouldn't need to work at the construction site. However, later, Ji Yun felt that she had guessed wrong, it wasn't that Ning Xiao Cheng didn't know how to make money, it was as if he didn't want others to know about his ability With such a better understanding of Ning Cheng, Ji Yun's heart was filled with the image of Ning Cheng. Even if Tian Mu Wan was her best friend, she wanted to grab Ning Cheng for herself. Tian Mu Wan's wanting to investigate Ning Cheng's house, was her idea.

"Let's get off here." The words of Tian Mu Wan left Zhi Yi who was still in state of excitement, dumbstruck.

"We haven't arrived yet …." Zhi Yi says subconsciously but stops his car, he did not dare to offend Tian Mu Wan,

Tian Mu Wan opened the door and said, "My family called, and requested that I came back immediately."

Looking at Tian Mu Wan walking away, Zhi Yi suddenly had a feeling of being played with, he did not hear Tian Mu Wan answering her phone, he knew he was played, but he also did not dare to let Tian Mu Wan to be dissatisfied with him.

Ning Xiao Cheng stopped walking, he discovered that he had unconsciously and unexpectedly ended up walking onto the highway, which was full of cars. He shook his head and decided to look for Mu Wan tomorrow again, to ask clearly why she was like that. If Mu Wan was genuinely that heartless as she said, then he no longer needed to stay in this city.

His sister was about to graduate, and there was no more need for him. If not for Mu Wan and his sister Ning Ruolan, he would have already left.

When Ning Xiao Cheng just had decided to return, suddenly a thick golden beam that strained ones eyes, shot towards him. Even with Ning Xiao Cheng's quick reaction speed, it was too late to determine what that golden beam was, as it collided with him. In the instant that he lost consciousness, he seemed to have felt a huge change in the atmosphere like that of a world of the ancient times.

Tian Mu Wan sat inside her dormitory with her mind somewhat unhinged, she picked up her phone and put it back down, this was repeated a number of times, but now that Ning Xiao Cheng really disappeared from her sight, she felt she could not forget about the boy who was often covered in dust.

After repeating it several times, Tian Mu Wan sighed, after all, she decided to no longer contact Ning Xiao Cheng, and even intended to delete Ning Cheng's number from her phone.

At this time, her phone rang.

Tian Mu Wan receives the call, and hears a crisp but careful voice, "Are you sister Mu Wan? I am Ning Cheng's sister, I want to talk about my brother ……"

Ten minutes later, Tian Mu Wan arrived outside the coffee shop outside the school, she saw a somewhat anxious Ning Roulan.

"Is it you? " Tian Mu Wan knew Ning Ruolan, was she not the girl who was together with Ning Xiao Chen last time?

Ning Ruolan had not seen Tian Mu Wan, but when Tian Mu Wan came in, she knew, that at present this woman definitely was Tian Mu Wan, only this kind of woman can match her brother.

"I am Ning Cheng's younger sister, Ning Ruolan, my brother did not leave any message, did not even return to his dormitory, do you know where he is?" Ning Ruolan was not in the mood to talk with Tian Mu Wan, she opens her mouth and immediately inquires about the whereabouts of her older brother.

Tian Mu Wan did not react to the meaning of Ning Ruolan's words, she just subconsciously asks "Ning Cheng's sister is at home farming, right? How can it be

you ……”

Ning Ruolan frowned and said, “My brother and I were in Jiangzhou, I wanted to study here, how do I have the time to go back to farming?”

Tian Mu Wan’s face changed, immediately having some clarity. She was quite intelligent, associating what Ji Yun said and did, she came to vaguely understand something.

“Not good…..” Tian Mu Wan immediately thought of Ning Xiao Cheng and her that night, an elevated bridge was hit by a fragment of a meteorite that night. It was nothing to with her relationship with Ning Xiao Cheng, but at this moment her mind just flashed to a very lonely Ning Cheng standing near the bridge.

Looking at Tian Mu Wan, who ran out desperately, Ning Ruolan’s face changed, it was clear that something had happened to her brother.

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Chapter 0001 – A Close Call

"Bang ….." a sound emerged, as a rusty iron gate was opened, the echos of the iron gate opening was blocked by the ancient building, rising in spirals unceasingly,

After a few dozen breaths time, a drooping young man was dragged by his arms by two prison guards, he was dragged out from inside the gate. This drooping young man, did not appear to be breathing, and even his thin arms were just bones. From his ragged clothes which were besmeared with blood, it could be seen how much devastation and suffering this young man had gone through.

"Peng" This emaciated man was thrown on to the floor by the two prison guards, kicking up some dust, then there was no movement.

"This kid should be dead, right?" Asked a stout jailer while staring at the motionless young man on the floor.

Another jailer humphed, "He should to be dead, who let him act recklessly and blindly, even dared to be rude to Miss Jan. Now it is good, not only the Ning Clan was destroyed, he himself seems to have fallen out in the same way, he got what deserved."

"Old man, speak carefully, we'll have to drag him out." The short and stout prison guard hastily warned the other.

Listening to this short and thick prison guard, the old guard with a shrinking hairline, went to the person lying on the ground, ready to pull him up.

At this time, a somewhat weak and delicate voice cried out, “Two elder brothers, I would like to take my husband away.”

The two prison guards who were just speaking to each other saw a woman standing at the side dressed in coarse cloths, although this woman was dressed in coarse linen, but they could vaguely see that she was in good shape. The only disappointing thing was, her face which had been disfigured, was covered slightly by her messy hair, letting people not willing to look a second time.

The two prison guards recognised this woman, she was one of the two remaining people from the Ning Clan left alive.

The entire Ning Clan was exterminated, the only ones left alive was the old housekeeper and the woman standing in front of them. Ning Gao was the housekeeper of the Ning Clan’s residence, when the Ning residence was raided, he had already left the Cang Qin Province to go out on a trip, thus he escaped. But this woman was not only Ning Clan’s daughter-in-law, but also the wife of the emaciated man who was just thrown out by the prison guards, and was called Ji Luo Fei. Due to her stay in the Cang Qin’s Two Star Academy, she also escaped unharmed.

Of course, this was because Ji Luo Fei and Ning were not affiliated, the only reason she married into the Ning family, was because the heads of the Ning and Ji family were close friends, she was betrothed to Ning Cheng during childhood. But the Ji family had a rather bizarre fall, leaving only the disfigured Ji Luo Fei behind. Even so, Ning Cheng’s grandfather Ning Hong still allowed her to marry into his house. After making the preparations for Ning to gather qi, the two of them got married.

Unfortunately, the aptitude of Ning Cheng was extremely bad, even after many years of trying to cultivate he was unable to gather Qi, not only that, he even curses the disfigured look of Ji Luo Fei. Fortunately, Ji Luo Fei was a homeless daughter-in-law, always resigned herself to adversity, and never said anything. This time when she came back from the institute, she was informed that the Ning Clan was destroyed, that was the first time she had come to the prison

here. Originally she wanted to ask if Ning Cheng could come out, but she never thought, Ning Cheng who had no breath, was thrown out of the prison by the guards.

Ji Luo Fei seeing the expressions of the two prison guards, did not wait for them to speak up, and pulled out a dozen silver coins and quickly handed them over, “Two Eldest Brothers, my husband’s already gone, I……”

“OK, OK, drag him away, put this ugly to die here.” That short and stout prison guard took the silver coins, and said while impatiently waving his hand.

Originally, they were the one who had to handle the corpse of Ning Cheng, actually it was unthinkable for them that somebody would handle it for them, moreover even gave them silver coins, this kind of good deal, they certainly would not reject.

Ji Luo Fei hearing this, hurriedly took Ning Cheng and putting him on her back, quickly picked up speed and soon disappeared from the entrance of the prison.

“That Ji Luo Fei, if had not been disfigured, then she would have been a real beauty.” Looking at the figure of Ji Luo Fei , the other prison guard said while tossing up a silver coin in his hand, with an appraised tone.

“Don’t talk nonsense, whether that Ji Luo Fei is good or bad, she is a person of Cang Qin’s Two Star Academy, even if she is ugly, she is beyond us.” The short and stout prison guard patted the shoulders of the prison guard who had just been speaking and took him inside the iron gate. With another loud bang, the iron gates closed once more.

Ning Xiao Cheng caught a wiff of an exceedingly pleasant and delicate fragrance. When he first opened his eyes, the first thing he saw was a spotless white neck. The next moment, Ning Xiao Cheng was able to sense, that he was being carried by a woman, and that delicate fragrance was coming from this woman’s body.

No that’s not right, he remembers being rejected by Tian Mu Wan. His mood was extremely bad and he had ended up walking onto a highway. Then, from the horizon came a yellow light which caused him to lose conscious, and then…..there was nothing after that.

Could it be that he did not die? What was going on here in the end?

Ning Xiao Cheng was just thinking of this, when all sorts of myriad information swarmed into his mind, he had unexpectedly reborn.

What really made Ning Xiao Cheng feel really shocked, was that the body in which he was reborn belonged to someone called Ning Cheng.

The reason that he was so shocked, was because originally his name was also Ning Cheng. It was only because he used to have frequent nightmares, in which he would see himself being brought to very strange places, plotted against and thrown to prison, and getting tortured to death. Although it was only a dream, but still Ning Cheng changed his name to Ning Xiao Cheng.

He did not expect it to turn a full circle, where he would be called Ning Cheng, and actually be reborn into the same environment that he had witnessed in his dreams.

Ning Xiao Cheng wanted to lift his hand, to wipe the cold sweat from his forehead. Turning to look at the woman who was carrying him on her back, he didn't have much to say.

"I'm sorry, I don't have the strength to walk." Seeing this woman turn to take a glance at him, Ning Xiao Cheng said apologetically. Making a woman carry him, he was feeling truly uncomfortable.

"The Ning Clan is already dead, it seems you were still lucky enough to be alive." This woman spoke with a calm tone, it seemed that even if Ning Xiao Cheng were to really die, she would still have this tranquility and calmness.

Ning Xiao Cheng became silent, just now he had been rearranging some of his fragmented memories. He would now once again be called Ning Cheng, the sole heir of the Ning Clan in Cang Qin Province. His name was now Ning Cheng, Ning Cheng, anyways, was also his original name.

The Ning Clan was a medium-sized aristocratic family in the Cang Qing Province, but the numbers were too small. The parents of Ning Cheng went to the Mingot sea to seek for magical treasures when Ning Cheng was still small, and then they never came back. Ning Cheng followed his grandfather Ning Hong Chang and lived a prosperous life in Cang Le city, the capital of the Cang Qin

Province.

Although the Ning mansion was large, there were not many people living in it. Ning Cheng of course became the head of the mansion, because Ning Hong Chang did not always manage Ning Cheng. Ning Cheng did all kinds of bad things in the Cang Le city, and Ning Hong Chang was the one to bear them. Cang Le city was a city filled with the Emperor's relatives, although Ning Hong Cheng was a senior statesman in the Cang Qin Province, but compared to these relatives of the Emperor, he was quite poor.

Finally one day, even he could not put up with the basket of evil that was Ning Cheng. He went so far as to even offending the Cang Qin's Jan Clan's beloved daughter Jan Su Jie, not to mention that Su Jie's family was untouchable, Jan Su Jie's fiance was Qiu Ying Guang. someone the Ning Clan did not dare provoke.

Ning Cheng thought of this, and sighed. The result of his deeds, of course, was being locked up and tortured in prison, his grandfather Ning Hong Chang in order to protect him, depleted his connections and wealth, and as a result, not only was he not able to save him, on the contrary the whole Ning Clan got dragged into it. He heard about this news from the mouths of the prison guards, that the Ning Clan was destroyed completely because of him.

After Ning Cheng cleared up these matters, he sighed again in his heart, this world didn't make any sense to speak of, here the one who had the strength was always right.

Meanwhile he also understood who the woman carrying him on her back was, the woman with the disfigured face was his fiancee, named Ji Luo Fei, somewhat similar to a child bride on Earth.

The Ji Clan were foreign to the Cang Qin province, because the relations between the grandfathers of Ning Cheng and Ji Luo Fei were good, they helped Ning Cheng and Ji Luo Fei to get close. Later the Ji family inexplicably declined, leaving only the disfigured Ji Luo Fei. But Ning Cheng's grandfather Ning Hong Chang wanted Ji Luo Fei to have a better home, once Ning Cheng was ready to begin practicing gathering qi, he helped the two to immediately get married.

Ning Hong Chang tolerated Ning Cheng in other matters, but in the matter of taking Ji Luo Fei, he did not yield.Originally Ning Cheng was very dissatisfied with

the disfigured face of Ju Luo Fei, he did not hit her but frequently scolded her, Ji Luo Fei just grinned and bore it, never refuting what Ning Cheng said.

But Ji Luo Fei and Ning Cheng were different, she was qualified to practice cultivation. Not only that, with the help of Ning Clan's help, she was admitted into Cang Qin's Two Star Academy, and was already at the 3rd level of Qi Gathering stage. In the state of Qin, as long as a person was able to cultivate Qi they were called cultivators. Once the cultivators practice Qi Gathering up to the 4th layer, their status would immediately shoot up.

At this time, Ji Luo Fei had brought him back to a very small black stone house. Although it was a black stone house, the area was not small, unlike some others. There was even a small yard, the yard also had a deep well.

"How was Ning Clan destroyed completely?" Ning Cheng suddenly asked. Even if related to him, Ning Cheng must clarify this matter. Although he guessed that it was because of Jan Su Jie and Qiu Ying Guan, but he had to find out for himself.

"You did your own things, why ask me?" Ji Luo Fei's answer was simple, putting Ning Cheng down at once.

She poured a cup of water and feeding it to Ning Cheng said: "I'll go boil water for you to bath, there are some things you should forget, you know that it will not do you any good."

Ning Cheng looked at Ji Luo Fei boiling water, and did not continue to ask, he understood the meaning of what Ji Luo Fei said. With his ability, the more he knew, the more he was likely to die. Even if he doesn't know anything, in this place, it's another thing to be able to survive.

He did not know what Ji Luo Fei added in that cup of water, but Ning Cheng felt that after he drank the cup of water, he regained some strength.

Ning Cheng sitting on an old wooden bed, was thinking about his own situation, he was thinking of his younger sister Ning Ruolan. At the same time, he also did not understand why Tian Mu Wan did such a thing to him, according to him Tian Mu Wan was absolutely not that kind of a snobbish girl.

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Chapter 0002 – Difficult Prospects

"The water is ready, I will help you take a bath." Ning Cheng was almost finished sorting out the things he was thinking, when Ji Luo Fei once more walked out and said.

Although Ning Cheng was in love Tian Mu Wan for a couple of years, but at most they were limited to holding hands. In addition, he did not take any further action. Now that Ji Luo Fei was helping him take a bath, Ning Cheng felt this was unnatural. He was certain that he did not let himself be bathed by Ji Luo Feng, not because of his ideas, but because of her disfigured face.

"I can do it myself ….. "Ning Cheng said hastily.

Aware of Ji Luo Fei's puzzled look, Ning Cheng quickly got up from the bed, barely managing to hold himself steady while holding the bed he said. "You see, I can move around on my own now."

Although he suffered heavy torture in the prison for some time, but after coming back and drinking the water offered by Ji Luo Fei, Ning Cheng was able to barely move.

Seeing Ning Cheng walk towards the bathroom in a rickety manner, Ji Luo Fei was getting increasingly puzzled. In her memories, Ning Cheng absolutely did not deny others serving him, to Ning Cheng, those who did not serve him properly only received a good beating, but he would never say such kinds of words nor did he do such kind of thing. Now that Ning Cheng knew that his Clan was exterminated, did he mature and started to understand many affairs when compared to before?

However Ji Luo Fei put these doubts to one side, she no longer went to help

Ning Cheng with his bath, instead she started making some rice porridge. Ning Cheng had practiced for many years but was unable to cultivate Qi, this was no doubt not only because he was not willing to endure the hardship, but even his temperament in that area was very poor. Now that the Ning Clan was destroyed, and Ning Cheng also did not die in the prison, Ji Luo Fei could expect the kind of miserable life that awaited him.

Although she was the wife of Ning Cheng in name, they did not get married, but at the same time she already was at the 3rd level of Qi Gathering, and once she progressed to the 4th level of Qi Gathering, the institute would put great emphasis on her training. Even if she did not give up Ning Cheng, the institute would not permit her to stay with Ning Cheng in the same place. As a person at 4th level of Qi gathering, if she continued to live with Ning Cheng in the same place, with Ning Cheng's present condition, it would definitely not help Ning Cheng, but rather would make Ning Cheng die quicker.

To live with Ning Cheng in the same place, Ji Luo Fei did not have any qualms. Although Ning Chen was bad to her, he did not hit her but only scolded. The reason why she not only came back to rescue Ning Cheng, but also looked after Ning Cheng with all her heart, was because she owed the Ning Clan.

I the eyes of Ji Luo Fei, Ning Cheng was unable to cultivate, so he went down in the world, if she did not rescue Ning Cheng, then Ning Cheng could only wait for his death. She was aware that she could not marry Ning Cheng, but also made up her mind that she would not remarry others. The reason why she proposed to help Ning Cheng take a bath, was because she was his fiancee, and the only one who was willing to and could help Ning Cheng. Since Ning Cheng claimed to be able to move by himself, she certainly would not help.

The only thing that she could do before she progressed to 4th level of Qi Gathering, was to help establish comfortable living conditions for Ning Cheng. With her cultivation progress, even if her face was disfigured, in the future, she would have to leave the Cang Qin Province, Ning Cheng would just end up becoming a passerby in her life.

After Ning Cheng took his bath, although he felt some pain, but he definitely felt a bit better than before. When he came out, Ju Luo Fei served the rice porridge that she had cooked. After eating the rice porridge, Ning Cheng finally

had some color and strength return to his face.

“These are for you, I must go back to the institute. You can move now, so you can make what you want to eat.” Ji Luo Fei says after she sees that Ning Cheng has eaten something, besides him looking weak, there seemed to be no other obstruction, taking out a package of silver coins she gave it to Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng did not receive the package of silver coins that Ji Luo Fei gave, he knew Ji Luo Fei’s meaning. Ji Luo Fei was a student Cang Qin Two Star Academy, and moreover was a good disciple. However, he remembered that he was also the student of this institute, and immediately said, “Since you are going to the academy, of course I would also go.”

Ji Luo Fei was immediately somewhat surprised and was stared at Ning Cheng, she knew that before Ning Cheng only went to the institute because of his grandfather’s oppression. Now the Ning Clan was almost finished, he also did not have any more restraint, not only that but now he was also thinking about going to the institute? Besides, with his intelligence and aptitude, even if he went to the institute, what would he be able to accomplish?

Ning Cheng looking at Ji Luo Fei’s expression, and immediately knew that he spoke his words somewhat hastily. He just thought, in this place, if not for one’s strength, he estimated that he could not live much longer. Thus, when Ji Luo Fei said she was going back to the institute, he also immediately wanted to go there together. But he forgot that he did not always go to the institute, moreover he did not have the intelligence or the aptitude to cultivate, going to the institute did not have much significance to him.

“Er…. I was afraid of my grandfather’s scoldings, now thinking that grandfather is gone ….” Ning Cheng felt sad, mainly because he was reminded of his great love of Tian Mu Wan, that kind of sadness cannot be faked, and it came out naturally.

When Ji Luo Fei heard Ning Cheng saying grandfather, his eyes were red, if not for Ning Cheng’s grandfather, he would not have Ji Luo Fei. Now that Ning Cheng mentioned his grandfather again, even Ji Luo Fei was affected. She fills Ning Cheng’s hands with the silver coins and says, “You need to rest your body now, I will try to find the time to come back and see you again, wait till your body is

better, if you still want to go to the institute, I will take you there”

After saying that, Ji uo Fei turned and went out of the house, and soon disappeared.

Ning Cheng looked at his hands that did not have a lot of silver coins in them, and then looked at the low blackstone house, he already understood that Ji Luo Fei’s financial condition was not good.

In the future if he wants to live this place, he absolutely can not rely on Ji Luo Fei. At this time, Ning Cheng was not rattled, he could feel that to survive here he would have to suffer many hardships, this world followed the law of the jungle. If you did not have enough strength to survive on your own, then you could only live under other’s foot, even if Ning Clan possessed good strength, they were also destroyed completely in one night.

He was very clear that once his fiance advanced to the 4th level of Qi Gathering, they would take her away from him. Not to say about two people that were not married, it would be true even if they were married. A cultivator at 4th level of Qi Gathering, for the Cang Qin Province, would be the focus of training, and would definitely not allow a disabled person to follow by their side.

Although he did practice in his clan, but he does not have the aptitude, even after practicing for so many years he could not gather Qi, not to speak of even advancing to the 4th level of Qi Gathering.

Cannot practice, but also wanting to find a way to survive, Ning Cheng had secretly made up his mind, but sighed. It was unfortunate that he could not cultivate, if he was able to cultivate, on the face of this planet, someday he might be able to practice until he arrived at the Yuan Realm, and then think of a way to return back to the Earth,

Ning Cheng cannot practice cultivation, but that didn’t mean he that he doesn’t know about the different realms of the cultivation practice, he knows that the cultivation practice has 9 realms, with 81 levels. However he understood that the highest realm that was obtainable, was the Yuan Realm, from his memory he found that, in Cang Qin Province’s history there was only one person who was a Yuan Realm master.

The realms that Ning Cheng could understand were only the first three, Qi

Gathering Realm, Qi Condensing Realm and the Yuan Building Realm. Qi Gathering Realm consists of accumulation of Qi in the meridian channels, according to the amount of accumulation of Qi, this realm is divided into 9 levels. Li Luo Fei was currently at the 3rd level of the Qi Gathering realm, between the 3rd and the 4th level of Qi Gathering realm there exists a big divide. Although Cang Qin Two Star Academy has a lot of students who were at the 3rd level of Qi Gathering, but the number of students at the 4th level were extremely low.

When the cultivators reach a certain level, they will be qualified to enter the Qi Consation Realm, at this time the Qi starts to truly transform into a Yuan. Similar to the Qi Gathering Realm, the Qi Condensing Realm also has 9 layers, not only it is much more vigorous, it is more sophisticated and exquisite, the Yuan Building Realm surpasses it. Even the Chief and Vice-Chief of the Cang Qin 2 Star Academy were also cultivators of the Qi Condensation Realm, and were some of the most powerful men in the Cang Qin Province.

As for the Yuan Realm, Cang Qin Province does not have anyone.

Ning Cheng came from Earth, and heard a variety of cultivation legends. Moreover on Earth there were some people who were able able to cultivate, especially in the mainland from where he came from, as such Ning Cheng was not surprised. Of course, as for why he has not learned to cultivate back there, it was because it was beyond the scope of his imagination.

Ning Cheng knew that his own aptitude was very bad, and could not cultivate. In addition with his body, even if he can recall some of the cultivation techniques of the Ning Clan, he would not be able to practice. To survive here, the first essential factor was to heal and recuperate his body.

After Ji Luo Fei returned to the institute, there was no further news. Ning Cheng never got out, besides resting in the stone building, he only exercised his body in the front yard of his stone house.

A few days later, Ning Cheng although looked somewhat emaciated, but has actually slowly recovered. At least, he did not have any feeling of weakness. Ning Cheng felt, he could go out and have a look. At least he wanted to look at the Cang Qin Capital City’s environment, he had to survive here, what else could he do?

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Chapter 0003 – Cang Le City

Cang Qin Province's Capital, Cang Le City was very prosperous. Ning Cheng could recall many images of Cang Le City from his memories, but for the present Ning Cheng, this would be the first time for him to actually see and walk in Cang Le City. Cang Le City to Ning Cheng gave off the feeling of vicissitudes of life amidst prosperity, just like an old man whose strength was leaving him slowly, he walked somewhat unsteadily.

Cang Le City's streets criss-crossed freely, with each main street being very spacious on both sides, these streets intertwined together much like a spider's web.

On both sides of the street, there were a variety of shops and stores. Many of these stores were selling things which Ning Cheng had not even heard about, let alone seeing. Most of the shops were engaged in sale and purchase of various fierce beast materials, low level spirit grass, and there were also some stores that sold weapons. Some of the stores were high-end, they sold various instruments and medicinal elixirs.

As for those restaurants, ordinary clothing shops and brothels, they were just too many to count.

There were all kinds of buildings in the Cang Le City, not only loft buildings, but there even was a Castle built with a Western Architecture theme. The buildings were mixed together, which made the entire Cang Le City to appear somewhat nondescript.

Ning Cheng, to have a clear look, came to a stop in front of the doorway of a

shop who sold unusual weapons, he saw a very unusual long knife which was being sold for a price of one gold coin. But with all of Ju Luo Fei's possessions that were given to him together, only amounted to 50 silver coins. One gold coin was equivalent to 100 silver coins. This means that even with all his possessions, he could only buy half of an ordinary long knife.

For those shops who sold various instruments and medicinal elixirs, Ning Cheng did not go to see. He knew that these shops seldom collect gold coins, these shops used Qi Gathering Stones as payment. A Qi Gathering Stone can be exchanged for 100 gold coins, even if he still lived in his family home, Qi Gathering Stone for Ning Cheng would have been a luxury item.

Similarly there were some hunters who carried weapons mixed into the crowd, walking on the streets. These people generally had a hint of bloody smell on them, this made it clear that they usually roamed outside and faced danger all year round. Although these kinds of people looked aggressive, but such people were quite popular in the Cang Le City. Mainly because they were very generous, and would very rarely ask to lower the price.

Since these type of people lived a precarious life, except in the case of some who were qualified to practice cultivation, most of these hunters were inebriated with the wine that they drank today. They used all their gold coins and money to enjoy their life, not only did they come and go out of some high-end hotels, they also spilled a lot of gold coins on the prostitutes of Cang Le City

Ning Cheng was moving around while still lamenting in the myriad and flourishing streets, when a burst of sharp cry came from the end of the street. A young man dressed in white cloths, riding a white unicorn, roared while he rushed from a distance. From afar, it looked like a bolt of lightning over a white shadow.

The people on the streets dodged to both sides, to avoid being hit directly and be sent flying by the unicorn. This mass of white instantly came in front of Ning Cheng's eyes, Ning Cheng, his reaction was very quick, since his body was almost restored, he was able to react almost instantaneously when he saw the white shadow.

Ning Cheng had just turned when at the same time, he saw on the middle of

the street, a panic stricken little boy. At this time the people on the street had responded quickly, because of the little boy's slow response, it was apparent that he would not be able to avoid the incoming unicorn.

Ning Cheng put his hands behind the back of the little boy and rapidly pulling him back up, rushed to the edge of the street. While Ning Cheng was making his way to the street's edge, the white unicorn roared past the side of Ning Cheng, the whipped up wind caused Ning Cheng's eyes to ache.

Seeing that the little boy was safe and sound, Ning Cheng sighed in relief, in his heart he thought that the unicorn was not a wild beast, it was very likely because the rider lost control while running on the street.

It was at this time that the beast which was running madly just a while ago stopped suddenly, and not only that, the unicorn turned, and unexpectedly walked and arrived in front of Ning Cheng.

"Dare to ruin my interest, die….." said the white man sitting on the back of the unicorn as he took out a whip and lashed out at Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng immediately wanted to escape, but he found that he could not escape the whip which was in front of him. The long whip brought up an invisible force, which suppressed him, making it too late to be able to dodge or avoid it.

Ning Cheng's heart sank, he didn't even have the time to question it, as a force brought him up. The next moment, the whip streaked across his eyes, even the front part of his robe was lifted up.

Someone had saved him, Ning Cheng immediately realized it soon after it happened, at the same time he also realized that this white unicorn which was running madly on the main street was also doing so in deliberation. This unicorn's owner went so far as to hit people for amusement, and him pulling the boy away seemed to have dampened the other party's pleasure.

After Ning Cheng understood this, his heart immediately sank. This place was not Earth, and it seemed like a completely unreasonable thing to just go overboard. He saved the little boy, but at the same time offended the white man who was looking for pleasure.

That white clothed man on the unicorn seeing Ning Cheng being pulled away

by a person, immediately became angry. However, when he saw the one who had saved Ning Cheng, his anger was immediately extinguished, even his tone became genial as he said: “So it is Su Jie, ah, this is just an outcaste only….”

The white robed man sitting on the unicorn spoke, as he jumped down from the unicorn’s saddle.

“Xian Yuan Kui, you and I don’t have a good relationship, me rescuing the outcastes also has nothing to do with you.” A clear crisp, cold female voice sounded, simultaneously Ning Cheng saw a young girl, who wore a very gentle and graceful pink dress.

Ning Cheng knew that it was this girl who had saved him. However, Ning Cheng actually did not go forward to express his gratitude, he knew this woman. Her name was Jian Su Jie, it can be said that she was the enemy of the Ning Clan, the Ning Clan and his family was destroyed because of her.

Looking at this beautiful ice-cold face before his eyes, Ning Cheng couldn’t recall how his predecessor had been discourteous to her, but he truly remembered that Ning Cheng actually liked her very much. Although his predecessor also had a good family background, however it was reasonable to say that it was very unlikely that he wouldn’t be aware that he and Jian Su Jie were poles apart from each other, and even if he was fond of her, he could only keep it in his heart and absolutely would not engage in any indecent thing.

Besides, compared to Jian Su Jie, his predecessor was an idiot, it was completely impossible to repair the cracks between him and Jian Su Jie. Compared with Jian Su Jie, even if Ning Cheng did not say anything indecent, was it difficult to imagine what would happen if he approached her? It looked like his predecessor was indecent towards Jian Su Jie, and was finally thrown into prison, there was not something that was strange.

The white clothed man called Xian Yuan Kui having abruptly bumped into Jian Su Jie here, felt his face become immediately embarrassed. But then he recognized Ning Cheng, “Hey, aren’t you Ning Cheng? You did not die? Elder sister Jian, this boy ……”

Xian Yuan Kui eventually did not dare call out to Su Jie call again, as his words were yet again interrupted by Jian Su Jie, “You don’t need to worry about that,

and don't let your unicorn run wildly around in the crowded streets."

Having finished speaking, Jian Su Jie turned and stared coldly at Ning Cheng, "If I were you, I would go crouch in a corner like a tortoise, and not have the face to go out shopping in the streets."

Ning Cheng sneered in his heart, but did not pay much mind to Jian Su Jie, as he turned around to walk.

"Not knowing how to appreciate favors." Xian Yuan Kui seeing Ning Cheng unexpectedly ignore Jian Su Jie, immediately lost his cool, and cursed at his back.

Jian Su Jie was used to seeing the appearance of Ning Cheng trying to curry favour from her, but at this time seeing him not even paying attention to his savior, she immediately frowned. However, also did not have to say anything as Xian Yuan Kui had already said what she wanted to say, she just turned and left in another direction.

There was no longer any ideas in Ning Cheng's heart of being able to survive in this place, if one couldn't practice cultivation, then one would not have the strength, resulting in not much hope of being able to live. At this point, how could he have the mood to go shopping? He wanted to practice, even if he was unable to practice, in order to survive he had to practice cultivation.

"Dad, he is the one who saved me." A crisp voice sounded out from the side, Ning Cheng turned his head to see the young boy who he had just saved from getting trampled under the unicorn's feet. Ning Cheng, because of the things just now, had forgotten about the little boy, he didn't think that this young boy would still remember him.

At this time, the little boy was dragging along a middle-aged man whose entire face was covered with scars. This middle-aged man was obviously the father of the young boy.

Ning Cheng thought that the middle-aged man wanted to say thanks, thus he stopped, and was ready to say a few kind words to him. No one thought that when the middle aged man saw him, a look of panic would emerge in his eyes, he quickly bowed to Ning Cheng and said, "Young Master Ning, I am sorry, this child naively collided with the Young Master, I'll take him away….."

After that, he did not even wait for Ning Cheng to reply, pulled the little boy up and got away fast, and soon disappeared among the crowd.

Ning Cheng touched his thin face, and shook his head, he did not know the middle aged man, but could feel that he was afraid of him as the Young Master.

Such a trivial matter, Ning Cheng did not mind, for him, the most important thing now was to practice cultivation. If he could not practice cultivation, he would have to try other methods, or leave Cang Qin, for surviving he must search for other methods.

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Chapter 0004 – The Secret Within The Body

Coming back to the stone house again, Ning Cheng first tried to remember the practice methods that he learned before. His predecessor, originally did not like practicing cultivation, that coupled with his poor aptitude and intelligence in this field, he ended up with no progress in cultivation, even more he did not have the strength to practice, now Ning Cheng desperately tried to recall the cultivation practice method of the Ning Clan that was passed down from generation to generation.

Fortunately, although Ning Cheng's grandfather Ning Hong Chang pampered him, he also forcefully made him practice and remember the basic elements of the Ning Clan's cultivation practice method

After Ning Cheng repeatedly recalls the practice details from his memories, he finally remembers the First Mnemonics of the Ning Clan's cultivation practice method, as well as the the information about the acupuncture points and meridians through which Qi had to be circulated.

According to what he remembers of the First Mnemonic of the Ning Clan's cultivation practice method, Ning Cheng cautiously senses the Qi outside to allows it to enter the meridians. He had already done this many times so he was prepared, he knew his own talent, if his Qi sensing was good, he would not have to wait until today to gather Qi.

"Buzz…." just when Ning Cheng started to sense and gather Qi, his meridians gave a sharp sound, this sound could be heard clearly, it was followed by an intense pain that filled Ning Cheng's body.

The next moment, a thick and strong force was dispersed throughout his whole body, almost tearing it apart. But at this time Ning Cheng felt that, if he was even a slightly careless, the meridians in his entire body would be completely torn apart, and he would end being becoming truly useless.

Ning Cheng was panic stricken, he did not dare to be lax even for half a minute, aggregating his spirit to guide the sudden increase in Qi, according to the First Mnemonic of the Ning Clan's cultivation practice method that he remembered, he had to guide it through the meridians in his body by breathing in a specific way. With his careful guidance of Qi along his meridians, his body which Ning Cheng felt would soon rupture began to gradually relax.

As the time passed, Ning Cheng became immersed in the state of circulation of Qi in the meridians, just like a trace of warm water flowing, it proliferated his entire body. He was vaguely aware that some of the meridians that were blocked, naturally began to open, as a trace of this warm feeling passed through the meridians, traces of impurities were squeezed and sent out from the pores of his body

A kind of warm comfortable feeling rose in Ning Cheng's body, in a way that even his consciousness was shielded by his senses, Ning Cheng always felt that what he was practicing before and what others practiced had some differences. In his memory, practicing ment sensing the Qi from the outside, and then passing it through one's meridians thereby allowing it to be absorbed by the body.

But at this point he felt that, he has not even absorbed the Qi from the outside for more that half a minute. In his body, there seemed to be a thick amount of

Qi, when he was in practice, this Qi filled into his meridians. This Qi was like fine threads of hot water, which automatically squeezed out the impurities from his body, and even automatically burst through his blocked meridians and and then circulated through the meridians.

He did not know how long it took, Ning Cheng felt his whole body tremble, and he suddenly opened his eyes.

The world suddenly became clear, he even seemed to forget that the Qi circulating in his body had disappeared.

A kind of relaxed feeling welled up in his heart, Ning Cheng was a fool, he had unknowingly succeeded in gathering Qi, and was already a 1st Level Qi Gathering cultivator.

Was the practice so simple? Not at all, if the cultivation practice was so simple, then he would have gone so many years without gathering Qi, and at the same time in the Cang Qin Province there would have been many more people who could gather Qi.

Ning Cheng calculated the time that he practiced, he confirmed that he had not practiced for more than a day, but in just one day's time, he unexpectedly reached the 1st Level of Qi Gathering, if he said this to others no one would even dare to believe it, what the hell was going on?

At this time Ning Cheng had forgotten about the smell of the impurities that were flushed out from his body, and sat down again to meditate. Not only was he not a fool, he knew how to protect himself. Before his rebirth Ning Cheng knew that he was not ordinary, as he was gifted with photographic memory along with an ability to understand and comprehend, it simply made him an unparalleled existence.

Because such a fearful ability went against the heaven's will, it made Ning Cheng dare not disclose it. He only wanted to live a simple life, and after his younger sister graduated, he would go and seek his own simple life. He was very clear on what this particular ability represented, as long as there was even a little bit of exposure, he would become the focus of attention. From then on, he would not have the freedom to live an ordinary or simple life.

This was also the reason why Ning Cheng preferred to work at the construction

site, as he did not want to use his ability for the sake of money. He knew that there if he picked a second choice, as soon as he started, it would become hard to stop, in the end he would end up being noticed by the people. If not for his encounter with Tian Mu Wan, he would not even enter the University. The only thing that he did not expect was that he would be reborn in this place after he lost his love.

Ning Cheng was sure that his cultivation practice and what the others practiced were different, others practiced by absorbing Qi from the outside, but in his own body there was already a pure and thick Qi, this Qi allowed him to quickly gather even more Qi, and he was even promoted to the 1st Level of the Qi Gathering Realm. Having always been cautious, Ning Cheng was trying to figure out what was going on. His body seemed to have a source, this source provided a such a pure and thick Qi that it even allowed his cultivation practice speed to soar, it even disregarded his aptitude for practicing cultivation.

Unfortunately Ning Cheng knew very little about the cultivation practice, he only knew some information which was obtained from his predecessor's memory, it can be said that it was extremely poor. His predecessor was definitely not a very good person, if his aptitude for cultivation was good, he would not have waited until now to gather Qi. But the way he practiced was so simple, the only possibility he could think of was that something might have happened during his rebirth.

Ning Cheng remembered that a yellow light pierced through him from the air. could this mysterious yellow light have a relationship with his cultivation speed.

Leaving aside the things that he could not understand, Ning Cheng emerged from his house, and started to clean his body. When Ning Cheng had finished cleaning his body with the water from the well, he discovered that some of the scars on his body had faded and even his skin seemed to have a fair complexion.

Ning Cheng, although could not gather Qi, he was still a student of the Cang Qin Two Star Academy, and also a member of the Ning Clan, as a result he did know something about the practice of cultivation. He knew that cultivators recovered from their wounds quickly, but it was definitely not as fast as him. The scars on his body were very clear yesterday, but today when he reached the 1st Layer of Qi Gathering, they had faded down a lot, which was a bit unusual.

There was a sound of rushing footsteps, these footsteps were obviously rushing towards the yard where he was, Ning Cheng was startled at heart. He had lived here only for a few days, but no one ever came over, now that he could hear the sounds of footsteps, he knew that their aim was obviously him. Ning Cheng simply had no time to ponder, as hastily got inside the house, took out some clean clothes and wore them rapidly.

Ning Cheng had just worn his clothes, when a somewhat anxious Ji Luo Fei pushed the door and entered.

“How did you come back?” seeing Ji Luo Fei, Ning Cheng sighed in relief. Because he had offended Xian Yuan Kui, his heart was somewhat restless.

Ji Luo Fei seeing that Ning Cheng was all right, secretly relaxed, and said with a flat tone, “I heard that you offended Xian Yuan Kui……..”

Ning Cheng thought Ji Luo Fei would start to criticize him and did not let her take the initiative and said, “It was he who provoked him, even if this sort of thing happened one more time, I would still come to the rescue.”

Let a little boy get trampled to death in front of own eyes or save him, Ning Cheng, without a doubt, would not have just stand and watch and refuse to take any action. For him, if he had let the little boy get trampled to death in front of his own eyes, then later he would not be able to let go of the guilt that he would have surely felt.

Contrary to what Ning Cheng thought, Ji Luo Fei unexpectedly said in a slow tone, “Xiao Yuan Kun’s status in the Cang Qin Province is not ordinary, if you continue to stay here then you will definitely die, huh ….”

Ji Luo Fei stopped there, and looked at Ning Cheng intently, after some time she said, “You were successful in gathering Qi? This smell inside the house, is it due to the impurities from your body?”

Ning Chen knew that Ji Luo Fei already smelled the odor when she came in, but she did not say it to his face. Now that she saw his Qi, she just blurted it out.

“Yeah, just returned from having felt something, just practiced a bit, I did not think that I could gather Qi successfully, it was really lucky.” Ning Cheng replied with an awkward and somewhat embarrassed smile.

Ji Luo Fei after listening to Ning Cheng's words, did not answer immediately, instead stared at Ning Cheng and sized him up from top to bottom for a while. Ning Cheng wanted to ask Ji Luo Fei, when suddenly he felt his heart tighten, he understood the meaning of Ji Luo Fei's words.

Ji Luo Fei was with him a few days ago, with his body in that condition it would have been somewhat difficult to restore his health, how was it possible for him to arrive at the 1st Level of Qi Condensation Realm? It was obvious that he had a secret, if Ji Luo Fei could see it, then why can't other people not tell the difference? He Just got out of prison, surely everyone knew about it.

Although Ning Cheng did not know what the secret of his body was, however would others think that, they may just spilt him up to examine this so called secret.

"Luo Fei, I have already reached the 1st Level of Qi Gathering Realm, and thus I would also like to go to the institute." Ning Cheng soon understood his situation. For him, this time, only the Cang Qin Two Star Academy could save his life. If he stayed outside, it was quite possible for him to be killed off any time.

Ji Luo Fei was still apprehensive with what secret Ning Cheng's body held, but after listening to Ning Cheng's words, she put those thoughts to one side. Ning Cheng always called her 'girl', now unexpectedly it was changed to 'Luo Fei'. Does suffering really make a person grow so quickly?

She reacted quickly, now was not the time to think about these things. She then says, "I came back to let you temporarily go to college by all means, as you have a personal presence on the outside, I think they cannot overlook you in the same way. But you are not a student of the institute anymore, so you will not be able to attend the classes of the institute. Mr. Mu of the institute's practice room is very good, he helped me a lot. I told him about your matter, you can go there to give Mr. Mu a hand, and work as the institute's handyman"

"I don't have a problem." Ning Cheng immediately accepted, as long as he could preserve his life temporarily. Ning Cheng knew that there were secrets in his body, but he believed that with his practice speed, he would soon have the ability to protect himself.

Ji Luo Fei nodded, "Go to the practice room to help, at least if the Qi gathering

is successful. I came back with with a piece of Qi Gathering Stone this time, wanted to help you out with your Qi Gathering. I did not think you would succeed in gathering Qi, it could not be any better. We will wait here for a few days, and then go to to the institute."

Ning Cheng was very clever, he understood why Ji Luo Fei came over immediately, Ji Luo Fei knew that his successfully advancing to the 1st level of Qi Gathering Realm was definitely unusual, and thus took the initiative to stay for a few days. In the future, even if people would come to know that he could gather Qi, it would be assumed because of her help.

Ning Cheng was just about to thank her, when he saw Ji Luo Fei's face seemed a bit wrong, it was pale and white.

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Chapter 0005 – Yi Xing Continent

"Are you okay?" Ning Cheng asked, as all of a sudden, Ji Luo Fei staggered, Ning Cheng hurriedly stepped forward to support her. Ji Luo Fei's body emitted a soft fragrance however there was also a faint smell of blood mixed with it.

Ji Luo Feng did not wait for Ning Cheng to continue to inquire and shoving Ning Cheng aside said, "I'm fine, I am going to take rest first. I will come out after a little while to speak with you."

After she finished speaking, Ji Luo Fei entered into a nearby room.

Ning Cheng looked at his palm. Shockingly, on his palm, there appeared a faint trace of bloodstains.

Ning Cheng instantly understood that Ji Luo Fei had sustained some injuries. A

moment ago, when he was supporting Ji Luo Fei's back, the condition of her injuries could be clearly seen.

He looked towards Ji Luo Fei's room, Ning Cheng hesitated a bit, but did not go in. Ji Luo Fei was at the 3rd Level of the Qi Gathering Realm and so her recovery ability was much higher than his. It could be clearly seen that the Cang Qin Two Star Academy was also not a safe region.

Ji Luo Fei was attracted by the fragrance of food, she had also changed into a new set of clothes. Ning Cheng saw that after she rested for a while, her face was not as pale as before.

"This is your doing?" asked Ji Luo Fei in a surprised tone as she looked at the small wooden table which was laid with 4 dishes and a soup. In her memory, when did Ning Cheng ever cook a meal? Moreover even the food that he made looked very appetizing?

Ning Cheng smiled, "Of Course, I made it, Come over and have a bite."

Ji Luo Fei was obviously not a very talkative person. Although she was surprised that Ning Cheng could cook a meal, but she did not ask about it. She did not know whether the food, Ning Cheng made was delicious or if she was really hungry, even after finished eating several bowls of the food, she still felt like she was not full.

After they finished eating the food, Ning Cheng hurried to tidy up the dishes.

"Wait." Ji Luo Fei stopped Ning Cheng by calling out to him and said, "These dishes, I will clean them up, you do not have to do these…… "

Ji Luo Fei, did not even finished speaking, when she thought of some issues. Ning Cheng definitely didn't cook this, how could he prepare such a delicious food?

She promptly corrected herself, " Would you please first sit down, there is something that I have to say to you."

After waiting for Ning Cheng to sit down, Ji Luo Fei took the initiative and took out two very thin leather books and placed it in Ning Cheng's hands and said, "This was left by your grandfather, he left it with me to give it to you later. Now that you can successfully gather Qi, I should give this to you."

Ning Cheng silently took the two thin books, he was very clear on what was going on. This was because his predecessor's grandfather, although spoiled and pampered Ning Cheng, he also knew what kind of person he was. This leather books must be the Ning family's heirloom cultivation practice method, this was given to Ji Luo Fei to be passed on to him. But Ji Luo Fei's reason to give him the leather book, was not because of his success in Qi gathering, but because she felt that the present Ning Cheng and the past Ning Cheng were completely different.

Seeing Ning Cheng receive the leather books, Ji Luo Fei sighed, she seemed to be glad that she completed this matter. She, once more, took out a small wooden box and handed it to Ning Cheng and said, " Inside this is a Qi Gathering Stone, you can use it to practice your cultivation."

The present Ning Cheng was already not a beginner, he knew that Qi Gathering Stones were very precious. A single Qi Gathering Stone was equivalent to one hundred gold coins, however this was just a set price and one hundred gold coins were absolutely not enough to actually buy a Qi Gathering Stone. Even the Ning Clan didn't have much of it and now Ji Luo Fei was giving him one, he immediately refused and said, "Luo Fei, I can already cultivate Qi. You are currently at the 3rd Level of the Qi Gathering Realm and you will require many Qi Gathering Stones during this period so you need not give it to me."

Ji Luo Fei forcefully stuffed the wooden box into the hands of Ning Cheng and said, "I'll let you take it, you know, I am already at the 3rd Level of Qi Gathering Realm. With my qualifications, I suppose I will by leaving the Cang Qin Two Star academy soon, at that time you will be on your own….."

Ning Cheng after listening to Ji Luo Fei's words, no longer refused to take the wooden box. He received the wooden box and with a sigh he said, "Luo Fei, in the past I was naive and not quite sensible, please forgive me for having made you angry in any way. You know that my aptitude and qualifications are not good, in the future you are going to leave the Cang Qin Province, we will then no longer have the opportunities to meet. Fortunately, although we were engaged when we young, but we have still not married. When you get promoted to the the 4th Level of Qi Gathering Realm, we would become people of two different worlds, anyhow, let us give up on this engagement immediately, all these years

you suffered great inconveniences in the Ning mansion……”

Now that the Ning mansion was burnt to ashes, Ning Cheng must also give up on his engagement to Ji Luo Fei

Ji Luo Fei stared at Ning Cheng, she did not think that Ning Cheng would say such a thing. But she was very clear that what Ning Cheng told was the truth, once she left the Cang Qin Province, there would be no chance for her and Ning Cheng to meet.

“My life was saved by Grandpa Ning, without Grandpa Ning, there would not have been a Ji Luo Fei. What you said is right, after I leave Cang Qin Province, we probably will not have the opportunity to meet again. Let alone that I have a disfigured face, so us being married was also unrealistic, but I also know that I will be faithful till the end of the world. This betrothal was laid down by Grandpa Ning and my grandfather, without their words, I will not dissolve it. But in the future, after I’m gone, you have to take care of yourself, as I am sure you would have no way to follow me around for the rest of your life.”

Ji Luo Fei finished, stood up, picked up a few dirty dishes and put them in the kitchen. She had clearly stated to Ning Cheng, that when she left Cang Qin Province, she would not have any opportunity to meet Ning Cheng. With her qualifications, if she wanted to forcibly stay to take care of Ning Cheng, then he would just end up dieing quickly. Now that Ning Cheng was already at the 1st Level of the Qi Gathering Realm, regardless of how he advanced, it made Ji Luo Fei a little bit comforted.

Ning Cheng was very smart, how can he not understand the meaning of Ji Lu Fei’s words? He knew that in the future when Ji Luo Fei left the Cang Qin Province, he wouldn’t be able to meet her, because of this he offered to dissolve the marriage, mostly because Ji Luo Fei did have any fond memories to hang onto in the future. After all, Ji Luo Fei saved his life, he can only help Ji Luo Fei in such a way. Now that Ji Luo Fei did not agree, he was also not willing say anymore.

Ning Cheng returned to his room, and he first took out the Qi Gathering Stone, in his memory there was information about the Qi Gathering Stone, but he had never seen one. Now that Ji Luo Fei brought back a Qi Gathering Stone, Ning

Cheng wanted to know what made this stone so valuable, although 100 gold coins can be used to purchase a Qi Gathering Stone, one may not necessarily buy it, as this price was not in any way low.

When the Qi Gathering Stone was taken out by Ning Cheng for the first time, Ji Luo Fei was able to sense it, she peeked at Ning Cheng in his room, the corners of Ning Cheng's mouth revealed a trace of smile. Although Ning Cheng did not have his playboy attitude from before, his face was still somewhat childish. His mouth was slightly open when he saw the Qi Gathering Stone, this was clearly the first time that he saw a Qi Gathering Stone.

Ji Luo Fei was able to sense the Qi Gathering Stone in Ning Cheng's hands, but Ning Cheng was confused, when he saw that it was just a very ordinary dark yellow stone, in his heart he felt a bit disappointed.The aura contained in the stone seemed to be richer, but Ning Cheng felt that this aura and the one present inside him, simply couldn't be compared.

Putting the Qi Gathering Stone away, Ning Cheng took out the two leather books. One book introduced the history of the Ning Clan, and the other was the cultivation practice method of the Ning Clan that was passed down from generation to generation.

After reading the first book, Ning Cheng came to know a bit more of this world. Cang Qin Province was just a tiny province of the Ping Chau country, and was just in the corner of the Yi Xing continent.

There were nine great countries in the Yi Xing continent, the Qi in Ping Chau was the most scarce, this country was regarded as a mortal country as it was mostly occupied by humans, it belongs to the lowest class in the continent.

In the Yi Xing continent, the power distribution was complex. As the Ning Clan, since the beginning of their history, only had one member who was at the Building Yuan Realm, they did not have a very thorough understanding of the Yi Xing continent. Ning Cheng from this thin book could only make out the main forces of Yi Xing, the various countries, vassal states, institutes, families and some low leveled sects.

Institutes were the strongest power of a country and every country possessed many vassal states under it. Vassal states also were divided according to their

strength, the highest position was held by a Three Star vassal state. A One Star vassal state was basically classified as a mortal nation, at most having only some ordinary military cultivation.

Cang Qin Province was only a One Star vassal state. If not for the Cang Qin Two Star Institute, the Cang Qin Province would be the same as a mortal nation.

Also, institutes were different, at a low level country, the highest rank of the institute was only a Five Star. In a low level country, a Three Star Institute was equivalent to a Three Star vassal state. If a country has a Five Star Institute, then that institute would be the one who ran that country.

On the thin book, there was an after-note which said of a legend of a Nine Star Institute in the Yi Xing Continent, but the Ning Clan did not have any experts go out to verify its authenticity.

Closing the thin book, Ning Cheng heaved a sigh of relief. He didn't know how big the Yi Xing continent was but from this book, he could guess how incomparably vast it was. Even the Cang Qin Province was estimated to be equivalent to only a grain of dust on the Yi Xing continent.

Even though the Ning Clan had a cultivator at the Building Yuan Realm, but they were still unable to move away from the Yi Xing low level country. It could clearly be seen that Ning Cheng, thinking he could return to Earth just by reaching the Building Yuan Realm, was simply childish.

The reason why the Ning Clan had been able to gain a foothold in the Cang Qin Province was because they had served the Cang Qin Province's Monarchs for generations. Even so, the Cang Qin Province's Monarchs didn't even say a word when the Ning Clan was wiped out.

Even if Ning Cheng came from Earth, his heart was very uncomfortable. The cold nature of Cang Qin Province's Monarchs wasn't worth anything for him to die for.

Opening the second leather book Ning Cheng thought, it was Ning Clan's cultivation practice methods. Reading the introductory sentence, it said that this practice method was at the top tier among the ordinary rank cultivation methods. When Ning Cheng saw this, he was a bit disappointed, top tier but merely of the ordinary rank cultivation methods. The Nine Levels of Qi Gathering

were written in a very detailed manner in the thin leather book, also there were some comments and illustrations too.

Ning Cheng looked ahead, he recalled that the 1st Level of the cultivation practice method was more or less the same. He attempted to circulate his Qi according to the Qi pattern and in a while, a stream of lukewarm water like Qi flowed unexpectedly from his dantian. Ning Cheng was shocked, he wanted to stop the practice but in his mind, suddenly a new meridian had emerged and Qi was circulated in it.

This new Qi flow was clearly different from the description on the Ning Clan's cultivation practice method's Mnemonic Chant. Not only that, Ning Cheng felt that if he cultivated Qi according to the practice method which his mind produced, the effects could be even better.

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Chapter 0006 – Concealment Technique

Ning Cheng was stunned by his own notion. He forcibly stopped his cultivation practice. He was merely a cultivator of the 1st Level of Qi Gathering Realm, as for his level of comprehension of the cultivation practice, it could be said that he was at the most primitive level. If someone else had said that his amateurish knowledge of the 1st Level of the Qi Gathering Realm, was even better than the Ning Clan's cultivation practice method, even he himself wouldn't believe it.

Even if the Ning Clan's cultivation practice methods were of the Ordinary Rank, it had come into existence after being revised according to the experiences of many people under countless years of time. Why was he able to identify the

shortcomings of this cultivation practice method, and also able to correct them?

Despite wanting to give it a try again, Ning Cheng still held back the idea. He knew that the practice of cultivation was without an end, even without modifying the method, one could still cultivate to the 2nd Level of the Qi Gathering Realm. His understanding the 1st Level of the Qi Gathering Realm was already shaky, now if he again advanced to the 2nd Level of the Qi Gathering Realm, he truly wouldn't know how to explain it. Although he wanted to urgently improve his cultivation level, but before that, he wanted to find a suitable reason or an appropriate method that would help him.

What's more, he was able to find a more suitable Qi Meridian for the cultivation practice method which was in itself, very strange. Because of this kind of matter, he didn't dare to proceed as he was not clear about it.

However Ning Cheng was becoming even more excited, even if he didn't have the ability to modify the cultivation practice methods, he wouldn't need to worry about his poor aptitude of being unable to cultivate. Within his body, there seemed to be an incomparably large source for practicing cultivation, if this kind of situation always continued, even he did not know up to what extent would he be able to increase his cultivation? Perhaps up to the Qi Condensation Realm or maybe even the Building Yuan Realm.

Not continuing with the cultivation practice, Ning Cheng began to study that thin leather book that contained the Ning Clan's cultivation practice method. This book contained an Ordinary Rank cultivation practice method, it had detailed informations from the 1st Level of the Qi Gathering Realm and all the way up to the 9th Level of the Qi Gathering Realm. Furthermore, there were even some detailed comments and notes written by the Elders of the Ning Clan regarding the methods. To Ning Cheng's surprise, on the back of this cultivation book, there were also some simple magical arts.

These magical arts, apart from the Fireball Technique and the Wind-Edge Technique, there was also the Wind Riding technique. Originally, Ning Cheng was very interested in the Wind Riding technique. The Wind Riding technique was introduced for the cultivators of the 3rd Level of the Qi Gathering Realm and it allowed one to traverse through the air for almost a few dozen feet. If he had not caught sight of the Concealment Technique, then he would definitely have

cultivated the Wind Riding technique.

[TL Note: Raw says: 匿真术 (lit. true hiding technique), this doesn't sound that good. so changed it to concealment technique which practically has the same meaning]

Reading the introduction of the Concealment Technique made Ning Cheng feel that, at the present, this was what he needed the most. The Concealment Technique allowed cultivators to conceal their cultivation level, this clearly made Ning Cheng excited. He had a heavy secret within his body, for the time being no matter what kind of secret it was was, his rapid cultivation speed was a fact. If he could hide his cultivation level, then what would there be anything to worry about?

Ning Cheng wasn't happy for long, before becoming disappointed again. This Concealment technique was merely an Ordinary Grade magic technique, even if he cultivated it to its peak, according to its information, it could only conceal up to three levels below. Even if he accomplished it, he would only be able to cheat those at the Qi Gathering Realm, wanting to cheat those cultivators who were at the Qi Condensation Realm was impossible.

Cang Qin Province's Qi Condensation cultivators, although few, they still exist. He recalled from his memories, that Cang Qin Two Star Institute's Vice-Principal was a cultivator of the Qi Condensation Realm.

Even after knowing that, Ning Cheng had already decided to learn the Concealment Technique. Ning Cheng was already at the 1st Level of the Qi Gathering Realm, moreover he had photographic memory and in addition to that, he also had a very powerful comprehension ability. Despite this being the first time that he had been in contact with a magic technique, he completely understood the practice method within an hour.

Just as Ning Cheng began to practice the Concealment Technique for some period of time, a gentle stream of Qi rose from his dantian. Within his mind, yet once again, there appeared some new directions for the Concealment Technique.

However, this time, Ning Cheng didn't stop, he only hesitated for a bit. Out of nowhere, the mnemonic chants for the practice of the Concealment Technique

appeared in his mind. He felt the mnemonic chants which appeared out of nowhere in his mind, were even better than the chants for the Concealment Technique which he had previously read. Or rather, the practice method which appeared in his mind was a new Concealment Technique which was created after modifying and improving the base of the original Concealment Technique.

Ning Cheng was not clear about what was going on, he vaguely sensed that this and the earlier golden explosion had some kind of relation. He decided to practice according to the modified Concealment Technique and if he finds anything wrong, he would then immediately stop.

However after Ning Cheng began to cultivate, he did not find anything wrong. The Qi within his body's meridians began circulating freely, without any sluggishness.

Soon, Ning Cheng was once again immersed in the practice of the magic technique.

When Ning Cheng woke up, he found that he had already made a small accomplishment in the cultivation practice of his first magic technique. Ning Cheng tried using the Concealment Technique that he just learned to try and hide his own cultivation, unexpectedly it was quite easy and the Qi fluctuations were completely concealed, without any delay.

"So good." Ning Cheng subconsciously blurted out. He didn't know whether the concealment technique was a good thing, or him being able to automatically correct any cultivation method was a good thing.

Ning Cheng had just said these words, when he heard Ji Luo Fei's voice from the outside, " Since you are not practicing cultivation, then come out to eat."

When Ning Cheng heard Ji Luo Fei's voice, only then did he come to realize, that he had stayed in the room overnight and now it was already morning. Regarding cultivation, time really was of little value, he did not have the feeling that the night had already passed.

"What went wrong with your practice?" after Ji Luo Fei saw Ning Cheng come out, she immediately stood up in amazement once again, she couldn't feel any Qi fluctuations from Ning Cheng's body. In other words, she, at the moment, couldn't see Ning Cheng's cultivation level, to be said exactly, according to what

she sensed Ning Cheng basically had no cultivation at all.

Ning Cheng only then reacted, he thought the reason must be because he had used the concealment technique, and immediately said, “I feel my level is still not stable, sometimes there is response from my Qi and sometimes there is no response.

Even if Ji Luo Fei was his fiancee, Ning Cheng still did not want to reveal his secret. He was aware that if he hadn’t followed the modified cultivation practice method for the Concealment Technique, then it would have been fundamentally impossible for him to achieve success in it, especially in a single night. This kind of method correcting secret, was simply too formidable. If he was an expert, it wouldn’t be a problem but the crucial point is that he had only just recently came in contact with cultivation.

Ji Luo Fei’s cultivation level was quite low, she didn’t know anything about this kind of situation. She frowned and after a while said, “Although you are able to gather Qi now, your cultivation level is still not fully stabilized. Use the Qi gathering stone for some days, it ought to stabilize your level. Before that, eat some food.”

Ning Cheng saw that the breakfast was already prepared and placed on the small wooden table, and at once said, “Thank You.”

Both had a lot on their minds so they ate their breakfast in silence. Finished eating, Ning Cheng proceeded to return to his room to cultivate, Ji Luo Fei also didn’t ask.

A few days passed by, Ning Cheng, in the past few days, had wholeheartedly devoted himself to practicing the Concealment Technique. As for the Fireball and Wind Edge Technique, he only memorized them and didn’t cultivate. He knew that trying to practice these kind of magic techniques inside his room was not suitable.

On this day, Ji Luo Fei saw that Ning Cheng seemed to have stabilized his cultivation level at the 1st Level of the Qi Gathering Realm, only then she said to Ning Cheng, “Your 1st Level of the Qi Gathering Realm ought to be stable now, we will go to the institute today.”

“Okay.” Ning Cheng didn’t have any hesitation, even if Ji Luo Fei hadn’t said

anything, he intended to remind her. The past few days, Ning Cheng always felt that there were some people secretly sneaking around this small stone house, if not for Ji Luo Fei being here, maybe someone would have already come and taken him away.

Cang Qin Two Star Institute in the Cang Qin Province had an exceedingly high status, so much so that it's status was said to be even a bit higher than the Cang Qin Province itself. Because the institute's vice principal, Yong Zhang Yan was a member of Cang Qin Province's royal family, Cang Qin two star institute was also considered to be the other half of Cang Qin royalty.

In the memory of Ning Cheng, Cang Qin Two Star Institute was quite big. Because Ning Cheng originally, didn't always go over and also loathed the Cang Qin Two Star Institute, so, at present, Ning Cheng didn't have a clear memory of it. Now, that he had followed Ji Luo Fei to the Cang Qin Two Star Institute, only then did he become aware of the reason why the Cang Qin Two Star Institute was regarded as the highest power in the Cang Qin Province.

Cang Qin Two Star Institute's architecture was somewhat similar to the western castle grounds which covered an incomparably large area with large swaths of forest, looking from a distance, it looked extremely imposing. Ning Cheng knew pretty well about the Cang Qin Province's Capital City and he was sure that the Cang Qin Province's Capital City was not equal to this Two Star Institute.

[Editor Note – The Western castle grounds here refers to the Castle grounds in the European countries like England, Scandinavia, etc.]

Standing at the gate of the institute, Ning Cheng could clearly feel that the spiritual energy here was many times denser than other places.

In front of the Institute's gate, was a public plaza of several hundred feet, and in the middle of the huge public plaza, there was a huge elevated stage.

Seeing Ning Cheng stare at the huge elevated stage, Ji Luo Fei lightly said, "That place is the Dueling Platform, if the cultivators of the Institute have any resentments, disputes, gambling or even Life or Death grievances they can settle them on the Dueling Platform. Previously, there was no Dueling Platform here. Because, all the Three Star and above Institutes have this kind of a Dueling

Platform, the Cang Qin Two Star Institute also wanted to compete with the Three Star Institutes, as a result they built this Dueling Platform.”

After she finished speaking, Ji Luo Fei repeatedly warned Ning Cheng, “ After you help out in the cultivation room, as much as possible, don’t come out, also don’t provoke and start a feud with other people. Otherwise it would become quite difficult to avoid the going on to the Dueling Platform.”

Ning Cheng was puzzled and asked, “If other people tried to find me for a duel, am I not allowed to fight?”

“You can’t.” Ji Luo Fei gave a concise answer, and after she finished, did not wait for Ning Cheng to speak again and had already entered the institute’s gate.

Ning Cheng immediately followed after Ji Luo Fei and entered the institute when a clear, distinct voice reached their ears, “…… Cang Qin Two Star Institute will select ten disciples to participate in the selection for the Yun Xing Five Star Institute……”

Ji Luo Fei didn’t seem to hear it, however Ning Cheng but almost stumbled. This broadcasting voice, he absolutely didn’t mishear, this was definitely a voice broadcast.

[Editor Note – It is something similar to a radio/loudspeaker broadcast]

“What are you standing there for?” Ji Luo Fei turned around and asked, seeing Ning Cheng stand in a daze.

“This is a broadcast?” Ning Cheng stood at the original spot and mumbled, he seemed to have returned to the place where he previously used to live. If this was not Earth, where did the broadcast come from?

This was a magical place, where one could cultivate, where one could even display all kinds of magic techniques. But if Ning Cheng had a choice, he would still choose the Earth. At least there, was his younger sister, his only family.

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Chapter 0007 – Ning Cheng's Work

"Of course it is a broadcast….."Ji Luofei saw Ning Chang standing there mumbling to himself, and said helplessly. The Cang Qin Two Star Academy's broadcast was not introduced too long ago, because the Academy wanted to join the ranks of a Three Star Academy, apart from reinforcing their external strength, the Academy's facilities were also upgraded and improved.

Because of this the Dueling Platform outside the Academy was constructed, the Academy also paid a heavy price to set up this broadcasting service by calling a high level Array Master to help set it up. Not only that, the Academy also sold Sound Transmission Jade Tablets. These Sound Transmission Jade Tablets can easily distribute the news of important matters within the scope of the Ping Chou Country. The sound transmission setup of this Sound Transmission Jade Tablet, was constructed using various Sound Transfer Arrays.

"Are you a country bumpkin? You don't even know what a Range Array is." said a long haired boy who passed Ning Cheng and Ji Luofei from the side, when he heard the talk between the two. His voice was full of disdain and ridicule.

Ning Cheng came to an understanding, that the sound he heard was not broadcasted through the air as he thought, but through other ways. At this point when he heard someone speak in a sarcastically tone, he tried to respond back, but Ji Luofei pulled his hand and said, "Forget about others, let's go."

"I must say, aren't you the ugly female disciple Ji." The boy who spoke recognized Ji Luofei and continued to ridicule her in an unbridled fashion.

Ji Luofei's face was calm, her face was tranquil, as if the one who was ridiculed was not she. Ning Cheng contained his fury in the innermost depths of his hearts, and was led away by Ji Luofei, He knew that in this place of cultivation practice, if he tried to stir up a fight, then more than ten people would come to kill him in a second.

“Gu Fei is really useless, he was not even able to defeat such an ugly person.” as Ji Luofei and Ning Cheng left, the boy behind them sneered and said loudly. His aim was very clear, and that was to provoke Ji Luofei.

Ning Cheng could feel that Ji Luofei was suppressing her anger in the innermost depths of her heart, at this moment, Ning Cheng almost could not bear not turning back to seize the sarcastic guy and beat him up violently.

“His name is Zhu Chenjun, and he is at the 3rd Level of the Qi Gathering Realm, his cultivation level is somewhat higher than me.” Ji Luofei gave a light explanation while turning a bit pale at the same time.

Ning Cheng did not speak, he knew that his strength was inferior, Ji Luofei reminded him that the words that he wanted to say would be utter nonsense. If he was powerful, Zhu Chenjun would not dare speak in such a way in front of him. After listening to Zhu Chenjun’s words, he was thinking about who this Gu Fei person was, it seemed that Ji Luofei had fought with this Gu Fei once before, he did not know that Ji Luofei’s injuries before were because of this matter.

The Cang Qin Two Star Academy’s area was very large, Ning Cheng also knew that the purpose of Ji Luofei bringing him to the Cang Qin Two Star Academy, was for the sake of saving his puny life. So he thought the Ji Luofei would certainly find a secluded place for him to take shelter, he did not expect that Ji Luofei would lead him to the very front of an ancient tower tower like structure.

The tower looked very majestic and grand, moreover the tower seemed to have many people inside it. Although it was said to have tower shape, but only the shape is somewhat similar. More precisely it was similar to a tower but the top was flat.

[TL Note – Damn the wordplay here]

On the middle of the tower-shaped construction, a few large words were written, Cang Qin Cultivation Practice Tower.

“You just follow me inside and do not speak anything.” Ji Luofei warned Ning Cheng, then walked in first.

The tower like structure from the outside looked enormous, Ning Cheng followed Ji Luofei and entered through the ground floor, he didn’t imagine that

the inside would be several times larger than the outside

Ji Lu Fei directly brought Ning Cheng to the Third Floor, and walked towards a black door in a remote corner.

“Elder Mu lives here, here are the Academy’s Cultivation Practice Rooms where the cultivators practice, and Elder Mu manages it, when you see Elder Mu be respectful……”

Ji Luofei was just warning Ning Cheng when the black door opened. With a thinning hair, face full of wrinkles, and even the eyes that were not able to open fully, an old man stood at the doorway and said, “Since you already came, come in.”

His voice was crisp and resounded clearly, if Ning Cheng had only heard this voice for the first time, he would definitely not think that it belonged to an old man, but to a young man in his twenties or thirties.

“Elder Mu, he is Ning Cheng” Ji Luofei entered the room first and gave a respectful salute to this man.

Ning Cheng also followed Ji Luofei’s suit and said “Ning Cheng greets Elder Mu.”

“1st Level of the Qi Gathering Realm, it is just barely adequate to come to help, how is his spirit root?” asked Elder Mu after glancing at Ning Cheng with lackluster eyes.

Ji Luofei hurriedly says, “Ning Cheng, although has no main spiritual root, he does have a three-way hybrid support spiritual root”

“What color is it?” Elder Mu asked again.

Ji Luofei replied with some fear, “Muddy Yellow ……..”

Ning Cheng did not know what spiritual roots were, he just knew that a spiritual root was a representation of his intelligence and qualifications, if his qualifications were poor, then presumably even his spiritual roots would be unlikely to be be able to grow.

Just as Elder Mu asked Ji Luofei about Ning Cheng’s spiritual root, this time after Ji Luofei replied, Elder Mu just snorted and said, “He is here to clean up the

practice room, it does not have any relation with the quality of your spiritual root. Well, this is not your thing, you can go."

"Yes, this younger generation will go." said Ji Luofei after she heard Elder Mu's words. She hastily bowed in a salute and backed out, not even saying a word to Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng felt something was wrong, before Ji Luofei said that Elder Mu treated her well, the only reason why he was able to come here to do odd jobs, was because it looked like Elder Mu wanted to help Ji Luofei. But towards Ji Luofei, Elder Mu did not seemed to give much regard, such being the case, why did Elder Mu help him.

After Ji Luofei left, this Elder Mu looked like the sun just died and said to Ning Cheng in a cold voice, "There is no one cleaning the Seventh Floor Practice Rooms of the tower now, go and clean it up, from now on you are responsible for the Seventh Floor."

Ning Cheng was confused, responsible for the Seventh Floor? This old man just only said one sentence that he was responsible for the Seventh Floor, and did not speak any other words, who knew what did he want? And where would he live?

"This is for you, go to the Seventh Floor by yourself, i am busy with something, if it is not important then leave and do not disturb me." Elder Mu says while he threw a wooden plaque towards Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng just caught the Wooden Plaque when he felt an enormous force pushing on him, he could not help but be pushed out of the room. The next moment, the black door already closed.

"This Elder Mu does not seem like a person with good speech, might also not be a good person." Ning Cheng secretly said in his mind, and also did not dare to continue to come forwards to inquire about this Elder Mu.

[TL Note – It's a weird idiom in Chinese which makes perfect sense in the raws but in English it is as confusing as a pretzel, had to substitute it with a suitable English sentence]

Written on the piece of paper were some very simple instructions, every day

between 5 to 7 am, when the cultivators have not yet arrived for practice, he must reorganize and clean the practice rooms on the Seventh Floor.If there were any abnormalities, then it was necessary to report them immediately.The Wooden Plaque was the key to the practice rooms, as long as there was no one staying in the practice room, it could be opened with the Wooden Plaque. If you breach the regulations, you would be penalized harshly.

Ning Cheng looked at the few simple words, and became somewhat puzzled. In breaching the regulations? He doesn't even know what the regulations were. Besides, what did he mean by abnormalities? Who did he have to report to? Cleaning, what did he have to clean?

Knowing nothing about these, Ning Cheng only came to understand that the cultivation tower has Seven Floors, his work was on the Seventh Floor, he didn't even know he was supposed to eat or sleep.

Ning Cheng wanted to find Ji Luofei to ask about this, but he did not know where Ji Luofei went. The Cang Qin Two Star Academy was so huge, that even if he turned around in a circle, he would not be able to see it completely.

According to what Ning Cheng thought, Ji Luofei after she brought him to Elder Mu, she should be waiting for him outside, but when came out of Elder Mu's chambers, he did not se Lu Juo Fei.

Ning Cheng did not go out to look for Ji Luofei, he was well aware that the less he showed himself the better it would be for him. Ji Luofei knew that he ended up offending Xian Yuankui, the status of Xian Yuankui in the Cang Qin Two Star Academy was not low, or even the person who saved him, Jan Sujie, even her status in the Cang Qin Two Star Academy was also not low, otherwise the matter would not have reached Ji Luofei's ear.

Ning Cheng climbed by himself to the Seventh Floor of the cultivation tower, he imagined that the Seventh Floor would be much smaller, in accordance with the construction of the tower. The cultivation practice tower only has a total of Seven Floors, the top is expected to to be small.

On the Seventh Floor, Ning Cheng counted, a total of eighteen cultivation practice rooms. Ning Cheng did not spend much time on clearing up his understanding, as long as there was a red light lit in front of a cultivation

practice room, it meant that there was someone practicing in there. If there was no light lit in front of the door, it meant that there was no one using the room. The cultivators practicing on the Seventh Floor were obviously few, there were only three practice room doors on which there was lit a red light, all the others did not have a red light in front of them.

Ning Cheng tried to use the Wooden Plaque by embedding it into the grooves on the front door of an empty cultivation practice room, and the door of the practice room automatically opened. Ning Cheng immediately saw the inside of the practice room, this practice area was also very large and the practice room was divided into two rooms.

Outside one room there was a small playground, he did not know what kind of magic techniques were practiced here, as the ground was in total disorder and there were even some traces of being burnt by fire.

Ning Cheng exited this cultivation room, and went on to check out the rest of the empty cultivation practice rooms. These cultivation practice rooms were not the same, some of them had puddles of water on the ground, many had a variety of burns, and some were even full of dead plants.

After looking in general, Ning Cheng already came to know what things that he were supposed to do, it was to clean the empty cultivation practice rooms every day. Saying it bluntly, he was now a cleaner.

Turning around in a circle, Ning Cheng found his accommodations in the corner of the Seventh Floor, it was just a small stone room of only a few square feet. The Elder Mu also lived in a similar stone house below, but compared to him, his stone house wasn’t even one tenth in size of his.

Inside the small stone room in addition to a bed, adjacent to it there were some cleaning tools. A giant broom, a hand shovel, and a few dustpans, these were the objects that occupied a tenth of the floor space in the small room.

But Ning Cheng was relieved, at least he had a relatively safe and hidden place, although the Practice tower is relatively busy, but at least his residence is relatively remote. The only thing he wanted to know urgently, was where could he eat and wash himself.

To ask Elder Mu, Ning Cheng did not dare to go, he did not want to face him

who could easily change his face from a positive happy one to a deathly cold one in an instant. Because of this he deliberately went to the sixth floor, to the small stone stone with a black door in the corner, this was the room of the cleaner in charge of the sixth floor, after knocking on the door, a thin man appeared who was much taller compared to him.

Seeing that the tall man had a look of impatience in his eyes, Ning Cheng hurriedly asked in a polite way, “I have just arrived, and have been placed on the Seventh Floor for cleaning the practice rooms, I would like to ask where could we eat a meal?”

“Who told you that you could have something to eat in the practice rooms?” The tall thin man replied with disdain, and with a bang, closed the door again.

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Chapter 0008 – Second Level Of The Qi Gathering Realm

Ning Cheng never imagined that when he asked, this fellow's both attitude and response would be so rude. He could only helplessly shake his head and prepare to go down to the Fifth Floor to ask. The Sixth Floor was larger compared to the Seventh Floor, there were even more students here, you could occasionally see some of the students go in and out of the practice rooms, it was unlike the Seventh Floor, where there were very few people and the few who there would hardly come out of the practice room.

"You stop for a minute." when Ning Cheng was on the stairway someone called him.

"You called me?" Ning Cheng turned and looked towards a boy who was few years older than him, the boy seemed to have just got out of the cultivation practice room. The boy, when compared to Ning Cheng, had a dark complexion, and was smiling at him, it was clear that his smile did not hide any malice or evil thoughts towards him.

Ning Cheng knew that the cultivation level of any one of the students practicing here was much higher than him who was just a handyman of sorts. In order to avoid unnecessary trouble, he did not intend to ask this person, he did not want to strike up a conversation with the students. Also in the Cang Qin Province, the ones who could enter the Academy as students, regardless of which one, most of their backgrounds were not ordinary. To Ning Cheng these students were someone who he could not offend under any circumstances *i.e.*

for Ning Cheng they were an untouchable existences.

“I just heard the words you spoke a while ago, you are the one who is responsible for cleaning the cultivation practice rooms, right?” The boy asked directly.

Ning Cheng replied in a hurried manner, “Ah Yes, today is my first day, I did not know where I could find something to eat, so I came here to ask.”

“You not only do not know where you can go to eat, but you also do not seem to know the rules around here. After today, keep this in mind, the Grand Staircase is not for the helpers to use, if you are caught by the students or the law enforcement people, you would end up losing a layer of your skin.”

[Tl Note – It means, if he was caught then he would be beat up pretty badly as punishment for violating the rules.]

After listening to the words that were spoken by the boy, Ning Cheng was shocked, he had just come down from the Seventh Floor, moreover by taking the Grand Staircase. But why did Ji Luo Fei not tell him, that as a helper, he could not use the Grand Staircase? If there was such a rule, and if the boy hadn’t warned him, then he was afraid that something ominous would have happened to him

“Thank you for telling me, or it would have been dangerous.” Ning Cheng said with gratitude in his heart.

The boy laughed and said, “It’s nothing, I was also a cleaner of the practice rooms before, I did the job for seven years, and was able to cultivate till I reached the 2nd Level of the Qi Gathering realm, and from then became a formal disciple of the Academy, and now currently I am at the 4th Level of the Qi Gathering Realm. If you can put the effort, maybe in the future you could be like me. Remember, if have to go in and out of the cultivation practice tower, you can only do so by going through the side door.”

After saying so, the boy pointed towards a hidden door at the back, “You can find the side door there, each floor has it, after you go in, you can directly exit the tower from the back. In the back of the tower you can find a place to eat, the money for the food will have to be earned by yourself, do not go looking for Elder Mu, otherwise you are as good as dead, I wish you good luck.”

The boy finished, and didn't even say his name before he descended the staircase.

Ning Cheng knew that the other party did not plan to introduce himself. However, as this boy had pointed out the rules to him, it was equal to saving his small puny life, Ning Cheng, in his heart, was extremely grateful towards the boy.

Eying the Grand Staircase, he seemed to have heard some footsteps, Ning Cheng hurriedly walked towards the small concealed door in the back corner, opened it and entered in a flash.

Behind the small door, was a very dark and narrow staircase, to him it looked like a life saving emergency escape passage that was installed on every high rise building back on Earth.

After going all the way down the staircase, Ning Cheng found himself in the back of the cultivation practice tower at its bottom. The back side of the practice tower was similar to the interior of the tower, but contained only a very few people, there seemed to only be a single curved path. On both sides of the path were some giant trees, and from the shadow like gaps between the trees, many Academy students can be seen coming and going. There were also some students who deliberately sneaked onto this path, and would rush forward on the path in a hurry.

Ning Cheng also walked along this path, after about half an hour later, he saw a narrow door, it was like the door of a small stone house. There was a middle aged man in front the stone house, but this man didn't seem to care about the students who passed in and out of the stone tower through the narrow door, seeing his appearance it was evident that he was just a gatekeeper.

Ning Cheng after emerging from the small door, was immediately shocked as in front of him, was a market that had everything, and was really noisy.

There were a variety of shops, restaurants and street vendors. But it was obvious that the level of these were much low compared to the shops on the big streets of the Cang Qin Province's capital city, the Cang Le City. But this place was very busy, and had so many people wandering around, Ning Cheng suspected that even Ji Luo Fei did not know about this place, at least he could not recall any previous memories of this place.

A huge sign was erected in the most conspicuous place, the sign showed the various directions in which the various shops and stores were located through the use of arrows.

The first building was unexpectedly not for business, similarly it was also not the kind that sold medicines, but rather was a place with the name “Fighting Pot”. The name “Fighting Pot”, when Ning Cheng heard it for the first time, raised his sense of curiosity. Simply following the directions of the arrows from before, ten minutes later, he appeared in front of a huge circular building.

Ning Cheng stopped, as he saw that they were two people that stopped at the entrance of the circular building, it was obvious that if he wanted to enter the building then he had to pay some fees. Ning Cheng only had a few silver coins on him, which were supposed to his future living expenses, he just didn’t want to waste this money on something unknown like a “Fighting Pot”.

Just as Ning Cheng wanted to turn away from the circular building, his ears twitched and he stopped. From the next building a few people were coming out, it was their talks and remarks that attracted him.

“Looking at that person going all out against that brute really does not have any meaning, it really did not feel good that we lost today’s silver coins, not only we didn’t get to see any wonderful things, but also ended up losing money.”

“The last battle between Gu Fei and that ugly Ji can definitely be called splendid, little did I expect that Gu Fei wouldn’t even be an opponent for the ugly Ji”

“Ji Luo Fei may be ugly, but she knows the importance of cultivation practice. She defeated Gu Fei and got the Qi Gathering Stone too. A Qi Gathering Stone, ah, it really makes me envious. But it seems that even her injuries were not light, once his elder brother Gu Yuming comes back, I guess she will have to spit out what she took. Even if Gu Yuming does not come back, Ge Fei is not the forgiving type.”

“She is not necessarily ugly, she only has disfigured face, otherwise can you find someone who has a better figure than her in the entire Academy? Even Jian Su Jie, is not as …..”

“Don’t talk anymore, do you not want to live, daring to say such things about

Senior Apprentice Sister Jian”

As the few people went away, blue veins popped on Ning Cheng’s fists as he clutched at them tightly. Ning Cheng did not go inside the “Fighting Pot”, but he could already imagine that inside there were many bloody fights that went on, it was similar to the underground boxing scene back on Earth. He did not think that not only did Ji Luo Fei obtain the Qi Gathering Stone from such a hard to get place, but it even left some serious side effects for her.

That Gu Fei and his brother Gu Yuming, listening to those people, it seemed that they were not willing to let off Ji Luo Fei.

Ning Cheng did not have the mood to continue strolling casually, he just bought some arbitrary dry rations and hurried back to the Seventh Floor of the cultivation practice tower. He wanted to speed up his pace of practice, and reach the 4th Level of the Qi Gathering Realm as soon as possible. In this place only if you had strength, would you have dignity.

As usual, there were very few amount of students practicing cultivation on the Seventh Floor of the cultivation practice tower, Ning Cheng after cleaning up several cultivation practice rooms, directly entered and locked himself in his small stone room and began his practice of cultivation of Qi.

The students inside the cultivation practice rooms, once they went inside and closed the door of the cultivation practice room, the Qi inside the room would increase exponentially. But Ning Cheng did not have such a treatment in his small stone room when he was practicing behind closed doors.

Once Ning Cheng started gathering Qi, in his mind once again appeared a new flow which he immediately started using. Because he had not only mastered the Concealing Technique before but even had improved it, Ning Cheng did not even hesitate for half a heart beat and directly went ahead and abandoned the thin leather book that was the Ning Clan’s Cultivation Practice Manual and started directly practicing cultivation according to the modified cultivation method that had appeared in his mind.

The Qi from the outside, had no effect on Ning Cheng, as he began to practice, at the same time, from his dantian, just like before, it provided a much more pure and strong Qi from its source, Ning Cheng let this Qi wash all over him and

allowed it flow through all of his meridians throughout his body.

Ning Cheng because of his previous experience did not panic, he discovered that the cultivation practice method that his mind has mysteriously created was much more effective than the cultivation practice method from the thin leather book of the Ning Clan. Even the Qi flowing in the meridians was much more smooth and was flowing ten times faster than what was described in book.

When Ning Cheng woke up again, he was already at the 2nd Level of the Qi Gathering realm, and his body oozed a large amount of filth again.

Feeling more powerful than when he was at the 1st Level of the Qi Gathering Realm, Ning Cheng knew, that he had without any doubt progressed to the 2nd Level of the Qi Gathering Realm. Forgetting about the time, he actually practiced for two days and nights in row.

In addition to feeling hungry, he only felt a drum like fluctuation in the air. Ning Cheng did not dare to continue practicing cultivation, he knew that he had committed a major offence, as he did not clean the cultivation practice rooms for two days.

Fortunately, he knew that very few people practiced cultivation on the Seventh Floor's cultivation practice rooms, he reaffirmed in his heart that Elder Mu would not really come to find him. Because of his belief Ning Cheng did not immediately go out to clean the cultivation practice rooms, but instead continued to practice a new spell, Removing Dust Technique. So that after every time he practices, he could easily remove the filth on his body, without going downstairs to search for water to clean himself.

On the early morning of the third day, Ning Cheng successfully used the Removing Dust Technique on himself, and then went out to clean the practice rooms.

Sure enough, there were not many people practicing in the cultivation practice rooms on the Seventh Floor. Even if he did not come to clean the rooms for three days, there were still a few cultivation practice rooms that were still empty.

The next day, Ning Cheng not only hid himself in the Seventh Floor of the cultivation practice tower, but also made use of the opportunity to clean the

practice rooms to practice all kinds of spells. The only regret was that, when he practiced the various spells in the practice room, he did not have the support of the mystic atmosphere that was present in the rooms.

Time flew by, and in a blink of an eye almost ten days flew by. In this period, Ji Luo Fei had not come to visit Ning Cheng. Ning Cheng also rarely got out, his entire heart and mind were focussed on practicing cultivation.

However, when he was promoted to the 3rd Level of the Qi Gathering Realm, he was somewhat startled. After practicing to the 3rd Level of Qi Gathering Realm, he could not sense the mysterious source in his body which helped him till now. Ning Cheng was very clear, that if he did not have the support from the mysterious source, then even if he practiced for a lifetime, he would never be promoted from the 3rd Level to the 4th Level of the Qi Gathering Realm.

A few days later, Ning Cheng had been practicing repeatedly, but he was unable to get to the situation where the mysterious source in his body would provide him with the thick and pure Qi. As a result his cultivation practice stagnated, he could only successfully practice a few simple spells. After he successfully advanced to the 3rd Level of the Qi Gathering Realm, under the guidance of the modified cultivation practice method, he was able to master the fireball technique and even improved it into a fire sword.

Even then, Ning Cheng was anxious to the extreme, he knew that if he did not have the support of the mysterious source in his body, then he would only be stuck at the 3rd Level of the Qi Gathering Realm for the rest of his life.

Ning Cheng decided to go look for Ji Luo Fei, since he could not progress any further in his cultivation, he did not want to stay inside this small stone room. He had just tidied up a bit and had not opened the door, when he heard a “boom” sound as the door of the small stone room was directly kicked open by a foot.

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Chapter 0009 – Major Event At The Academy

There were two people who stood at the doorway, a man and a woman. As Ning Cheng was already at the 3rd Level of the Qi Gathering Realm, he with a glance, could see that the man was at the 4th Level of the Qi Gathering Realm and the woman was at the 3rd Level of the Qi Gathering Realm respectively. The man had a unique appearance, he had a tall stature but because he also had slender eyes, it made his tall stature become somewhat superfluous.

“You are the handyman responsible for cleaning the cultivation practice rooms, right?” that woman asked. When she saw that Ning Cheng was only at the 1st Level of the Qi Gathering Realm, disdain flashed through her eyes.

[Tl Note – Ning Cheng had already become an expert in the Concealing Technique in the previous chapters, he he]

Ning Cheng originally was planning to get out of here, the things that the Elder Mu was fond of, he had nothing to do with it. But just when he was about to leave, the door was kicked open by someone.

“Why did the two of you kick my door?” Ning Cheng simply didn’t reply to the woman and asked them directly.

The slender eyed male, when he saw that Ning Cheng dared to question them back, immediately went forward a single step: “What’s wrong? I kicked your door, could it be that you are out of your mind. Today, not only will I kick your door, I will also beat your face to a pulp, what are you going to do…..”

This man didn’t even finish speaking when he already raised his palms up to strike.

“Good, very impressive.” An ice cold voice arrived which caused the slender eyed male’s hands to become abruptly stiff and stopped his hands while they were still in the air.

Ning Cheng had originally seen that the man was about to hit and had already

prepared for it, but he didn't expect that someone else would speak up. Now, he saw who the person was, who had just spoken and moreover he found that that person was a girl who had just moments ago, exited from a cultivation practice room. This woman not only had an ice cold tone, but even her face was devoid of any expression.

If going only by appearance, she wasn't even a least bit off compared to Jian Su Jie. What made Ning Cheng astonished was not her looks, but rather her cultivation base. Unexpectedly, she was already at the 6th Level of the Qi Gathering Realm.

"Senior Apprentice Sister Zhuang." that slender eyed man had already recognized this girl and hurriedly called out, while clasping his hands. Beside him, that woman at the 3rd Level of the Qi Gathering Realm also hurriedly went forward to show her respect.

This female Senior Apprentice Sister named Zhuang gave a cold humph! and turned around and was just about to leave when in that moment, she noticed Ning Cheng. She stopped, and instead of leaving she came over and spoke with wrinkled brows, "Are you Ning Cheng? Ji Luo Fei's fiancee?"

Ning Cheng replied in a manner that was neither haughty nor humble, and said while cupping his fists: "This one is indeed Ning Cheng, greetings Senior Apprentice Sister."

Seeing how Senior Apprentice Sister Zhuang unexpectedly recognize Ning Cheng, the slender eyed man quickly said again: "Senior Apprentice Sister Zhuang, I had forgotten my Sound Jade Tablet in the cultivation practice room, I had just left and came back not long after, but I was unable to find it. On the Seventh Floor there is no one who is able to enter the cultivation practice room, aside from this handyman……"

This slender eyed man hadn't finished speaking when Senior Apprentice Sister Zhuang interrupted him, "Lu Pengyun, I presume that you already know about Ning Cheng's identity. Yun Xing Five Star Academy is about to arrive to recruit the ten best students from the Cang Qin Two Star Academy. Selection of the best students will soon begin, as a result Gu Yiming is sure to return. Gu Fei wanted to bully Ji Luo Fei but instead was injured heavily by her. After Gu Yiming

arrives, Ji Luo Fei is bound to run away, so you came here to teach a lesson to Ning Cheng, in order to use him to humiliate Ji Luo Fei."

The complexion of the man by the name of Lu Pengyun at once turned pale. He immediately gave a straightforward reply, "Senior Apprentice Sister Zhuang, you and Senior Apprentice Brother Gu, are both people that I respect. Senior Apprentice Brother Gu has already returned, Gu Fei was seriously injured by Ji Luo Fei and he is unlikely to let go of this matter."

"So you say that I should stop meddling in other people's business, and let you take away Ning Cheng?" Senior Apprentice Sister Zhuang said with a soft voice.

This male cultivator cupped his fists and no longer spoke, clearly Senior Apprentice Sister Zhuang had spoken exactly what he had in mind.

"Get lost, do not let me see you in the great forests and the large sea, or I will kill you." Senior Apprentice Sister Zhuang said these few words with an incomparable ice cold voice. The man and woman, hearing this, their complexion changed. They hadn't thought that Senior Apprentice Sister Zhuang would not even give face to Gu Yiming.

The two people, however didn't dare to continue stand there, with a gloomy look on their faces they hurriedly went towards the staircase and left.

"You, take care of yourself." After seeing that those two had left, Senior Apprentice Sister Zhuang looked at Ning Cheng and spoke, with her face devoid of any expression.

Ning Cheng was somewhat depressed, especially because he was continuously saved by two women, this really made him feel awkward. Now at present, whether it was Jian Su Jie or this Senior Apprentice Sister Zhuang, both had said "take care of yourself", these exact four words.

Seeing Senior Apprentice Sister Zhuang turning to leave, Ning Cheng hurriedly called out and asked, "Many thanks to Senior Apprentice Sister Zhuang for extending your helping hand. I would like to ask a question to Senior Apprentice Sister, in the end, what is the matter between Luo Fei and Gu Fei?"

Senior Apprentice Sister Zhuang turned and gazed at Ning Cheng silently and then gave an irrelevant reply, "You do not deserve Ji Luo Fei."

Finished speaking, she unexpectedly did not pay any attention to to Ning cheng, and turned around to leave.

Ning Cheng thought that this might be the reason why Ji Luo Fei hadn't come to find him for more than ten days, thinking about it he at once, became somewhat worried. He picked up his speed, and ran down several steps, and earnestly asked, "Senior Apprentice Sister Zhuang, please tell me how Ji Luo Fei was injured by Gu Fei, Ning Cheng will endlessly be thankful to you."

Senior Apprentice Sister Zhuang stopped, only after sweeping a glance at Ning Cheng, she said, "Ji Luo Fei, to win a Qi Gathering Stone, fought continuously for ten rounds at the "Fighting Pot". Gu Fei saw that Ji Luo Fei, after fighting ten rounds, her Qi was almost exhausted, moreover she also did not have any friend to accompany her. So, he challenged her with a bet of a Qi Gathering Stone. Ji Luo Fei under the threat of losing at the "Fighting Pot" had no choice but accept another round. The result, because of insufficient Qi, Luo Fei was seriously hurt. Gu Fei had also underestimated Ji Luo Fei and as a result his injury was even more heavy……"

She paused for a moment, and once again looked at Ning Cheng, " If I guessed it correctly, Ji Luo Fei should have given that Qi Gathering Stone to you to use so that you could advance to the 1st Level of the Qi Gathering Realm."

Ning Cheng did not refute her statement, Ji Luo Fei had indeed given him a Qi Gathering Stone but he still hasn't used it and only stored it by his side. There was no relation between him advancing to the 1st Level of Qi Gathering Realm and Ji Luo Fei's Qi Gathering Stone.

"Senior Apprentice Sister Zhuang, you said that Gu Yiming is Gu Fei's elder brother, and after he returns, he will look for Ji Luo Fei for revenge?" Ning Cheng again inquired.

Senior Apprentice Sister Zhuang didn't directly respond to Ning Cheng's inquiry, taking herself to consideration, she said, "Ji Luo Fei after defeating Gu Fei, again gained a profit of another Qi Gathering Stone; however she didn't kill Gu Fei. Because she was already heavily injured and she had no one to accompany her, the "Fighting Pot" forced her to leave behind one of her Qi Gathering Stones."

“Why is that?” Ning Cheng wasn’t the slightest bit aware that his voice had become quite loud.

Senior Apprentice Sister Zhuang slowly narrated: “Because Ji Luo Fei had already finished ten rounds, her time had already concluded. Gu Fei challenging her was classified as an unexpected round and so “Fighting Pot” demanded the site expenses.”

“Site expenses for a round of fighting is a Qi gathering stone? Not only that, “Fighting Pot” forced Luo Fei to repay?” Ning Cheng felt his heart burning with anger, this was simply taking advantage and bullying intolerably. He could even imagine Ji Luo Fei’s helplessness at that time.

Senior Apprentice Sister Zhuang’s tone was flat when she spoke, “After Gu Yiming returns, he is bound to look for excuses to kill Ji Luo Fei. If you want to survive, then leave here as soon as possible and you won’t suffer any harm.”

After she finished saying this, she increased her pace, and quickly disappeared along the stairway.

Ning Cheng suppressed the fury in his heart, this time, he did not go out from the side door. He wanted to immediately depart from the Cang Qin Two Star Academy and even if it was considered as committing an offence, he did not care.

When Ning Cheng had first followed Ji Luo Fei to the cultivation practice tower’s Third Floor, there were many people there. Today, when Ning Cheng once more walked down to the Third Floor, he found out that there were only a handful of people. Not only this, those several people were also hurriedly rushing down the stairway.

“You are not staying on the Seventh Floor cleaning the cultivation practice rooms, what are you doing by coming down?” Ning Cheng was just about to go down from the Third Floor when Elder Mu’s sudden voice arrived at his ears. Ning cheng was frightened, he had just a moment ago, seen that Elder Mu’s stone room was closed. How did it open in a flash?

Ning Cheng reacted instantly, he quickly bowed and replied, “I wanted to go take a look at what was going on.”

He absolutely didn't know what situation had occurred, but the people in the cultivation practice tower were all going out. Now, that people were only going out and not coming in. Apparently to Ning cheng, it seemed that something major had happened.

"You really have got big nerves." Elder Mu coldly said. After that, unexpectedly, he didn't say anything. Instead, he returned to his stone room and at the same time, the door of the stone room closed .

Ning Cheng was drenched in a cold sweat, he didn't understand what Elder Mu meant by him having big nerves. Was it because he had left without leave or because he was going through the Great Staircase? No matter what, Elder Mu only spoke and did nothing more, not even criticizing him, this made Ning Cheng frightened and at the same time, he felt that something was strange.

Fortunately, Ning Cheng immediately thought that he was unlikely to stay here and this made his heart calm a bit. As soon as he goes out and finds Ji Luo Fei, then they would immediately depart from here.

Only after coming out of the cultivation practice tower, did Ning Cheng see that the entire Academy was bustling with noise and excitement. Many Cang Qin Academy's students were rushing towards the same place, Ning Cheng pulled aside a boy who was at the 1st Level of the Qi Gathering Realm and asked, "May I ask where are all these people are all going to?"

This boy at the 1st Level of the Qi Gathering Realm looked doubtfully at Ning Cheng and asked, "Are you not of Cang Qin Academy?"

"Of course I am, it's only that I just recently came out from closed door training, therefore I am not very clear, that's all." Ning Cheng replied confidently.

That boy at the 1st Level of the Qi Gathering Realm looked at Ning Cheng somewhat doubtfully, it would be a wonder if he believed that this guy who was at the 1st Level of the Qi Gathering Realm was in a closed door training. However, he still replied, "Hua Country's Yun Xing Five Star Academy is going to select ten disciples from our academy, today is the start of the competition for the selection of the best disciples, so how could it not be bustling with excitement?"

"Wouldn't that competition be very fierce?" Ning Cheng was aware of this

matter, when he had originally entered the Cang Qin Two Star Academy with Ji Luo Fei, he heard the broadcast regarding this matter and not long ago, Senior Apprentice Sister Zhuang had also mentioned about it.

“Intense? Cang Qin Two Star Academy has innumerable talented disciples. Hua Country’s Yun Xing Five Star Academy will only select ten from them, you say if it will be intense? Senior Apprentice Brother Qiu Ying Guang, Senior Apprentice Sister Jian Sujie, Senior Apprentice Brother Hou Zhuan, Senior Apprentice Sister Zhuang Tianya, ……. anyone can casually name more than ten.” a student at the 1st Level of the Qi Gathering Realm who was standing by the side heard them talk and immediately interrupted.

Ning Cheng was also a student. He shook his head, sighed and spoke, “Ah, if Yun Xing Five Star Academy selected a few more from our academy, that would be good.”

The student whom Ning Cheng had previously pulled over, gave an inconceivable look to Ning Cheng and spoke, “Could it be that you don’t know how this ten person quota came about? In the past, Cang Qin Two Star Academy’s students were able to go to Yun Xing Five Star Academy, but in the past, only one or two were picked, that’s all. This time, Yun Xing Five Star Academy took the initiative to select because our Ping Chau Country’s first expert, ancestor Lian Hao Yan achieved great merits in the war of the three countries. Only then, this kind of treatment was given.”

“Of course, ancestor Lian Hao Yan’s cultivation base went through the sky, I heard he was already at border of the Mysterious Dan Realm. After he made his contributions, his first request was for Hua Country’s Five Star Academy to select ten disciples from all Ping Chau Country’s Two or more Star Academies. Otherwise it was very unlikely that my Cang Qin Two Star Academy would get ten quotas, not to mention that Yun Xing Five Star Academy’s teachers even personally came to recruit.” after the boy who was on the 1st Level of the Qi Gathering Realm finished speaking, immediately a loud chime was heard.

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Chapter 0010 – Ten Openings

Ning Cheng followed the many students of the Cang Qin Two Star Academy to the plaza, here there were tens of thousands of people squeezed into such a small place, and there was even a steady stream of students coming in.

In the middle of the square was an enormous golden golden ring, behind the ring were a row of chairs. Ning Cheng, by a rough estimate counted at least 100 people sitting behind the ring. Ning Cheng, estimated that on this planet, the people sitting behind the ring were some sort of the royalty. Perhaps even the Ruler of the the Cang Qing Province was among them, but he was not sure of who the ruler of the Cang Qin Province was.

Ning Cheng stood in the corner, as for the people taking part in this competition, he did not recognize anyone, he was not even aware of the specific circumstances for the selection. At this point he could only hide in the corner and listen to the comments of others

“See that, right in the middle of the first row, the senior wearing a grey robed decorative gown, as well as the two seniors by his side, I heard that they came from the Yun Xiang Five Star Academy, I heard that they were masters of the Building Yuan Realm.”

“I heard that the students from the Five Star Academy were very remarkable, and now the school teachers for the Five Star Academy were unexpectedly willing to come here to look at the students, obviously as their Academy’s rank was higher, they were more eager to see the gifted students.”

“What do you know? If it wasn’t for the ancestor Lian Haoyan of our Ping Country, how would the experts of the Yun Xing Academy who have such a high cultivation base come here? If not for that, they might even not know that we at Cang Qin Two Star Academy existed.”

“Stop talking, President Yan Yuan Kai is coming out speak. I heard that President Yan was at the peak of the Qi Condensation 9th Level, just one more step and he would be able to step into the Building Yuan Realm.”

Ning Cheng has been listening to the people talking, he was especially concerned about the teachers from the Yun Xing Five Star Academy. Sitting in the middle was a middle age man wearing a gray robe. He appeared to be a bit plump, and had smile on his face. As for the man on his left, his face was very pale, there was no expression on his face.

On his right was a somewhat graceful woman, wearing a pale pinkish shaded skirt with a gold thread pattern, her hair was tied into a bun, she looked very demure, but Ning Cheng was able to perceive the atmosphere of arrogance around her.

What made Ning Cheng feel a bit odd was that she looked a bit like Ji Luo Fei. Thinking about Ji Luo Fei, Ning Cheng became worried, he came here to see if Ji Luo Fei would come here to participate in the selection. Otherwise in such a huge Academy, trying to find Ji Luo Fei immediately, was not possible for him.

When President Yan Yuan Kai stood up to speak, the entire plaza that was packed with tens of thousands of students instantly quieted down. The name and fame of Yan Kai Yuan had impressed Ning Cheng, but he had never seen him. When he first saw the President of the Cang Qin Two Star Academy, he was wearing a brown robe, although he looked very spirited his was clearly not of a young age, he even had grey hair.

“All the Cang Qin Two Star Academy’s elites, as we all know, today, I am here to announce some good news. That’s right, the Hua Country’s Yun Xing Five Star Academy has come to pick ten of our students, these selected students will enter Yun Xing Five Star Academy and continue to practice more advanced cultivation practice methods and magic techniques. Each and every student who is able to enter Yun Xing Five Star Academy will have boundless prospects in the future. I am very grateful to the Yun Xing Five Star Academy’s seniors for arriving three days earlier than we expected, let’s eagerly look forward to our Academy’s students performance……..”

Yan Yuan Kai’s speech was met by waves of warm applause, Ning Cheng also

followed everyone and raised his hands to give several claps. He was already clear on what was going on. In an ordinary course of event, when Yun Xing Five Star Academy's people would come over for recruitment, Cang Qin Two Star Academy would be sure to have all the students and teachers be present early, how can they still drag their feet. Originally, because these people simply didn't play by the rules and common sense, they had arrived at an earlier time.

Cang Qin Two Star Academy didn't dare make the people from Yun Xing Five Star Academy to wait too long, so the selection event was hastily organized in advance.

After the applause stopped, Yan Yuan Kai spoke once again, "Now, we would like to ask Yun Xing Five Star Academy's Elder Wen Ji Lue to come and speak about the main rules of the selection competition."

A man sitting in the middle wearing grey robes, stood up and walked towards the middle of the huge ring. Face beaming with smile, he spoke, "To become Cang Qin Academy's students, you all ought to be Cang Qin Province's most gifted cultivation talents, if not you would be unable to enter here. However at my Hua Country's Yun Xing Five Star Academy, the entrance requirement is hundred times more difficult than here. Now, I, a delegate of the Yun Xing Five Star Academy, am here to recruit some students, but there are a few requirements. First, the person must not be too old, we do not want people who are too old. Second, we won't consider any person that doesn't have a main spiritual root or if the main spiritual root is muddy yellow and third, if I find someone unpleasing, then he/she is also unlikely to be considered."

After speaking the few sentences while still smiling slightly, this man named Wen Ji Lue didn't speak any more and went back to his seat.

Cang Qin Two Star Academy's students all started discussing one after another amongst themselves, but nobody dared to speak out loud. At Cang Qin Two Star Academy, even if the teachers found students to be unpleasing to their eyes, it was not possible for them to say it out like this. And now, when Wen Ji Lue directly went out and said that anybody who was not pleasing to their eyes would not be considered. Even if your natural aptitude went against the heavens, if you were not pleasing to their eyes, you still wouldn't be able to enter the Yun Xing Five Star Academy.

Yan Yuan Kai was Cang Qin Two Star Academy's President, but even he didn't dare to retort even in the slightest to Wen Ji Lue's words. When he saw that Wen Ji Lue had already descended, he hurriedly stood up once more and spoke, "Now, I announce some of the other rules for the selection, the Academy will pick out ten core students. Each student can accept three challenges, challengers must be twenty years of age or below and have a main spiritual root with cultivation base of Qi Gathering 3rd Level or above. The winner will continue to stay on the stage."

In the audience, after hearing these conditions, the students all burst out in discussion. Even if the spiritual root was better, they should be twenty years of age or younger and have a cultivation base of Qi Gathering 3rd Level or above, this condition alone almost eliminated 99.99 percent of all the students.

Ning Cheng had an agile mind, he could easily understand what was going on. Yun Xing Five Star Academy clearly were impatient to being here, they came to Cang Qin Two Star Academy for selecting the students because it was a compulsory matter for them. Who would be so patient as to wait for each and every student to finish? Even several tens of days might not necessarily be enough for it.

Yan Yuan Kai, as if he didn't hear the noisy clamors, continued to speak, "The ten core students are Qi Ying Guang, Gu Yiming, Jian Su Jie , Zhuan Tianya, Yong Ying Rui, Hou Zhuan, Xie Shao Xi, Zhong Yi, Yong Rui Li and Dan Xiang Ling."

The ten students whose name were announced, were not out of people's expectations. These ten students were, all along, Cang Qin Two Star Academy's most powerful, the only controversy was that of Yong Rui Li who was at the 3rd Level of the Qi Gathering Realm. However, Yong Rui Li was the princess of the Cang Qin Province, it was believed no one would dare to go on the ring and fight her for the quota. In case she won the fight for the selection, then it was okay but if Yong Rui Li lost the in the selection then the one who challenged her would not be able to survive in Cang Qin Province.

Speaking of these ten students, among them, the only one that was poor, was Hou Zhuan. Hou zhuan was born in poverty and not only that, his parents also had died prematurely, at present, he was alone at Cang Qin Academy. However, his natural aptitude was astonishing, only eighteen years of age and was already

at the Qi Gathering 5th Level. Apart from Qiu Clan's Qiu Ying Guang, he was unmatched.

Because, this selection process was held very suddenly, those ten students arrived on the ring without having made much preparations, they stood in the ring, ready to accept the challenges.

Yun Xing Five Star Academy's Wen Ji Lue slightly nodded, clearly the Cang Qin Academy's President's speed of handling things was very satisfactory to him.

"The challenges can begin." Cang Qin Academy's Yan Yuan Kai clearly understood Wen Ji Lue's thoughts. They didn't want to stay at this broken place, so the sooner it finishes, the better. Therefore, he didn't dare to waste time by saying much nonsense.

"Lu Pengyun wants to challenge Zhong Yi." Yan Yuankai had barely descended from the ring when a tall student jumped over on to the ring. Ning Cheng recognized this person, he was exactly the one from before who had tried to find him for trouble, Lu Pengyun and also at Qi Gathering 4th Level. The one he challenged, Zhong Yi was also at Qi Gathering 4th Level, except Zhong Yi was much younger than him.

Zhong Yi was not very tall, looking at him being at Qi Gathering 4th layer, and also be selected as a core student, it meant that he definitely was not as simple as he looked on the surface.

"Hold on." Just when Zhong Yi wanted to come forward to accept the challenge, Yun Xing Five Star Academy's Wen Ji Lue once again spoke up.

After he finished speaking, he waved his hand and a ten feet tall crystal pillar appeared in the corner of the ring, "You, first go and test your spiritual root."

Lu Pengyun clearly hadn't thought of having to test his spiritual root, fortunately, he was not a stranger to the spiritual root test. He stretched out his hand and put it below the hand mark on the testing crystal pillar, and forced out a bit of his Qi into it.

Immediately, a thumb thick yellow light rose along the crystal pillar and after rising continuously till a height of one meter, it finally stopped. To the sides of this thumb thick yellow light, there were two thin muddy yellow lights, however,

those two thin muddy yellow light only rose till two-thirds of a meter.

[TL Note : raw says 3 尺 and 尺 = ⅓ meter]

Lu Pengyun took his hands off the crystal pillar, he had a somewhat proud expression on his face. He had a main spiritual root and not only his main spiritual root was not muddy yellow colour, it could already be considered to be of pure yellow color.

But before he could continue to be pleased with himself, he felt a powerful force slap his body. The next moment, he, similar to a kite with a cut string, flew out from above the ring and landed heavily on the hard ground beneath the ring.

“A trivial meter, with a yellow colored spiritual root, also thinks of entering Yun Xing Academy? This is the first and the last warning, the next time, anyone who dares to use this kind of spiritual root to come waste our time, it won’t just end with a slap.” Wen Ji Lue spoke with an ice cold voice, there was no longer that smile from before on his face.

Some students had wanted to go up, but due to this severe intimidation they didn’t dare to go. For a moment, there were no one who dared to go up on the ring.

Ning Cheng was also intimidated. but he was intimidated for a different reason than these people, he was intimidated because he saw Wen Ji Lue casually throwing out a ten feet tall testing instrument. And he had only seen Wen Ji Lue patting down between his pockets, that’s all, this was really too magical. Could this be the legendary Xumi space? Where one can put huge amounts of stuff inside?

[TL Note : Xumi space is most probably inspired from Mt. Xumi of china, which holds a lot of Buddhist cave statues, basically, caverns with huge statues, paintings and so on]

Not all the students were intimidated by Wen Ji Lue. After a brief moment of silence, a male student jumped on to the ring, and with a clear voice, spoke, “Jiang Tu challenges Yong Rui Li.”

All people including Ning Cheng were immediately attracted to this Jiang Tu, he not only dared to go on the stage after Wen Ji Lue’s severe words, moreover, the

one who he challenged was Yong Rui Li.

Yong Rui Li was a royal princess, although her cultivation base was low, but who would dare go challenge Cang Qin Province's princess? Granted that if she won, at most they would only be lightly punished, but if in case she lost, that would be the same as their total destruction. Not saying about one's own small life, even their whole family would end up having to share the same fate.

"Do not look, quickly follow me." A soft voice arrived as at the same time a gentle hand grabbed Ning Cheng's hand.

"Luo Fei……." Ning Cheng had been in the process of thinking what Jiang Tu was relying on to dare challenge Yong Rui Li, but unexpectedly, Ji Luo Fei had found him. Only, Ji Luo Fei's hands were somewhat shivering, clearly some bad situation had occurred.

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Chapter 0011 – Listen To Me

"Now that the Academy is selecting students, we have the opportunity to escape from Cang Qin Province, furthermore it is slightly late, I estimate that the Academy will come to know that I killed Xian Yuankai and Yong Liman….." Ji Luofei said in a low voice so that only Ning Cheng could hear, she whispered this urgently into his ear.

Killed Xian Yuankai and Yong Liman? Ning Cheng was surprised, but on thinking about the two names he instantly came to understand something. He did not know if Ji Luofei killed these two people for other reasons, but he knew that because these two people were killed by Ji Luofei he would also be killed because of his relationship with her.

When he arrived in the Cang Qin Province that time, he had gone to do some shopping, for the first time he had almost died in the hands of Xian Yuankai. He understood that Ji Luofei killed Xian Yuan Kui, so that he could not look him up again for revenge. As for Yong Liman, although Ning Cheng did not know, but he knew from his name that he was connected to the Cang Qin's Royal Family.

Even if the Cang Qin's Royal Family was not involved, if the matter of Ji Luofei killing Xian Yan Kui spread out, she would definitely end up dead. Even if they did not end up killing Ji Luofei, they would still come back for him, apparently because they feared that with her ability she would end up escaping, because of this the Cang Qin's Royal family and Xian's family would end up venting their anger on him.

"Thank you, Luofei." Ning Cheng came to understand this point, and said while immediately holding Ji Luofei's hand in a grateful manner.

Ji Luofei did not feel anything when Ning Cheng grasped her hand, even when she was carrying Ning Cheng back home before, she did not feel anything, Ning Cheng had revived on her back, but it was not unusual for her. Whether Ning Cheng was dead or alive, she would have taken Ning Cheng away from the doors of the prison. For her, this was just gratitude, not for Ning Cheng, but for Ning Cheng's Grandfather.

Before when she brought Ning Cheng to the cultivation practice tower, it was only as a small part of repaying her debt of gratitude, even if she was soon going to leave the Cang Qin Province, she was only concerned about Ning Cheng, and had no other emotions in her. But now when Ning Cheng spoke those words from the heart, it made Ji Luofei feel slightly shocked, she felt a deep gratitude from Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng had changed, the Ning Cheng from before, even if she gave up her life for him, when she just thought about it, he would absolutely wouldn't be able to say those words, and now the image of the previous Ning Cheng in her mind had completely changed. At this time when Ning Cheng held her hand, she even felt her face getting hot.

[TL Note – For those readers who are still naive, it means that she was blushing when Ning Cheng held her hand.]

Ji Luofei felt her heart tremble, Ning Cheng was much more calm than her, pulling Ji Luofei's hand he said, "Don't be nervous, come with me and listen to me."

Looking ant Ning Cheng calmly moving through the crowd, Ji Luofei's eyes were completely red, and followed behind Ning Cheng in an extremely obedient manner.

Don't be nervous, come with me and listen to me. A simple sentence, but to Ji Luofei it felt that she could completely rely on it. Her cultivation base was obviously higher than Ning Cheng, but she was able to feel some comfort and protection from the words of Ning Cheng,

Her home was destroyed when she was very young, and was adopted by the Ning Clan, to put it nicely, her status was even below the maids. Saying it bluntly, her status as a child bride or the position of a maid, it made no difference. Although Grandpa Ning didn't see her as an outsider, the rest of the members of the Ning Clan did not see her as their daughter-in-law, rather most of them saw her as a small servant girl at best.

Even the previous Ning Cheng, took her to be female slave girl, putting her even beneath the maids. Everytime Ning Cheng saw her, his face would fill up with disgust.

Ning Hong Chang was the head of the Ning Clan, so it was impossible for him to be always be able to take care of Ji Luofei.

Since the time she could remember, she did all the things by herself, she had no one that she could rely on.

Ning Cheng was obviously younger than her by a year, but when Ning Cheng spoke those words, it let her feel that Ning Cheng was very tall, someone she felt she could rely on. Only people who never had anyone to rely on, only they would be able to understand this feeling. The image of Ning Cheng, at this moment seemed to have reversed in her heart.

Of course Ning Cheng did not think too much, although he knew that Ji Luofei was more familiar with the Cang Qin Two Star Academy, but he was very clear, the ability to escape and deal with some critical situations, Ji Luofei's capability was lower than him in this matter.

Ji Luofei followed Ning Cheng through the crowd and in about seven or eight breaths seemed to have reached the edge, seeing Ning Cheng sneak into the rows of giant trees, Ji Luofei immediately thought that Ning Cheng was going to escape through the door leading to the “Fighting Pot”. She was going to remind Ning Cheng, that since today the Yun Xing Five Star Academy was conducting the selection of students, the door leading to the “Fighting Pot” must have been sealed and guarded, it would be better to go through the main entrance. At this time, a team of seven or eight security guards unexpectedly appeared in front of both of them.

The group had seen that Ning Cheng and Ji Luofei were heading in the direction of the small door, they tried to stop them immediately, and they even seemed to come over.

Ji Luofei’s heart sank, she thought that they might have been exposed, when the guard sergeant came over. She made up resolve, that even if she died, she would help Ning Cheng escape.

Before Ji Luofei could speak, Ning Cheng suddenly whispered to her again. “What is the name of the Vice president of the Academy?”

“Yong Zhangyan.” Ji Luofei blurted out subconsciously.

Ning Cheng suddenly raised his voice and said, “But why did he pick us for running errands, alas, we can only blame ourself for being too close to the ring, what a pity ……..”

Although Ning Cheng spoke in a regretful voice, but on the contrary, he showed an expression of surprise on his face, at the same he sped up towards the head sergeant of the security team.

When the security team saw Ning Cheng and Ji Luofei unexpectedly come towards them, they stopped, they had intended to stop and inquire Ning Cheng and Ji Luofei and when they saw Ning Cheng and Ji Luofei were instead running towards them, they just stood where they were and did not move.

“Head Sergeant and several sergeant brothers hold on…..” Ning Cheng obviously stopped in front of the few people and loudly called out to them.

“What’s the matter with you?” Asked the head sergeant leading the team who

was a cultivator at the Qi Gathering 3rd Level. When he saw Ning Cheng calling out to him and his brothers, he forgot to ask, where Ning Cheng was heading to.

Ning Cheng removed a dark wooden plaque and showing it to the captain of the guards said, ”Seeing that there are several of you here is nice however, would the several guard brothers here help us out, it would be a great favor. I am a disciple of Elder Mu, the Vice President asked my master to assemble a team of security guards and stand by the doors of the cultivation practice towers, it was my master who let the two of us come here. But now is a crucial moment that Yun Xing Five Star Academy is selecting students, in this challenge match, I really do not want to leave, aah, never did I thought that you would come at the right moment. You’ve got to come quickly with me to the entrance of the cultivation practice tower, hold on, I’ll give you the instructions that Vice President Yong wrote to you, when the time comes you can directly hand it over to the Vice President Yong…….”

“No can do, we have to go to the south-west gate, there is no way for us to help you.” looking at the wooden plaque in his hands, he immediately interrupted Ning Cheng and said in a positive way.

Saying that, he returned the wooden plaque to Ning Cheng. This wooden plaque had a carving of three words of the cultivation practice tower, it proved that the wooden plaque was genuine.

Ning Cheng quickly followed with an anxious cry and said, “But I even have the instructions written by the Vice President, is it not the same as an executive order? You first have to come with me to the cultivation practice tower’s and wait ……”

After speaking for a while, Ning Cheng let out a relieved sigh, he was afraid that the guy would recognize that the wooden plaque belonged to the cleaners of the cultivation practice tower.

“You have your own instructions, we also have our own orders, You Academy students are sloppy and casual, did you think that you can just grab a few people from Cang Qin Guards, I think it would be better if you go, don’t try to be smart.” Said the captain of the guards as he walked away in disdain. He was looking down on Ning Cheng, this kind of guy had no idea about military discipline.

By the time the two people finished their talks, they had already arrived at the door of the bustling market. From what Ji Luofei anticipated turned out to be quite good, there were two people who were guarding the small gate, but it was not the middle aged guard from before.

Seeing the two guards blocking the door, Ning Cheng showed an unhappy face and said, “Open the door, I want to go out.”

The dialog between the Head Sergeant and Ning Cheng, these two security guards had heard clearly, and they knew even what Ning Cheng was going to do. Seeing the unhappy expression on Ning Cheng’s face, the two security guards knew Ning Cheng wanted to see the competition, but was now being sent away, it would really be strange if they were cool about it.

One of the guards was about to speak, but suddenly he saw the face of Ning Cheng suddenly flush with joy and rushed in front of the guard and spoke, “Guard brothers, are you not hear to guard? For guarding a gate, two people or a person is the same, one of you can help me do a favor and take a trip with me while the other one can stay here ……..”

“I’m sorry, we were ordered to guard this place, we are simply unable to leave.” The other guard said simply.

Ning Cheng’s face fell fell again, but this time it was only for a moment, and then he said again, “Your are guarding this gate here, you would certainly not allow anyone to go through it, right?”

“Yes.”, the other guard who was just asked replied in a simple way.

“Then if we want you to open the door, you would certainly not open it, right? For example, just like I asked you to open the door a moment ago, right?” Ning Cheng continued to ask, as if he was guiding the sheep to the wolf.

The guard who was just asked was going to say yes, but then he saw the smile on Ning Cheng’s face which harbored evil intentions, his heart suddenly thumped. This student clearly did not want to handle the matter, so he would just blame them for not opening the door, unexpectedly this student was very cunning.

However they knew that the origins of many of the students of the Cang Qin

Two Star Academy were not ordinary, so the students being this bold, was not something that surprised the guards.

“Well, you are right, Senior Apprentice Sister, lets go back.” Ning Cheng pulled Ji Luofei and turned around to leave.

“Wait, will you let me see the token.” This security guard understood that Ning Cheng had some insurance which could be disastrous to them, and hurriedly called out to Ning Cheng to stop. He just took a step down, he knew that Ning Cheng had a token with him, just now the Head Sergeant had taken a look at it.

Ning Cheng did not move from his position, “Why do you want to see that token? Just a moment ago when we asked you open the door, you were not willing to open it. This is your responsibility, I also do not blame you, but why do you want to see my token? If every soldier that I meet wants to look at my token, then I should just hang the damn token on my neck just as well. Let’s go, Senior Apprentice Sister.”

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Chapter 0012 – Not Of This World

This guard, after hearing Ning Cheng’s final words, his complexion turned somewhat ugly. He hesitated for a moment, but still went to open the gate and spoke, “The gate is already open, if you want to go out, then go , if not, I will have to close the gate again.”

If only Ning Cheng dared to take a step back, the guard would have closed the gate immediately. Anyway, Ning Cheng wanted the guard to open the gate and the guard had already opened it. Ning Cheng, himself was unwilling to to go out,

in that situation, even if he went out, the blame might not necessarily reach him.

Ning Cheng helplessly walked forward, he resolutely glared at the two guards and wearing a bad mood, walked away from the academy through its small back gate.

From the time Ning Cheng moved towards that squadron of guards till going out of the small gate, Ji Luofei's heart was continuously filled with worry. It was completely unexpected to her that Ning Cheng would surprisingly dare to be so bold and brazen as to do this kind of act by using only a cleaner's wooden plate. In case something had happened, they both would have ended up dying tragically. Because of those several guards, if any conflicts had occurred between them and those guards, they would no longer have been able to go further.

After, they walked out through that small gate, Ning Cheng was not at all impatient to leave, rather he stopped. Pointing his finger at the two words displaying "Fighting Pot", he spoke , "Luofei, in the future, if I am able to succeed in the cultivation, I will eradicate this Fighting Pot."

Ji Luofei's ability to adapt to changes was not as good as Ning Cheng's but she definitely was a clever and smart person. When Ning Cheng spoke of "Fighting Pot", she immediately came to understand that Ning Cheng knew about her situation with the Fighting Pot, it warmed her heart immediately.

"Let's go, this is not a place to stay for long. I am not familiar of this outside area, Luofei, you lead the way." After going out of the Cang Qin Academy, Ning Cheng felt his whole body relax and turning around, said to Luofei, with a smile.

"Okay." Ji Luofei nodded. Knowing this time she couldn't hesitate, she accelerated her pace, passing through the bustling marketplace. After a short amount of time, she took Ning Cheng to a very remote alley.

Despite being in a run, Ji Luofei's heart was continuously having doubts, how could Ning Cheng have become this calm and steady? She hesitated for quite a while, but still decided to ask NIng cheng. She hadn't even opened her mouth, when Ning Cheng asked, " Luofei, I have been wondering, there were almost a hundred thousand people at the huge square public plaza, how were you able to find me?"

Furthermore, he still hadn't asked everything. He also wanted to know where

was she when he was at the cultivation tower? Why hadn't she tried to come find him?

Ji Luofei hesitated slightly, thinking of a reply, suddenly she felt Ning Cheng pulling her aside, following which a white light struck the place where she was just standing. Ji Luofei's complexion changed, she saw that there were two men were standing ahead in front of her and Ning Cheng.

Seeing the two men, one tall and one short, Ji Luofei's heart immediately sank. She knew these two men, both were the Xian Clan's hired thugs and had a cultivation base of Qi Gathering 6th Level. She basically felt that it was impossible to escape because she was at Qi Gathering 3rd Level and Ning Cheng at Qi Gathering 1st Level, this ability compared to them was too low.

"Oh, a puny Qi Gathering 1st Level was able to react so fast." said the tall man who had seen Ning Cheng reacting somewhat faster than Ji Luofei. Contrary to what one might expect, he was a bit startled.

Ji Luofei only then, recalled that her reaction had been slower than Ning Cheng's. However, at present, she wasn't in a mood to think over these matters. Immediately, spoke impatiently, "Ning Cheng, You run away quickly, I will hold them up for a moment……"

"A mere Qi Gathering 3rd Level dares to speak of stalling us. Killing Young Master Yuan Kui and still thinking of running? Think about it yourself, how do you want to die and then you might receive a smooth death." The tall man said in a disdainful manner.

Ning Cheng passed through a short moment of panic, after that, on the contrary, he began to calm down and spoke: "Luofei, you know of my aptitude. It would be better if you run away and remember to take revenge for me later, I don't want to believe that there will be no one to avenge me after my death.

The two thugs from the Xiao Clan simply did not wait to let Ning Cheng finish his words, and began raising their hands, several wind blades sealed up the entire road where Ning Cheng and Ji Luofei were standing in. At the same time, the two people each took out an artifact, but did not proceed to attck with it, apparently these two wanted to catch them alive.

Ning Cheng did not reach out to these people, it this fight, he did not know

haw far was the difference between him and these people at the Qi Gathering 6th Level, as this was not a level that he could reach yet. He did not want to let Ji Luofei suffer, but even if they wanted to avoid some of the wind blades it would be very difficult.

“A six foot white gold spiritual roots …….” all the people sitting behind the ring immediately stood up, the Yun Xing Five Star Academy’s elder who was wearing a grey robe, had an excited expression on his face which was difficult to conceal.

At this time a challenger stood in front of the spiritual roots testing artifact, his hands were placed on the detection artifact, there appeared a whitish gold column inside the crystal of the testing instrument which was about six feet in height, this whitish gold light beam was about as thick as an arm of a child. There was no small light columns next to this whitish gold light, there was only a golden circle at the bottom of this whitish gold light beam.

“Ha Ha, I did not think that there was such a genius in the Cang Qin Institute, good, good, this trip was not in vain. Oh! that’s right, what is your name?” Wen Jilue was incomparably excited, as he asked Jiang Tu.

Jiang Tu replied in a very polite vice and said, “Senior, that young one is called Jiang Tu”

“Good, Good …… Jiang Tu , afterwards, you will be Yun Xing Five Star Academy’s student, you need not go up for any more fights, just now who did you challenge?” Wen Jilue immediately became fond of Jiang Tu and so immediately asked who was the one he challenged.

“It is Yong Rui Li.” Jiang Tu replied honestly.

Wen Jilue nodded slightly, and spoke to Yong Ruili who had come up, “You are already eliminated, You can go down.”

Yong Ruili’s complexion turned extremely ugly, but she had no choice other than to bow respectfully after which she departed sadly from the ring. She was very clear that even if she was Cang Qin Province’s Princess, in front of this grey-gowned person, she was not anyone important.

“Jiang Tu, do you want to be my personal disciple?” after Yong Ruili left the ring, Wen Jilue asked Jiang Tu in a very pleasant manner.

Jiang Tu hurriedly bows again and replied, “Jiang Tu meets the master.”

Wen Jilue laughed, took out a small leather bag and gave it to Jiang Tu and said, “This is a gift from your teacher to you.”

“Senior Brother Wen, you really are generous, you are even willing to give up a coin filled bag. After Jiang Tu returns to the Academy, perhaps even the other elders of the Academy will want to accept him as their disciple.” spoke the pale faced man from the Yun Xing Five Star Academy who hadn’t even spoken a word till now.

Wen Jilue did not mind it even a bit, “You are just envious of me, there are a lot of students here, you can find one yourself – ah maybe you can find a satisfactory disciple to take back.”

Wen Jilue was certainly proud of the words he had spoken out, apparently he did not expect that Cang Qin Academy would have a disciple with such pure spiritual roots.

However the other two individuals from the Yun Xing Five Star Academy released their auras. They were cultivators with their cultivation bases in the Building Yuan Realm, those people in Building Yuan Realm can even be called as Gods. Moreover, the pale faced man could easily tell that there was no one here that was worth his interest, but the woman who was wearing the Lavender Shaded dress with gold threadings suddenly stood up.

“Junior Apprentice Sister Yao, what is it?” Wen Jilue and the other man who were also at the Building Yuan Realm were able to sense the unusual behaviour from her and hastily asked.

This junior apprentice woman called Yao coldly snorted, she even took out a Blue Lotus shaped artifact, then she jumped onto the instrument and immediately flew off from above the ring.

“Flying artifacts.” the Cang Qin Academy’s students suddenly became restless, in their view, an artifact capable of flight was even more rare that a pure spiritual root.

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Ning Cheng’s one hand was pressing on his bloodstained abdomen, and

another hand was supporting Ji Luofei, his heart was as cold as ice. He knew that today, it would be absolutely impossible to escape, however, he wasn't sure that after death, would he be able to return to the Earth or not. His younger sister wouldn't be able to find him no matter how she searched, she should be very worried, right? Ning Cheng looked at the dark blue sky, and thought of Ruolan.

While Ning Cheng was stupidly gazing at the distant sky, Ji Luofei knew resisting would mean more humiliation and nothing more. This moment, she forgot about the incoming fate of death and suddenly asked, "Ning Cheng, before, you said you couldn't marry me because I am very ugly, right?"

Ning Cheng suddenly smiled and replied, "Luofei, you are not ugly. Because we are not people of the same world. "

Furthermore, Ning Cheng did not say that at present, he would somewhat prefer being together with Ji Luofei than any of the pretty and beautiful women. Besides, excluding his younger sister, Ruolan, his heart was closed like the ocean to any beautiful women. You wouldn't know at what time they would suddenly show you a knife and that too, without any reasons. Even Tian Muwan, that kind of gentle and graceful girl, was not excluded from this, let alone other people.

Ji Luofei was silent, she didn't know what Ning Cheng meant when he said they were not from the same world. She thought Ning Cheng spoke that when she would leave the Cang Qin Province, in the future, therefore, was not one of the people of the same world.

"What about now? We are going to die." Ji Luofei's voice had just fallen when a long whip had already swept over. Both she and Ning Cheng together didn't have the capability to resist it, they could only watch that long whip as it swept over.

"Bang, Bang" two muffled sounds echoed, at the very next moment a long whip lashed towards the men at the Qi Gathering 6th Level who were standing in front of Ning Cheng and Ji Luofei. The whip flew with an immense explosive force inside it and smashed the thin man onto a giant boulder with a loud explosion and immediately the thin man at the Qi Gathering 6th Level threw up a mouthful of blood. At the same moment, the other Qi Gathering 6th Level man also met with a similar explosion, and in the same manner was smashed on to the side of

the giant boulder and sprouted a mouthful of blood.

“Senior……” the two men at the Qi Gathering 6th Level had serious injuries, so much so that their meridians were also damaged, they were very shocked. Simultaneously, those two became aware that the one who had thrown out that whip had a cultivation base which surpassed theirs by far.

Ning Cheng and Ji Luofei felt the heavy pressure, but only saw a woman standing in front of them radiating hostility.

Ning Cheng was the first to recognize this woman, she was the female elder from the Yun Xing Five Star Academy who had come to recruit students. But why would she suddenly appear here? And even extend a helping hand in such a situation?

“What is your name?” This woman looked at Ji Luofei who was leaning on Ning Cheng and just spoke one sentence.

Ning Cheng worked his mind, he felt that the woman standing before him and Ji Luofei had some similarities, does she and Ji Luofei have some kind of relationship?

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Chapter 0013 – Ning Cheng’s Plight

“This younger generation is named Ji Luofei.” Ji Luofei also felt that she and this woman had some kind of relation. If she was not disfigured, maybe this feeling would have been more obvious.

“You really are of the Ji Clan ……..” this woman’s voice was trembling, her tone of speaking was clearly not the tone one used to inquire, but was purely

emotional.

At this moment, the two Qi Gathering 6th Level men who were of the Xian Clan had already crawled up, and spoke out in panic, “Senior……..”

“To go as far as to hurt my Ji Clan’s people in this way, you are courting death.” This woman’s mood was agitated but had no place to vent, the luck of the two men from the Xian Clan was bad for again speaking out which suddenly made her recall that Ji Luofei was seriously injured. In a flash, she turned around shooting out two black lights.

Ning Cheng and Ji Luofei, at one side were only able to hear two “pu, pu” sound, these two cultivators at Qi Gathering 6th Level simply weren’t prepared and at once changed into two dried up husks. The flesh under their skins, under the bombardment of the two black lights, unexpectedly disappeared within several breaths.

Ning Cheng drew in a cold breath, he had never killed anyone however he had always been courageous, situations which could make him panic were very rare. However, he, too, was frightened by this woman’s dreadful way of doing things. She had just merely raised her hands and the two black lights shot out which transformed those two cultivators at Qi Gathering 6th Level to end up as dried husks, how terrifying was this? Could this be the might of the Building Yuan Realm?

“What are the names of your grandfather and your parents? How did you come to the Ping Country’s Cang Qin Province?” After she finished killing the two cultivators of the Qi Gathering 6th Level, this woman continued as if she felt nothing, and asked Ji Luofei. Simultaneously, she threw a medicine pellet into Ji Luofei’s mouth, and Ning Cheng, even though his injury was not light, she, however, looked as if she didn’t care.

Ji Luofei, quickly replied, “My grandfather is Ji Yuanying, my father is Ji Xuanzhang, my mother is Xiong Qihua. That year, it was grandfather who brought me to the Cang Qin Province, he told me that something bad happened to my parents in Great Calm forest.”

This woman’s eyes had become red, she couldn’t help but embrace Ji Luofei and spoke, “Luofei, I am your aunt, Ji Yaohe.”

“Aunt?” Ji Luofei looked unbelievably towards Ji Yaohe. She really couldn’t imagine how she suddenly had such a powerful aunt, this was simply like a dream.

Seeing Ji Luofei in a daze Ji Yaohe immediately spoke, “Luofei, take me immediately to your grandfather.”

“Grandfather Ji has already passed away.” Ning Cheng had already figured out why this woman had helped Ji Luofei and him and immediately replied from the side. At the same time he began to calm down and felt relieved from his heart, Ji Luofei had such a powerful aunt, presumably their escape from the the Cang Qin Province would not be a problem.

“Who are you again?” Ji Yaohe was just reminded of Ning Cheng’s presence, before she saw Ning Cheng and Ji Luofei, their relation seemed to be a bit unusual and had no time to ask, but she now remembered and asked.

Ji Luofei had just recovered from such a huge shock, and quickly replied, “He is Ning Cheng, Grandfather Ning and Grandfather Ji were very close friends, after Grandfather Ji passed away, he entrusted me to the Ning Clan for a better home.”

Ji Luofei’s reply was very simple, she did not say anything about the relationship between her and Ning Cheng, she also did not say that Ning Cheng’s Grandfather had also died. She had not yet come to accept from her heart that she was her aunt, it was somewhat bizarre to her.

Ji Yaohe understood Ji Luofei’s mood and softly said, “Luofei, when I was taken off to the Ishigaki Island and you were in the Ning Clan, just remember, that your grandfather was my fourth uncle. When I returned a few years ago, the Ji Clan had already disappeared, I looked around and could not find a single member of my Ji Clan. Fourth uncle came to the Ping Country, should have escaped home during the catastrophe. Luofei, later your aunt went back to the island, otherwise she would have been hunted down.”

“Yes, Aunt” Ji Luofei felt her heart warm up after hearing her speak, her aunt had suddenly appeared, she was no longer confused or lost as before.

This aunt, although she did not look like a blood relative, they mutually accepted each other. Ji Yaohe’s last words, were also a concern for her. But the

person who made her feel like she could depend on and also made the deepest impression on her, was Ning Cheng and his remark ‘Listen to me, just follow me.’

“Auntie, Grandfather Ning had adopted me, Ning Cheng is the only remaining person alive from the Ning Clan, he also remained in the Cang Qin Province……” Ji Luofei did not finish saying her words, when Ji Yaohe came to understand and immediately said, “Don’t worry, I will keep him in mind.”

Ji Luofei felt her heart loosen up a bit, her aunt seemed very powerful, since she said that she would protect Ning Cheng, then it would definitely be alright.

Ning Cheng’s heart sank, he was not as simple as Ji Luofei. Ji Yaohe did not say that she would protect him, but said that she would keep him in mind, there were only a few differences, but is best to not think about it too much.

[TL Note – There was a bit of word play here, so had to substitute something equivalent here so as to understand it better.]

“Come up.” Ji Yaohe once again brought out the Blue Lotus-shaped flying artifact and said to Ji Luofei and Ning Cheng.

“Is this a flying artifact?” Ning Cheng asked in a shocked voice, as he had some understandings about the artifacts. He had read and memorized the thin leather book that was passed down in the Ning Clan, he knew that in the Yi Xing Continent, the cultivators could use magic weapons, and the magic weapons and artifacts also had different grades. Talismans were the magic weapons of the first grade, jewels could be fitted on the artifacts used and would be of a higher grade, also if the jewels had a spirit, then it would become a soul artifact and would have mystical powers.

Ji Yaohe lightly said, “Yes, this is a top grade flying artifact.”

Looking at the Blue Lotus-shaped artifact under his feet, Ning Cheng was very excited, these things were legends, and he was actually able to see such a thing. If he could practice cultivation to such a level, then maybe one day, he could really fly in the air. Without power, did not even have any mechanism, the flying artifact totally depended on the person to fly.

“Luofei, was you face ruined by the Xian Clan? I will return and exterminate the entire Xian Clan.” When Ji Yaohe said about exterminating the Xian Clan, her

tone immediately became cold and fierce.

Ji Luofei quickly said, “You should not, when I was still very young, it seemed that the Ji Clan was facing difficulties. the subordinates of Grandfather Ji gradually decreased inexplicably, and finally one night, there was a man who rushed into the Ji Clan. That night I was disfigured, when Grandpa Ning finally was able to catch up, Grandfather Ji before dying, told him to take me away.”

While Ji Luofei was speaking, the Lotus came back to the challenge arena of the Cang Qin Academy.

“Junior Sister Apprentice Yao, this is?” Wen Jilue saw Ning Cheng and Ji Luofei with Ji Yaohe, and asked in a puzzled way.

Ji Yaohe pointed to Ji Luofei and said, ”This is my niece Ji Luofei, she followed my fourth uncle and wandered into the Cang Qin Province, she is the only one left, I want to take her back to the country.”

Wen Jilue did not talk much, with a stiff face he said, “Since Junior Sister Apprentice Yao has found her niece, you must take her home with you, so one of the ten people here have to be swiped next.”

The ten seeded students who were standing on the stage, when they heard those words, their hearts suddenly thumped. Now those ten people understood, that although they were seeded, in fact they they had to be selected by them. Because these people were from the Yin Xing Academy, they simply did not want to waste their time on these challenges, they just wanted to finish it as fast as possible and go back.

Now that they casually said that they were going to swipe out one of the ten. No one wanted to go ahead, only a fool would give up the opportunity to go to a Five Star Academy for practicing cultivation.

Ji Yaohe swept her eyes over the ten people, and suddenly pointed to Gu Yiming and said, “You go down.”

As a cultivator at the Building Yuan Realm, when Ji Yaohe said that Ji Luofei was her niece, obviously Gu Yiming felt an extreme shock in his mind, it can even be said to be fear. Whether this was because Gu Yiming felt fear or not, it could not be said, she just pointed at him and asked him to leave the group of 10

people standing there.

When Gu Yiming heard her, he suddenly got into panic, if not for the Five Star Academy, then if he wanted to reach a higher level, it would be absolutely impossible.

Thinking about this, he simply clasped his hands and said, “Members of the Yi Xing Academy, this junior of the Cang Qin Academy here is one of the top disciples of the Academy, to go to the Yi Xing Institute is this disciple’s life dream. Junior hopes that the several seniors here do justice ……”

Gu Yiming had not finished speaking, when he saw a shadow to his side, and then felt that he was kicked out of the stage.

“I told you to get lost, get lost, why is there so much nonsense.” with his body in the air, Gu Yiming heard Wen Jilue’s ice cold voice.

“Aunt, also Ning Cheng.” Ji Luofei, just now, realized that even if her aunt was Yun Xing academy’s teacher, wanting to casually go with her aunt as one wishes was not a simple matter. Therefore, she hurriedly reacted when Ning Cheng spoke. Before, her aunt only guaranteed Ning Cheng to be all right, but didn’t say Ning Cheng could also go with her.

Yun Xing Academy’s decision, there weren’t any people who would stand up to go against it. Even if Cang Qin Province’s King and Cang Qin Academy’s president also sat here, they would be the same and would not dare to retort.

Hearing Ji Luofei’s words, Wen Jilue however, wrinkled his brows, immediately looking at Ji Yaohe, spoke, “Junior Apprentice Sister Yaohe, you found your niece, it is still possible to accept her, we also don’t need to test her spiritual root. However, this boy, if his spirit root is not anything great, then wanting to take him away, I’m afraid it would be out of question.

Ji Yaohe also frowned, there wasn’t any chance to speak. Sitting besides the Cang Qin Academy’s President, a man stood up. This man had brown face and his face looked as unsightly as the rust born from a piece of a broken iron.

“Seniors from the Yun Xing Academy, this younger generation is the Cang Qin Academy’s vice president, Yong Zhangyan. I also know this Ning Cheng, before he relied on the position of the young master position of the Ning clan, scolding

Miss. Ji Luofei unjustly whenever he came in contact with her, not only that, he completely considered her as the Ning Clan's slave girl.

The vice-president, after saying the few sentences, once again clasped his hands and then sat down. Basically, he didn't mention about Ning Cheng's spirit root, he was certain that Ning Cheng must test his spirit root to go to Yun Xing academy.

Ji Yaohe stood up, with an ice-cold complexion, looked coldly towards Ning Cheng and spoke, "Boy, was it really as such? Daring to take Luofei as a slave girl and you are unexpectedly still alive?"

Ning Cheng was immediately speechless. Before his rebirth, he was indeed did as such, but how would he explain that?

"You are courting death." Seeing Ning Cheng unable to explain, Ji Yaohe immediately knew what Yong Zhangyan said was true and so, she suddenly waved her hand towards Ning cheng.

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Chapter 0014 – A Slap On The Face

"Don't……." Ji Luofei felt her soul flying out and scattering away, she had herself had seen this aunt, just a short while ago, lifting her hand and changing two Qi Gathering 6th Level cultivators into dried up husks. If her aunt shot the same way, then wouldn't Ning Cheng also turn into a dried up husk?

[TL Note – Soul flying and scattering away is chinese idiom which means you are so scared that even your soul runs out of your body]

Ji Yaohe originally didn't intend to kill Ning Cheng, she felt that the relation

between Luofei and Ning Cheng was not so simple. Now that Luofei was stopping her, she immediately released her hand, somewhat resentfully looking at Ji Luofei, spoke, “Luofei, this boy had bullied you and you are unexpectedly still helping him by pleading for leniency?”

Ji Luofei impatiently spoke, “No, the present Ning Cheng is different from before, he hasn’t bullied me…..”

Ning Cheng secretly sighed, Ji Luofei was too honest, if only she said that what Yong Zhangyan spoke were lies, wouldn’t that be okay? Could Yong Zhangyun still dare to dispute against Ji Yaohe? Ji Luofei, speaking like this, how couldn’t it be apparent that Ning Cheng had previously bullied her?

“So, before, you really were bullied.” Ji Yaohe, although didn’t plan to kill Ning Cheng, her heart was already filled with incomparable hatred towards Ning Cheng.

Ji Luofei spoke in panic, “Aunt, I beg you to help Ning Cheng, if Ning Cheng isn’t able to go, and he is alone here, it will be the same as having one foot in the grave. Also, I won’t be able to have calm mind even if I depart here.

That man with the rigid complexion, suddenly spoke, “Junior Apprentice Sister Yaohe, you must allow Ning Cheng to go test his spiritual root, if his spiritual root isn’t bad, then it isn’t a big matter to take him away.”

“You go test your spiritual root.” Ji Yaohe spoke coldly to Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng himself knew that his spiritual root was very inferior, now in this current situation, he and Ji Luofei simply couldn’t take control. He could only walk towards the spiritual root testing artifact. In front of the artifact, he stretched his hand out and touched the palm print indentation on it, simultaneously sending out some Qi into the artifact.

Three light yellow beams rose to a height of three feet and stopped, the crystal pillar in the center had no especially thick light beam in it.

The meaning was very clear, he did not have any main spiritual root, only three support spiritual roots, and these support spiritual roots were only slightly better than a murky yellow one.

Ning Cheng actually did not care, he knew that his spiritual roots were poor.

But he was a bit surprised as he heard from Ji Luofei in the past that he had a three line hybrid support spiritual root, and it was even turbid yellow. Although he still had a three line hybrid support spiritual root, but it was not turbid yellow, but pale yellow. He did not know if the testing was done wrong or if Ji Luofei remembered wrong.

Ji Luofei was also amazed when she saw Ning Cheng's Spiritual Root test results, she certainly knew that Ning Cheng's spiritual root was a three line hybrid support spiritual root, but according to what she knew it was turbid yellow in color, how did it turn pale yellow? She had never heard that a spiritual root could change colors. Although she read in some legends that there were some special things in the world that could help change and improve one's spiritual root, but after all, they were just legends, even on the Yun Xing Continent there may not exist such a legendary spiritual thing.

"Luofei, your aunt will not help you. With his spiritual roots if I wanted to take him and walk together with him, and at last arrive at our destination, the elders would not let him go, it would even implicate me and bring all sorts of troubles. Even if was only me, I would not be able to cut through the Ping Country and arrive at the Yi Xing Academy." Ji Yaohe sighed, as she looked at Ji Luofei in a daze.

She was not crazy, even if she was already a cultivator at the Building Yuan Realm, and if she wanted to go across the two countries alone, then the possibility of falling through was very high.

Seeing how Ji Yaohe reacted this quickly towards Ning Cheng's spiritual root test result, she anxiously said, "Aunt, if Ning Cheng cannot go, then I also cannot go. I would rather have Ning Cheng being taken away from here first, I will stay here……"

"Nonsense." Ji Yaohe snapped back and knit her brows, then she turned around and stared coldly at the Cang Qin Academy's Principal and the pale faced King of the Cang Qin Province, and said, "Ning Cheng will remain in the Cang Qin Province, but if even a hair on him is touched or he is injured in any way, then I will come back and exterminate the entire Cang Qin Province."

Ji Yaohe saying that she would eradicate the entire province was obviously

shocking, but the Cang Qin's ruler who was just warned by her stood up respectfully and clasped his hands in front of him and said in a very respectful manner, "Please rest assured seniors, Ning Cheng is also one of my people from the Cang Qin Province, and no one will unreasonably harm him. If someone tries to unreasonably harms him, I will not just idly sit by."

Ning Cheng's heart sank again, this kind of word play he had already seen too much. Ji Yaohe played it before, and now the King of Cang Qin Province was playing it. Although he said that no one would harm him unreasonably, that only meant that if they found a legitimate reason, then anyone can hurt him. What's more, the guy even said that he would not sit back idly and watch, who knew what it meant?

[TL Note – Damn these word plays, if anyone has any better suggestions then please do share it with us.]

Ji Yaohe nodded in satisfaction, then turned to Ji Luofei and said, "Luofei, it's alright now, certainly there will be no one now who would hurt Ning Cheng."

Ji Luofei was obviously worried about Ning Cheng even when Ji Yaohe downplayed the threat, when she heard Ji Yaohe talk like that, she became more anxious and said, "Auntie, they will certainly make life difficult for Ning Cheng, I beg you please help Ning Cheng ……"

When Ji Yaohe heard Jin Luofei's words, she frowned, in fact, she could feel that between Ji Luofei and Ning Cheng, there seemed to be emotions that went beyond ordinary. Ning Cheng not only had a distinct three-line hybrid support spiritual root, but it was even pale yellow, in this life Ning Cheng had no future, Luofei and Ning Cheng together, it would only end up ruining Luofei. She had not tested out Luofei's qualifications, but Luofei was already under 20 years old and was at the Qi Gathering 3rd Level, so her qualifications were definitely not too bad.

At this moment, she would rather walk out in front, and kill Ning Cheng in front of the people from the Cang Qin Province.

If Ji Yaohe could think of such things, then of course, the crafty little Wen Jilue could also think of such things, but he had nothing to do with it, and was not willing to say more than a few words.

Seeing Ji Luofei was about to speak once more, Ji Yaohe raised her hands and placed them on Ji Luofei's body, Ji Luofei immediately passed out.

With Ji Luofei held in her hands, Ji Yaohe looked at Ning Cheng and said in a cold voice, "No matter what relationship exists between you and Ji Luofei, that is now a thing of the past. From now on, you are not allowed to think of Luofei, she no longer has any relationship with you."

Having said this, she turned towards Wen Jilue and the other male and said, "Two brothers, I'll head out first, I will be waiting on the boat for you."

Ji Yaohe immediately took out the Blue Lotus shaped flying artifact, and disappeared from there along with Ji Luofei.

Wen Jilue also didn't want to continue waste his time in selecting the students, for him, this was already a great harvest, he was able to find such a genius disciple. So when Ji Yaohe was gone, he said, "Cang Qin Academy's selection of disciple ends here, the nine students standing on the ring, I am giving you an hour, so that you can handle your own affairs. After that, immediately assemble here. Once you go to the Yi Xing Academy, at what time would you be able to come back, even I am not sure about it."

The selected students were clearly very excited and quickly left the ring, they were going back to prepare, then they would leave the Cang Qin Province of the Ping Country. Although the country that they were going to was just adjacent, it was considered as a medium class country, even the spiritual aura there was also very abundant, there were even a large variety of treasures available in that place. What's more, who wouldn't want to go the a country's Five Star Academy?

[TL Note – Although we say "country" here, but infact these countries are actually islands in the sea around the Yi Xing Continent. According to the translations, it is a "country", but we wanted to clarify so as to avoid any confusion in the future chapters.]

This selection of the students from a general assembly was unworthy of its name nor did it made any sense, they said that they would fairly choose from the selected students, they might as well say that a few people from the Yi Xing Academy came to the Can Qin Academy, selected a few random students and

then left the Academy early. Unfortunately the tens of thousands of Cang Qin Academy's students were just helpless and could only disperse.

Ning Cheng knew, that from now on the only person he could only rely on was himself. Fortunately this was the ending time of the assembly, pressing forward Ning Cheng hid himself in the midst of the students, he wanted to hurry towards the outside of the Academy, he wanted to leave as fast as possible.

"Ning Cheng, why did that ugly Ji girl decide to protect you? Why do I see you as an anxious homeless dog now?" Ning Cheng had just stepped out of the gate of Cang Qin academy, when he heard a harsh voice filled with sarcasm.

"Gu Fei, what are you gonna do? Did you forget what Ji Luofei's aunt said just now? The two elders from the Ying Academy have not gone yet." This voice belonged to a girl, Ning Cheng saw that the one who helped him was the Senior Apprentice Sister Zhuang. At the same time he also knew that the person who just ridiculed him was Gu Fei, Gu Fei's brother Gu Yiming had some vendetta with Ji Luofei, he knew that now since he could not even touch her, so as a result he wanted to vent out on Ning Cheng and make his life very difficult. At this time he saw a familiar face which was sinister and vicious walking towards him, this was none other than Gu Yiming.

Gu Fei's stature was not high, at most he came up to Ning Cheng's chin, but he had an extremely savage and ferocious look on his face, although he did not dare to kill Ning Cheng, but he also swore not to give up.

"Senior Apprentice Sister Zhuang, this is a vendetta between Gu Fei and Ning Cheng, maybe they should have a fight at the Dueling Platform. People like us, should not intervene, right?" Gu Yiming had come, after being pushed down from the ring, he kept a close eye on Ning Cheng all the time.

Gu Fei listened to his brother's words, raised his eyebrows and said, "Yes, that Ji girl is really ugly, she even dared to cheat me of my Qi Gathering Stone. Initially when I gave the Qi Gathering Stone to her, I wanted her to accompany me to bed, but she went back on her promise, now that ugly Ji is not here, I can only find and vent my anger on someone with the surname Ning."

"Oh, Gu Fei, you say Ji Luofei is so ugly, do you dare to?" A cynical female voice sounded, Ning Cheng knew the woman this voice belonged to, her name was Lu

Pengyun and she had come together with him to cause trouble for Ning Cheng, ultimately resulting in Senior Sister Zhuang to drive off the girl who was at the Qi Gathering 3rd Level

“I was counting on turning off the light for the same…..” Gu Fei hadn’t finished, when he heard the sound of a snap, his face was slapped by Ning Cheng. After that Ning Cheng quickly took a few steps back, and rapidly began to retreat.

Several teeth and blood flew out from Gu Fei’s mouth after his face was slapped black and blue.

At this moment, almost all the people were shocked into silence, Ning Cheng, did this guy wanted to die by the hands of Gu Fei? He even went ahead and directly slapped him, is he brain dead?

Gu Yiming face turned sour, but he did not come forward. He knew knew that Ning Cheng’s sneak attack although succeeded, if they really started fighting, then his brother Gu Fei could easily kill Ning Cheng.

Gu Fei reacted instantly, he suddenly wanted to kill Ning Cheng because he attacked his face, “How dare you attack me? I will kill you, you bastard.”

Ning Cheng disdainfully looked at Gu Fei and said, “You want to kill me? Come on. Just now didn’t the King of the Cang Qin Province ordered, that whoever tried to kill me in an unjustified way, he would not let them out lightly. Does that mean you don’t even put the King in your eyes? I am also a person of Cang Qin, is this how you think about the hierarchy here? How would you even defend against foreign enemies like this?”

Gu Fei abruptly stopped, he was jolted by the words of Ning Cheng, although he wanted to kill him. Ning Cheng was right, the King made the commitment in front of a lot of people, and if he arbitrarily went and killed Ning Cheng, how would he be able to justify it?

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Chapter 0015 – Kill

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Thinking this, Gu Fei sneered and said, “Ning Cheng, you really are smart, before I had no reason to challenge you but now you hit me in the face. The Dueling Platform is over there, if do not dare go there, then starting with your grandfather’s crotch, and say that the ugly Ji woman ……..”

“Gu Fei, you are at the Qi Gathering 3rd Level, want to challenge a person at Qi Gathering 1st Level, do you have any shame?” Senior Apprentice Sister Zhuang said with some anger.

Gu Yiming replied calmly, “Senior Apprentice Sister Zhuang, I would like it if you would stay fair, not because Gu Fei is my brother. A Qi Gathering 1st Level student dare to take the initiative to hit a Qi Gathering 3rd Level student, don’t say that Gu Fei is not taking the Academy into account, he is issuing a formal challenge to Ning Cheng. Even if he kills Ning Cheng, Ning Cheng can only blame himself for it.”

Ning Cheng laughed, and cutting into the words spoken by Gu Yiming said, “What are you two brothers who are garbage discussing in front of your father, you want to challenge your father, fine, I, your father, accept your challenge.”

Taking a sigh of relief, he thought that in any case he was already a dead man, so before he ends up dying, he would definitely kill Gu Fei.

“Ning Cheng, you are just at the Qi Gathering 1st Level, if you and Gu Fei fight, the end result will be …….” Zhuang Tianya knew that Ning Cheng had no choice, but still she could not help but say these words.

Ning Cheng certainly knew that he did not have any other choice, so before Zhuang Tianya could say anything else he interjected, “Thank you Senior

Apprentice Sister Zhuang for helping me so many times, if Ning Cheng has an opportunity in the future, then this Ning Cheng would certainly repay the favor the Senior Apprentice Sister has shown to him."

"Humph, thrash, you already know that it's a bad fix for the challenge, if you really have the guts then go do it." a contemptuous voice which was filled with disdain arrived.

Ning Cheng recognized this man, he was one of the seeded students to join the Yi Xing Academy's selection, named Hou Chuan. He was a genius, he usually only knows how to practice. He also just arrived at the gate of the Academy, and said those words in a sarcastic tone.

Gi Yiming face turned ugly, if it was someone else, he would have taught him a lesson already. But he did not dare face Hou Chuan, it's not the Hou Chuan's cultivation base was worse than his, but with Hou Chuan's status, he did not dare make a move against him.

Ning Cheng knew that Huo Chuan was giving him a bit of a fighting chance, and then turned to Gu Fei and said, "You challenged me and I accepted. Since you are the challenger, then of course I will choose the rules of the Duel."

Gu Fei said with disdain, "You can choose, no matter what kind of method you choose, I Gu Fei will also follow it."

"Okay, since I am at the Qi Gathering 1st Level, then if we battle battle, it would clearly be unfair. But I am still very confident of my own speed, so why don't we compare our speeds. Both of us will start at the gates of the Cang Le City, and run along in the direction of the Daan Forest, the person who is last to reach it, would be killed." Ning Cheng said in a nonchalant way.

On hearing Ning Cheng's words, all the people came to understand, that originally he was thinking for a way to escape. However, this was a bit too good to be true, if he could escape with such a method, then what was the point of anyone practicing cultivation. Some of the onlooking students even chuckled, hearing Ning Cheng's idea, they thought that he really was naive.

After listening to him Hou Chuan shook his head, turned away from the crowd and quickly moved away. If it was him, even he was to end up dying, he would still face Gu Fei on the Dueling Platform for a showdown to measure his

strength. He would never try to escape, and then be insulted and then finally be killed. Therefore he had no interest in watching Ning Cheng's duel, he wanted to go to the Cang Le City to buy several things, so that later when he was going out of the country, he wanted a souvenir as a memento.

Zhuang Tianya was silent as she shook her head, she did not think that Ning Cheng would come up with such a childish way. A Qi Gathering 1st Level person, even if he was faster, how could he beat a person at Qi Gathering 3rd Level?

Gu Fei also clearly understood the meaning of Ning Cheng's words, with a sneer he thought, trying to escape from their hands? Stop dreaming. The dueling method proposed by Ning Cheng did not contradict him, even though Ji Luofei's aunt had given out a fake threat, but at least he had to make it look like it was clean on the surface. Moreover the King of Cang Qin had also said that no one can cause trouble for Ning Cheng unreasonably.

Now he just wanted Ning Cheng to flee like a mouse trying to escape, currently he had no place to kill Ning Cheng, and yet if Ning Cheng ran, it would only coincide with what he meant. He was sure that even if others came to know that Ning Cheng was killed, no one would question him about it afterwards.

Sure enough when Gu Fei saw his brother Gu Yiming nod to him, apparently he also wanted to kill Ning Cheng in a place where no one would be able to see.

"Ok, I agree with your approach, of going out of the city." Gu Fei's eyes flashed with murder, and was the first to leave.

Ning Cheng breathed a sigh of relief, although he knew that Gu Fei would certainly agree, but he was afraid that the others would be able to see his true cultivation level. Once the people knew that he was at the Qi Gathering 3rd Level, rather that Qi Gathering 1st Level, then no one would have agreed with his proposal of having a race out of the city.

Zhuang Tianya was in no mood to see Ning Cheng getting killed, she was soon going to leave the Cang Qin province, and needed to go back to her family and explain it. But the students of the Cang Qin academy were very excited as they had nothing better to do, they wanted to know that if Gu Fei would really end up killing Ning Cheng when he would run out

The status of the students of the Cang Qin Academy was very high, with so

many students going out to the city, it immediately caused a huge sensation. The road leading out to the city, became very active as the people on the road stepped aside to let them pass.

Even after half an hour, there was still a line of people coming towards the Cang Le City. Looking back at the vicissitudes of the ancient city of Cang Le, Ning Cheng let out a sigh in his heart. Since there was no one blocking his path, it took him just a bit more than an hour to get to the city's gates. He could affirm that, even if he and Ji Luofei managed to escape from the two men at the Qi Gathering 6th Level who had come to kill them, they would still be unable to get out of the Cang Le City safely. He came to understand that his thinking before was too naive.

"This is the last time in you entire life that you would be seeing Cang Le City, take a good look at it till your heart's content, rest assured, I won't let you run far." Seeing the pale look on Ning Cheng's face, Gu Fei said with a sneer.

Ning Cheng did not bother to pay any attention to him, turning his back to the students who had come to spectate, he clasped his hands and said, "Now I'll go, Gu Fei as long as you can catch up to me, you can then kill me."

With that, Ning Cheng did not speak anymore nonsense and rushed out. He had never been out of the city before, so him running out now felt strange to him.

Gu Fei, Gu Yiming and the others, looking at Ning Cheng's running speed and posture, with his strength and luck, they knew that they did not think wrongly, Ning Cheng just wanted to use this opportunity to escape. Unfortunately, Ning Cheng's cultivation base was too low, with his ability, even if it was an ordinary person at Qi Gathering 1st Level, they could easily catch up to him and kill him.

Gu Fei who was standing near the people on the sidelines said, "I am going to play with a clown."

Having said this, he just moved his body a little, and came very close to Ning Cheng. But Gu Fei did not stop Ning Cheng, but rather sent out a wind blade towards his back, instantly blood blossomed on Ning Cheng's back.

At this point the people who came to watch a spectacle lost their interest, they thought that Ning Cheng who believed that he could escape, came up with such

a naive approach. Gu Fei was now entirely playing with Ning Cheng, what was the point for them in watching this? Some of the students went back to the Academy. The reason why they came out was to see if Ning Cheng really had the ability to escape, since he clearly did not, then what was the point in watching?

Gu Yiming smiled to the crowd of people lifting his fist he said, “I’ll go and see him.”

Having calmly said this he just slowly followed behind, although he said that he was going to look, the speed at which he was moving was clearly much slower that Ning Cheng’s speed.

Although there were no friends of Ning Cheng, looking at the Gu brothers killing a person at Qi Gathering 1st Layer, no one wanted to join in that kind of fun. If one looked at the past results, wasn’t it obvious that he should not have offended the Gu brothers? With Gu Yiming slowly following behind, it was obvious that he wanted to see how long this play would last.

Although Ning Cheng was being suppressed by Gu Fei’s several wind blades, once he could not see the Cang Le City, he finally sped up, but his breathing became more intense,

Seeing Ning Cheng speed up, puzzled Gu Fei, but then he immediately felt the pace of Ning Cheng was superficial. At this point he felt that the Qi in Ning Cheng was in disorder, and he was running entirely on the strength of his willpower alone.

“Let’s call it, your grandfather is in no mood to pursue you any more.” just as Gu Fei said this, he picked up speed while at the same time took out a sword blade to cut him into two.

Ning Cheng suddenly turned, and almost instantaneously, escaped the shadow of Gu Fei’s sword. As his body moved to the right of the bully Gu Fei, he sent out a flame blade edge.

[TL Note – If some is wondering how Ning Cheng came to use flame blade edge, then you can refer the previous chapters as it is one of the basic spells in the Ning Clan’s practice manual.]

Gu Fei did not have to look Ning Cheng in the eyes, this time when he saw Ning

Cheng suddenly accelerate, he knew that he was deceived by Ning Cheng. Ning Cheng's reaction speed, and the momentum of his flame blade edge, was not of a person of Qi Gathering 1st Level, but of a person at the Qi Gathering 3rd Level. Even if he was at the Qi Gathering 3rd Level, he could not split the burning blade edge that was coming towards him.

It was too late for Gu Fei to think how Ning Cheng reached Qi Gathering 3rd Level suddenly, he hastily tried to twist his body, he wanted to avoid Ning Cheng's flame blade, but it seemed that Ning Cheng's flame blade had eyes of its own, as it directly flew towards Gu Fei's arm and chest as it exploded with a bang.

"Gu Fei, count yourself lucky, little ol' me does not have the time to slowly cook you, in the future your brother will also slowly follow you. Eat my blade……"

Ning Cheng threw out another flame blade edge, from this fire blade edge of Ning Cheng, Gu Fei felt a great deal of danger.

"Poof" this burning blade almost cleaved Gu Fei in two, he could clearly feel his body being torn apart from his abdomen filling his body with an incomparable pain moments later.

Ning Cheng's heart sank, he was immediately aware of what had happened, this was because he lacked any combat experience, he did not think that Gu Fei would die with his attack, he came to understand that it was because he and Gu Fei were fighting too closely.

Although Gu Fei died before he could carry out his revenge on Ning Cheng, it was no longer untenable, as Ning Cheng had almost directly split him into two parts.

Ning Cheng forced back his injury, his cloths were torn in many places, then he grabbed Gu Fei's dead body and quickly ran forward, as blood dripped all along the way. After running about a hundred meters, Ning Cheng suddenly backtracked his steps and then changed his direction while he quickly fled. This time, he was more than ten time faster than Gu Fei when he was chasing him.

Ning Cheng was very clear that if he didn't speed up, and Gu Yiming came, then he really would die. At this time he took the blade that was hung on Gu Fei's back, lifted his arm and set fire to Gu Fei's corpse, after Gu Fei's body

completely burned to charcoal, he forcibly threw his burnt body into the great lake that was by the side of the road.

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Chapter 0016 – Little Nun An Yi

Although he was able to get off Gu Fei's plot of killing him off his chest, but his injuries were also fierce. However because he had a strong desire to live, Ning Cheng still went faster and faster, he did not care that his injuries were hurting, he only wanted to run away with all his might, he even circulated the Qi in his body throughout his body to the extreme, he did not let a single drop of his blood fall down.

Gu Yiming stopped when he saw a large pool of blood beneath his feet. Obviously he came to the conclusion that two men had fought here, there were even torn pieces of clothes scattered on the ground. The cloth pieces were also drenched in blood, but he knew that these were not the clothes of Gu Fei, but of Ning Cheng.

Gu Yiming nodded with satisfaction, looking in the direction in which the blood disappeared, he stopped. He knew why the blood was this spread out, it was not because Ning Cheng escaped, but rather Gu Fei wanted to play with Ning Cheng, letting Ning Cheng run and then allowing him to taste death was something that he wanted to do.

After he understood this, Gu Yiming no longer ran, but just simply walked along the path splattered with blood, he even did not check the circumstances of the surroundings. With Gu Yiming's cultivation, if he had been a bit more careful, then he would have certainly found out that Ning Cheng had gone in in another

direction, but he did not even think to consider this. After all according to him Ning Cheng was just a cultivator of Qi Gathering 1st Level, while Gu Fei was at Qi Gathering 3rd Level, how would he able to change directions, if he could it would really be odd.

Ning Cheng ran to his extreme, but he was also getting dizzy, in the time it takes for an incense stick to burn, his eyes had begun to go dark, Ning Cheng knew that he had pushed his body to its extreme limit. He was also well aware that that he was still absolutely not safe, he was certain that Gu Yiming would find him, it was just a matter of time.

“Bang” Ning Cheng staggered a bit, as he tripped on a stone and fell into a ditch on the roadside. Ning Cheng was already sleepy and when fell into the cold water in the ditch, he immediately became sober. He quickly grabbed at the weeds on the road side, wanting to use them to climb up and continue to run, but it was as if he was a completely burned out oil lamp, he simply did not have any strength, just by making the slightest effort, he ended up falling down into the water again.

With a strong will to live, it let Ning Cheng to once again catch the weeds on the edges of the ditch. Just when Ning Cheng was vigorously climbing out of the watery ditch, a big ten feet long snake rapidly approached Ning Cheng.

When Ning Cheng saw the serpents oily green eyes, his heart filled with despair. This had nothing to do with his will, if it was a student then he could at least beg to let him live, but he wouldn’t be able to flee from this fast snake.

Looking at the big snake Ning Cheng felt that it could swallow him whole, he immediately took out his belt and lashed out at the snake that was coming near him with all his strength that he could muster, which sent the snake flying. After it landed, it did not dare to come over, clearly it understood that the person it tried to sweep over was extremely difficult to handle. It hurriedly shifted its body around and disappeared in a flash.

Ning Cheng relaxed, it was only then that he saw a little nun wearing a deep blue gown. That small nun was incomparably beautiful, she had a few incense scars on her head, and unexpectedly her cultivation base was also at Qi Gathering 3rd Level. At this moment, she opened her eyes and watched Ning

Cheng attentively with her two enormous eyes, she hesitated a moment before timidly speaking, “Are you okay?”

Ning Cheng, somewhat gloomily looked at this little nun and spoke,”Young grand master, do I look like I a person that has nothing better to do?”

Hearing Ning Cheng call her a young grand master, this little nun’s face became very red, she hurried went forward and pulled Ning Cheng up. She stuttered a bit while speaking, “I am not a grandmaster, do you…..”

Ning Cheng didn’t want to waste time and as this little nun was refusing that she was a grandmaster, he immediately said, “Will you do me a favor, help me escape from this place, someone is trying to kill me.”

“Why?” The little nun was clearly anxious to learn about Ning Cheng’s predicament.

Ning Cheng wanted to say that it was not the time to ask why, as he became more and more aware of his surroundings, he just simply replied in a weak voice, “I saw a couple of late stage Qi Gathering bandits forcing a little nun to become their concubine, I was able to save the nun but later the several bandits came to kill me, and they soon are going to …..”

“What is a concubine?”

“It is a woman who marries someone who is already married.”

The little nun listened carefully, several Qi Gathering bandits wanted to catch the nuns and make them into their concubines, was she also not a nun. Understanding this point, the little nun did not ask anything again, she quickly helps Ning Cheng get up, Ning Cheng also did not care that his whole body was also drenched in water.

Ning Cheng felt relieved in his heart, and after gathering some strength to speak, he said, “The bandits are collaborating with the Cang Le City. The farther you go, the better it would be……”

Finished saying, Ning Cheng finally felt relieved and fainted

Gu Yiming stopped, he felt something was amiss. He walked a long way but saw no bloodstains and moreover, he could not find traces at all!

He, once again turned around and went back to where the bloodstains stopped and bent over to look carefully, suddenly a bitter feeling rose up in his heart. This bloodstain abruptly stopped here, there were no other signs, it was as if they disappeared into thin air.

Gu Yiming's heart somewhat panicked, he rapidly turned around, one more time walking towards that bloodstained area. After carefully looking at the scattered pieces of clothes which Ning Cheng abandoned, he again looked all over the place for a long time. Immediately, closing his eyes, he pondered for quite a while, after which he opened his eyes and choosing a direction, ran fast towards it.

Within the time it takes for half an incense stick to burn, he once again stopped, then stared blankly at the shallow lake beside the road. After a short period of time, he suddenly jumped into the middle of the lake, immediately grabbing a completely burnt corpse.

The moment he grabbed the body, he understood completely, that this was definitely not Ning Cheng's body, but his brother Gu Fei's.

Gu Yiming's eyes turned red, a horrible and hideous killing aura filled his heart.

"Splash" Gu Yiming forgot that he was still standing in the lake, with anger in both his heart and mind and suffering from such a huge psychological shock, he actually fell into the lake.

But then he suddenly leapt from the lake to the shore, with his heart aching he howled out, "Ning Cheng, I, Gu Yiming, vow that till I swallow you whole, I will never rest….."

It was completely unexpected, he did not expect such an ending, his younger brother who was at the Qi Gathering 3rd Level was unexpectedly killed by Ning Cheng. This was absolutely impossible, surely someone must have helped Ning Cheng, otherwise how could he counter against Gu Fei who was at the Qi Gathering 3rd Level.

Regardless of how Ning Cheng did it, Gu Fei was already dead and he could not die again.

Ning Cheng woke up at night and heard an owl's screech along with several

unknown sounds which he felt to be somewhat gloomy and dreadful. In the darkness around him, he could only feel something icy cold and hard.

Where is this? Could it be that I already died and went to hell? Ning Cheng felt around the surrounding with his hands and felt only hard and ice-cold stones all around.

“Are you awake?” While Ning Cheng was guessing whether he was dead or not, the little nun’s voice promptly arrived. The little nun was unexpectedly besides him.

This moment, Ning Cheng smelled a burst of faint fragrance, and then immediately with a relieved voice, spoke, “Thank you, little grandmaster, I did not expect nuns also liked using scents on their bodies.”

The words were spoken in order to relax the atmosphere as well as to let him feel the joy of still being alive. He did not die, Ning Cheng, of course didn’t want to go to hell. He longed for being able to return to the Earth after death, in fact he knew that he was only deceiving himself. Even though he was re-born here, it was also possible that it was because of that yellow light. This kind of life after death, Ning Cheng did not want to risk it.

“I haven’t, ah!……” the timid little nun’s voice arrived again.

Ning Cheng suddenly realized, he had occasionally smelled this kind of fragrance on Tian Muwan’s body. Tian Muwan clearly didn’t like using perfumes, this clearly was the fragrance of her own body. Thinking till that point, Ning Cheng hurriedly changed the subject and spoke, “Little grandmaster, there are night owls and wild beasts roaring around, are we inside the woods? Could this be Great Calm forest?”

“I am An Yi, not a little grandmaster.” the small nun spoke her name and then explained, “This is not the Great Calm forest, the distance from here to Great Calm forest, even if you rode a beast it would take many months and would still be very far.”

After Ning Cheng had spoke a few words, An Yi’s expression and her tone naturally also rose up. She was no longer looking timid.

Ning Cheng sensed that his injury had recovered a lot, he knew for certain that

An Yi had healed him, and he immediately spoke, “An Yi, I am called Ning Cheng. Many thanks for saving me, if not for you, I would have certainly ended up dead. Before when I spoke of the bandits grabbing nuns, I was just deceiving you, I want to apologize to you.”

An Yi smiled slightly and said, “I know I was very stupid, not knowing my priorities in that situation, I ought to have immediately escaped instead of questioning you at that time.”

“Is there anything to eat?” after coming out of the cultivation tower, Ning Cheng had continuously been in a highly tensed situation one after the other. Afterwards, he even ran all the way, he was already famished. Now under safety, he immediately felt he couldn’t endure his hunger.

An Yi took out two wheat flat cakes and gave them to Ning Cheng, “I have several flat cakes, you can eat it.”

Ning Cheng at once, swallowed down those two wheat flat cakes and after drinking from An Yi’s water canteen, with a hushed tone, he spoke, “An Yi, where did you come from? How could you appear in this neighborhood?”

Hearing Ning Cheng’s question, An Yi’s expression immediately turned sad. Even though Ning Cheng didn’t see it, he could feel the change in An Yi’s demeanor .

“If it is inconvenient to talk, then it’s better not to talk. In a person’s life, inevitably, there will be several matters which are inconvenient to talk about, I am also the same. Previously, I also saved a person, that one time, there were several students in a mountain area, collecting folk songs when a flash flood burst out in the mountains. I rescued a girl student, afterwards we became friends, but there were many eventful matters which I haven’t told her. She also had many eventful matters which she hasn’t told me, this is very normal, you need not put it in heart.” Ning Cheng already knew that this little nun was very truthful and also very pure. One would wonder how was she able to survive in this place, and that too alone.

An Yi blinked her big eyes and asked, “Ning Cheng, what is ‘collecting folk songs’?”

[TL Note – Even we would like an explanation for this.]

“Collecting folk songs…….” Ning Cheng thought of something good to say, “It is eating till you are fully satisfied without doing anything, then finding something impractical to do. Or to say, wanting to go to someplace fun and then finding a pretext, that’s all.”

“I am not collecting folk songs, I was always with my master, but I ended up separating from my master. I wanted to find some medicinal ingredients, to allow my master to live for several more years.” when An Yi spoke of separating from her master, her voice again became sad.

Ning Cheng didn’t find it strange, the small nun was also at Qi Gathering 3rd Level, it would have been odd if she didn’t have a master.

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Chapter 0017 – Kindness Is Not Something Expressed In Words

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“The place where you live, is it far away from here?” Ning Cheng asked again, after taking a small time to adapt, Ning Cheng could already vaguely see that the place he was at was a cave of sorts.

An Yi quickly replied, “So far, I sought out many places but I could not find the Day Colored Glazed Fragrant Spirit Grass, I ended up going farther and farther away. Now from the place we are, I estimate it would take about five to six days to cover the distance back.”

“What is the Day Colored Glazed Fragrant Spirit Grass?” Ning Cheng was not clear on what kind of grass it was.

“Day Colored Glazed Fragrant Spirit Grass is a rank three spiritual grass, I heard that it can prolong a person’s life by 12 years. I want to find this grass to prolong my master’s life. My master said, if she failed to wake up then I should say my goodbyes to her. I am very worried about master, without master, I also do not know where to go…..” An Yi’s voice becomes lower and lower, until she finally starts to cry.

Ning Cheng remained silent for some time, although he did not know about this spirit grass, but he knew that a rank three spirit grass was absolutely one of the highest existences. If An Yi could casually go out and find such a high ranked spirit grass, which many people were looking out for, how could they wait for her?

Thinking of this, Ning Cheng said in a comforting voice, “I think the most

important thing is to remain by your master's side, the rank three spiritual grass is not something that could be easily found. Besided this spirit grass called Day Colored Glazed Fragrant Spirit Grass would definitely hide its scent, how could such a spirit grass wait for you to find it?"

"No, that's not it." An Yi quickly refuted Ning Cheng's words, "The Day Colored Glazed Fragrant Spirit Grass will hide its scent only just before it was going to be picked. If you remain immobile, it would have no interest, if you do not believe me you can take a look at these." An Yi said while handing Ning Cheng some thick books.

Ning Cheng did not understand the slightest but about spirit grasses, and now that he received so many books from An Yi, he hurriedly put them away and said, "An Yi, it is clearly too dark now to read the books, lend me these books for a few days, after you come back back again, I will give them back to you, OK?"

"You can." after An Yi said, she seemed to have remembered something and quickly asked, "Ning Cheng, do you want to come with me?"

Ning Cheng felt that he had gained some strength in his body and immediately said, "Of course, not only will I go with you, we can even go now. If we wait for daybreak, we may not be able to leave."

Ning Cheng did not want to depend purely on An Yi, he was sure that Gu Yiming would never let him go, as long as he came to know that he had killed Gu Fei, he was certain that that he would combine his power with Cang Qin's Qin Guo to kill him. Not to mention that the Ning Clan was also completely exterminated by the Cang Qin's royalty, even if the Ning Clan was not exterminated by the Cang Qin's royalty, with Gu Yiming's family's status in the Cang Qin Province, it would be utterly simple for them to eradicate someone from the Cang Qin Province.

"Those who are hunting you to kill you, may not necessarily be able to find you here. I have stayed here for two nights, it is very safe." An Yi did not even mind it a little bit, in her view, there were mountains everywhere around here, even if the people looking for Ning Cheng to kill him came here, it would be absolutely impossible to find them.

But Ning Cheng had to speak the facts to her and said, "An Yi, I am not a bad

person, the people who want to kill me are also not ordinary people. It is the King of Cang Qin Province who wants to kill me, so he would definitely send out his army to try and find me. If we stay here, the only thing that awaits us is death."

An Yi nodded accordingly and said, "Well, I certainly believe that you aren't bad. Then I will listen to you. How do we leave this place?"

"We will first go to the place where you live." seeing An Yi agree to his idea, Ning Cheng immediately stood up and said. He wanted to send back An Yi, and then go on to the Mingot Sea area.

An Yi was a little too simple and naive, not to say about a person going to look out for Day Colored Glazed Fragrant Spirit Grass, even if she found it, it would have been a strange affair. The scent of spirit grass on one's body, is something that couldn't be hidden from other people easily.

"My master has been in closed door training for 7 or 8 days, she should be out soon, I would also like to get back to her at the earliest, but I was not able to find the Day Colored Glazed Fragrant Spirit Grass." An Yi was depressed, it was apparent that her inability to find the Day Colored Glazed Fragrant Spirit Grass was weighing heavily on her heart.

"Come on, don't think of such things." Ning Cheng first stood up, and encouraged An Yi. An Yi followed behind Ning Cheng, temporarily putting her thoughts about the Day Colored Glazed Fragrant Spirit Grass to the side.

Here it was indeed just like An Yi had said, the place they were hiding was surrounded with mountains one after another. Ning Cheng had been seriously injured, but after An Yi's treatment, had become much better, plus he was also a cultivator at the Qi Gathering 3rd Level, so his recovery speed was also not slow.

An Yi was also at the Qi Gathering 3rd Level, that coupled with Ning Cheng, their speed of travelling was very fast. As the two people ran, by the time dawn broke, they were already very far from the cave they they had hid in.

"Let me carry you." seeing Ning Cheng covered in blood and terribly tired, An Yi said with some worry in her voice.

Ning Cheng just waved with his hand and said, "No, if you carried me then our

speed would definitely slow down, I would really like it if you went ahead first. So that if we really get intercepted, you would not get dragged into my troubles."

An Yi did not understand and looking at Ning Cheng she asked, "You mean, we still haven't yet escaped to a safe place?"

Ning Cheng heavily nodded, he affirmed that they were still not yet safe. With Cang Qin's forces, the distance they had fled was still within the Cang Qin Province's control range. Originally when he entered the huge forest, he had thought that he could hide in there, but now he did not think of it. Even though this was a huge mountain range, and although a person could hide here, but he would not have a secure feeling in this forest.

"Then we'll have to keep on running." An Yi quickly said.

Ning Cheng shook his head and said, "It would be useless, even if they let us run for an entire night. Even in that situation, we would not be able to escape while running at full speed."

After a stopping for a bit, Ning Cheng took out the books about the spirit grasses that An Yi had given him, giving them back to An Yi, he said, "An Yi, you really are kind, if you really reach your master, then do not easily leave that place. I give these books back to you, in case I get caught, it would be a pity if those bastards took it away."

"No….." An Yi hurriedly pushed it back, even though she and Ning Cheng were not familiar with each other, But from Ning Cheng, she could unexpectedly feel a bit of intimacy.

"Clip Clop Clip Clop…." There was a rapid sounds of horse shoes that interrupted Ning Cheng, Ning Cheng's first reaction was to pull An Yi and flee.

But he was too tired, and the horses were too fast, in just a short period of time, it had already arrived by Ning Cheng's side.

"Young Master Ning….." a familiar voice came, Ning Cheng was able to immediately recognize who the rider was, with his face covered with scars, it was the father of the child he had saved earlier in the Cang Le City.

"Is it you?" Ning Cheng asked while also being a bit surprised, he immediately thought about why would a man would rush here with a carriage this early in the

morning?

This middle aged man saw the bloodied body of Ning Cheng and immediately came to know what had transpired, he quickly stopped the coach and said, “Young Master Ning, I was in front of the Relay Station in the previous town when I heard some things regarding you. It would be better if you quickly change your clothes, and get inside the carriage, I will take you away.”

Ning Cheng’s heart warmed up, when he had saved his little boy, this middle aged man was terrified to the point that he could not even say thanks. Now that he was in such a difficult situation, he did not even hesitate a bit to help him out, he knew that if he was caught, then he would end up dying a horrible death. Kindness cannot be expressed with just a sentence, this middle aged man did not say much, but manifested it through his actions.

“It is too dangerous, I went to the mountains to escape. If I was caught sitting in your carriage, you would definitely be killed.” Ning Cheng still chose to decline the middle aged man’s kindness.

The middle aged man seeing Ning Cheng refuse, hurriedly said in an anxious tone, “You are the saviour of my little boy, my family’s benefactor. How can I even let you suffer?”

With that, the middle aged man directly took out a set of cloths, handing them to Ning Cheng and said, “Well, first put on these clean clothes, the clothes on you have a strong scent of blood on them.”

Ning Cheng gratefully took the clothes and asked, “Where are you going so early?”

“I must go to Dean Town every month, there are many adventurers that come back from the Mingot Sea, they always bring back a lots of skins and various kinds of stuff. Because many of these vehicles with monsters cannot directly go to the Cang Le City, so most of these vehicle come to stop at the Dean Town. Those adventures then hire our coaches to head back to the Cang Le City. I and a few other coach drivers are familiar with the roads nearby, so we usually walk through here, but I did not think that I would actually meet my family’s benefactor here.” This middle aged man rubbed his hands as he said these words that were filled with gratitude.

“Wait Wait….” Ning Cheng’s mind immediately flashed with lightning, and then he eagerly asked, “You said that you passed through the relay station that was not far from Dean Town, right? Also, when did you pass by the relay station?”

The middle aged man immediately replied in a dignified manner saying, “Yes, I did pass through the relay station almost three hours ago, to reach the Dean Town’s relay station, it would take up almost a day.”

Ning Cheng’s heart sank, he did not expect them and An Yi to go all night, hovering between the two posts, while also trying to escape. This An Yi that he depended on was too naive, looking for a Rank 3 Spirit Grass between the two posts, if this affair was told to others, they would just think of it as some sort of comedy.

Seeing Ning Cheng silent, this middle aged man quickly says, “Another coach will come right away, benefactor, please get in the carriage, I will get you out and take you to another remote location, bypassing the Dean Town along the way.”

Ning Cheng knew this was not the time to hesitate, as he quickly changed his clothes. An Yi at this time came to know that they were going the wrong way, and was a bit embarrassed, when Ning Cheng took off his clothes she helped him burn them by casting a fireball.

When the middle aged man saw An Yi cast the fireball, his eyes showed an enormous respect.

After Ning Cheng and An Yi boarded the carriage, the man and the carriage quickly departed, after about 10 minutes, the carriage turned around a corner to go onto the narrow mountain trail.

After another half an hour, the sky was brightly lit, and the carriage had entered a more secluded mountain trail, with mountains on both sides, even the sun was blocked off by the mountains. The man driving the coach was very skilled, he was even driving the horse and getting faster and faster. This curving path, he should have gone through numerous times.

Ning Cheng was secretly relieved, he knew that they were going the right way. In this place which was surrounded by mountains on all sides, if the people were unfamiliar with roads leading in and out of this place, then it would be very difficult for them to travel through here.

“Elder Brother, can I ask what is your name? This time I want to thank you.” Although Ning Cheng knew that he was in danger, he still asked the middle aged man as he was very grateful to him.

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Chapter 0018 – Can't Marry

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"My name is Li Shao, that day when my benefactor saved my little boy….." Li Shao spoke with fear, he did not know if he should fear telling Ning Cheng his identity, but he was also very grateful that Ning Cheng saved his son.

Ning Cheng breathed a sigh of relief, Li Shao had taken his carriage along with them through increasingly remote roads, and no one had pursued them.

"Brother Li, let the horses rest. You brought us here while risking your life, there should no longer be any problem." Ning Cheng saw that the horses were tired and volunteered his help.

Li Shao also knew that the two yellow horses that he was tirelessly driving were also in distress, so after listening to Ning Cheng's words, he stopped the carriage. At the same time he took out some dried rations and gave them to Ning Cheng and An Yi and said, "Benefactor, you do not need to worry, I will send you in a single trip, you can bypass the Dean Town Relay Station. Then I can go directly to Haicheng City, there are also many adventurers from the Mingot Sea there, I can earn more silver coins there in a single trip than before."

An Yi who had never spoken till now said, "Brother Li, I know some of the routes here, you can directly go to the Haicheng City, I can take Ning Cheng and walk out here by myself."

Seeing that Li Shao was going to reply, Ning Cheng simply said, "All right, Brother Li you helped us bypass the Dean Town. It is time that we separate, Brother Li Shao you can go to the Haicheng City."

An Yi had no idea, now that Ning Cheng had said this, of course she would have no objections with it.

Ning Cheng rested for the entire day, since he was a cultivator of the Qi Gathering 3rd Level, plus he also had the help of An Yi who knew the art of healing, his injuries healed at a very fast rate.

The three people, after the horses had a good rest, continued on their way. The next morning, Ning Cheng and An Yi separated from Li Shao.

An Yi did not speak nonsense this time, she really knew the way. Although they walked all the way along the mountain paths, they never went astray. And after they walked for two days, Ning Cheng entered a lush green forest. After entering the forest, An Yi directly took Ning Cheng's hand and said, "Here there is an Array Formation, it would be better if you followed closely behind me, otherwise you will definitely get lost."

Ning Cheng did not come to this world one or two days ago, of course he was aware of Array Formations. It seemed that the ancient civilisations of China also had some resemblance, like the orientation and layout of the things, it was very mysterious. Anyways, he knew nothing in this case.

Following An Yi and taking seven or eight turns, they were finally out of the forest, in front of Ning Cheng appeared mountain peak that was not high. At the foot of the mountain there were several acres of fields, with some of them having small vegetables and the likes growing. Halfway up the mountain contained a nunnery of dust color, with three words on the nunnery that Ning Cheng could distinguish, Blue Heart Temple.

"The Blue Heart Temple is the place where you live?" Ning Cheng asked.

An Yi released Ning Cheng's hands, and with a happy smile on her face she said, "Yes, I grew up here, although I went out for a few days, I would always remember it, now I am finally back. I want to my master, you come with me……"

As An Yi spoke, she quickly accelerated her pace as she rushed towards the Blue Heart Temple on the mountainside.

With Ning Cheng behind An Yi, he felt some worry in his heart. An Yi was a cultivator of the Qi Gathering 3rd Level. So An Yi's master's cultivation would

also not be too bad, but if An Yi's master had an eccentric disposition, then what would he do? This was not Earth, he did not have any kind of reason to stay here.

"Come in." A slightly hoarse voice entered Ning Cheng's ears, Ning Cheng knew that this was An Yi's master, An Yi's master knew that he was coming.

Ning Cheng walked in through the mottled doors, immediately he was able to smell a faint smell of sandalwood.

This made Ning Cheng think that an accident happened, An Yi said that her master was going to die, but there was not even the slightest breath of a person dying, there was only the scent of the sandalwood.

The master that An Yi depended on was a middle aged woman who did not look her age, she was wearing a gray robe and sitting in the center of the main temple. She did not seem to be old, but her complexion was very pale. Ning Cheng could feel that her body was emitting a death like chill, An Yi had said that her master was going to die, now looking at her, it was clearly true.

What made Ning Cheng surprised was not how old she looked, or that she was going to die nor her cultivation which he could not see. But the fact that An Yi's master was clearly not a nun, because she had long hair, even when she was surrounded by death Qi, her hair was still black, but had a bit less gloss.

"An Yi has always been at her master's side, but the fact is I cannot teach her anything. Surely you can see that I am about to die, An Yi is pure hearted, and still do not know how to handle personal affairs. If you can, I hope that you can take An Yi with you, until she is able to live by her own." The gray robed woman looked at Ning Cheng and said in a calm voice.

She did not ask about how Ning Cheng and An Yi met, nor did she ask about Ning Cheng's origins, much less ask about his injuries, but said those words in a straightforward manner.

An Yi was suddenly frightened, "Master, I am not going to leave you. I am going to stay in the central temple. How can I go ahead with Ning Cheng? Ning Cheng was just passing through here."

Ning Cheng also quickly replied, "Senior, i am going to the Mingot Sea. I heard that it is very dangerous, and one can be killed off at any time, and i got a few

enemies of my own, An Yi would be a lot safer here than accompanying me."

These words, Ning Cheng said weren't said without thinking, he was still worried about An Yi. An Yi was simple and pure, similar to a piece of blank paper, but now that he had arrived at the temple, Ning Cheng did not worry. There were lot of defensive Array Formations here, an ordinary person simply couldn't enter.

An Yi's master sighed, pulling An Yi's hands gently, said, "I eventually have to go, you also need not consider me as your master, this place seems to be safe but it is in fact, extremely dangerous. Once I'm gone, if you stay alone at this place, you undoubtedly will be unable to live.

After that, she no longer tried to persuade An Yi, but rather, looked towards Ning Cheng and said, "People will eventually die, you also have seemed to see it. Regardless of how you came to know An Yi, I believe you are not a treacherous person, so I want to ask you if you are perhaps engaged or married….."

Ning Cheng, hearing these words, immediately thought, was An Yi's master was thinking of letting him marry An Yi? How could he take a nun as his wife? Even if An Yi wasn't a nun, he couldn't take her to be his wife.

After clearly understanding this, Ning cheng said, "I have a girlfriend, although recently some small conflict broke us up, I still want to get back to her."

Ning Cheng, saying till here, his heart became gloomy. He knew that Tian Muwan's decisive attitude at that time made him incapable of getting her back. Even if Tian Muwan changed her mind, could he see her again?

Thinking that, Ning Cheng again added, "I still have a fiancee, she has only left temporarily….."

Ning Cheng didn't say anymore after that, because he himself knew that he and Ji Luofei couldn't be back together again. As for whether he could reach the Hua country, even if he could, Ji Luofei and he were a thing of the past. He was really grateful to Ji Luofei but as to really liking her, he didn't feel the same way.

What Ning Cheng didn't expect was, the middle aged woman wearing the grey gown on hearing what he said, contrary to what he expected, nodded and said, "That makes me feel relieved, you need to remember, An Yi can be together with

you but she absolutely cannot get married. Also you should absolutely not have any emotional disputes with another person, otherwise …….”

She hadn’t even finished speaking, when a faint line of blood flowed out from the corner of her mouth. An Yi, quickly hugged the middle aged woman wearing the grey gown, wept and shouted, “Master, what’s going on with you?”

Ning Cheng never imagined that this grey robed woman asked him if he was married or was engaged, was to remind him not to have any ideas on playing with An Yi, he was mistaken. An Yi, according to this person, could not marry, no wonder she was a little nun, though he did not know the reason why. But then he saw the grey robed woman’s expression become even more sluggish, Ning Cheng also dared not to say anything else.

The grey robed woman waved her hand and beckoned An Yi to come closer, she took out the piece of pear yellow jade hanging on An Yi’s neck, and also took out a brown colored bag that was hanging on her waist, and said, “An Yi, when I found you, this jade was on your side, it was presumably left by your parents. This bag is the storage bag that I have used for many years, remember never take it out for others to see it….. Also, you must remember that you cannot marry……”

With that, she stared at Ning Cheng and said, “You must take care of An Yi in the future, An Yi’s future is not ‘ordinary’ she will not treat you unjustly…..”

Ning Cheng clasped his hands and said, “My life was saved by An Yi, senior please be assured that as long as this Ning Cheng draws breath, he would never let An Yi get hurt.”

“An Yi, it is time for me to go away, you must live well, don’t be sad. The past will always be the past, as long as you keep walking forward. The path for you is very long, take good care of yourself.”

After the grey robed woman finished speaking, she looked up at the sky outside the temple, sighing slightly, her eyes were filled with a little loneliness, as she slowly closed them.

An Yi was a cultivator at the Qi Gathering 3rd Level, she immediately knew that her master had passed away as her life dissipated, she suddenly began to cry. Even though she had known that this day would eventually arrive, she still wasn’t

able to accept this fact that her master had passed away,

Ning Cheng knew that the grey robed woman had known that he would look after An Yi, otherwise she would have not said that. He came up and patted An Yi's shoulder and said, "An Yi, illness and death, it is only human. You don't need to be too sad, we will have to step into the future together, it rather just arrived sooner than later."

[TL Note – This is Chinese saying here, please do tell me if it was translated correctly.]

As Ning Cheng spoke, he also sighed, he knew that when he 'died', he didn't even get to say goodbye to his sister Ruolan.

An Yi's master's cultivation was clearly dozens of times stronger that him, even so, she could not escape the shackles of heaven.

An Yi knew that Ning Cheng's persuasive words had a valid reason, but she was still unable to contain her grief. Over the past decade, she had always followed her master and they had lived and depended on each other. Now that her master suddenly had passed away, she didn't know what to do.

Ning Cheng looking at An Yi, knew that he was the only one who must deal with these things.

With Ning Cheng's persuasion, An Yi gradually eased up her sadness. Then, together with Ning Cheng, they buried her master in the the field of orchids behind the Blue Heart Temple.

After accompanying An Yi in guarding the orchids behind the Temple for three days, Ning Cheng and An Yi left together, continuing their journey towards the Mingot Sea.

After three days time, with the help of An Yi, the injuries sustained by Ning Cheng were completely healed. The mood of An Yi also became more depressed, she was already an introverted and shy with people. Now after what happened with her master, An Yi spoke even less.

Although Ning Cheng was anxious to see what was in the bag An Yi received, but he was rather ashamed and embarrassed to speak about it.

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Ji Luofei opened her eyes in a daze, and she immediately saw a room that was not very big, there were a total of six people in the room, and she was lying on a wooden bed. Beside her, there were Zhuang Tianya, Jian Sujie, Dan Xiang Ling, and two others she did not recognize.

"Where is this place? Is Ning Cheng here?" Ji Luofei reacted, she quickly sat up and asked anxiously.

Dan Xiang Ling had always been someone who didn't talk much, and Jian Sujie was not a stranger to Ji Luofei, the other two girls Ji Luofei was not able to recognize so she did not know what to say. Only Zhuang Tianya said, "Right now we are on an airship type magic artifact, this airship has just now crossed over the Daan Forest. In a few days we should be arriving at the Zhuo Country."

"Zhuo Country? What about Ning Cheng?" Ji Luofei suddenly jumped down from the wooden bed, looking at Zhuang Tianya for an answer, she asked, "My aunt? Did she also bring Ning Cheng?"

Zhuang Tianyi remained silent, Ji Luofei immediately knew what was had happened, she turned and tried to run out. Zhuang Tianya immediately became startled, as she hurriedly caught Ji Luofei's hand in horror and said, "Do you not want to live?"

"Even if I do not, I'm going to save Ning Cheng, Ning Cheng is alone in the Cang Qin Province, he does not have the physical ….." Ji Luofei anxiously said, "You let me go."

Zhuang Tianya did not let go of Ji Luofei, instead she just sighed and said, "Luofei, if you rushed out to return to the Cang Qin Province, you would not be

able to live, even your aunt would be heavily punished, and besides you absolutely wouldn't be able to return to the Cang Qin Province. Do you know how high the cultivation base of the senior operating this aircraft type magic artifact is? The senior is at the Mysterious Liquid Realm. Your aunt is just an instructor at the academy, she can only bring you back to the Zhuo Country's Yi Xing Academy, there are many things……."

Ji Luofei calmed down a bit, and did not continue to pursue her desire to go out. Of course she knew that only when a person has successfully cultivated to the 9th level of the Building Yuan Realm would they be then qualified to step into the Mysterious Liquid Realm. For a person to advance to the Mysterious Liquid Realm is very rare, especially in the low class countries, the people that have stepped into the Mysterious Liquid Realm hold a very high status and position.

The Building Yuan Realm is just equivalent to casting the foundations to enter the Mysterious Liquid Realm. While in the process of cultivation of Qi, it can be said that the Building Yuan Realm is the first real bottleneck that a cultivator would face. After successfully completing the nine level advancements of the Building Yuan Realm and entering into the Mysterious Liquid Realm, the Qi would gather into a form of liquid, forming a Dan Lake in one's abdomen region also known as the Dantian. With the cultivation of the real Qi liquid, the Dan Lake would keep on expanding, while enhancing and strengthening one's body at the same time. Once a person forms a Dan Lake, their strength would be much stronger than a cultivator of the Building Yuan Realm.

The best example for comparison of the strength between the two Realms would be, just as her aunt killed the two cultivators of the Qi Gathering 6th Level, a cultivator at the Mysterious Liquid Realm can also as easily kill her aunt, who was a cultivator of the Building Yuan Realm, in the same manner.

Seeing Ji Luofei's hand trembling, Zhuang Tianya said, "Besides, you would not be able to go out to rescue Ning Cheng, What's more, even if you did manage to get out alone, do you think you would be able to return there?"

"How was he?" Ji Luofei asked in a trembling voice.

Zhuang Tianya did not hide anything and said, "While Ning Cheng was in the Academy, because Gu Fei had insulted you, he ended up clashing with Gu Fei.

The result was that he challenged Gu Fei…..”

Ji Luofei clenched her fists so hard that her hand had turned blue. In fact, Ning Cheng was most impressed by Ji Luofei not because him and her lived under one roof for a number of years, but because she helped Ning Cheng by killing Xian Yuankui, in her memory, it was only after that incident that Ning Cheng was forced to run away.

In was only for a short period of time, but Ning Cheng gave her the impression that there was a lot more to him that met her eyes.

“Don’t be nervous…..listen to me”

“Luofei, you already know my qualifications, remember to take revenge for me, I do not want to think that when I die there would not be anyone who would take revenge for me.”

“Luofei, you are not ugly ah…..”

It was like she could hear Ning Cheng’s voice in her ears, but where was Ning Cheng?

To truly understand a person, sometimes many years would pass, even then one may not be able to understand them clearly. Sometime even a moment, could feel like a lifetime. Ji Luofei could still feel Ning Cheng’s touch, for the short period of time that she had been in contact with Ning Cheng in the few days of the past, she was able to fully understand Ning Cheng.

“What happened to Ning Cheng then?” although Ji Luofei knew that the odds of winning were against Ning Cheng, but she still gripped Zhuang Tianya and asked anxiously.

Zhuang Tianyi could feel Ji Luofei’s hand trembling, she sighed in her heart, in her view, Ning Cheng was far from being a match for Ji Luofei. She really didn’t know why Ji Luofei still wanted to be closer to Ning Cheng.

Zhuang Tianya comfortingly pats Ji Luofei’s hand and said, “Gu Fei challenged Ning Cheng, Ning Cheng proposed to Gu Fei to compare their speeds. Ning Cheng by proposing this wanted to escape, but the difference between his and Gu Fei’s cultivation bases was just too big, plus he also had Gu Yiming on his side.”

Ji Luofei was not aware that the hand that she had been clutching for so long had broken out in blood, she was very clear, although Ning Cheng's ability to cope with things was much higher than Ji Luofei. But in the face of absolute power, what could Ning Cheng do?

Ning Cheng, I will avenge you, I will not die till I avenge you ……

Ji Luofei embedded each and every word into the deepest parts of her heart, once she successfully cultivated to a higher level in the future, she would definitely come back to kill Gu Yiming. And there is also the King of Cang Qin Province, and…….

Ji Luofei looked coldly at Jian Sujie who was next to her, she was very clear that even though she was not involved with Ning Cheng, but she was definitely involved in the complete extermination of the Ning Clan. In the future, she would definitely have the opportunity to kill Jian Sujie and Qiu Yingguan for Ning Cheng.

Seeing Ji Luofei glance at her coldly, Jian Su jie felt her body chill all over. But she quickly responded, she seemed to know what Ji Luofei was thinking at the moment, then she similarly looked at Ji Luofei and said indifferently, ""You want to retaliate against me, Jian Sujie, to help take revenge of Ning Cheng."

"Your Jian Clan and Qiu Clan partnered up and framed Ning Cheng, Ning Cheng was not even at the Qi Gathering 1st Level at that time, how could he be rude to you? My eyes are not blind. Ning Cheng is gone, his matter I, Ji Luofei, would definitely complete it for him." Ji Luofei said in a tone that was completely devoid of even the slightest of emotions.

Even Zhuang Tianya who was listening to her felt her heart go into shock, she had an unfounded feeling, that Ji Luofei changed into a person that she didn't know, before she did not have a frozen heart, but she was still the kind Ji Luofei.

Jian Sujie felt her heart quiver, but she still said, "Originally the fact Ning Cheng molested me was definitely true, It was only later that I came to know that he was framed, but it was definitely not me. Because of that, I am also a victim here, believe it or not, I did not want to continue to kill him, but also saved him once."

Ji Luofei closed her eyes and slowly sat down, she no longer paid any attention to Jian Sujie.

After a month's time, Ning Cheng and An Yi had taken many detours. An Yi continued to be silent, but at least she was not doing nothing. At least she knew how to cook and also knew a lot about spirit grasses, but she did not eat meat. Ning Cheng brought back many a game, but An Yi never ate them.

Ning Cheng wanted to encourage An Yi to eat something, but she always ignored it, he also continuously studied the various books given to him by An Yi regarding Spirit Grasses. At this point, he had made much progress than when he first came out of Cang Le City. He was able to at least identify half of the different Spirit Grasses.

An Yi remained silent, but depended on Ning Cheng a lot. Each time Ning Cheng went out to hunt food, she would become anxious, only after Ning Cheng came back would she quite down. Her master's death was a serious blow to her.

On this day, Ning Cheng and An Yi had climbed over a mountain. The two people were able to smell the scent of sea, and it made Ning Cheng exited. Even if everything was strange, the sea now and in the past, was still exactly the same, at least on the surface it was same.

Thinking about going off onto the vast and boundless sea, Ning Cheng felt his own heart become boundless. He was even eager to find the beach and then scream that he finally was able to see the sea.

Just when Ning Cheng looked back and saw the still silent An Yi, his passionate impulse faded rapidly, he looked at An Yi and smilingly asked, "An Yi, why did your master say that you can't get married?"

Ning Cheng was afraid that An Yi would continue in be depressed for a long time. An Yi did not understand this, but it did not mean that he also would not understand it.

"I don't know, master said that I can't get married, so I won't get married. Didn't you also tell me that you also couldn't marry?" An Yi looked at Ning Cheng with her big eyes and said.

Ning Cheng looking at her pure and matchless eyes, he felt that An Yi has lost a some brightness in them, he felt a bit sorry for her in his mind. He then put those emotions aside and still smiled and said to An Yi, "An Yi, from where I am, the priests can also get married and have a family."

“Brother Ning Cheng, do you want me to marry you?” An Yi immediately asked, being together with Ning Cheng, she could never hide the questions in her heart. She had been living together with Ning Cheng for almost over a month, in this period of time the status of Ning Cheng in An Yi’s heart rose to the level of Elder Brother.

Ning Cheng scratched his head in distress, and said, “No, I already have a girlfriend, I mean…..”

An Yi just smiled and said, “Elder Brother Ning, you don’t have to worry about me, thank you for taking care of me. My master has already passed away, and because of this my heart was sad. Now I have gradually realized, you do not have to devote yourself to comfort me.”

Ning Cheng stared at An Yi, who said this little nun was stupid, he just had to get impatient with her. An Yi always knew what he was thinking, but was reluctant to speak out.

Seeing Ning Cheng’s awkward gaze, An Yi suddenly said, “Elder Brother Ning, I will always be grateful to you in my heart, after my master passed away, I really did not know what to do.”

With that, she took the initiative to speak first and said, “Elder Brother Ning, you said you had a girlfriend, and then your girlfriend broke up with you after a little fight, are you also going to look for her?”

Ning Cheng did not expect that An Yi would remember this sentence, he initially said those words to An Yi’s master so that she would keep An Yi safe with her, who knew An Yi who was in such a sad situation, would still be able to remember it. Sure enough, you never know what a woman was thinking, it didn’t matter if the woman in question was a nun or not.

“No, and besides I can’t find her now.” said Ning Cheng as he shook his head.

An Yi asked again, “Elder Brother Ning, if you are able to find her, would you not look for her?”

Ning Cheng remained silent, Tian Muwan left him without any explanation, and so did he.

A woman showing a bit of temper was nothing, but Tian Muwan should not

have given the pearl head ornament to Zha Zhiyi. Not only did Zha Zhiyi take it, he even threw it into the sewers, Tian Muwan also said that he could just buy her a new one. No matter what Tian Muwan was thinking, Ning Cheng would have found it difficult to go back and treat her the same way as before.

At that time he had bought two pearl head ornaments, for the two people that were the closest to him, he regarded Tian Muwan as close to his heart as his younger sister Ruolan, the same as family. When Tian Muwan discarded the pearl head ornament through Zha Zhi Yi's hands, it was equal to discarding his sincerity towards Muwan.

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Ning Cheng did not answer, because a sharp breaking voice interrupted his train of thought. A grey shadow with a roaring sound flew out not much farther in front of him, a moment later, there was another black shadow that flew past in its pursuit. After a few breaths time, the two shadows disappeared without a trace.

Ning Cheng's heart was awestruck, seeing the two shadows he was reminded of the flying artifact used by Ji Luofei's aunt. He had heard that there were hundred of countries, who let their countless forces that came to the Mingot Sea for practicing cultivation and looking for resources of dubious origins. Now it seems that it really was so, the two shadows that just disappeared from their visions were definitely not people from the Cang Qin province.

To have a flying artifact, one must be an absolute powerhouse, like the cultivators of the Building Yuan Realm. It looks like if one wanted to live in the Mingot Sea Area, it would not be an easy thing. The excited moment that Ning Cheng had just now instantly diminished a lot, he finally began to think of how to survive in this sort of place.

Even An Yi could see, that the two people who just flew past, their cultivation bases compared to Ning Cheng and her, it was simply too low. She was not completely sure about Ning Cheng's cultivation base, however it also seemed that it was not high either.

"An Yi, we have to be careful from here, there seems to be danger everywhere in the Mingot Sea Area." said Ning Cheng as he quickly pulled down An Yi from

the high area, and came down to a small remote place near the roadside.

An Yi also forgot to ask Ning Cheng what he meant by that, she just made an ‘um’ sound, and followed Ning Cheng closely behind. If she was the only person here, then she would not have known what to do in this kind of situation.

“That storage bag that you have, An Yi, never expose it.” said Ning Cheng as he thought about An Yi’s storage bag. Once An Yi’s storage bag was exposed, not only would An Yi be killed off, even he would suffer the same fate.

An Yi hurriedly put her hand on her waist and said, “Elder Brother, I will take it out and give it to you, it will not be safe with me …….”

Ning Cheng stopped An Yi and said, “An Yi, your master left this bag to you, you put it close to your skin, and also have your things inside it, giving it to me would not be very good.”

Ning Cheng also would have liked to see the materials in the storage bag, but afterwards thinks that it was some sort of inheritance that An Yi’s master had left for An Yi, if he took it, it would be the same as trying to read other people’s personal thoughts.

An Yi quickly said, “Elder Brother Ning, this is not a simple bag, but a storage bag. Storage bag and a simple bag are completely different, although the storage bag looks small, the space inside a storage bag is very big. With just a thought, the Spatial Array inside the storage bag, will help you place items larger than the bag itself inside it.”

Ning Cheng realised that a simple bag and a storage bag had a big difference, one could put a lot of things in the storage bag, Ning Cheng could feel an itch in heart, he really wanted one of these bags.

After going through this matter, Ning Cheng took An Yi away from the road as far as possible.

“Elder Brother Ning, there is a relay station here.” An Yi knew that the words she spoke only made Ning Cheng more worried about her. Although her master’s death left a huge scar on her heart, but she also took the initiative to ask Ning Cheng about somethings but she was careful as to not ask about Ning Cheng’s girlfriend. She also did not ask Ning Cheng, who was his girlfriend.

Ning Cheng also saw the distant relay station, it did not look big, but it made Ning Cheng stop.

“Elder Brother Ning, Li Shao said that, after the Relay Station at Dawn Town, we would be able to get out of the scope of the Cang Qin Province. Although it is a relay station, perhaps it is not of the Cang Qin Province.” Seeing Ning Cheng stop, there was even some caution in him, so she took the initiative and said those words.

Ning Cheng nodded, “Let it be, we first go over and have a look.”

The relay station was not big, it was just a pure relay station, in addition there were only a dozen soldiers to guard it and it also doubled up as a small hotel. In the largest space in front of the relay station, was the dock for keeping the beast carriages. Many of the beast carriage owners were shouting for customers. The board above the relay station, made Ning Cheng completely calm down, it said “Fire Element Country, Fu Ye River Relay Station.”

Ning Cheng and An Yi had just arrived when they met up with a short woman with a rough face, “Are you two friends going to the Mingot Sea? Take my beast carriage, just twenty gold coins per person.”

Ning Cheng was shocked, 20 gold coins for one person? Isn’t this too high? Li Shao had previously said before that he would earn only a few dozen silver coins for a single trip, how could there be such a high price here?

“Isn’t the price too high?” Ning Cheng was not certain if this woman would not kill him, as he asked in a hesitating way.

The rough faced woman froze for a moment, there was no answer from her, but a man came up next to her and said, “My friend, this price is not high. Not to mention that it would take more than 10 days to reach the Mingot Sea Area, because of the dangerous waters of the Mingot Sea, such a price is fair regarding the risk. It is the carriage driver who has to drive the beast carriage, she has to keep both her brain and body alert all the times, if it was not necessary, it’s best not to bargain.”

The speaker was a man with some stubble on his face, he only seemed to have the cultivation of Qi Gathering 3rd Level. But he talked in a very relaxed way, and did not let the people who he was talking to feel as if he would suddenly erupt.

There was a wide gap between a cultivator at Qi Gathering 3rd Level and the 4th Level, a sort of bottleneck if you will, compared to a Qi Gathering 3rd Level cultivator, a cultivator at the Qi Gathering 4th Level was more than 10 times stronger.

Ning Cheng quickly clasped his hands and said, “Thank you my friend, me and my sister have come to the Mingot Sea Area for the first time to live, but we don’t know about the condition of the market here. As my friend said, that 20 gold coins are really not that high.”

Speaking of his sister, Ning Cheng immediately thought of Ning Ruolan, it felt as if his heart was being crushed.

An Yi had a white turban tied up on her head, clearly one could see that she was a nun. Ning Cheng said An Yi was his sister, this short man did not think that Ning Cheng was telling lies, he just nodded and said, “My beast carriage’s Sister He has a very good reputation, I just happened to have to go the Mingot Sea, do you want to board the beast carriage with your sister, or just go by yourself.”

Ning Cheng said in an embarrassed way, “I do not have a single gold coin, I would have liked to go to the Mingot Sea, but it seems it wouldn’t be possible currently.”

On his body, there were only two things that were valuable, one was the knife wrapped up inside, it was taken from the corpse of Gu Fei. The other was the Qi Gathering Stone, which Ji Luofei had given him, but still haven’t used it. In addition to it he only had the two thin leather bound books of the Ning Clan.

At this time he had some regrets after killing Gu Fei, he did not search Gu Fei’s body carefully, maybe there were some other valuable things with him.

The short man looked at Ning Cheng and said with a smile, “Qi Gathering 3rd Level, a freind such poor as you are really not that many. The gold coins for the beast carriage, I can help you out with that, it can be considered as paying for friends.”

Ning Cheng after listening to the short man talk, he was immediately overjoyed and clasped both his hands and said, “Thank you my friend, after I go to the Mingot Sea, I will find a way to return the favor.”

If only Ning Cheng had not offended Gu Yiming, he really did not want to owe such a favor. Now for Ning Cheng, the farther he could get away from the Cang Qin Province the better. The Mingot Sea Area had all kinds of people and even if there were people from the Cang Qin Province, it would not count for anything, this place was the most secure.

“Its just 40 gold coins, you don’t need to return it. My name is Feng Feizhang, I usually travel between the Mingot Sea and the Fu Yi River Relay Station. Although the goods go back to the Fire Element Country, here I can even earn more than double, but truthfully I’d rather sell my things here, it would save a lot of time.” This short man said while laughing.

“My name is Ning Cheng, this is my cousin An Yi.” Ning temporarily changed sister to cousin. They declared before that they were brother and sister, if the surnames were different, how can they be brother and sister?

Feng Feizhang did not mind that Ning Cheng had told something different before, and said with a great interest, “Everywhere in the waters of Mingot is full of gold coins, as long as you have to ability and skill. Since I do not have the qualifications to enter into the middle ranks of the Qi Gathering Realm, so I just want to earn enough gold coins, so that I can go back and establish a family.”

“Brother Feng, isn’t the Mingot Sea full of dangers and killings?” asked Ning Cheng after listening to Feng Feizhang say that he has been to the Mingot Sea before, he wanted to find out from him, regarding the situation in the Mingot Sea area.

After listening to Ning Cheng’s words, Feng Feizhang’s facial expression becomes solemn and said, “Yes, Brother Ning. In the area of the Mingot Sea, our cultivation bases might be considered to be weakest, but compared to some of the lowest level of adventurers we are slightly better off. I can only fish for something near the shore, but I do not dare to go too far. The most abundant and resourceful area in the Mingot Sea is far away from the shores, there you can find many people, but trying to acquire things from there, now that would be very difficult.”

After a pause, Feng Feizhang continued, “If you want to go deep into the waters of the Mingot Sea then you need to form a team, in the recent years, I

also formed a team with many of my friends. But the reality is many of them could not come back, I have watched many of my friends fail in front me but I just did not have the ability to help them. Maybe one of these days, I will also be like them, forever remaining in the Mingot Sea."

An Yi had been living in a safe place with her master, and did not have much idea of this. But Ning Cheng was worried, although he was also at Qi Gathering 3rd Level, but his fighting experience was not rich. Last time he was able to kill Gu Fei, precisely because he was at his level. Even then, he had suffered many serious injuries by Gu Fei's hands before he was able to kill him.

What Ning Cheng was the most worried about was, his aptitude was was very bad, basically he couldn't advance in his rank. If he could return back to the Cang Qin Province, then it would not only be very easy for him to raise his cultivation base from the Qi Gathering 1st Level to the Qi Gathering 3rd Level but also solidify and improve his cultivation, and then go to the Mingot Sea.

Feng Feizhang saw Ning Cheng very worried, and took the initiative to speak, "In fact, as long as you are cautious, you would not necessarily die in the Mingot Sea. I have been in the Mingot Sea area for almost 10 years, but I am still alive and good. At this time, since we have teamed up, I will also tell you how to survive in the Mingot Sea."

Ning Cheng felt very grateful and clasped his hands and said, "Brother Feng is very warm, this Ning Cheng would like to thank you."

The Mingot Sea was such a dangerous place, with teams of people, of course, it would mean an abundance in experience. The stronger the person the better, but he had no experience. Feng Fiezhang took in Ning Cheng and An Yi, if he did not have any malicious intentions, then he really was a warm hearted person.

"Sister He, does the carriage have a seat, we must go to the Mingot Sea Area." along with the voice, two more people walked towards them, one was a man and the other a woman. The man's appearance was good, but he had a red scar on his face, which made him look a bit disfigured. The woman looked somewhat odd, it was obvious that she was very sexy, but if you looked carefully, she actually looked like a solemn, quiet and a refined young lady.

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Both these man and woman who came over, obviously also knew Sister He.

“There is, we will be leaving immediately.” Sister He said extremely loudly.

In a very short period of time, Sister He immediately gathered five people. Ning Cheng and An Yi, along with the other people, followed Sister He to her beast carriage. This beast carriage actually was no better than the ordinary small commercial vehicles back on his planet Earth.

Pulling the carriage weren’t horses but rather a beast which Ning Cheng had seen previously. Ning Cheng had originally seen this kind of beast in the Cang Le city, only that beast he had seen was pure white in color, this one however was of a mixed color. Ning Cheng had listened to Jian Sujie whistling for her horned beast, she seemed to call it as Xiao Shi.

This unicorn was to pull such a big carriage and furthermore, there were also many people in it, would it be able to pull it? In the begining, Li Shao’s carriage, which they were travelling in previously, only had two horses pulling it.

“Get in, we will immediately leave.” Sister He spoke and then proceeded to occupy the driver’s seat.

Ning Cheng and An Yi, along with the other people went inside the carriage, only to find that there was already a person sitting inside it. The person was an old man, with the same cultivation base of Qi Gathering 3rd Level. Even though the old man was at the Qi Gathering 3rd Level, Ning Cheng felt that this old man’s cultivation base was many times more fierce than Feng Feizhang’s.

The elderly man saw Ning Cheng and the five other people getting on the carriage, he merely swept a glance towards them and then continued to keep his eyes closed. In just this brief moment when this old man opened and closed his eyes, Ning Cheng felt a wave of killing intent. Ning Cheng knew this killing intent was not directed towards him or other people in here, but it was because this old man had an incorporeal murderous aura on his body. Clearly, this person was an extremely dangerous killer and had killed many in the past.

An Yi sat right next to Ning Cheng, she had also felt that old man's killing intent. She chose to sit close to Ning Cheng and didn't dare to look at the elderly man.

Sister He sat in the seat of the driver, took out a whip and immediately whipped it in front of her, the horned beast immediately let out a loud roar, and stomping its foot on the ground it immediately rushed out. Such a large carriage was easily pulled by it, unexpectedly there wasn't even a lag of half a minute.

Not only that, but the speed of the carriage also was not slow, the only thing a bit troubling was that the carriage was a bit bumpy. Ning Cheng and the others who were sitting in this bumpy carriage, could clearly see the scenery outside through the transparent window.

The people who were sitting in the carriage had all experienced so many life and death situations, that even their eyes were filled with matchless cruelty. Ning Cheng and An Yi understood at a glance that many people here had experienced killings, since these two people were going to the Mingot Sea, besides Feng Feizhang's thoughts of helping them, the other three people were sneering in their hearts and minds that Ning Cheng and An Yi were just trying to court death by going there.

"This should be the virtuous husband and wife, Miao Xiuming and Tian Fei, right? I have heard so much about you, to sit with you in the same carriage is a great honor for this Feng." Feng Feizhang said with with great enthusiasm and warmth, and took the initiative to greet the man and woman sitting opposite to him and even gave them a respectful fist salute while speaking.

[TL Note – To those who might not know, it is Chinese Tradition something like clasping one's hands to show their respect. You can google it up for more

information.]

The man with the red scar on his face did not think that Feng Feizhang actually knew him, but he was not surprised. Although his cultivation was low, but coupled with his wife and working together for many years, they were not afraid of facing against even a strong Qi Gathering cultivator. Along the edges of the Mingot Sea, they built up a bit of small fame and reputation.

“Yes, I am Miao Xiuming, and this here is my wife ……” the man with the red scar on his face had not finished speaking, when he noticed Ning Cheng staring at his wife. It was obvious that he was uncomfortable with others staring at his wife.

[TL Note – The raw says ‘lover’ but I changed it to ‘wife’ to suit the context better.]

Feng Feizhang also found Ning Cheng to be rather rude, and quickly coughed, this made Ning Cheng come back to reality, with some awkwardness he clasped his fist, but did not explain anything. He knew that this kind of thing, there was no way he could provide a satisfactory explanation.

Just when he heard that the woman sitting opposite to him was named Tian Fei, he had unconsciously thought of Tian Muwan, after some time of being lost in his memories, he ended up staring at Tian Fei, in fact in his eye’s was not Tian Fei’s image but rather Tian Muwan’s.

Seeing Ning Cheng did not continue to be impolite, Miao Xiuming did not attack him. But he had a heart to teach Ning Cheng a lesson, he then specifically looked at An Yi who was sitting beside Ning Cheng. An Yi had a white head head cloth wrapped around her head and was wearing a plain blue robe, before he was basically inattentive. But when Miao Xiuming looked at An Yi closely, his heart suddenly started to beat faster.

According to him, An Yi was too pretty and delicate, just like a fairy in human form. She sat there quietly, just like a crystal clear white lotus. He had seen many beautiful woman before, but he had not seen someone like An Yi, who was very pure looking, which made his heart beat go faster.

This woman was too pure, he must get his hands on her, Miao Xiuming inwardly said to himself as he clenched his fists.

“I don’t know if Brother Miao heard of the Golden Cicada Fruit?” Feng Feizhang quickly changed the subject, and took the initiative to speak the first sentence.

Hearing the words of Feng Feizhang, Miao Xiuming returned to reality and immediately said, “Is Brother Feng talking about the Langsa Island in the waters of the Mingot Sea where the Golden Cicada Fruit grows?”

Feng Feizhang laughed and said, “Brother Miao really has heard of it, truthfully if I could get a Golden Cicada Fruit, then I would not have to break my back scavenging in the Mingot Sea and could comfortably live out my entire life till I die.”

Miao Xiuming seemed to have forgotten about the insolent thing that Ning Cheng did, it seemed he did not mind, and said, “The Lansha Island is something that people could go in but cannot return. Recently, I heard that a team did go in, but none of them ever came out. Furthermore, Golden Cicada Fruits are something that we cannot touch. Even if one did manage to get a Golden Cicada Fruit, it would lead to him dying faster.”

Feng Feizhang did not know that Miao Xiuming had already set his eyes on An Yi, he just meant to divert his attention of Miao Xiuming from Ning Cheng, now that he heard Miao Xiuming speak, he immediately nodded and said, “True, even if we were able to obtain the Golden Cicada Fruit, and not get killed in the process, there is no way that the Golden Cicada Fruit would help one condense a Dan.”

[TL Note – For those who are ignorant, Dan is something like a medicine that can greatly boost one’s cultivation base, maybe even help them breakthrough different levels.]

Ning Cheng had recently studied about all kinds of Spirit Grasses including the names and uses of many different Spirit Grasses, this Golden Cicada Fruit was a type of Spiritual Fruit that he had heard about. It was classified as a Level Three Spiritual Grass, and can be refined into a Dan, by refining into a Dan it could be useful to the cultivators in all the nine Qi Gathering Levels. What Feng Feizhang meant was that, even if an ordinary cultivator gets his hands on the Golden Cicada Fruit, he would not be able to refine it into a Dan. That was because

where would he be able to find an Alchemist for making a Dan for a Qi Gathering Realm cultivator?

In fact, Ning Cheng also realized that Feng Feizhang had another hidden meaning, in fact not to mention that even if there was no way for one to refine the Golden Cicada Fruit into a true Dan, it can be refined into a Dan medicine, but with his cultivation level how would he be able to take it? They were only cultivators of the Qi Gathering 3rd Level, while at worst only the cultivators of at the Qi Gathering 9th Level could only use the refined Dan.

The old man who had his eyes closed and which were filled with killing intent, said, “In fact the Lansha Island is not so terrible, once you know about the Array Methods around it, you can easy and safely come and go from there. However, if you want to get the Golden Cicada Fruit, then the opportunities for that is very low.”

“What?” the old man’s words immediately attracted Feng Feizhang, Miao Xiuming, Tian Fei and the other three people, they just couldn’t believe what the old man has just said.

An Yi kept her head down, she did not hear the conversation between the couple of people clearly. Although Ning Cheng had heard it clearly, but he was not interested in it. Regardless of what this man said was true or not, even if it was true, if he got the Golden Cicada Fruit it would not be useful to him. Moreover, he had also affirmed that the old man’s words were not really dishonest.

But he also believed that Feng Feizhang, Miao Xiuming and the other people also did not believe the old man’s words, they were just surprised that the words of the old man were too far off the mark according to them.

“You may think that my words are a lie, I can tell you clearly, there is not even half a word that I spoke was false. The Lansha island is not far away, but if you are going to search for the Golden Cicada Fruit then you need have a great luck and opportunity.” The old man continued.

Miao Xiuming could not help but ask, “My friend, since the Lansha Island can be easily entered, then why are so many cultivators who enter the Lansha Island are unable to come out?”

“That’s because they don’t understand the Array Formations outside and inside it, the outside of the Lansha Island is enveloped in sea fog, in fact, this fog was a Battle Array Formation. But only on the 15th day of each month can one hope to enter the island. Also one must have person who is proficient in Battle Array Formations with them. I was able to enter the Lansha Island many times, and was also able to come out, it is precisely because I am proficient in Battle Array Formations.” The old man said proudly, his voice had a trace of disdain in it.

“My Friend, you say that you have been to the Lansha Island a few times? The Lansha Island in the Mingot Sea?” Feng Feizhang could still not believe it and asked again, he felt that this old man did not seem to be lying.

After hearing Feng Feizhang ‘s words the old man despite having despised them, said with some decadence in his voice, “Although I have been in and out of Lansha Island many times, but it did not mean that I was able to obtain anything good. I have even seen a Golden Cicada Fruit, but I was never able to get it, urgh!”

“You have seen the Golden Cicada Fruit?” this sentence almost made Feng Feizhang, Miao Xiuming and the three others to jump out and ask.

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“Of course, but unless you are really lucky, even if you went to the Lansha Island and found the Golden Cicada Fruit, don’t think you would be able to get it.” said the old man leaving no room for doubt.

“Why not?” the woman called Tian Fei could not help but ask.

The old man said in a deep voice, “That’s because the Golden Cicada Fruit tree is surrounded by a Level 5 Attack Array Formation which would kill any cultivator who coveted the Golden Cicada Fruit Tree by beheading and they would just ultimately become nutrients for the Golden Cicada Fruit Tree.”

With that, the old man looked at Feng Feizhang and said, “You do not have to doubt that I deceived you, the reason that I disclosed this news to you is because the route map to enter the Lansha Island would be auctioned at the end of the month at the Mingot City Auction House, moreover there are only a hundred copies. Even if I did not tell you this, there would be a lot of people who would come to know about it by the end of the month.”

[TL Note – According to the raws, it says ‘Circuit Diagram of the Lansha Island’, but I felt it would be weird to keep on saying ‘Circuit Diagram to enter the Lansha Island’ for I decided to simplify it to ‘route map’. Do share your views about this in the comments, as it is just the first few chapters and can easily be changed now rather than coming back later.]

There were quite few people who had some doubts about this man before, but now many of them believed the words of this old man. If the route map for the Lansha Island was being auctioned at the Mingot City Auction House, then it

meant that the words of the old man were really true. The Mingot City Auction House in the Mingot Sea Area had, both a powerful influence and a powerful force, if they said that there were only a 100 copies, then there really only were only a 100 copies, absolutely no one would dare to copy the route map from the Auction house and try to sell it. Unless they were tired of living.

"Friend, can I ask how did you get to know about the route map to enter the Lansha Island, that too even before the auction?" Feng Fiezhang asked.

The old man just nodded his head and said, "Even if you did not ask about it, I would have told you. At the start, this route map was not something that I created, it was made by another person, presumably he, just like me, had been to the Lansha Island many times in the past. He also could not get the Golden Cicada Fruit, and chose to sell the map in the auction."

The several people present did not speak, since the old man had said those words, it means that what he said certainly must be true, indeed it was just like that, after the old man finished speaking about that, he again continued, "I myself am well versed in Array Formations of low levels, and this time I intentionally asked high level Array Formations Master, and found out that it would require at least one Level 5 Array Formations Master to break it. But in addition to this method, there is also another way, but it requires eight people, and they must attack the Array Formation regularly and simultaneously from eight different directions, this can also help us in breaking the Attack Array Formation. But this method of breaking the Array Formation, I do not know if it would end up destroying the Golden Cicada Fruit."

"Friend, are you indirectly inviting us to join up with you?" Miao Xiuming immediately asked.

The old man replied, "Indeed it is like that, I am only at Qi Gathering 3rd Level, and thus I cannot dare to invite cultivators of the Qi Gathering Intermediate stage. But if we are able to procure a Golden Cicada Fruit stub, as each stub would at least contain 36 of those fruits, so even if all eight people participate, each person can get as many as four or more fruits. Here, we already have a total of 6 people, we can find two more in the Mingot City, and then after gathering the eight people together, we can then go to the Lansha Island. That said, let me first introduce myself, my name is Pu Jingye, everyone calls me Taoist Pu.

Moreover, I am willing take an oath by the sea, that the words I spoke are completely true."

[TL Note – Intermediate Stage in a Realm is not a new stage, but rather the various realms are divided into 3 stages, the beginner stage (from 1st to 3rd Level), intermediate stage (from 4th to 6th Level) and advanced/late stage (from 7th to 9th Level)]

After listening to the words of Taoist Pu, Miao Xiuming clasped his fists and said, "Tian Fei and I will also go, but before we go, can we ask Brother Pu to let us look at your route map. Otherwise, I am afraid I would not agree to it."

He also had some understandings about Array Formations, and had also visited the surrounding area of the Lansha Island in the past, although there was no way that he could get in, but he was clear about it from the periphery, if he was not satisfied with the route map of Taoist Pu, then even if he swore an oath by the sea, he would never agree.

Feng Feizhang also hesitated for a moment, before clasping his hands and said, "Brother Pu count me in too, but before agreeing with your request, just as Brother Miao said, we need to look at the route map that you spoke of."

Taoist Pu just laughed and said, "That is for sure, before we leave, I will let you all have a look at the route map. Even if you get your hands on the route map from the auction, I figure that when you see my route map, everybody here would also be satisfied with it."

At this time all the people looked at Ning Cheng, they wanted to know his decision. From the behavior before it was clear that An Yi obviously followed Ning Cheng, so they all thought that as long as they could convince him, it would be ok.

Ning Cheng just smiled and said, "Of course, I would also like to participate, it would be a disadvantage for me if I did not participate."

Ning Cheng was just laughing on the surface, but in his heart he was very depressed, he thought that only a fool would go to the Lansha Island and participate as a team. Regardless of whether what Taoist Pu said was true or false, even if what he said was true, the Lansha Island and the Golden Cicada Fruit affair, why did he not ask the help of an Advance Array Formation Master in

the past? Even if an Advance Array Formation Master was reluctant to help him in the past, surely the Auction House would try to invite a high level Array master to take a look at it to verify its authenticity.

If you could get more than 30 pieces of the Golden Cicada Fruit, then the Auction House would definitely do it.

This senior in front of them was probably an Advanced Array Master himself, not just a simple Taoist that he claims to be.

There may, of course, be the possibility that he really was just a simple Taoist. But Feng Feizhang and Miao Ximing had survived around the Mingot Sea Area for several years, and thus were very shrewd in nature. They should be able to tell if this so called Taoist Pu was spouting nonsense or not. If they chose to believe in this Taoist Pu, then presumably the words spoken by him were most likely not nonsense.

But to Ning Cheng, even if it was completely true, he did not wish to participate. He was originally from Earth, and had long pursued a simple truth, that the sky would not fall out for no reason. What was an oath or a vow? On earth, some people would make promises and vows just as easily as they would eat and drink, none of which would they fulfill.

[TL Note – For those who are a bit confused, the above lines mean that since Ning Cheng was from Earth, he had seen many people who would make many empty promises but would never fulfill any one of them. Meaning, the words spoken by those kinds of people are just hollow words with no weight behind it. Kinda like the many people we encounter in our daily lives.]

Besides, he and An Yi had just arrived, was what they were doing a good thing? Even if it was a good thing, he could have asked the cultivators in the Late Qi Gathering Realm, why did he chose someone from the Qi Gathering 3rd Level?

But no matter what, he had to agree, as Miao Ximing and the so called Taoist Pu's eyes were filled with a clear intent to kill. It was clear that if he refused, the two men would be the first to kill him. As for Feng Feizhang, they had met by only chance so he could count on him.

As Ning Cheng thought about what was happening, Ning Cheng could only blame himself for not knowing how distinguished was a Level 5 Array Formations

Master. To let a Level 5 Array Formations Master be invited to the Mingot Sea Area for the sake of a Golden Cicada Fruit, it was just absurd. But Ning Cheng does not know, that a Level 5 Array Formations Master were not someone who could be easily invited.

Seeing Ning Cheng agree without hesitation, Feng Feizhang was stupefied for a moment. He thought that as Ning Cheng had just started out, even if he did agree, he was prepared to explain the situation to him. He would tell Ning Cheng, that the Taoist Pu may not necessarily be a lie. But because the auction of the route map to enter the Langsha Island would take place at the end of the month, they did not know if the route map that the old man claimed to have in his possession was reliable or not.

In addition, there was one other thing, this Taoist Pu was even willing to take an oath of the sea. The cultivators living at the edge of the Mingot Sea, knew how terrible the oath of the sea was, as long as they were alive, they would have to fulfill it, otherwise the only thing that awaited them was death.

“Well, since you all believe me, then I will take out the Lansha Island’s route map for everyone to look at.” said Taoist Pu as he took out 5 of the Lansha Island’s route maps and handed them over to the five people present.

Ning Cheng just took one and said, “I and my cousin can just have a single one.”

He knew that he did not know anything about Array Formations, even if they were going, they could only follow behind the others. As for the route map, he was planning on giving it to An Yi, as he could not understand it.

“No, it is better if you had one more, for security purposes, just in case you end up losing the first one, it would be better if you kept it as an alternate.” said Taoist Pu as he handed back the route map to Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng also thought about what he just said, and he silently took the second route map, but did not give it to An Yi. He accepted the two copies of the route map, kept one in his bag and the other one in hand, and was preparing to look at it, if he could not understand it, he could just ask An Yi when it was convenient.

Taoist Pu just smiled at Ning Cheng and said, “You can also let your partner see

it. If you do not understand anything, you can just ask me."

Ning Cheng came to understand that it was was not as simple as it looked on the outside, he had to be careful at all times. Originally, he harbored some fear towards this Taoist Pu, but now when he said those words, Ning Cheng immediately increased his sense of vigilance. This Taoist Pu not only gave two copies of the maps to them, but he also specifically asked to give one to An Yi. Why should he be concerned with this matter?

Although Ning Cheng felt that something was wrong, he still laughed and said with a smile, "Don't mind it, my cousin does not understand anything about Arrays Formations, plus she is also not in the mood to see it. When she is in a better mood, I'll give it to her."

An Yi certainly did not refute Ning Cheng's words about Arrays Formations, Ning Cheng already knew that An Yi's knowledge about Array Formation was much better than him, but she still did not refute Ning Cheng's claim.

Instantly a cold light flashed in the corner of the old man's eyes, Ning Cheng was able to catch it, it let him further strengthen the feeling that something was definitely not right.

The several people were looking at the route map of the Array Formation around the Lansha Island, Ning Cheng after observing for a moment, was not able to decipher anything, he simply took the route map from his hands and placed it in the back of his bag.

"I haven't asked asked what name does our friend goes by?" Seeing Ning Cheng put the route map away, Taoist Pu asked with a smile.

Ning Cheng just lightly said, "We are only going to cooperate to get to the Lansha Island, there is no need to ask about that."

Taoist Pu did not get angry, he just smiled and nodded, and no longer chose to speak.

Sister He drove the carriage fast and steady, Ning Cheng even doubted if this carriage was fitted with rubber tires, with commercial vehicles in general, aren't they known for their bumps?

[TL note – What Ning Cheng meant was that the commercial transport vehicles

like buses and auto rickshaws are always characterized by how bumpy they move. One of the best examples for this is an auto rickshaw.]

After a few days of travelling, since it was the time for rest, Sister He stopped the beast carriage and got everyone out for something to eat, in addition to the usual except for Ning Cheng and An Yi, the others were either studying the route map, or asking Taoist Pu about the various situations in Lansha Island, or discussing how to enter the Island.

These sort of discussions, Ning Cheng did not attend, nor did he say more than a sentence when Ning Cheng was asked. Also because of this no one bothered Ning Cheng, they thought that when the time comes as long as he could perform the task it was good enough. As the beast carriage moved forward, the fishy smell of the sea only became heavier.

In the past few days, Taoist Pu also did not find Ning Cheng to talk nonsense, instead he continued explaining the route map to Tian Fei, but he would often look in the direction Ning Cheng and An Yi, but he did not ever find the two people talk.

When travelling in the beast carriage on the seventh day, Ning Cheng was just thinking about how not to participate in this team, when he heard a loud scream, then the carriage in which they were sitting shook violently, it seemed as if everything turned upside down.

Ning Cheng’s reaction was lightening fast, almost when the carriage started to shake, he picked up An Yi who hadn’t even reacted yet, punched open the roof and jumped out of the carriage.

At the same time that Ning Cheng came out, Taoist Pu also managed to escape from the carriage, and instantly left the carriage hundred meters away. At the same time Feng Feizhang and the others also came flying out similarly.

Ning Cheng was immediately able to see a dozen feet long gully in front of the beast carriage, the unicorn beast had been split in half, while the other half was missing. As Ning Cheng was thinking, a whistling sound came, Ning Cheng rushed out quickly with An Yi, he did not give any regard to the direction in which they were rushing.

He had just rushed out when, at the same time, they heard a sound of

explosion coming from the back. There seemed to be two shadows in the sky, Ning Cheng basically did not think of anything else, and immediately with An Yi, Ning Cheng crazily rushed to the side.

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From the glimpse of the two shadows fighting at the same time, Ning Cheng could only think of escaping. Originally when he had arrived at the peripheral area of the Mingot Sea, he saw the same two shadows flashing past them, the impression that those two shadows gave him was too deep.

The herculean unicorn beast being cut in half, creating a huge gully of several feet on the hard road, plus the terrible explosion from behind. How could Ning Cheng not know, that it was a fight between two powerful masters?

This kind of fight, if one chose to remain here, it would only result in their death, only by running far away would one be able to escape. The two masters fighting wouldn't care about him, a measly cultivator at the Qi Gathering 3rd Level, so he could only flee, the faster and farther he could go the better.

As to the direction in which he escaped, Ning Cheng knew that he would have to run away from the old man in the future. He was obviously thinking about how to escape from the business of the old man, now that had the chance, he obviously took the direction opposite to the one taken by the old man. And he was also certain that this Taoist Pu would not care to deliberately escape in his direction, he estimated that he himself would be eager to run a little faster.

After the time it takes for half an incense stick to burn, An Yi who was still in Ning Cheng's bosom whispered in Ning Cheng's ear, "Big Brother Ning, I can run by myself, will you release of me."

[TL Note – Changed 'Elder Brother Ning' to 'Big Brother Ning' for a more cosy feeling.]

Ning Cheng was hell bent on escaping, even now, he did not realize that he was embracing An Yi tightly in his bosom right now.

Ning Cheng released An Yi, and at the same time he was rejoicing in his heart, the two masters that were fighting did not come this way, if those two people had come their way, they most definitely would be dead.

An Yi also followed Ning Cheng as they fled, and asked, “Big Brother Ning, do you not want to form a team with Taoist Pu and the others?”

An Yi may not have understood what had happened, but she was not stupid, she was very clear that Ning Cheng was just putting up an act at that time.

Ning Cheng then remembered that he had forgotten something in the beast carriage, and rushed back to retrieve the two route maps that were thrown on the ground, wrapped them in his bag and handed it to An Yi and said, “An Yi, can you keep this bag in your storage bag?”

“I can” An Yi nodded, and did not think, she directly put Ning Cheng’s bag into the storage bag. And then she asked, “Do we still have to escape now?”

“We not only have to escape, but also have to speed up, we will change our direction a little, the farther we go the better.” Ning Cheng spoke, while he shifted his direction slightly and continued to crazily run.

Of course An Yi also followed Ning Cheng, wherever he went she would also follow immediately.

An Yi and Ning Cheng were cultivators at the Qi Gathering 3rd Level, so when these two people put all their strength into rushing to escape, then their speed was extremely fast. After running for almost the entire day, the sky was already darkening, when the sound of waters hitting the reef reached them, Ning Cheng stopped and said, “We should be close to the beach, let’s not continue to run, and first find a place to hide.”

Ning Cheng had just finished speaking, when a shadow fell down from the air in front of them with a “bang” sound.

This unexpected sound, made Ning Cheng scared, and he pulled back An Yi and withdrew several meters, he could only see the back of the shadow that fell from the sky.

A wretched man was lying completely covered in blood on the beach, it was clear that this man was the shadow that fell from the air previously. His head was just half an inch away from a huge rock. He did not know if this person had a huge luck or if he had controlled his fall.

“The two of you, please do me a favor ……..” This bloodstained man did not faint. On the contrary, he called out to Ning Cheng and An Yi in a weakened voice.

Ning Cheng did not move, he saw An Yi taking a step forward, and immediately pulled her back. In this world he had seen many injured people, and he was also kind to them. But this man that had landed on the beach, although he was seriously injured, but they could still not perceive his cultivation level. Ning Cheng could vaguely guess, that this person maybe even more powerful that the cultivators in the Qi Condensation Realm.

But there was also one other reason why Ning Cheng was not willing to come forward to help, because he could sense that this person in front of them was the same person who had killed the unicorn beast while fighting in the air. A fight that disregarded the lives of the innocent, he definitely was a person who was extremely cruel and merciless.

“I was plotted secretly by the other person, the two of you please look at this fellow, in turn I will also help the two of you.” This injured man still said earnestly.

Ning Cheng whispered to An Yi, “An Yi, you just follow me one step behind.”

An Yi did not question Ning Cheng, if Ning Cheng wants her to follow him, she would naturally tightly follow behind him.

The man lying on the ground who was injured, seeing Ning Cheng and An Yi come towards him, he took a deep breath and said, “Thank you, my two friends, I am a person from the Mingot City, I will surely thank the two of …….”

Ning Cheng quickly said, “It is not necessary, just as you said, we are all fellow humans, helping a kindred soul is really nothing.”

Ning Cheng was not able to determine if the person in front of him was someone who disregarded human life, his heart was also wary, but he also knew

that regardless of if he really was or not, this person's cultivation base was definitely millions of times stronger that him. Fortunately, the person in front of them was severely injured, to the point that he could not even get up.

Ning Cheng was just less than two feet away from this man, when suddenly without warning Ning Cheng pulled An Yi and fell down to the side. Two feet is the most threatening distance for a Wind Edge Spell, in Ning Cheng's view, even if the other person was injured, even if their cultivation base was higher, the amount of Qi that was available to him was limited. He reasoned that in addition to the Wind Edge Spell and the Fireball spell, there should not be any other spells that he could cast at the moment.

Regardless of the Wind Edge Spell or the Fireball Spell, this two feet distance was the most threatening. No matter what the opposite party would do, he would first go into hiding. Otherwise, even if the opposite party was severely wounded, he possibly would not be able to evade it.

"Puff……" two blood colored Wind Edge Spells, flashed beside Ning Cheng and An Yi before dying off.

Although Ning Cheng was able to escape, but he was still too slow, the Wind Edge Spell had bit into his waist, and blood instantly spilled out.

Ning Cheng had taken the darkest path for insurance, if it wasn't for his smart-aleck side, then both the Wind Edge Spells would have sliced apart Ning Cheng and also An Yi who was behind him.

After the Wind Edge Spell flew by, Ning Cheng almost at the same time was bombed by a Flame Edge Spell. He felt that this Flame Edge was stronger than the Wind Edge. But this time, he not choose to escape like previously, although this guy's cultivation base was high, it was obvious that he was seriously injured.

Ning Cheng was long since ready for this Flame Edge, as he was vigilant all the time, with his vigilance he was only hurt a bit by the Wind Edge, how could he not be prepared to deal with this Fire Edge?

After Ning Cheng dodged the first Fire Edge, An Yi also reacted, as she immediately sent out two Wind Edges.

The man who had fallen to the ground did not expect that a mere Qi Gathering

3rd Level cultivator was able to avoid him within two feet of his Wind Edge. This was completely beyond his expectations, in his view, even if it was a cultivator at the Qi Gathering 4th Level, at this distance, his sneak attack would not be avoidable. Under his shock, he had not yet made the next move, when Ning Cheng's Fire Edge had already reached him.

The Fire Edge accurately chopped through his waist, this man originally was completely covered in blood stains, and after this moment it was thoroughly dyed in his blood.

"This…." the man had only said a word, when the two Wind Edges from An Yi simultaneously arrived.

Ning Cheng certainly would not repent for what he did, this time he already understood the rules of survival in this world, one cannot absolutely be soft hearted when dealing with the enemy. Moreover, you must take the opportunity immediately, he was almost done with the Fire Edge when in the meantime he also sent out several Wind Edges.

This number of wind blades combined with An Yi's together, directly spilt the man into several pieces.

When Ning Cheng killed Gu Fei for the first time, his hands were shaking, but because his life was threatened he ended up forgetting the fear of killing, and now when he had had killed this man who wanted to behead him, he only felt a slight discomfort.

But An Yi turned pale, the was the first time that she saw a murder. Fortunately, she was just an accomplice. Even if that was the case, she still did not understand that why this man had to die, she and Ning Cheng were just coming to save him, why would he kill his benefactor? If not for Ning Cheng, she would have definitely been killed.

Prior to this she had also saved Ning Cheng, but why was Ning Cheng so good to her? An Yi subconsciously glanced at the pale face of Ning Cheng, she suddenly remembered that Ning Cheng was also struck by the Wind Edge, quickly took out some medicinal powder and sprinkled it on Ning Cheng's wound.

Ning Cheng was already at the Qi Gathering 3rd Level, and had already

contained the bleeding, now with An Yi' powder, the wound did not bleed anymore.

An Yi felt relieved, in this world, perhaps other than Ning Cheng there were not many people in this world like her master.

Ning Cheng walked a few steps to the front of the man he had just killed, and lifted a storage bag from his waist with his hands.

At the same time he searched that man's body a few times, and pulled out a Jade Card. Ning Cheng simply did not look at the Jade Card and handed it to An Yi and said, "An Yi, we have to cast a fireball on this guy and then hurry and get out of here."

An Yi knew it was not the time to question Ning Cheng and the two people simultaneously casted the Fireball spells. They continued this till the man's body was burnt to a crisp charcoal, once the body turned to charcoal, Ning Cheng immediately threw it into the sea.

"Brother Ning, we just now ……." An Yi watched Ning Cheng in horror, she and her master lived in heart of the temple, and never before did they see such a thing. How long ago did she come out? She knew that this kind of thing would not be their first time.

Ning Cheng said in a deep voice, "Let's go quickly, we have to get as far as possible, the sooner the better."

The two people changed their direction again, and started to run desperately. After running for the whole night, when dawn was about to break, the two people, Ning Cheng and An Yi, stopped.

At this point there was a boundless reef forest in front of them, Ning Cheng found a cave below a huge rock. After the two people hid in the cave, only at this time they were able to catch their breath.

From the reefs outside, the sounds of the waves crashing could be heard, and there was even a hint of light, this made Ning Cheng's heart that was wound tight to slowly relax a bit. He never would have imagined, that one day he would have to run this hard for his life.

"Big Brother Ning, how were you able to dodge so fast? If it were me, I

wouldn’t even be able to escape the Wind Edges.” An Yi was still scared, if not for Ning Cheng pulling her out of the harm’s way, she would definitely be dead by the Wind Edge sneak attack of the man on the beach.

Ning Cheng just sighed and said, “When I was going, I felt that there there were some problems, I really did not seem to be wrong indeed. You wait for me a bit, I have some heavy injuries, I need to heal them first.”

Ning Cheng did not have any good treatment methods, after he was injured last time, he was constantly using the modified cultivation practice method to get his injuries to recover faster, he was still using the same approach.

But when Ning hadn’t even completed a single cycle of circulating his Qi, his face immediately changed.

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Chapter 0024 – Powerful Capabilities

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An Yi had been concerned about Ning Cheng, when she saw Ning Cheng's expression change, she quickly asked, "What's the problem?"

"I was just now circulating my Qi, when it suddenly appeared like……." Ning Cheng did not finish his sentence, and then again said, "Now I get it."

Then he immediately proceeded to take off his clothes, An Yi who was originally staring at Ning Cheng, seeing suddenly take of his clothes, she immediately blushed and turned her head away.

Her mind was pure, her being a young nun was not false, but it did not mean that she did not know about the distinction between the sexes. But she soon turned her head towards him once again, since she had not been together with Ning Cheng for one or two days, she completely believed and had complete faith in Ning Cheng. If Ning Cheng suddenly started to take off his clothes now, then he must have done it with some important reason.

"Indeed it is as I expected." Ning Cheng looked and touched the black scar on his chest and said while gnashing his teeth.

"Is that a mark of a talisman?" Although An Yi had not seen such a thing, but her master had told her about it, she could immediately discern it with a glance, that the black scar on his chest was definitely a mark of a talisman. As long as one had this mark, even it they walked far away, the person who was marked by the symbol can be found with the help of the original talisman.

Ning Cheng had also read about the mark of a talisman in the Ning Clan's

cultivation practice manual, and when he had just tried to complete one circulation cycle of the Qi a moment ago, he suddenly felt uncomfortable. In his body there seemed to be a piece of something that should not exist in his body, this thing kept him from practicing with ease.

“It really is a mark of a talisman.” After listening to An Yi’s words, Ning Cheng was sure that he was not wrong.

This symbol on his chest was in the shape of the character Lu. As long one can get their hands of this kind of talisman, if one would even touch it, the mark would be mysteriously attached to their body, ordinary people simply would not be able to notice it.

Ning Cheng immediately became infuriated, this talisman’s mark directly rushed from the pit of the stomach to his chest, and formed a faint black light in front of his chest. Just as the symbol rushed out, at the same time, Ning Cheng also casted a fireball on it, burning the mark of the talisman without a trace.

Although Ning Cheng’s level of Fireball was very low, but it was enough to be able to burn down the mark of the talisman, this also showed that the level of the symbol was also low.

“Fortunately, I was just trying to concentrate on circulating my Qi just a moment ago, otherwise if the old Taoist Pu ended up finding him, he would really not be able to escape.” Although Ning Cheng saw that the symbol mark had been burned off, he still had a lingering fear.

An Yi was astonished when she saw Ning Cheng do that and said, “Brother Ning, my master said that, there was no way to run away from the mark of the talisman. If it was a cultivator at the Qi Gathering 7th Level, then he could be able to find it from the response of his body. An ordinary cultivator has no way to force out the mark of the talisman, how did you do it?”

Ning Cheng immediately thought of the modified cultivation practice method and said with some uncertainty, “My cultivation practice method is a bit special. Fortunately, it was lucky that you did not have a look at those copies of the route map of Lansha Island, if you had looked at them then we would have been finished. I am sure that this mark of the talisman was placed on me through that route map, this Taoist Pu is really sinister, he was definitely scheming for

something.”

An Yi also nodded and said, “Yes Big Brother Ning, if I had the symbol mark, I would certainly would not be able to find it. Maybe I would have to strip naked to let you carefully find it.”

When Ning Cheng heard An Yi speak, although An Yi was speaking about the wellbeing of both of them, it still felt a bit hilarious. How could he let An Yi strip and help her slowly find the symbol? But Ning Cheng sensed that what An Yi said, it certainly wasn’t funny, she would definitely have to undress to find the symbol, otherwise how would they be able to escape that Taoist Pu?

Seeing Ning Cheng put on his cloths, the previous awkwardness in An Yi was long gone, and she took the initiative again and put the medicinal powder on Ning Cheng’s wound,

After wearing the clothes, Ning Cheng felt helpless, if he could not raise his cultivation, then he did not know if his decision to come to the Mingot Sea was right or wrong? He had chosen to come to the Mingot Sea Area partly because his parents had gone missing here.

When he had not been reborn, he would often dream about this, as he had been living in the Cang Qin Province for his entire life. Now that dream had finally become a reality, but Ning Cheng was still a bit suspicious, it was as if the body in which he was reborn into was not that of a stranger, but rather his past life.

It was also because of this, that he in his life on Earth did not have any affection towards his parents.

Ning Cheng knew that he had acquired the storage bag of the man from the beach, he desperately wanted to look at what was in the storage bag, and thus took out the storage bag, but still held back the idea, and instead picked up the Jade Card he had picked up from him.

The light in the reef cave was very weak, but the words on the Jade Card were very clear, it read, Cang Yan Four Star Academy’s Third Elder, Xue Taichu.

[TL Note – This Cang Yan Academy does not belong in the Can Qin Province, it was mentioned at the end of the chapter, just wanted to let you all know so that you would not end up confused.]

He did not know if the status of a Third Elder in an Academy was high or not, but Ning Cheng was very clear about the status of the 4 Star Academy. A 4 Star Academy was equivalent to a real country, Can Qin Province was just a small vessel state, forced with nowhere to go, he ended up killing an elder of a 4 Star Academy, once this was out, would he still have a chance to survive?

Ji Luofei's Aunt was merely an errand teacher of the 5 Star Academy, but at Cang Qin Academy, she could go anywhere she wanted. This Xue Taichu was an Elder, their positions couldn't be compared in any way.

An Yi also saw the sign on top of the character, she was somewhat worried and asked, "Big Brother Ning, are we in trouble?"

Ning Cheng again looked at the Jade Card, that he had just acquired, stood up, shook his head and spoke, "There is no trouble, as long as we don't meet anyone from Cang Yan 4 Star Academy. The most important thing right now is to improve one's own cultivation base, if there comes a day where we can surpass the Building Yuan Realm, then a 4 Star Academy would also be nothing to worry about."

Ning Cheng comforted An Yi but his own heart, however, wasn't. He didn't know of the capability of a 4 Star Academy, previously, a Cultivator at the Qi Gathering Third Level was able to put a mark of a talisman on his body without him noticing, this 4 Star Academy's Elder and that cultivator were clearly not on the same level, there was difference of over ten million times. Could one find two of such of existences as easily? Ning Cheng didn't dare want to find out.

Grabbing the storage bag, he looked over it for a long while, only then did he ask, "An Yi, how do you open this storage bag?"

An Yi immediately explained, "We at the Qi Gathering Realm don't possess a spirit sense, but rather we have spirit thought. We can use our spirit thought to communicate with the storage bag, if it doesn't open, we can slowly try lift the restrictions put on it. However ….."

An Yi spoke till lifting the restrictions, she immediately recalled that lifting restrictions required one to have some knowledge about restriction techniques. Whether Ning Cheng understood them or not, she was not clear on it.

Ning Cheng knew about spirit thought, after An Yi finished speaking, he

immediately used his spirit thought to communicate with the storage bag in his hand. But, Ning Cheng immediately became aware that this was useless. This storage bag completely lacked any reaction when he tried to communicate with it through his spirit thought. Afterwards, he could only try touching the strange seal, but these seals were all similar to iron locks which he could not open.

An Yi saw that Ning Cheng didn't understand anything about restrictions, so she simply took out a book and gave it to Ning Cheng while saying, "Big brother Ning, this is a Basic Array Formation Methods book given to me by my master, you can take a look at it."

If it was something else, Ning Cheng would certainly not welcome it, since at present he didn't quite even understand spell techniques, right now, as he could not open the storage bag so he couldn't know what was inside this storage bag. Therefore, seeing An Yi handing over the books on the Basic Array Formation Methods, Ning Cheng did not hesitate to receive it, after a moment of thought, he opened the book.

An Yi stared blankly at Ning Cheng, as Ning Cheng consecutively read the book for three hours, she could only see him unceasingly flipping over the pages of the book, he only stopped for a moment when he made some gestures with his hands, his facial expression also constantly changed as he continued to read.

These were all Array Formations, coming into contact with Array Formations for the first time, when master was teaching her, she was only able to learn upto the third page. When she was able to comprehend those three pages, her master said that she was a genius, but compared to her Big Brother Ning, just what was going on with him?

An Yi really wanted to ask Ning Cheng, but she was afraid that she would annoy him. She could only silently wait for Ning Cheng to wake from reading that book on Foundation Array Methods, only after that, could she ask him.

Ning cheng could not know what An Yi was thinking. From the time he opened up the book, he could only see that there were various types of Array Formations, many technical terms relating to the Array Formations and also the descriptions of the positions of the various Array Flags required, their refinement and explanations including their uses……..

These all naturally formed and fixed themselves in his mind, even before his consciousness appeared to correct them, allowing him to not only understand these stuffs, but also helping him in automatically correcting these Fundamental Array Formations.

At this point, in his mind, there emerged another Array Formation Method, this method was based on the original Array Formation Method. However this newly formed method, was formed by modifying the original method and automatically correcting it to form an even more comprehensive Array Formation.

The vast knowledge of the Array Formations and Ning Cheng's automatically correcting consciousness combined, made Ning Cheng appear as if he was a sponge soaking water.

His formidable comprehension ability and powerful memory played a very big role at this time.

At a place, several hundred kilometres away from Ning Cheng, four people were forced together in a difficult situation. These four people were exactly the ones who had travelled with Ning Cheng in the beast carriage, who were getting ready to team up to go to Lansha island together.

"Those two people fighting in the air are absolutely in the later stages of the Building Yuan Realm, what a terrible power." Feng Feizhang spoke with a lingering fear in his heart.

Miao Xiuming and Tian Fei also nodded, very much approving Feng Feizhang's words. That battle in the gorge, they, together with few others had been able to see. If they had been even a little bit slow in escaping, the after-effects of that battle could have very well killed them.

"Hey, how come those two have still not returned? Could they not have been able to escape?" said Miao Xiuming when he saw that Ning Cheng and An Yi hadn't arrived. Even if Ning Cheng hadn't been able to escape , however An Yi , with her dewy like appearance, if she was killed, then it would make him feel a great sense of shame.

Taoist Pu slightly smiled and replied, "Those young people ought to be very clever, I clearly saw him rush out first, there escape should not be a problem. I

was able to see the direction in which they ran, but since they have still not arrived till now, I estimate that they probably weren't able to find us, we will continue to walk in the direction in which they escape."

Feng Feizhang also nodded in agreement, the Mingot Sea was not very far, once they were able to find Ning Cheng and An Yi, they can arrive at the Mingot City in a day's time.

When Taoist Pu spoke of locating Ning Cheng and An Yi, there was no objection from any of them, not that they were afraid of Ning Cheng. But because Ning Cheng and An Yi had a copy each of the Lansha Island's route map, if it was not taken away from Ning Cheng, then for them, it would not be a good thing.

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"Brother Pu, why did you stop walking?" Seeing Taoist Pu stop walking, Feng Feizhang asked in a puzzled voice.

Taoist Pu's face changed slightly, but he still continued to walk forward for a kilometer and then stopped again, this time he did not wait for the rest for the people and took the initiative to speak, and said, "Brother Feng, I guess Ning Cheng and his cousin An Yi could not escape that disaster, we might as well go the Mingot City and then find a few more people, what do you say?"

The reason why Taoist Pu said this was because he saw Ning Cheng drop the two copies of the route map. He had placed a mark of a talisman on each of the copies of the route map that he had handed out before and thus he had the confidence that he could search for them easily. Even if he saw him take away the two route maps, but because his connection to the mark of the talisman that he had placed on them was completely cut off, he could no longer sense them, and thus he stopped.

Whether Ning Cheng and An Yi was dead or if they managed to escape, at least for now, he had no way to find out.

This Taoist Pu was very clever, since he did not leave to pick the route map that was in the possession of Ning Cheng, the remaining few people also had no suspicion towards his words. Now that this Taoist Pu said that it would be hard to find Ning Cheng, and in addition also proposed to go to the Mingot City to look for more partners, they obviously did not have any objections to it.

Taoist Pu was the one who handed out the route map, if he himself doesn't mind to recover it, why would the others care it?

When Ning Cheng opened his eyes the book was almost one third finished, he immediately saw An Yi staring at him.

"An Yi, why are you looking at me like that?" Although Ning Cheng asked this, he was still immersed in the joy of studying the basic Array Formations, he now felt that he had been exposed to such a new and vast field. He finally understood what Array Formations stood for, what the so called restrictions were, and why and how Arrays Formation operated.

"I did not think you would be able to read hundreds of millions of words in one go, you see it's already been three days and three nights since you started studying that book, are you not hungry?" An Yi implored, when she saw that Ning Cheng had finally woken up.

Before she had only heard her master say that one can get engrossed in trying to comprehend all kinds of things to such an extent that one would even forget themselves, and today she, for the first time see, that someone could read almost a hundred million words in one go, completely forgetting about themselves.

When Ning Cheng heard what An Yi said, he immediately felt an intense hunger hitting him, but then he immediately smelt a strange smell coming from his body. By going into a three day retreat while at the same time gaining enlightenment regarding the Array Formations, some of the impurities and odors were automatically squeezed out of his body.

"You wait for me for a while." Ning Cheng embarrassingly mumbled these words to An Yi, and quickly climbed out of the cave, then he proceeded to take off his clothes and cleaned them along with his body in the seawater and also using his cleaning spell he had learned before, after his clothes were thoroughly cleaned and odor free, he put them back on and entered the cave again.

Seeing Ning Cheng come back clean and tidy, An Yi finally let out a smile. Then she took out a few pieces of dried rations and gave them to Ning Cheng and said, "It's better if you first eat something."

Ning Cheng couldn't wait anymore and immediately swallowed the food down,

and once again picked up the storage bag.

“Elder Brother Ning, the storage bag should have some restrictions placed, there is no way for you in three days to……” An Yi had not yet finished speaking, when she looked at Ning Cheng with shock in her eyes, and said, “Elder Brother Ning Cheng, you actually are able to open the storage bag?”

Ning Cheng just laughed and said, “It is not that difficult, not difficult at all. The restriction array placed on it was very simple, I just casually looked at the books you gave for a few days and was ready to go.”

An Yi sat there dumbfounded for quite a while, and then said, “Elder Brother Ning, for a cultivator, Array Formations Methods are the most difficult, it is even several times more difficult than cultivation practice, how can you say it that it is not difficult?”

“The Restriction Array Formation placed on the storage bag was very simple, so…….” After Ning Cheng subconsciously said this sentence, he corrected himself and said, “Well, I can’t say that it was not difficult, at the beginning when I was examining it, I thought that half an hour to an hour would be enough to successfully dispel, but apparently it will take several days more days, it seems deploying the Array Formation is a bit harder than lifting a simple restriction.”

Listening to Ning Cheng admit that Array Formations were a bit hard, An Yi also agreed with a nod. Her thoughts were simple and pure, one would think that she was a bit stupid compared to many smart and clever people like Ning Cheng. So seeing Ning Cheng laughing through the explanation, even then she agreed to it. As for Ning Cheng’s way of speaking, she had already gotten used to it.

On the usage of the storage bag, Ning Cheng was already familiar with it. He raised his hands to bring out hundreds of white stones. These hundreds of white stones, seemed to contain an extremely rich aura.

“Hey, these are pure Qi Gathering Stones. At that time I only saw a dark yellow Qi Gathering Stone, but these stones are actually milky white, this really is a new thing.” Ning Cheng holds a white stone heaves a sigh and said.

Ji Luofei in order to help him get a Qi Gathering Stone, went through a lot, and even almost got killed in obtaining it. Today, he was able to acquire more than

100 of these stones, and at the same time they were pure Qi Gathering Stones.

An Yi said from the side, “Elder Brother Ning, the thing that your holding in your hands is not a Qi Gathering stone, but a Ling Shi. The thing in your hand is a low grade Ling Shi, my master said that Ling Shis are a top grade commodity.”

“Ling Shi?” this was the first time that Ning Cheng heard the word ‘Ling Shi’, but he felt that these two words were a more appropriate name for these pieces of stone.

An Yi just humphed and said, “A low grade Ling Shi can be exchanged for a hundred Qi Gathering Stones, but this is just the starting market price. Qi Gathering Stones are generally used for cultivation practice by low level Qi Gathering Cultivators, although they are rare, they can still be found easily. But a Ling Shi is a bit different, the aura and Qi contained in it is extremely rich. This helps in raising one’s cultivation level even more, initially my master had given me a Ling Shi. This time you were able to get so many, you would now certainly be able to raise your cultivation level by several times.”

Ning Cheng suddenly realized, no wonder that this stone did not feel like a Qi Gathering Stone, he would now no longer have to gather many Qi Gathering Stones to quicken his cultivation practice speed. Originally a Qi Gathering Stone was a low level stuff, then, wouldn’t he be able to get 10000 gold coins for a single Ling Shi?

Then Ning Cheng realized that he was just thinking blindly, according to An Yi, a Ling Shi was very precious, how could one be such a fool to want to exchange a Ling Shi for gold coins. Not to mention 10,000 gold coins, perhaps even if one was to offer tens of thousands of gold coins, one wouldn’t be willing to part with it.

“So to say, a top grade Ling Shi can be exchanged for a hundred low grade Ling Shi? A top grade Ling Shi…….” Ning Cheng began to think the value of a top grade Ling Shi, suddenly he felt his heart yearn for it. Even if he could not practice cultivation with it, to hold a top grade lingshi, was something that he wanted.

An Yi just shook her head and said, “Basically, a medium grade Ling Shi can only be exchanged for 10 low grade Ling Shi, and a top grade Ling Shi can only be

exchanged for a minimum of 10 medium grade Ling Shi”

Ning Cheng also nodded and said, “That is also very substantial.”

Then, once again, Ning Cheng took out several jade bottles, many books, some other material along with some spiritual grasses from the storage bag. In addition, there was also a flying sword type artifact.

This let Ning Cheng a bit disappointed as he could not find any flying type artifact. Although he knew that with his ability, he would not be able to handle a flying type artifact, but this kind of flying artifact was something he was greatly interested in.

An Yi did not know why Ning Cheng’s heart was not satisfied, and continued to explain to Ning Cheng that, “The storage bag is already yours, but you need to refine it yourself and then place your own restrictions on it. The restrictions that you can place on the storage bag must be based on your own understanding about restrictions, the higher you understand about restrictions, the higher restriction you can set on it.”

Ning Cheng nodded, leaving aside the jade bottles and the Ling Shis, he put all the other stuff into the storage bag. He then took 20 of the Ling Shis and giving them to An Yi said, “An Yi, if we want to go adventure in the Mingot Sea, our cultivation level currently is too low. Now I am going to use the Ling Shis to begin practicing cultivation, you can also use these Ling Shis for your cultivation practices. Once we have a person promoted to the Qi Gathering 4th Level, then we would not have to be afraid of that Taoist Pu. These bottles, see which of them can be of use to you, I would like to continue cultivating now, you must not disturb me in my cultivation.”

Ning Cheng was fully aware that his cultivation level was very poor, but now with the help of the Ling Shi, he was anxious to know if he could advance to the Qi Gathering 4th Level. If the Ling Shis could not help him get through, then he really would have no way of advancing.

So he took the Ling Shis, after giving 20 of them to An Yi, he immediately began to cultivate. He did not even get up to block the entrance of the cave, nor did he even arrange an Array Formation.

An Yi’s experience when compared to Ning Cheng was still low, Ning Cheng did

not remember to arrange an array formation, but that did not mean she would not know about it. But she deeply agreed with the words of Ning Cheng, that indeed their cultivation bases were very low.

So after getting the Ling Shis, they began to cultivate. Thus, these two inexperienced people, in this unsuspecting place started their closed door cultivation without closing the doors.

[TL Note – I am assuming that the author wanted add a pun here.]

Ning Cheng was deeply immersed in the joy of absorbing the rich Qi from the Ling Shi, how long ago did he feel such a sensation of letting him lose himself in cultivation.

But this was not what surprised him the most, what surprised him the most was that the cultivation practice method that he was practicing was revised again in his mind. The Qi that had not appeared in his meridians for a long time appeared again

This continuous circulation of Qi in the meridians, let Ning Cheng vaguely feel that his Qi was steadily increasing. After continuously circulating the Qi for a day, his meridians constantly developed and expanded. Although it just expanded a little bit, it gave Ning Cheng the feeling as if it opened up a completely new world for him.

In his mind, because of the new and improved cultivation practice method, it made Ning Cheng completely abandon the Ning Clan's cultivation practice method, and get immersed in this new world.

Ning Cheng did not know how long he had been sitting while cultivating, Ning Cheng could heard his body giving out a crisp and resounding sound "Bang", strong Qi started circulating in his merians, this allowed Ning Cheng to know that he successfully advanced to the Qi Gathering 4th Level.

Between the Qi Gathering 3rd Level and the 4th Level was a sort of barrier, making a lot of people unable to break through even with the help of spirit grasses and other medicines, but unexpectedly he was able to break through. This made Ning Cheng filled with joy, at the same time he started to consolidate his cultivation base, while continuing to absorb the Qi as he continued to circulate it throughout his body.

Suddenly a faint yellow light appeared in his mind, which made Ning Cheng surprised, he felt a hint of familiarity with this yellow light. It seemed to be mellow, yet it seems to be filled with vicissitudes of life, but at the same time also gave a comfortable feeling which was difficult to describe. Prior to this when he felt his Qi, his Qi now felt somewhat different.

As Ning Cheng focused all his attention on the yellow light before him in his mind, he felt his body shake, the next moment, he unexpectedly appeared in a world which was filled with a yellow mist.

“What is this place? An Yi, An Yi…….” just when Ning Cheng appeared in this place, he immediately woke up and hurriedly shouted for An Yi.

At this time, as if from an ancient time this information automatically entered and was directly imprinted in the mind of Ning Cheng, “The mysterious yellow Qi buried in the heavens and earth, flooding the universe…….. It seemed like a truth, but looks like a tool…….. It filled the cracks of day and night, and spread through the stars……. It was said to be a divine truth…….”

At this moment, whether Ning Cheng was able to understand it or not, a heavy amount of information just flew into the brain of Ning Cheng, letting him have no leeway for refusal.

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Even if Ning Cheng's mind was very tough, and even if his memory and comprehension ability also were incomparable to others, because so much information entered his mind, it made even him not able to adapt quickly enough to it. For a moment, Ning Cheng felt his brain was about to explode, it was simply intolerable.

Fortunately, over time, he knew that he could gradually sort out the matter. The place he was at, apparently was just a bead, this bead was called the Mysterious Yellow bead.

[TL Note – The raw says Xuan Huang Bead, but we used a more literal translation for it and changed it to Mysterious Yellow Bead for easy remembering.]

The Mysterious Yellow Bead was an object which could split heavens and earth and its full name was Good Luck Mysterious Yellow Bead. Furthermore there were four other magical treasures artifacts on the same level as the Good Luck Mysterious Yellow Bead, they were the Good Luck Green Lotus, Good Luck Jade Plate, Good Luck Gold Leaf and the Good Luck Indestructible Axe.

From the information he received he came to know that the Mysterious Yellow Bead had seventeen owners till now, the one with the highest cultivation level who owned it before was called Qiang Xuang.The reason Qiang Xuang was able to have the highest cultivation level was because at the time when he had obtained the Mysterious Yellow Bead, he was still practicing cultivation but still

hadn’t stabilized his foundation.

The rest of the sixteen previous owners of the Mysterious Yellow Bead obtained the bead when they already had a small accomplishment in their cultivation, therefore they were not able to make the Mysterious Yellow Bead recognize them as its genuine master and so they were not able to enjoy the Mysterious Yellow Bead’s blessing. They were only able to get the Mysterious Yellow Bead’s Qi assistance which was specific to only to the Mysterious Yellow Bead.

The Mysterious Yellow Bead was a world in itself, it could produce the Mysterious Yellow Qi, by using which cultivators could not only improve their spirit knowledge but also their spiritual root, it even automatically corrected the deviations of cultivator’s martial techniques. Moreover, the cultivating speed would be dozens or even hundreds of times more than the other cultivators. Not only that, spending long time in cultivating The Mysterious Yellow Qi could make one unequalled and without rival…….

Ning Cheng was quivering with excitement, but now he was fully awake. He was already extremely intelligent, then how could he not know what he had obtained? He had obtained the Mysterious Yellow Bead, and this Mysterious Yellow Bead was able to produce the Mysterious Yellow Qi in unlimited quantity if one was able to access it.

What was the Mysterious Yellow Qi, he originally didn’t know, but now his mind already had a plethora of information coming in like a herd of frightened cows, this let him clearly understand early on what the Mysterious Yellow Qi in the Mysterious Yellow bead was.

“No wonder, the last last time, in front of the Spiritual Root Testing Artifact, my Spiritual Root changed from a muddy yellow color to a pale yellow color, as it turns out, it actually because of the Mysterious Yellow Qi and was simply not my Spiritual Qi….” Ning Cheng’s heart was brimming to the full with astonishment and ecstasy, he knew that this bead was not an ordinary thing.

Ning Cheng was even more incomparably astonished from the information that he had received from within the Mysterious Yellow Bead, he almost could not believe that he had such a good luck.

Besides the Mysterious Yellow Bead, there was an even more formidable thing, and that was precisely the Mysterious Yellow Origin. If a person who had already started his cultivation practice and has already established his foundation, if he/she obtained the Mysterious Yellow Bead at that point of time, they would simply be unable to become aware of the Mysterious Yellow Origin. Only those who had never cultivated before, after obtaining the Mysterious Yellow Bead and making it recognize them as its master, could they be able to obtain the Mysterious Yellow Origin.

[TL Note – FYI, establishing foundation here means breaking into the Qi Gathering 1st Level.]

Because Ning Cheng had never cultivated before and thus did not establish his foundation, he was able to obtain the approval of the Mysterious Yellow Origin of the Mysterious Yellow Bead. Although he still couldn't fully utilize the Mysterious Yellow Origin, that was still okay for him as he was the first person who was truly acknowledged by the Mysterious Yellow Bead as its master. Although before him, seventeen others had owned the Mysterious Yellow Bead, but when they had obtained the Mysterious Yellow Bead, even the one with the lowest cultivation level, Qiang Xuang had already established his foundation. Because Qiang Xuang had already established his foundation and thus was already cultivating Qi, he was unable to obtain The Mysterious Yellow Bead's Origin. He could only use the Mysterious Yellow Bead, but could not gain true approval of the Mysterious Yellow Bead.

It turns out, I am the first genuine master of the Mysterious Yellow Bead, but I don't know if I would be the last. Ning Cheng mumbled to himself, he was not at all clear about the real importance of the Mysterious Yellow Origin. That Qian Xiang who had practiced cultivation before he obtained xuan huang bead, he was not sure if his cultivation practice method and his Qi Gathering Cultivation Level was the same with him or not.

Ning Cheng, at this moment, had completely forgotten that he was still within the Mysterious Yellow Bead, he was whole-heartedly thinking of ways to exploit this Mysterious Yellow Bead.

If Ning cheng hadn't obtained the information regarding the unrivalled rank of the Mysterious Yellow Bead, he might have blindly believed that this Mysterious

Yellow Bead was indeed unrivalled without any peers. But the information he had obtained made him feel somewhat disdained towards this unrivalled rank. Because the previous seventeen people who had obtained this Mysterious Yellow Bead were all beheaded. If it really was of an unrivalled rank, how could those people have been killed easily?

He believed the information about the bead being unrivalled was left by the first true owner of the Mysterious Yellow Bead, otherwise how could it, on one side be unrivalled and on other side, let its owner get beheaded easily.

Ning Cheng did not know, that this information was only available to him, because he was the first genuine master of the Mysterious Yellow Bead. Other people may have obtained the Mysterious Yellow Bead in the past, but the information regarding the unrivalled rank of the Mysterious Yellow Bead was not provided to them by the Mysterious Yellow Bead, rather only by absorbing the Mysterious Yellow Qi which gave birth to their confidence.

Ning Cheng did not understand the meaning of the Bead's Origin, but it didn't mean that he didn't comprehend that the Mysterious Yellow Bead could correct the Cultivation Practices with the help of the Mysterious Yellow Qi.

The Ning Clan's cultivation practice method clearly couldn't satisfy his current needs, He wanted to find a type of cultivation practice method which suited him through the means of the Mysterious Yellow Qi. Or, he could go find a high level cultivation practice method and correct it with the help of the Mysterious Yellow Bead.

Ning Cheng began to seek for information within his mind, he wanted to find a cultivation practice method which suited him. It was reasonable to say since he was not the first owner of the Mysterious Yellow Bead, it was certain the predecessors would have left behind some information regarding cultivation practice methods.

However, even after half a day, Ning Cheng still didn't find any information regarding cultivation practice methods, he merely able to find a six character cultivation practice method incantation, "Xuan Huang You Xing Wu Xiang".

[TL Note – The incantation roughly translates to "The Mysterious Yellow Is intangible/without phase" or "the Mysterious Yellow Invisible Appearance"

which is also the original title of this chapter but was shortened to “Intangible” since I cannot fully and correctly translate it to English.]

Ning Cheng did not understand what this “Xuan Huang You Xing Wu Xiang” meant, even though his comprehension ability was one which went against the heaven, plus he was also bathed by the Mysterious Yellow Bead’s Origin and it was clear to understand. But in just a short period of time, Ning Cheng was able to figure out what Xuan Huang You Xing and Xuan Huang Wu Xiang were, he was shocked and almost stood up.

Xuan Huang You Xing, this made his so that if he come in contact with any kind of martial techniques, magic techniques, and through the means of cultivating within the Mysterious Yellow Bead, it would correct them and would also make them even more formidable. Although, Ning Cheng was aware of this point but he didn’t feel anything much.

What genuinely shocked Ning Cheng was the Xuan Huang Wu Xiang, this was the Mysterious Yellow Bead’s genuine cultivation practice method. This ‘Xuan Huang Wu Xiang’s’ information was a special type of cultivation practice method, not only did it vary from person to person but also differed due to time and place. This was a type of transforming cultivation practice method, one could use the Mysterious Yellow Bead’s technique correction, but yet one could not always obtain the transforming cultivation practice method.

A cultivation practice method that could change at all time depending on the cultivators need, this was the genuine way of the heavens and earth, also called Xuan Huang Wu Xiang. Only by having the Mysterious Yellow Bead’s Origin, could one get the true Xuan Huang Wu Xiang. In other words, apart from Ning Cheng, all the previous owners only knew about about Xuan Huang You Xing.

Ning Cheng could not help being shocked, and stood up. Xuan Huang Wu Xiang, he would simply not need any other cultivation practice methods, this practically was a cultivation practice method of all the other cultivation practice methods. As long as he wanted to practice cultivation, the Mysterious Yellow Bead would automatically provide pointers and even modify the the cultivation practice method to suit his needs. All he had to do was, on one hand, absorb spirit qi and on other hand, cultivate according to the pointers provided by the Mysterious Yellow Bead.

[TL Note – What it means, it is the mother the of all cultivation practice methods, *i.e.* it can be said to be the origin of all cultivation practice methods.]

Before Ning Cheng, hadn't practiced cultivation, his contact with the the practice of cultivation was a short one when compared to his peers, even though he had reached Qi Gathering 4th Level, it was without anyone guiding him. If one must say that someone guided him, then that guide was the Mysterious Yellow Bead. Granted, he was not at all clear on this Mysterious Yellow Bead, from the information he received from within it, he knew that it went against the heavens and also knew how terrifying it's ability was first hand.

Xuan Huang You Xing and Xuan Huang Wu Xiang what could these methods accomplish? If this Mysterious Yellow Bead was so difficult to deal with, what about the other Good Luck Treasures, were they also as difficult to deal with as the Mysterious Yellow Bead?

His only regret was, that he was unable to make use of the Mysterious Yellow Origin, likewise, was unable to make use of Xuan Huang Wu Xiang. Although he was aware of Xuan Huang Wu Xiang, his cultivation practice method still came through the other cultivation practice methods, that was Xuan Huang Wu Xiang. Only after the day, when he could realize the Mysterious Yellow Origin, only then can he understand this Xuan Huang Wu Xiang.

Currently only Xuan Huang You Xing met his needs. But at this moment Ning Cheng felt a strong pressure, he became surprised and felt uneasy, he began to look and analyze his surroundings. Only then did he discover, that the place where he was, was not big at all, merely several kilometres of circumference, and was surrounded by a yellow mist all around.

How do I get out of this place? Ning Cheng had only just thought of going out when in the next moment he was already standing inside a cave in which he was practicing cultivation.

It was the same as the last time when he woke up after researching the Array Formation Methods, An Yi was still watching him. Only it was a bit different than last time, An Yi's eyes this time had a shocked expression in them.

"Just what's going on?" Ning Cheng and An Yi asked each other at the same time.

Ning Cheng did not know what had happened after he entered the Mysterious Yellow Bead, An Yi seemed to have seen something, and he quickly asked again, ”An Yi, what did you see just now? Will you tell me.”

“I saw you disappear, and then in your place there was a pale yellow bead suspended in the air where you were and then you suddenly appeared again, what’s all this about?” An Yi asked as she was starting to panic.

Ning Cheng hesitated for a moment, he chose to believe in An Yi and said in a very solemn tone, “An Yi, I obtained a mysterious bead, it should be the one that you just saw. This bead is very precious, once people come to know about it, I would be killed immediately for it. So I think you should not tell anyone, not even your master……..”

Ning Cheng was going to say that even if you and your master shared a close relationship, you must not say anything about it. But he immediately understood the relationship between him and An Yi, and it was far away from the relationship between An Yi and her master. Besides, An Yi’s master had died, even if An Yi wanted to share this information with her, she would not be able to.

But An Yi just prudently nodded, “I know it, you are my big brother, except my master, you are the only one dearest to me, I will not tell this any other people.”

Ning Cheng was a little relieved, and then said, “This time I do not know how long have I been training, but unexpectedly I did not feel hungry, I estimate that I will be very hungry very soon….. Hey An Yi, did you also advance to the Qi Gathering 4th Level?”

Only at this point, Ning Cheng was able to discover that An Yi had also advance to the Qi Gathering 4th Level, just like him, this really was a good thing for both of them.

An Yi finally showed a hint of a smile on her face and said, “Yes, Big Brother Ning, I have only used 3 Ling Shis and was able to advance to the Qi Gathering 4th Level. When I had just woken up, I immediately say a yellow bead in front of me.”

“That’s really good, since we have Ling Shi for our cultivation, our cultivation speed is definitely much faster…..” Ning Cheng was pleasantly surprised when he said this, the effect of using a Ling Shi was very good, he had more than 100

hundred of those, so why would he be afraid of not being able to advance?

"But although you were also able to advance to the Qi Gathering 4th Level, but it seems the Ling Shi's effect on you is more….." An Yi said after she pointed to the Ling Shi powder at the feet of Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng discovered that he had nearly used up a hundred of the Ling Shis that he had obtained for advancing from the Qi Gathering 3rd Level to the Qi Gathering 4th level, he had actually spent that much for the advancement.

Ning Cheng, in his heart was very shocked, it was too late to think about it carefully, and he hurriedly started to practice, he wanted to see if he could practice cultivation without using the Ling Shi. This let him thoroughly down, without the Ling Shis, although he could still feel the Mysterious Yellow Bead in his dantian, but he was unable to cultivate.

"What should I do now?" Ning Cheng was alarmed, he knew that he was very lucky in coming across the hundred pieces of Ling Shis. So many Ling Shis were used up in advancing from the Qi Gathering 3rd level to the 4the level, how would he be able to continue practice from now?

With the help of this Mysterious Yellow Qi, his cultivation practice was indeed very fast, but it required a terrible amount of Lingshi for that.

An Yi suddenly said, "Here, Big Brother Ning, I have a few more dozen pieces of Ling Shis, but I think we should first leave from this place. Before I saw the yellow bead, it seems that some of the light might have spilled outside, I fear that people might come to know about it, and would……."

"Ha Ha,…….really now, there really is something here." They were able to hear a laugh coming from the outside, then a man with face full of scars appeared in front of Ning Cheng and An Yi in front of the entrance to the cave.

Rough Translation of the Terms (any ideas would be welcome for alternate names):

Xuan Huang Bead – Mysterious Yellow Bead

Xuan Huang You Xing Wu Xiang – "The Mysterious Yellow Is intangible/without phase" or "the Mysterious Yellow Invisible Appearance"

Xuan Huang You Xing – Mysterious Yellow Tangible

Xuan Huang Wu Xiang – Mysterious Yellow No Phase

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Chapter 0027 – Mingot City

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The man that Ning Cheng saw, clearly had the face of a rogue, but the man was was a cultivator of the Qi Gathering 5th Level, a level higher than he.

This person had a cultivation base higher than the cultivation base of that Taoist Pu, if he had met this person before that Taoist Pu, Cheng would also have some fear after seeing this man, but after seeing this person, Ning Cheng's heart did not have much worry.

After advancing to the Qi Gathering 4th Level, Ning Cheng felt that his own strength had increased several fold, this kind of strong and powerful Qi gave Ning Cheng a difficult to express confidence.

"What happened to that thing?" The person standing at the entrance of the cave asked as he immediately frowned. Apparently he did not find what he was looking for.

He does not wait for Ning Cheng to reply, and continued, "I just saw a yellow light from here, it should be a sign of a treasure being born. At the time when I came, I also heard you say about a yellow bead, you, where did you put that yellow bead?"

Ning Cheng and An Yi were only two people, but he did not even pay any attention to them. Once he saw then, he knew that Ning Cheng and An Yi have never experienced killing, moreover a Qi Gathering 4th level and Qi Gathering 5th level, although they were both in the intermediate stage of the Qi Gathering Realm, but the difference in the degree of the amount of Qi between them was not a little bit.

Ning Cheng did not even say half a sentence and raised his hands sending out 6 Flame Edge. When he was in the Qi Gathering 3rd Level, he could only send out 2 Flame Edge, but now that he was at the Qi Gathering 4th Level, he could instantly send out 6 Flame Edge.

Not to mention the fact that he had the Mysterious Yellow Bead, it was something that cannot be leaked out, since this rusty faced man overbearingly intruded into his territory, Ning Cheng certainly would not be lenient towards him.

This rusty faced man did not seem to think that a Qi Gathering 4th Level person would dare take action against him, but the speed of those Flame Edge was too fast, he immediately felt a great anger. The next moment a long knife with a green handle appeared in his hand, the long knife had a cruel green blade, he wanted to use it to block Ning Cheng's Flame Edge.

In his view, Ning Cheng was just a Qi Gathering 4th Level cultivator, wanting to injure him with a Flame Edge was simply a dream. The more he split apart the Flame Edge, the more his power declined.

"Bang, Bang…." three explosions continuously rang, out of the 6 Flame Edges sent out by Ning Cheng, three of them were directly split apart by the long green bladed knife of the rusty faced man. After splitting them apart, these flames hit the walls of the reef cave, sending gravel flying randomly.

Originally this rusty faced man thought that he could easily split apart those 6 Flame Edges sent out by Ning Cheng with his long knife, but he did not think that he could only block 3 of them and stop. After he blocked the 3 fire blades, he immediately withdrew the long blade, and the remaining three Flame Edges directly flew across his long blade that was retreating, and arrived in front of his eyes in a flash.

The rusty faced man did not expect that a Qi Gathering 4th Level cultivator, who looked like he had no prior experience in combat, could use the Flame Edge in such a way, but fortunately he had lived for many years in the Mingot Sea waters around him and had gone through a lot. Although this was critical moment, but he did not panic. He just twisted his body a little and the three fire blades just slipped by him.

When Ning Cheng saw this man slightly change his body's posture, he immediately knew that his combat experience was much lower than him. Just from the point of view of the power of his Flame Edge, he was able to ascertain that this man's ability to utilise the Qi at the Qi Gathering 5th Level was higher than many of his peers at the same level.

This rusty faced man had a rich combat experience, he discovered that even though the cultivation level of Ning Cheng was a level less than him he could fight with him evenly, at this time, he wanted to immediately retreat and wanted to completely exit from the entrance of the cave. For him, fighting on the rocks outside the cave was much more favorable. Even now, he did not put Ning Cheng in his eyes.

Seeing this man wanting to retreat, Ning Cheng's heart was surprised, he was not afraid to have a death match with him, but he was afraid of him escaping, Once this man escaped, if he could not catch up him, it would not be a good thing for both of them.

At this time Ning Cheng no longer thought of anything else, he directly took out the Flying Sword from the storage bag, holding the Sword, he immediately slashed out with it as he infused his Qi in it, it split the air. Although he could not understand how to use a flying sword, but since he did not refine this flying sword, this flying sword could only be treated an ordinary weapon in his hands.

"A flying sword artifact?" This Qi Gathering 5th Level cultivator saw Ning Cheng pull out a flying sword, immediately called out in frightened voice.

There were numerous cultivators trying to survive in the Mingot waters, but the ones who used an artifact were very few. Even if there were a few, it would have been accumulated over the years or that person would have been from a large family or in other words the origin of these kinds of people were certainly not ordinary.

Because the owner of the flying sword had fallen because of Ning Cheng, even if Ning Cheng had not refined it, under the influence of his Qi Gathering Realm, it still brought out a streak of light that over ten feet long.

The rusty faced man was full of panic, he hurriedly used his long sword to block. If he knew that Ning Cheng had a flying sword artifact, he would not have

tried to have a close quarters duel with Ning Cheng before, he would not have even rushed into the cave entrance. This time his experience had deceived him, in his eyes Ning Cheng and An Yi were trying to hide in the reef cave, he thought they definitely did not know the immensity of the heaven and earth, he did not think these these poor people in his eyes would have taken that kind of risk. He never imagined that such a person, not only had a flying sword type artifact but it even seemed that it was a high level one.

"Ding Ding." sounds emerged, the long blade in the rusty faced man's hand was as if it was a brittle jade, the flying sword directly split it into two. But this flying sword was not even impeded even in a bit by it, just as it split the long blade in two, it also cleaved the rusty faced man in half as if he was a soft tofu.

As for An Yi, she did not have any fighting experience, until she saw Ning Cheng kill the opposite party, only at that point she woke up, at that point she had no way of helping him.

Ning Cheng did not speak with An Yi, as he directly took the gold coins that the man had wrapped up on him and sent a few fireballs towards him, directly turning the man into ash. He then collected the ashes of the man and threw them outside the cave into the sea, and turned to An Yi and said, "We need to quickly leave, this is not a place that we can stay for long."

A few fireballs turned this man into ash, Ning Cheng could feel that even his spells were upgraded as his cultivation level rose. If he was still in the Qi Gathering 3rd Level, then his fireballs absolutely would not be able to turn the man into ash.

"Yes." An Yi also knew that they must leave as soon as possible.

After the two people left the reef cave, they rushed all the way to flee as far as possible, after more than an hour, Ning Cheng slowed down his pace and said, "OK, now we are similar to the rest of the average persons in the Mingot Sea area,"

Ning Cheng was very much confident on himself, he affirmed that his cultivation base rivalled that of a Qi Gathering 6th level cultivator, the only thing that he lacked was combat experience. Of course, he also lacked the necessity of being a killer.

At this point An Yi said, “Elder Brother Ning, your cultivation is much better than mine, even if you are at the Qi Gathering 4th Level, but the power of your spells that you cast are even more powerful than the ones cast by some of the cultivators of the Qi Gathering 5th Level.”

Even if An Yi did lack in experience, but it did not mean that she could not see with her eyes.

Ning Cheng again took out the Flying Sword, looked at it and said, “It is thanks to this Flying Sword Artifact that I used, otherwise even if I was not afraid of him, I may not necessarily be able to kill that man. Evidently equipping artifacts is very important, ah.”

When An Yi heard Ning Cheng say ‘equipping artifacts’ she did not know if Ning Cheng knew what it meant, she pointed towards the flying sword in Ning Cheng’s hands and said, “Your Flying Sword should be a high grade artifact, but now it’s yours. You should refine it, this can help in maximising its power. My master said, if you had a spiritual consciousness, then you would be able to remotely control the flying sword to attack the enemy, you can even step on the sword and use it to fly.”

Ning Cheng understood what spiritual consciousness was, it was the soul, or rather it was the prototype of the soul. As for what An Yi said about riding the sword to fly, but it can only be done after entering the Building Yuan Realm. Only after entering the Building Yuan realm, would one be able to use and expand their spiritual consciousness to outside their body.

Of course, with the cultivation of a formidable cultivator, one could even separate their consciousness from their body. But a consciousness is still weak, it is unable to drive the flying sword’s flight, and also cannot be used with the flying sword to attack the enemy.

Ning Cheng nodded, thinking about the words of An Yi, he deeply agreed to it, and said, “An Yi, you are right, for now we should find a place to refine this flying sword. My biggest task right now it to find a heap of Ling Shis, let us continue to rise our cultivation level again. Perhaps in the future there will be one day, when I could go back.”

“Big Brother Ning, are you trying to increase your cultivation level with the aim

to go back to your hometown?” when An Yi heard Ning Cheng, she was somewhat perplexed.

“Of course.” Ning Cheng said without any hesitation, and asked An Yi, “An Yi, what is the purpose of you practicing cultivation?”

An Yi was silent for a bit, then shook her head and said, “I have no purpose in practicing cultivation, I only practiced cultivation only because my master wanted me to teach me cultivation practice.”

“What about your master?” Ning Cheng asked again.

“Master said that she was in pursuit of a higher realm, if master could advance to the higher realm, she would not have had to die while sitting.” when An Yi spoke about her master, she again became gloomy.

Ning Cheng was also silent, his aim was to go back and see his sister Ruolan, but he was very clear that this kind of goal may not be achievable in this lifetime.

Indeed, because of the Mysterious Yellow Bead, he needed lots of Ling Shis in order to cultivate. If one day, he could not find Ling Shis then it would be difficult for him to advance, he would also end up like An Yi’s master, would end up dying while sitting.

Seeing Ning Cheng silent, An Yi suddenly spoke again, “Big Brother Ning, my master said that if there was even a slim chance, if one did not put efforts to work hard, then they would have no opportunity. Because I listened to master’s words, I went outside to look for the Day Colored Fragrant Glazed Iris Spirit Grass. Although I was not able to find it, at least I put in the efforts.”

Listening to the words of An Yi, Ning Cheng woke up from daze. Yes, when he compared himself with the other people, then he had more Qi than them, he even had the Mysterious Yellow Bead’s support. If you are not willing to work hard, then in the future how could you always have good luck? Now that he woke up from his daze, he thought An Yi did not know the difficulties in obtaining the Day Colored Fragrant Glazed Iris spirit grass, not only did she go looking for them in the wrong places, but with her ability she would not be able to go to the places where they they can be actually found.

Thinking of all this, Ning Cheng once more regained his formidable confidence,

“An Yi, thank you, I must work hard.”

The damp sea breeze and the sounds of the waves crashing drifted into the Mingot City, Mingot City was very lively and bustling. This is the largest town in the Mingot Sea Area, it was also the land which has the largest amount of cultivators gathered. But in this bustling town, the people had a varied expressions, some had a cold one, some had an indifferent one, some kept a serious face as they hurriedly walked around.

Although there were many adventurers and cultivators here, in order to achieve greater profitability, they take the things back to the cities in their mainland, but there were also some people who did not wish to take the long journey back to their mainlands, and directly sold their wares that they obtained in the Mingot Sea Area in the Mingot City. As such all year round in the the waters of the Mingot Sea, the people referred to this place as the the old Mingot.

At the outside of this bustling city was a man and a woman, the man looked very young, his face was slightly thin, but it was like a knife. He had extremely bright eyes, but had a calm expression on his face, he gave the feeling as if he was an old general of the Mingot City. The black hair was slightly messy, scattered a bit near his ears, and it seemed very casual.

At his side was a woman who was half a head shorter than him and looked very pretty, as beautiful as a lotus flower in water, even though she did expose her long hair, but the white turban on her head was completely dust free and made it seemed as if she was very refined.

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These people in front of the Mingot City were obviously Ning Cheng and An Yi, after Ning Cheng spent some time in refining the Flying Sword, he directly, along with An Yi, arrived at the Mingot City. Although he was able to advance in his cultivation practice with the help of the Mysterious Yellow Bead, but he was only able to do so by using a huge amount of Ling Shis, and it seemed that this was just the beginning. Even if he had the Mysterious Yellow Bead, Ning Cheng was still worried about his cultivation practice.

“Big Brother Ning, it seems to be very busy and prosperous here.” An Yi had always lived in the area around the Blue Heart Temple, and had rarely seen such a bustling city like the Mingot City.

This was also the first time for Ning Cheng to visit such a busy city, although Cang Le City was also quite bustling, but it could not be compared to the Mingot City. By comparing the two, Ning Cheng was now preferring to be in the Cang Le City rather that coming to the Mingot City.

In the Cang Le City, the highest powers were the Cang Qin Royal Family and Cang Qin Two Star Academy. Even though Cang Le City emphasized on the law of the jungle, but it emphasised more on cultivation practice, even if a person was of a low status, if he had a good comprehension ability regarding the practice of cultivation they would be able to be respected and also be unified and integrated with the city forces.

But Mingot City was different, when Ning Cheng first arrived in the Mingot

City, he felt that there was absolutely no unified force. He was able to feel that in the Mingot City there were many different forces, the law of the jungle, these were the words that could be strongly attached to this place.

“The Auction Meeting, The Mingot City Auction meeting…….” a thin girl who was holding dozens of brochures in her hand said while shouting as she waved those brochure in her hands, “This auction will have many artifacts, high quality medicines, and the most important of all, the route map to go into the Lansha Island Array formation……..”

Ning Cheng did not intend to participate in the auction, beside he only had a few gold coins, and no other good stuff. In this kind of auction, even if he had more gold coins it would not be of much use, much less the combined amount of the gold coins that they have.

“The two seniors should have just arrived at the Mingot City, and I have a hunch that you do not have a map of the Mingot City, not do you have an introduction to any of the major forces in the Mingot City, the price is not expensive, I only want 50, no only 30 silver coins……”

The girl who had seen Ning Cheng and An Yi arrive immediately came over to sell her stuff. Her eyes were very sinister, with just a glance she was able to determine that Ning Cheng and An Yi were not the regulars of the Mingot City, nor were they from the Mingot Sea Area.

Ning Cheng took out a gold coin and handed it to this girl, and said, “OK, if you can help me get me a copy of the map of this place, the remaining silver coins, you can keep them, and also give me a brochure of the auction.”

This little girl saw that Ning Cheng was very generous and hurried to grab the gold coin, while simultaneously taking out two books to give to Ning Cheng, her speed was very quick.

Ning Cheng had some doubts about it, but she had already left. When Ning Chang saw that there were many people surging forward to sell the manuals, he understood a bit, it seems that there is a very competitive atmosphere here to sell the manuals.

“Wait Wait, I’ll first find a place for us to stay.” said Ning Cheng to An Yi as at the same time he pulled An Yi along with him onto the street.

Although he was not a rich man back on Earth, but that did not mean he was always remained outside without a fixed residence. After coming here, Ning Cheng had never found a safe place to sleep. At present in the Mingot City, in any case, he was going to live here for a period of time, so he had to take care of this situation immediately. He of course knew that he would not be able to buy a house here to live in, but at least he knew how to find out which inn was better.

Of course since An Yi was also depended on Ning Cheng, so she did not have any comment about it, Ning Cheng opened the map of the Mingot City and saw that the map was clearly marked with the labels of the several big powers. The First Mingot Meeting, this was the Mingot City's largest organisation. They controlled more than 50 percent of the Mingot City's trading, and were like the ace within the cloud. The second was the Wolf Palace, third was the Houhai Village ……

Ning Cheng looked in front of him, he sensed that there was someone standing in front of him and An Yi. Ning Cheng looked up and saw a pretty girl wearing a red dress, and was at the Qi Gathering 2nd Level. This woman in the red dress looked very pretty and beautiful, at her side stood two equally beautiful female companions. Looking at the attire of the two companions, he came to the conclusion that they were the servants of the girl wearing the red dress.

"Did you just arrive in the Mingot City?" this woman in red dress pointed at Ning Cheng and bluntly asked.

Ning Cheng, in his heart felt a bit unhappy, he had just arrived here, what relationship did he have with her? Facing the woman in red dress, Ning Cheng felt himself to be a little uncomfortable.

"Yes, me and my cousin had just arrived in the Mingot City." Ning Cheng replied calmly as he clasped his hands, he knew that he could not afford to provoke anyone in the Mingot City.

"Oh, so this is your cousin?" The woman in the red dress swept her eyes over An Yi, as Ning Cheng saw it, the objective of the woman in red dress seemed to be An Yi.

Not waiting for Ning Cheng to answer, the woman in the red dress said again, "I really like your cousin, I am a person from the Houhai Village. Let your cousin

come with me, I will not treat her unjustly."

Ning Cheng immediately wrinkled his brows and said, "Sorry, my cousin will not walk with anyone else, we can support ourselves."

"If you do not let your cousin come with me, you will not be able to live." This woman in red dress did not think the Ning Cheng would dare to talk back, and immediately said in a cold tone. However she immediately thought that Ning Cheng should have just arrived to the Mingot City, so he did not know how fearsome was the Houhai Village.

Ning Cheng held his anger back, he knew that in the Mingot Sea Area, Mingot City was not a good place, but he did not think, that just when he arrived here, not only he found himself in trouble, but they even unexpectedly wanted to take away An Yi.

"Lu Yan, the two of them should have just arrived at the Mingot City, what you are doing is not good, right?" Ning Cheng had not yet spoken, when a voice arrived from the side.

On one side he felt someone come and help him and An Yi out, this made her feel slightly relieved. Letting her leave Ning Cheng, she would definitely not agree to it. Moreover when she saw the look in the eyes of the woman in the red dress, it definitely made her uncomfortable, it even made her feel a kind of fear.

Ning Cheng also saw this person come over, this person was a young man dressed in a very fine dress. The rim of his eyes even had a hint of blue in it, and looked very thin and emaciated. But this person's cultivation level was higher than this red dressed woman called Lu Yan, it was at the Qi Gathering 3rd Level. Behind him there was also a servant, but his cultivation level was at Qi Gathering 6th Level.

The red dressed woman called Lu Yan immediately retorted, "Miu Wenhong, do you think that I don't know what you want to do? The last time I allowed you once, but this time I will never let up. What happened to the girl you forcibly took away last time? I'm afraid that you have already wasted her."

Miu Wenhong coldly snorted and said, "That girl is now in the Wolf Mansion and is well, what did you mean by saying I wasted her? You bring back the person that you wasted. You are a woman, but you also like the attention from

other women, aren't you the one who is spoiled?"

[TL Note – I had to tone it down a bit, for the younger audience. But for those who know about some stuff would have already understood the meaning of it.]

Hearing the words of Miu Wenhong, Lu Yan was overflowing with anger, the two people immediately began to argue.

Ning Cheng came to understand something, that these two people were in no way a good thing for them. He pulled An Yi and said, "An Yi, let's go, this is not a good place."

"Since you have arrived just now, don't rush to leave." Seeing Ning Cheng just about to leave, Lu Yan and Miu Wenhong immediately stopped quarreling.

Ning Cheng looked around, unexpectedly the people who came to watch the spectacle were not a few, not only they came to watch, they were also secretly eyeing them. It was clear that these two people fighting held much influence in the Mingot City.

Ning Cheng felt a strong killing intent from the two, and said in a slow voice "Me and you two are strangers, can a person only enter the Mingot City and not leave?"

Saying these words, Ning Cheng was already thinking about how to run out of the Mingot City. The servant who was at the Qi Gathering 6th Level would not be able to stop him, and in the meantime he also wanted to take make use of the good opportunity to kill Miu Wenhong and Li Yan. Now that he had just entered the city, he completely had the opportunity to rush out.

With Miu Wenhong's and Lu Yan's natures, even if he did not kill them, they would not let them go, so he wanted to go ahead and kill them so as to save them the future trouble. Since he had already offended them, then it would be better to offend them to the end, there was no need to be timid in front of such people.

"You can return, that's true, but I will not let you go and would definitely not let you walk away. Tell this woman beside you to stay, then you may be able to leave." Miu Wenhong's tone was still nasty, but with his tone it was revealed that, without a doubt, his status in this city was very high.

“Oh, what would you do if I allow those two to go away?” exclaimed a voice.

This time, there were four people approaching them, three man and a woman, the man in the front was wearing a light blue dress and was also a bit thin.

Ning Cheng had already noticed, all these four people had a similar mark on the cloths of their chest, it was apparent that these four were from the same place. Ning Cheng did not speak, here in the Mingot City, there was a complex mix of forces, he was not sure if those people who had just arrived had any intention of helping them.

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What made Ning Cheng shocked was that the lowest cultivation level of the four people was the Qi Gathering 6th Level and the highest one of the four blue robed youths was at Qi Gathering 8th Level. Although the four people in front of them had their ages similar to Ning Cheng and An Yi, but the cultivation levels of these four people, were far higher than Ning Cheng and An Yi.

“Who do you think you are? Daring to speak in such a way in the Mingot City…..” When Miu Wenhong heard this, anger immediately welled up in him.

In Mingot City, there was unexpectedly still a person who dared to talk to Miu Wenhong in such a manner, did he not know that he was the Young Master of the Wolf Palace?

“San Pi, kill him.” Miu Wenhong did not even finish his angry words, and instructed his servant behind him to kill the guy who had just spoken. In Mingot City, if Miu Wenhong wanted to kill someone, it would be as easy as crushing an ant.

Although Miu Wenhong’s anger was senseless, but that did not mean that the servant would also act senselessly, hearing Miu Wenhong’s nonsensical order, that servant of Miu Wenhong immediately stepped forward and whispered in his ear, “Master Wenhong, these people are from the Calm Heart Three Star Academy, look at the badges on their chests……”

This servant called San Pi could clearly see that the lowest cultivation of the four people was not worse than him. Not to mention beat them, he did not even want to provoke their anger, as they were basically untouchables.

Hearing the hint from the old servant, Miu Wenhong reacted immediately, he had certainly heard about the Calm Heart 3 Star Academy. Just now when he saw the young people in the blue dresses, he felt dizzy, he did not choose his words correctly before. Although he was the Young Master of the Wolf Palace, it was only in the Mingot City, a small part of the Mingot Sea Area. The Wolf Palace would not count for anything, also even if they were the ruler of this entire entire area even then they would not be able to compare with the Calm Heart 3 Star Academy.

Calm Heart 3 Star Academy belonged to the Guo Mingyi country, even if the Academy did not have any relationship with the Country, the entire Mingot City, not to mention the Wolf Palace, would not be able to compare itself with a 3 Star Academy.

Ning Cheng, at this time, was able to clearly see the badges on the chests of the four people, they were engraved with the words Calm Heart Academy. At the bottom of the words there were three bright stars.

Seeing the demeanour of the four, Ning Cheng in heart let out a dark sigh. These people from the Calm Heart 3 Star Academy were amazing. The students who came out from there were very tough, this was because they had the advantage of a powerful supporter, evidently he was thinking that if he could join this Academy, then they would have a big academy on which they could rely on.

However when Ning Cheng thought about his spiritual roots, he immediately dispelled that idea. With his spiritual roots, even going to a 1 Star Academy would be difficult, not to mention the higher Star Academies. Moreover Ning Cheng did not dare to go, since his spiritual roots were also improving as his cultivation rose, once his spiritual roots improved to a certain extent, how could people not be able to notice?

“So these four brothers were from the 3 Star Academy, this Wenhong was impolite just now, please forgive me……” This Miao Wenhong was able to quickly adapt to the situation, after he came to know that these 4 people were from a 3 Star Academy, he immediately greeted them with a smile.

The youth in the blue robe who had just spoken, lifted his hand and slapped his

face, Miao Wenhong did not think that he would be slapped in the face. Or even if he thought, he would not be able to dodge the slap to his face. Just at this moment, when his face was slapped, more than a dozen teeth and blood flew out into the air.

That slap was really tyrannical, and the surrounding people who were secretly watching suddenly sucked in cold air. The Young Master of the Wolf Palace, Miu Wenhong just flew out like a garbage.

Lu Yan took only a moment to react, she immediately came forward with a smile and bowed in salute to this blue robed youth and immediately said, “Houhai Village’s Lu Yan greets Elder Brother, Elder Brother, are you from the Calm Heart 3 Star Academy? You really are amazing, you even get to practice cultivation in that Academy. Lu Yan is quite envious.”

While Speaking, Lu Yan’s face was filled with worship and admiration, she even wished that she could get the opposite party’s signature in her signature book.

The way this blue robed man treated Lu Yan and Miu Wenhong was clearly different, when he heard the words of Lu Yan, he immediately smiled as his face softened and said, “The Calm Heart 3 Star Institute is not too far away, but it is also not near. If you wanted to pass by it, even if you took a beast carriage, it probably would be very difficult.”

“Can this Lu Yan ask about Elder Brother’s name? I would really love to hear it, as I also long to go to the 3 Star Academy.” as Lu Yan spoke, on her face the color of worship was getting more and more stronger.

“I am called Le Bohong, you wanting to enter the Calm Heart Academy is not impossible. A year later, our Calm Heart 3 Star Academy will start enrolling students, you can still give it a try.” The blue robed youth expression was getting more and more gentle, it was as if what happened a moment ago did not happen at all.

Lu Yan was pleasantly surprised and immediately said, “Big Brother Le, this really is great.I must let my father take me and go over to have a look. Right Big Brother, you and other two brothers and sister have just arrived in Mingot City, you certainly must be tired. If you don’t mind, I can take you to the Haihai Village to rest, I can also stay with you behind to learn a thing or two from you.”

Le Bohong waved his hands and said, “The path to the sea does not go from the Houhai Village’s territory, so we have no interest to go there.”

There was an intense disappointment on the face of Lu Yan, she seems to think of Ning Cheng and An Yi, she hurriedly walked to An Yi and said with a smiling face, “This sister, can you help me persuade Big Brother for me, then you can also come together to my Houhai Village.”

Lu Yan does not even ask An Yi to speak, Le Bohong had not seen An Yi, now that Lu Yan talked to her, Le Bohong immediately noticed An Yi, this guy’s eyes suddenly shines, this girl really is too beautiful and slender.

Ning Cheng in his heart sneered, how could he not understand Lu Yan’s trick. Le Bohong had treated Miu Wenhong and Lu Yan with two completely different attitudes, it showed that Le Bohong only had good treatment for a woman who had some sexual attractiveness to him. She wanted An Yi to come together with Le Bohong to the Houhai Village and wanted to find any excuse to bring them both to the Houhai Village’s territory.

This was of course based on the condition if Le Bohong likes An Yi, if Le Bohong does not like An Yi, then he could only be a blind man.

Ning Cheng did not wait for Le Bohong to speak, and said to Lu Yan, “Go Away, thrash.”

Le Bohong was forced to take back the words that he was about to speak that he did not want to go to the Houhai Village’s territory, and was somewhat looking at Ning Cheng in a puzzled way. He did not understand why Ning Cheng would fire off such words?

Ning Cheng ignored the ugly look on Lu Yan’s face, and turned to Le Bohong and clasped his fists and said, “Thank you friends for extending your helping hand.”

Le Bohong had recovered, before he saw that there seems to be some dispute between Lu Yan and Ning Cheng, but he did not think that Ning Cheng would call Lu Yan a trash. Now that Ning Cheng was thanking him with gratitude, he also clasped his hands and said, “This was just a small matter, it is not worth mentioning, I haven’t had the chance to ask my friends name, shall we go out to drink together.”

“I am called Ning Cheng, me and my cousin had just entered in Mingot City when these two mad dogs started biting at us, and now we don’t want to stay here. With brother’s help today, is something that would not be forgotten.” Ning Cheng did not want to go with these people, so hurriedly refused and said while clasping his hands.

He had already offended Miu Wenhong and Lu Yan, he was not a fool, why would he continue to stay here? Besides, these few people from the Calm Heart 3 Star Academy, had quite a good cultivation base, the lowest one one had a cultivation level of the Qi Gathering 6th Level, he basically had no chance against them.

Hearing Ning Cheng was not willing to go together with them, Le Bohong’s eyes flashed with disappointment, he inadvertently glanced at An Yi, then he smiled and said to Ning Cheng, “Brother Ning, the Calm Heart 3 Star Academy will host the recruitment of student within the entire Ping country. Brother Ning, if you and your cousin are able to enter the Calm Heart Academy, it would be certain that you would be able to scale new heights.”

Ning Cheng certainly wanted to participate in the enrollment but his spiritual root was very bad. However if there was a chance to go to the Calm Heart Academy with An Yi then it would be good. Fortunately this thing was still early, as he would have to seek the opinion of An Yi, about what she thought about all this, he once again said, “Thank you Brother Le, in the coming year if I have the chance, I would definitely come to the Calm Heart Academy, But first for today, we must take our leave.”

“Good, next year I will patiently wait for Brother Ning to clear the entrance of the Calm Heart Academy.” Le Bohong said with enthusiasm, it was regretful that An Yi never said a word, and also didn’t see him even once.

Miao Wenhong’s face was full of blood, and was barely able to stand up with the help of his servant, he did not even dare to speak even half a word, and could only watch as Bohong and the others left. As for Ning Cheng and An Yi, he dared not come forward to speak anymore nonsense.

Lu Yan also stared at Ning Cheng with her eyes filled with the intent to kill, she pledged that she would no doubt kill Ning Cheng herself.

Ning Cheng and Le Bohong said goodbye to each other, but before departing he took An Yi and Ning Cheng and helped them to buys several sets of clothes from the Mingot City, and also purchase several maps of the surrounding areas in the Mingot Sea Area, then they hurriedly left the Mingot City.

After experiencing these things, it made Ning Cheng clear on the fact that, at least in Mingot City, there was not a place where he could live, at least for the present.

“Big Brother Ning, Lu Yan was so sincere, but why did I always feel uncomfortable? She wanted to invite me, but why did she threaten big brother?” An Yi did not understand much of the ways of the world, this kind of complicated relationship, she was completely confused by it.

Ning Cheng said with a sneer, “That woman was a broken piece of glass, that kind of woman is not even worth mentioning, even if she was an arrogant piece of thrash.”

“What is a glass?” An Yi did not understand.

[TL Note – Yeah that’s right the raw definitely says ‘glass’ even double checked the dictionary for it. For reference the line in the raws is “什么是玻璃？” so if anyone can give me an alternate for it, I will change it immediately.]

Ning Cheng just waved his hands and said, “These things you do not need to understand at present, even that Bohong guy is not as simple as he looks, if we stayed in the Mingot City it would not be good for us, it’s better to go somewhere else.”

With the identity of Bohong, he could have have completely killed Miu Wenhong, but he went so far as to bear it, and just went ahead and slapped him in the face. It was obvious that this person was not simple on the surface, he was aware that even though he could kill Miu Wenhong, he would end up with some troubles.

Ning Cheng and An Yi travelled continuously for about half a day, and had already left the Mingot City behind in a distance. Ning Cheng in his heart was continuously thinking about what those people came to the Mingot City for, some important people would sometime come, but only for the experience. In Ning Cheng’s view, if it was not for an important matter, Le Bohong would have

definitely killed Miu Wenhong.

“Are the two friends going out to the sea?” a hearty voice that came from far away stopped Ning Cheng and An Yi by calling out to them.

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“Letting your grandfather suffer such a loss, and you still want to walk away?” Miao Wenhong was shouting at the top of his voice, obviously his hatred for Ning Cheng had become bone deep.

After seeing Ning Cheng and An Yi, the person who had called out to them wanting them to come aboard his boat for business, on seeing Miao Wenhong rush towards them on a one horned stone beast and yelling out loudly, his facial expression suddenly turned pale. Moreover on seeing that he did not ask Ning Cheng a second time, he immediately turned away, and in only a short time, he ran to the wharf boat at the seaside, and the next moment the boat immediately pulled up the anchors and set sail into the vast sea waters.

Ning Cheng did not care about the boatman, but he was surprised that Miao Wenhong even dared to chase them. Miao Wenhong did not only chase them alone, but had also brought along just the servant who was at the Qi Gathering 6th Level, he did not bring any other person with him.

Only a mere two people, and they wanted to kill him and take away An Yi with this? He could already kill a cultivator of the Qi Gathering 5th Level with ease, and was not afraid in facing a cultivator at the Qi Gathering 6th Level.

Ning Cheng, of course, was aware that if his meridians did not have the Mysterious Yellow Qi flowing through them, generally for a cultivator at the Qi Gathering 6th Level, killing two cultivators at the Qi Gathering 4th Level, would not really be a laborious task. Not to mention in the eyes of Miu Wenhong and his servant, Ning Cheng and An Yi were just like lambs to be slaughtered, as they

thought that they did not even have a shred of combat experience.

“San Pi, waste this bastard first, I will slowly let this kid know……” Miao Wenhong had yet to arrive, as he said through gnashing teeth while he was stared at Ning Cheng with a cutting glare. It was obvious that in his view, the reason he had lost face in the Mingot City, was all because of Ning Cheng.

This San Pi seemed to be a loyal servant of his, he seemed to know the meaning of the words spoken by his young master, although they had yet to arrive in front of Ning Cheng, they were flying towards them on their unicorn beast, while simultaneously sweeping a white sword slash towards Ning Cheng.

This white sword slash was aimed at the two feet of Ning Cheng, evidently he did not want to kill Ning Cheng in the first strike.

This was an artifact, Ning Cheng was able to feel the sword slash and at the same time came to understand. Before when he and the rusty faced man at the Qi Gathering 5th Level clashed, he had used a common dual bladed weapon, although it was not low level one, but weapons and artifacts were just not the same concept.

San Pi was just a family servant, but already had an artifact on his body, thus it was evident that Miu Wenhong would have more good stuff on him.

Ning Cheng did not want to think, that as this white sword slash was coming towards him, in the meantime if he used his flying sword that had fallen into his hands, would he be able to split it into two like the past.

San Pi did not think that Ning Cheng would still dare to make a move, using a mere sword to dare to stop his sword type artifact, it was just simply seeking his death.

Howeree this idea of San Pi was instantly shattered as an ear piercing sound of an impact arrived, he did not imagine that the sword in the hands in Ning Cheng, would slice through it like a tofu, completely shattering his sword slash completely. As the powerful energy shock wave reached him, San Pi felt as if his chest had been hit with huge blow from a hammer.

Not good, this kid was definitely concealing his cultivation, he must be at the Qi Gathering 6th Level. Moreover his foundation was definitely deep, it was not

even half a bit inferior to his own. San Pi, when he received the powerful shock wave, was forced to take a few steps back, but he also understood that not only Ning Cheng was not at Qi Gathering 4th Level, but the artifact in his hands was even of a higher level than the one that he was using.

San Pi and Ning Cheng had just exchanged one blow, but in that instant he could clearly feel that if Ning Cheng took the initiative to attack, he could easily beat him, he felt that he and his young master would be easily killed by him. This cultivator was very audacious, he simply did not seem to consider his fate if he killed the young master.

“Ice….Fire…..” San Pi saw that his attack had no effect on Ning Cheng, but he once again sent out a long sword slash, he was howling in his heart with fear. He no longer cared about anything, raising his other hand he shot out a talisman from his body, while simultaneously infusing his sword artifact with his Qi, the sword blade in his hands started to shine in two different colors.

One side was ice, while the other side was fire. Two distinct kinds of lights wrapped around the sword blade in front of Ning Cheng, Ning Cheng could suddenly feel the air around him stagnate. He himself felt that regardless of if he was to block the icy light or the fiery light, he could only block one of them, making the other’s power and influence increase.

Not only Ning Cheng, but any low leveled cultivators would appreciate this, it was natural as the opponents Qi and attributes was completely opposite to each other and would end up producing some kind of resistance to each other. If the other party was a cultivator with a fire attribute, while using his fire attribute to block the other party’s fire attributed attack, he would inevitably produce a Qi with a fire attribute to resist it, but would then be relatively weakened because of the other party’s ice attribute. But some of the more experienced cultivators of the lower levels, all have their unique ways to deal with such a situation.

Ning Cheng’s combat experience was not rich, thus because the blade attack had both ice and fire properties, so he immediately had to make a tradeoff between them.

Ning Cheng was able to block the flame attack, but could not block the ice attack completely. Fortunately his Qi was not weaker that the one in front of

him, in fact even if the Qi of the other party was several times stronger than him it would not have mattered. Under the urgency of the situation, in Ning Cheng's mind flashed several distorted movements, it was the same distorted and twisty movements of the rusty faced man he had encountered previously. At that time he had sent out 6 Flame Edges, and the other party was able to block only 3 of them, the other three, he could not block, but actually twisted his body to escape them.

This kind of distorted body skill, in Ning Cheng's mind, in just a short moment, became very clear, the San Pi's ice attack, now that Ning Cheng had learned this Distorted Body Skill, he just willed his body to twist to one side.

"Puff……" blood spurted out, but Ning Cheng calmed his heart down, it was because he could not entirely escape the ice attack, but at least he avoided the vital point that it was aimed at, as a result he was just slightly wounded.

San Pi after he used his ice and fire technique, his expression immediately turned pale, it was clear that using that dual attributed attack with with sword blade had a consumption that was clearly not small.

He did not wait for him to recover, Ning Cheng immediately drew his sword up, while sending out several Flame Edges. Ning Cheng's means of attack was very simple, besides using the flying sword to attack, he only used the Flame Edges to threaten. His body which he had twisted to escape, had not yet fully recovered.

In order to quickly kill Ning Cheng, San Pi had consumed too much of his Qi, now knowing that Ning Cheng sent out a sword flash, he could only escape stiffly. Ning Cheng sword flash spit the shoulder of San Pi apart, he was able to avoid a crucial hit but was ripped apart by the several Flame Edges thrown at him.

On one side, when Miao Wenhong saw San Pi was killed, he knew that the outcome was already decided. Ning Cheng was not killed, but San Pi was.

"You actually killed San Pi……." Miao Wenhong still did not dare believe it even after he looked at Ning Cheng, San Pi had told him that Ning Cheng was only at Qi Gathering 4th Level, how can a Qi Gathering 4th Level Cultivator kill a Qi Gathering 6th Level one? Moreover, under the circumstances San Pi had even displayed his incomparable Ice – Fire blade technique.

Ning Cheng felt his Qi recover quickly, he would not let Miao Wenhong return to Mingot City. After he killed Miao Wenhong, he would escape to the inner regions of the Mingot Sea, if he stayed in this place he would just be courting death.

“You better pray for a good fortune in your next life.” Ning Cheng just finished saying, when the sword in his hands split him into two.

Miao Wenhong opened his mouth, he even could not say the words to beg for mercy, even when Ning Cheng’s sword arrived, before he died, he still couldn’t believe that, in the Mingot Sea there was someone who dared to kill him.

Ning Cheng was extremely skilled with fire as he quickly burned the two corpses, he put the things of the two men away, turned to An Yi and said, “An Yi, we use these two unicorn beast to flee.”

“Big Brother Ning, where are we going now?” An Yi had been living together with Ning Cheng for sometime, she knew that Ning Cheng was very capable in making good decisions, thus when Ning Cheng killed Miao Wenhong and his servant, it did not feel strange to her.

“Let’s go to the sea, before didn’t some people ask us to travel by boat? Since there was one ship, then there is also a possibility of another ship.” Ning Cheng said in an affirmative way. When he had killed the two people, Miu Wenhong and his servant, he was already thinking about it, since there was a boat before, then there definitely would be another one to go out to the sea. The Mingot Sea was endless, and the people coming here were also many, thus there would absolutely be not just one or two boats here.

An Yi just gave a ‘hmm’ sound, she hesitated for a while before asking in a puzzled way, “Big Brother Ning, I heard my master say, that anyone who practiced cultivation, only practiced one main attribute. This is also why we all have just a single main spiritual root, even without the main spiritual root, one must look for a suitable attribute that works suitably as the primary attribute for their support spiritual roots.”

Ning Cheng does not wait for An Yi to finish, he could already understand what An Yi wanted to ask, and then immediately asked “An Yi, you want to ask why this San Pi person could simultaneously use the two ice and fire skills, right?”

Ning Chang was now not a person who was ignorant, now that he had already advanced to the Qi Gathering 4th Level in his cultivation practice, he was also able to understand some of the truths. Fireball Technique, Waterball Technique, these were the most basics of spell techniques, any kind of spiritual root can display these sort of spells. However the achievement's in it would be limited, and one would not be able to use them in combat.

Before when San Pi had used the Dual Attributed Attack with his sword blade, it was already a very strong and thus would consume a lot of Qi, this was not something which could be explained with the basic magic spells.

"Yes, I have been wondering how this San Pi was able to use two different attributes with his sword blade. If it was me, I really would not have come up with way to counter it. Could it be that this San Pi had two main Spiritual Roots? Dual Spiritual Root Cultivator?" An Yi just nodded.

Ning Cheng laughs and said, "You may not be able to about it now, but when your cultivation base is high, you would immediately know. If this San Pi had two main spiritual roots, and was even Dual Spiritual Root cultivator, then today the one who died would have been me and not him. When he casted the ice and fire double edge, he used a talisman, it should have been a secondary talisman."

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Ning Cheng and An Yi, both haven't rode a rock unicorn beast before, although they were riding this stone unicorn beast, there speed had increased but not by much.

"An Yi, hurry up, we need to escape." Ning Cheng felt the ground was somewhat shaking, this was definitely because a large amounts of those rock unicorns were galloping across the ground, it was clear that someone was chasing them.

An Yi simultaneously also felt the subtle vibrations from the ground, she did not need Ning Cheng reminding her, the two people riding on the stone unicorns, were trying to crazily escape along the shores of the Mange Sea .

The vibrations from the ground were getting even more intense, Ning Cheng's heart was extremely anxious, he and An Yi had been searching for a long time but still hadn't found a single boat. If they had found a boat, they could have absolutely escaped without delay.

But, in ten breaths, Ning Cheng already could see a dark swarth covering a large expanse of land coming over, his heart was cold, they really were lagging behind. What was the origin of this Miao Wenhong? Actually getting so many people to chase after him?

"Big Brother Ning, there is a boat." Ning Cheng was paying attention to the dark swath of soldiers chasing them from behind, An Yi, however, saw that there was a ship at the shore of the Mingot Sea.

"It really is a ship, quickly go up." Ning Cheng immediately called out to Anyi,

both people after jumping from their beasts, landed on the ship.

When Ning Cheng arrived on the ship, he at once called out to the ship master to set sail, even if the ship was not going to sail, he would forcibly make the other side to set sail. This was a matter about his small life, so he may not be able to speak kind words. Not only that, Ning Cheng also knew, that most of such ships would also in a large part be comprised of adventurers.

Bluntly put, adventurers were those people who couldn't practice cultivation, so they and cultivators were two entirely different concepts.

But when Ning Cheng arrived at the side of the ship's cabin, he immediately swallowed what he wanted to say, the ship wasn't small but he didn't see a single person on it, the entire ship was quiet, there not was even the slightest sound.

But there was a faint smell of blood and also a bloody dark aura that was coming from inside the cabin, this made Ning Cheng frown.

"There is no one inside the ship." said An Yi as even she was also able to sense it, as she somewhat nervously approached towards Ning Cheng.

"This is not right." Ning Cheng suddenly said, those shiny dark green horde of pursuers he saw a moment ago were also not right. Even if Miu Wenhong's status was extremely high, it was impossible to quickly track and chase them, moreover with an entire brigade.

As Ning Cheng finished speaking, he subconsciously looked back, only to find that he and An Yi, who were standing on the boat had already left the shore of the Mingot Sea behind. He was even not able to see where the shore was, or in which direction was it.

Where did the pursuers behind them go? In addition to that, the sky was getting more and more dark, and all he could see was the vast expanse of the endless sea, other than that he could no longer see anything.

A cold wind blew past, Ning Cheng felt a cold shiver run through his body, he was also subconsciously shivering with fright, from his dantian the Mysterious Yellow Bead suddenly shone and sent out some Qi, which swept away the chill in his body.

“An Yi, where are you going?” when Ning Cheng saw An Yi take a step forward, he immediately pulled her back to be safe. He had just come back to his senses when he saw An Yi approach the cabin, it seems that she wanted to enter the cabin. If he had even been a breath late, An Yi would have entered the cabin.

Ning Cheng had just caught the wrist of An Yi, when he could feel a strange cold and sticky aura around her. Just when he felt the strange cold aura, the Mysterious Yellow Bead again released a soft warm Qi, and the strange cold aura disappeared without a trace.

An Yi recovered and looked at Ning Cheng in a daze and asked, “Big Brother Ning, what happened to me a moment ago?”

Ning Cheng beckoned with his hand, but did not release An Yi’s wrist, he just stared into the darkness of the cabin and said, “Something’s wrong with this ship.”

An Yi was about to say that they should look for another ship, but immediately understood that she and Ning Cheng could simply not change ships. They were in the middle of the sea and there was no one to control the ship, plus the ship’s speed was also not slow.

“I do not care if you are a ghost cultivator or something, me and my cousin are going to borrow your deck to stay for a while, we are irrelevant, but if you dare to plot against us, then I will immediately burn down the ship.” Ning Cheng stood outside the cabin and shouted out the few sentences but did not go in.

Ning Cheng knew a bit about Ghost Cultivators, there was kind of a vague concept in his memory. Ning Cheng was confident that with his cultivation level, if the other party was just merely some ghost spirit, then he would not have the slightest fear about it.

Ning Cheng had just finished saying these words, when they heard a faint laughter that came from inside the cabin, this was a very strange laughter, and Ning Cheng was not able to pinpoint the specific source it came from.

Ning Cheng subconsciously pulled An Yi and withdrew a few steps back, even if he had great courage and was already an Intermediate Stage Qi Gathering Level cultivator, even then this faint laughter made his scalp tingle.

Almost at the same time at the back of Ning Cheng, Ning Cheng could immediately subconsciously feel two ice shadows appear behind him in the shape of arrows, he immediately took hold of An Yi and dodged to the side. Those two things definitely had substance to them, he was able to feel them as they flashed past his face, thanks to him perceiving them early, he was able to dodge them otherwise his head would definitely been pierced through by them.

It was very terrifying sneak attack, if not for his mind that mysteriously presented the path of the first invisible arrow's track, he would surely have been hit by the arrow.

Ning Cheng had never been a good speaker nor was he an easy man, even if he knew that the dark shadow who released the arrow was conspiring against him, he would not just suffer the beatings and not strike back.

Not waiting even for a moment to let more such arrows to appear, Ning Cheng in the next moment fired off a number of Fireballs as he raising his hands. Without exception, all the fireballs were thrown into the cabin. At this point since his life was already in danger, why would he be concerned if the cabin would end up burning?

Just an instant before those few shadowless arrows were shot out from the cabin, An Yi was also able to detect it. If Ning Cheng had not pulled her, she knew that she definitely would not have been able to dodge them. Now when she saw Ning Cheng constantly throw fireballs one after another into the cabin, she also did not hesitate and also started throwing fireballs into the cabin.

This ship was originally made of wood, and An Yi and Ning Cheng kept throwing fireballs at the cabin continuously, these fireballs were not made of ordinary fire, this led to the damp ship to start burning. After some time, the inside of the cabin was filled with smoke, and the fire also started to rise up.

Ning Cheng did not stop his bombardment, he once again started to throw out fireballs, and this time he wanted to completely burn down the top of the cabin.

At this time, a cold voice arrived, "Stop, quickly put out the fire, otherwise everyone will die."

Ning Cheng, when he heard the voice being transmitted from the cabin, immediately began to throw out fireballs with even more vigour. He could never

let a person who threatened him like that live, whether it was a ghost or a ghost cultivator, since they decided to plot against him, they could not blame the actions he would take. Before when he was on the deck he had clearly stated that he did not want to stir up trouble, but since they decided to come for his head he would definitely retaliate against them.

“Do you want everyone to die? It is not necessary, right? We were just looking for a deck to survive. You being a ghost or a ghost cultivator, you already have the word ghost, we do not want to get in contact with you ….. ” While speaking, Ning Cheng again threw a number of fireballs out, this time even the top of the cabin was already on fire.

“All right, this time I am in the wrong. I am neither a ghost nor a ghost cultivator, will you please extinguish the fire, I am willing to give you some compensations for it.” a helpless voice with a bit of frustration in it came from the cabin, he could only compromise with Ning Cheng.

“What would you compensate me with?” Ning Cheng was not the kind of guy who would be moved easily, if there was some fear in him before, he did not have even a trace of it now. Ghost Cultivators and ghosts, he had never seen them, he did not know whether it was an incredible affair or not. Of thing that could not be seen, people would always have some fear towards them. Since the other party was not one of them, what was there to be feared about?

I am familiar with the waters of this area, I can also help you in advancing into the late stages of the Qi Gathering Realm. Otherwise with your cultivation level of Qi Gathering 4th Level, you cultivators would only be food for someone else.

“I do not like to be stabbed in the back.” Ning Cheng said slowly, he did not make any demands, nor did he stop him.

“Bang…..” a piece of wood from the crossbars at the top of the cabin fell down, hitting the deck of the ship, and issued a ‘bang’ sound.

“I swear, if I, Fang, dare plot against you again, I will be frightened out of my wits, I will not give any opportunity for it to happen again.” The voice from inside the cabin said as it came to understand that Ning Cheng was not someone that it could easily deal with, and swore to not dare cheat him.

“You are called Fang?” Ning Cheng continued as he stopped throwing fireballs

out.

But the voice from inside the cabin was urgent, and said, “After you put out the fire on the ship, you can then ask my name, OK?”

Inside the cabin the fire was burning everything, having not yet become too powerful, after Ning Cheng threw a number of Waterballs over, the flame was immediately suppressed, but after a moment once more rose again. Ning Cheng seeing this, raised his hands and directly brought up the water under the ship, and threw it at the raging fire, An Yi also came to help, with the two people working together, they managed to put out the flame.

“Quite good, a mere Qi Gathering 4th Level, but unexpectedly have such a thick Qi. No wonder you could escape my shadowless arrow.” The voice from the cabin came unexpectedly.

Ning Cheng said with a voice filled with disdain, “I am only at the Qi Gathering Realm, wait till I get to the Building Yuan Realm, then to deal with such a ghost, I could just use you as a sacrifice for my flying sword.”

“Well, the people here are too stupid, who told you that you could not be able to control a flying sword while being in the Qi Gathering Realm? As a Qi Gathering Realm cultivator you can utilize Qi, if your Qi is strong and thick enough, you can use the same to control the Flying Sword.” When the voice from the cabin heard the words of Ning Cheng, he replied with an equally cold voice filled with disdain.

After these cold words from him, he seem to remember that Ning Cheng had called him a ghost of sorts, he was not happy with it and once again said, “Do not call me a ghost, I am called Fang Yijan, and am not a ghost, I am a Primordial Spirit Body. But since you are also able to survive my attacks, it show that you are also capable, come in let’s talk about it.”

“Primordial Spirit Body? I thought you were a ghost. It looks like the large amount of people who were chasing them on the shore were really related to Miao Wenhong’s background.” Ning Cheng heaved a sigh of relief, he did not think that the people from the Mingot City’s Wolf Palace would react so fast and also be able to form a large team to chase them in just a short amount of time.

The other party claiming to be a Primordial Spirit Body with the name of Fang

Yijan said with a cold voice, “You are wrong again, that brigade rushing towards you, they were real spirit soldiers.”

[TL Note – I translated the term “元神体” as “Primordial Spirit Body” after consulting the MDBG dictionary. If any of you have a better alternative to it, please do share them with us.]

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"Soul Soldiers?" Ning Cheng was stunned for a moment, soul soldiers apparently meant that they did not have the soul composition of life. But a moment ago weren't they valiantly beating their hooves, how is it possible for them to be soul soldiers? Then again, do we really have a soul?

Seeing Ning Cheng's stupid expression, Fang Jiyan's voice again sounded, "What's there to be surprised about, in the countless years, don't you know how many innumerable cultivators have died in the waters of the Mingot Sea, a cultivator's soul is already powerful, and many of them even have their own shape, the forms of the soul soldiers are thus also not surprising. Those soul soldiers all look alike, although they are a bit fearful, taking your cultivation level and vigilance into consideration, they are not worth mentioning."

Ning Cheng this time understood clearly, the voice of Fang Jiyan was coming from the hull of the ship

He understood that this was the home of Fang Jiyan, and slightly loosened his heart, leading An Yi to enter the cabin with him.

"You have taken shelter in the woods of the hull, does that mean the wood of the hull is made from something special?" Ning Cheng knew that for a soul of a Primordial Spirit Body to take shelter in the wood, he immediately came to understand that the wood that the ship was made of was not ordinary. Otherwise Fang Jiyan would have left early on, even if he burned the ship to the ground, Fang Jiyan should not have cared about it.

“Its nothing special, it’s just that I like this ship, and was foolish enough to get accustomed to this ship.” Fang Jiyan nonchalantly said.

Ning Cheng glanced around and found that the same material made up many other things, and he immediately said, “So is the case, this type of wood, I know about it, it can be used to make a chair that can be quite refreshing to sit upon, this ship has quite a few of such wooden material, I’ll dig them up and start using them. I am sure that this will not split apart the boat, you can rest assured about it.”

Seeing Ning Cheng ready to tear down the rest of the remaining stains of the soul nourishing wood, Fang Jiyan’s voice was alarmed and said, “Do not dismantle it, I will tell you why you can’t, these wood pieces are from the Soul Wood Tree, in each stain here there is an inch of the soul that is the Soul Wood’s Heart, I am depended on it preserve my body and soul, if you demolish them, I would also be finished.”

“It is a soul wood…..” When Ning Cheng heard this he was overjoyed, he had seen this Soul Wood in the book that An Yi had given him.

In fact, people usually keep the Soul Wood actually for the Soul Wood Heart, each stub can hold a soul, but it is really useful in keeping the soul preserved in the one inch wooden heart. Here there were already four of such stubs, even if he left one for Fang Jiyan, he could still obtain the remaining three. Of course, he would certainly not take the three stubs away, for him, as long as he could keep the wood heart of the soul wood he would walk away.

Seeing the glowing look in Ning Cheng’s eyes, Fang Jiyan thought that it was not good, this guy was too greedy, and he quickly said, “You have eye’s but fail to see how the ship was built, digging out the Soul Wood would be akin to cutting down the ship, if had not met me, this would simply have been a waste of nature’s resources. By the way, can I ask what is the name of this friend who has no respect?”

Ning Cheng did not know what was the meaning of Fang Jiyan’s words? Did Fang Jiyan wanted to remind them that since he was the one who found the soul wood, thus it was his. However Ning Cheng just ignored the meaning of the words spoken by Fang Jiyan, he was almost killed by this guy, how would he be

kind to him? He just proceeded to smile and said, “I am called Ning Cheng, meeting you today was just destiny. I think that you are quite pleasing to the eye, there are four one inch stubs of the soul wood here, I decided to leave you one of them, as for the other three one inch stubs, I am taking them away.”

“Brother Ning, you cannot do this…….” Fang Jiyan saw Ning Cheng go forward to dig out the three stumps of the soul wood, he was suddenly shocked. He had stayed here because of the soul wood, if he didn’t have the soul woods, he was finished, staying here would not have any significance.

Ning Cheng complexion turned completely cold and said, “Brother Fang, I had heard others say if two people each covered half the distance to a certain avenue, they would gain some wealth and share it amongst themselves. However, when one accidentally strayed from the avenue and asked the other if he could break the rule and share some wealth with him, do you think that he should just disregard the rules and divide the wealth with him?”

[TL Note – I think what he wanted to say is, would a person share the promised rewards when the other person broke their promise.]

Fang Jiyan had lived for countless years, he did not think that he would hear such words. What’s this ‘disregard of rules’? This was plain and simple robbery.

“I did not mean that, I mean that I am a Primordial Spirit Body, and you have a body of flesh, once you take the soul wood away, for me it would be a disaster. Place yourself in my shoes, if Brother Ning you were in my position, you would probably also have the same idea like me.” Fang Jiyan said as he forced back his anger, without the soul wood here, why would he stay in this fucked up place? He didn’t know that the rascal kid in front of him would do such kind of business, originally he thought that the two cultivators had a pure psyche, but he did not think that they would use his own thoughts against him and find him guilty.

Contrary to what Fang Jiyan expected, Ning Cheng just noded and said, “What Brother Fang said was absolutely right, thanks for reminding me Brother Fang. This person had no foresight and must have caused you to immediately worry, don’t worry I will dig out only the soul wood core so that I could use it in the future, thanks a lot.”

Fang Jiyan wanted to cry, he was trying to persuade Ning Cheng to not dig, but

didn't think that it would be counterproductive. When he saw Ning Cheng take out a flying sword, and pointed it towards one of the the soul wood stumps, he carved out section of the soul wood and brought out the core of the soul wood, when he saw this his heart was almost bleeding.

Ning Cheng did not stop and went on to the next soul wood stump and dug out the second wood core that was in the soul wood stump. Seeing Ning Cheng go to dig out the third soul wood core from the third soul wood stump, Fang Jiyan could really not hold back and said, "Brother Ning, please stop. Brother Ning is just at Qi Gathering 4th Level, surely there are many things that you do not understand. If Brother Ning is willing to leave behind just one soul wood core, any question that you have, I will try to help and teach you with the best of my knowledge. Others may not dare, but I can guarantee that you would successfully pass through the Qi Gathering Realm in the shortest time."

After listening to the words of Fang Jiyang, Ning Cheng stopped his actions and said, "Brother Fang, you said that yourself, I do have some questions for you. We can just use this Soul Wood as your reward."

If he had teeth, then, at this time Fang Jiyan would have already bitten him to death, as is saying that those soul woods were cleary for his own good? Nevertheless, he could only smile drily and said, "Brother Ning please ask what you want, this Fang will definitely reply if he had the knowledge of it."

"Yes, Brother Fang, I heard that a Primordial Body Spirit can take possession of other bodies, how can I prevent myself be possessed by you?" Ning Cheng pulled An Yi and sat down, as he suddenly asked an irrelevant question.

"Brother Ning really likes to joke, how can I take possession of my brother." Fang Jiyan said with a smile but he was shouting abuses at him in his heart. Cultivating to this age, and also a mere Qi Gathering 4th Level, without looking at his spiritual roots he could tell that he had rubbish talent, only an idiot would try to posses you.

But Ning Cheng cautiously nodded and said, "Then I can rest assured, I heard people say that only by practicing cultivation to the Building Yuan Realm, only then one would be able to manifest their spiritual sense and transform it into consciousness, and only then bring it outside their body. When in the Qi

Condensation Realm, only then would have the means to control their artifacts with their spiritual sense. But Brother Fang said earlier, that even a Qi Gathering Cultivator can bring out their spiritual sense?”

When he heard about this cultivation practice, Fang Jiyan’s tone immediately became full of disdain and said, “People who say these words are just idiots, a genuine cultivator in the Qi Gathering Realm can also use their spiritual sense externally, but only upto a certain limit because of their cultivation method and insufficient spiritual sense. Even so, Qi Gathering Realm cultivators can also control the artifacts and use them to attack the enemy. In Le Zhou contry, Qi Gathering Cultivators that use flying swords to attack are all too common.”

“Is the matter you spoke of true?” Ning Cheng hurriedly inquired.

Since Fang Jiyan had already fallen, so he had nothing to hide and said, “The aura in the Le Zhou Country is very rich, and even the cultivation methods there are also numerous, the level of power of these cultivation methods is clearly something not a mere low grade country can compare to. In fact even in many midgrade countries, there are many Qi Gathering Cultivators who can control the flying sword with their spiritual sense. Since Low Grade counties are deprived of aura, in order to expedite the cultivation speed, some of the cultivation practice methods will weaken the role of spiritual sense, this results in only Qi Condensation Realm Cultivators are the ones who can only use the artifacts, while Building Yuan Realm Cultivators can manifest their spiritual sense outside.”

“So the cultivation methods we use to practice cultivation with are actually simplified versions of the original cultivation practice methods.” Ning Cheng suddenly came to understand, so as to say, the cultivation practice methods that his Mysterious Yellow Bead had modified, the one that he was currently using, should be the complete version of the cultivation practice method. He wanted to try if he could use it to control the Flying Sword.

“You bring the ship to the sea side, but it is clearly not intended for fishing? Deceiving people to embark? What happened to the original people on this ship?” When Ning Cheng thought how he was able to embark the ship, he suddenly became clear in his mind.

Although Fang Jiyan did not understand what he meant by fishing, listening to the words of Ning Cheng he was able to understand a part of the meaning behind it, and immediately replied, “That’s right, I really was fishing? I am a Primordial Spirit Body, in addition to nourishing the soul with the help the soul wood, because I practice a powerful cultivation method, so I also have to swallow some souls to grow. This ship originally had some problems, and I happened to be the one who consumed those souls.”

Ning Cheng sneered in his heart, there were certainly a number of glaring issues, he was certain that he would have to kill this Fang Jiyan himself.

“Can you give me a few of the those cultivation practice methods, I want something of a higher rank, I was cheated by you to board the ship, you can at least show them to me right?” Ning Cheng was certain that Fang Jiyan had good background, perhaps he has many good things on him.

When Fang Jiyan heard Ning Cheng to show him his cultivation practice methods, he just quickly waved his hands and said, “I do not really practice cultivation, I am just a Primordial Spirit Body.”

“Really?” Ning Cheng asked him once more.

Fang Jiyan shuddered, in his heart he was increasingly regretting letting Ning Cheng board his ship, this was the first time he had met a person who could dodge his shadowless arrows which could easily massacre groups of cultivators at Qi Gathering 4th Level.

“I do not have any, but I have a way to help you get a cultivation practice method, thus I must make the trade with you. In a place not far from here, this is an island called the Dragon Island. You help me spread the news inside the Mingot City, that another island called Dragon Island appeared in the Mingot Sea which has a lot of low leveled treasures from the sea. When the time comes I will give you a map, as long as you accomplish this for me, I will definitely help you make a breakthrough in your Cultivation Practice Method.” After Fang Jiyan finished speaking, he felt that he was lacking a bit of confidence in his own words.

Ning Cheng immediately understood the idea behind the words of Fang Jiyan, since the Dragon Island had plenty of low level treasured from the sea, it would

certainly attract many adventurers over. But at the same time it would also attract a lot of low leveled cultivators to come over, then this Fang Jiyan would hide in the Dragon Island with the others, and then slowly devour their souls.

Ning Cheng emotionlessly replied, “I am really sorry, I was just inside the Mingot City and had already offended the Wolf Palace and the Houhai Village, you want me to go to the Mingot City, do you want to see me dead that badly?”

After Fang Jiyan listened to those words, he was already cursing loudly in his heart, this kid really is not a good thing, a mere cultivator of the Qi Gathering 4th Realm, but brought calamity everywhere, even unexpectedly offended the two main powers of the Mingot City. He had swallowed numerous souls, so of course, he understood what was in store for Ning Cheng in the hands of Wolf Palace and the Houhai Village.

“It appears, you really do not want to give me the cultivation practice method, it is really regrettable, I will not trouble you again, um, there is a small boat on this ship, me and my cousin will be taking that boat now.” Ning Cheng said as he slowly stood up.

“Don’t worry, I will think of a way……” when Fang Jiyan heard Ning Cheng wanted to walk away, he was suddenly alarmed. He and Ning Cheng had not been together for a long time, but to him it felt that Ning Cheng was a very shameless person. If he did not satisfy Ning Cheng, perhaps Ning Cheng would really disembark, and then afterwards he would throw numerous fireballs from behind to burn up the ship.

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With a rustling sound, several Jade pieces were thrown out.

“What are these Jade pieces?” Ning Cheng did not understand when he saw those Jade pieces, on the contrary he felt a bit strange.

“I heard my master say, that when one practiced their cultivation, one could carve their knowledge into those Jade pieces. Engraving and recording them with your spirit, when compared to writing on a parchment, it can store many many times more information. However it is necessary for one to have a good spiritual talent, otherwise the contents will be invisible.” An Yi whispered with a small voice in Ning Cheng’s ear.

Fang Jiyan said with some contempt in his voice, “What that little girl said is right, the Jade pieces before you contains a lot of records, even I do not know how many records they contain.”

Ning Cheng himself was looking forward to it, and quickly put the Jade pieces away and asked, “Is there anything else?”

“I just gave you the Jade pieces than contain a top class cultivation practice method, a person like you would not be able to finish practicing it anyway, what possibly more could you want?” Fang Jiyan said in a somewhat angry manner.

“For example, you could still give me the Jade pieces containing the Array Formations methods.” Ning Cheng just nonchalantly said.

“Here you go, these are the Jade pieces that contains the basic Array Formations Methods, inside you will find the entry level Foundation Arrays and

also an introduction to them.” Fang Jiyan said as he sneered in his heart, with your qualification, you also want to learn Array Formation Methods? Bah!

“Another example would be the Jade pieces that contain information regarding spirit grasses, I will not demand it from you……..”

“Here you go.”

“By the way, I think that if I could have one or two more powerful spells, then I could be able to beat other people, it shouldn’t be much expensive. Of course, I am just casually saying.”

“Here you go.”

Fang Jiyan forced back his anger inside, these things that he gave to Ning Cheng, it was simply a turtle eating the barley, it was a complete waste of food.

[TL Note – For those who are confused, it means that it’s just a waste to throw resources on a person who basically had not talent or future.]

“Thank you, Brother Fang, you really helped me greatly. This time when I was in the Mingot City I saw someone selling a Dan Medicine, my heart was filled with envy, if I could also make immortality pills, in the future I would be able to save up a lot of Lingshi.” Ning Cheng did not even delay for half a minute in front of Fang Jiyan, and still was deeply lamenting while sighing.

Fang Jiyan said with a voice filled with disdain, “Do you want to refine Immortality Pills? Do you even know how difficult Alchemy is? Do you know that even in large families and clans, it is very difficult for them to train a Dan Medicine Master? With you cultivation level, even if there was some chance, I will still advise you to give up on this idea.”

Ning Cheng just disagreed and said, “There is an Immortality Pill auction at the end of the month in the Mingot City, aren’t these Immortality Pill made and refined by humans? If other people can learn them, then why can’t I study them?”

Fang Jiyan sneered, “Can those pieces of garbage even be called as Immortality Pills? Even the best level of their products cannot be regarded as an Immortality Pill. At most those products can only be regarded as Red Pills and nothing more.”

“Red Pill?” Ning Cheng asked immediately, since he did not understand them, now that he had the opportunity, he would not be polite about it.

Fang Jiyan did not grasp the tone in which he said, and directly said, “These people have a limited knowledge about spiritual sense, nor have they inherited the refining procedures of the Immortality Pills, and thus are unable to refine Immortality Pills, they can only make Medicinal Solution Liquid. This so called medicinal liquid, refers to using some simple methods to purify the spirit grasses, and then mixed with each other according to a certain proportion. Red Pills and these medicinal solutions are the same, they do not come out from refining in a furnace, but by solidification of the solution.”

Ning Cheng was stunned, he did not think that refining Immortal Pills was so difficult, after listening to him speaking, those so called high quality medicines that he had referred to as Dan Medicines, that was a little bit too shameless.

Seeing Ning Cheng silent, Fang Jiyan said again, “Even if I am was able to refine Immortality Pills, I do not have any Jade pieces regarding Alchemy to make such pills.”

Ning Cheng knew that Fang Jiyan does not have any Jade pieces regarding alchemy, and said with a depressed voice, “Since it it like that let us forget this matter, I would like to leave now, goodbye.”

Although Fang Jiyan was anxious for Ning Cheng to get out of his ship, but he was also afraid that once Ning Cheng left, he would send out a fireball to burn down the ship, and he reluctantly said, “This is a pretty big ship, if you want you can also stay here…….”

Ning Cheng unhurriedly said, “Brother Fang, the personalities of two of us are different. Your ship is specifically designed to kill people, and also to refine their souls. Me and you also have no common language between us, I am good person, how can I be together with Primordial Spirit Body like you in the same place?”

Having said this, Ning Cheng directly pushed the small boat into the sea, he jumped onto it along with An Yi. I just a blink of the eye, the boat that came from the ship disappeared into the vast waters of the Mingot Sea.

When Fang Jiyan saw that Ning Cheng was not throwing fireballs to attack his

ship, he was relieved and at the same time cursed out to them, “The two of them had different personalities, what a load of fart, you little bastard, why don’t you take all my Jade pieces? Take away all the things of your father, besides saying those shameless words once again to my face.”

“Big Brother Ning, I think what you did was right, although that Fang was a senior, but he would just casually kill innocent people, this definitely should not happen.” An Yi stood on the boat, and was in admiration of the decision made by Ning Cheng. She felt that she was really starting to understand Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng was actually embarrassed and standing on one side of the boat he said, “In fact, I am actually not that refined or noble.”

In this world only the strong would have a place of respect in this world, Ning Cheng will not be as noble or refined as to casually blame Fang Jiyan for killing innocent people casually. The main reason why he had left the ship, was because he was afraid of staying there.

Although this Fang person was just a spirit body, he was already able to shoot groups of such shadowless arrows, the only way he would live together with such a person, was unless he was really tired of living. This Fang Jiyan feared that he would burn his ship, but he also feared Fang Jiyan. If he had the ability to get rid of this Fang Jiyan, perhaps he really would have gotten rid of that guy already. If there was a large ship, who would use a boat? Moreover Ning Cheng knew that burning the boat was something which would harm other without benefiting oneself, Ning Cheng was not brain dead, of course, he would not do such a thing.

An Yi knew that Ning Cheng’s mind was glistening with his intestines, but she still looked at Ning Cheng with an esteemed face and said, “Big Brother Ning, it was fortunate that I met you, if not you, then, I would have to stay back in the Blue Heart Temple, and I think that it would not be easy. As my master had said, perhaps some people might have come there with bad intentions.”

[TL Note – I think what the author meant was that Ning Cheng was pining for the death of Fang Jiyan.]

Ning Cheng did not refute what An Yi had said, he just nodded his head and said, “Before I did not understand anything about Array Formations, and

thought that the Blue Heart Temple was a safe place, but I just came to know about it now, it really was not safe there."

The Array Formation around the Blue Heart Temple, at best, would be able to act against Ning Cheng who was a rookie in this area, but for others it would certainly pose no problem. For someone who was even slightly proficient in the Array Formation Methods, he would be be able to crack it open easily.

"Big Brother Ning, where are we going now?" At this time as they were already in the middle of the sea, and as she depended on Ning Cheng she did not give it any more thought.

"We first start by finding an island nearby to gain experience and to train while simultaneously raising our cultivation levels. After a period of time, the information about us will slowly die down, and then we will go ashore again. Anyway, we have brought more than enough things with us, at least we would not be afraid dying due to starvation." The boat under Ning Cheng and An Yi could also be stored in the storage bags, and moreover in the storage bags they had enough stockpiles of food and water.

Meanwhile Ning Cheng started to inspect the spoils that he had obtained from Fang Jiyan, An Yi saw that Ning Cheng was occupied with his own matter, and simply rowed the boat.

Miao Wenhong and his servant did not have a storage bag on them, it showed that storage bags were quite rare, the best thing that San Pi had was a low grade artifact. Miu Wenhong estimated that the equipment of San Pi was good enough to have an advantage over them, thus he only gave San Pi a low grade artifact.

As for Miu Wenhong's articles, apart from some gold coins, there was only some obscene/filthy medicine and the likes. Ning Cheng despised this kind of young master, the kid had advanced to the Qi Gathering 3rd Level, presumably because his spiritual roots were even better than him. This kid placed all his time and energy in the embrace of women's belly, even carried things related to it on him, there was basically no good stuff that he could use.

Throwing those things into his storage bag with his hands, Ning Cheng began to continue his studies of Array Formation from the books that An Yi had given him. As for the pieces of Jade that were given to him by Fang, Ning Cheng did not

use them. He knew that the him now was still weak, and so trying to study from those Jade pieces would not be possible at the moment.

As Ning Cheng researched the basic Array Formation Methods, he once again entered the sudden enlightenment condition. An Yi and Ning Cheng had not been with each other for a short time, she had long since become accustomed to Ning Cheng's method of learning. She did not disturb Ning Cheng, and at the same time controlled the boat herself, but she often put some food and water nearby Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng was completely immersed in his state of concentration, in his mind emerged a three dimensional array formation method screen. The orientation of the array formations was unceasingly evolving in his mind, while it was constantly being modified by him.

Five days flashed by, when Ning Cheng turned the last page of the book, he unexpectedly discovered that he had already completed understanding the foundation array formation method.

"I had read the book for several years, but was only able to gain a smattering of knowledge, but I did not expect that in just a half a month you would be able to completely comprehend the entire book." As An Yi saw Ning Cheng turn over the last page of the book, she said quietly from the side.

She had always been a quite person, although for these past ten days, Ning Cheng and she had never said anything to each other, but she did not feel lonely.

Ning Cheng looked at An Yi with an apologetic look in his eyes, and was just about to speak, when a huge wave rushed over, he and An Yi were directly thrown off the boat. The next moment, the sky turned gloomy, with lightning flashing across the sky, followed by the sound of thunder, and raindrops the size of soybeans started falling densely packed together.

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Ning Cheng was just planning to arrange a separate Rain Array Formation, when the boat was burst open by the wave, and two rows of dense and sharp white teeth tried to bite Ning Cheng.

This time An Yi reacted unexpectedly quicker than Ning Cheng, sending out a Wind Edge past Ning Cheng, it directly split the sea beast with the sharp white teeth letting it fall back into the sea.

Ning Cheng looked at An Yi in a surprised way, in his view, An Yi was always slower than him in reacting, but now, how did she react this quickly? Although this sea beast was nothing to speak of in front of him, as even a cultivator at the Qi Gathering 1st Realm could take care of it easily, but this reaction speed from An Yi made Ning Cheng see her in a high regard.

Seeing the surprised look on Ning Cheng's face, An Yi said in a shy manner, "These days, there have been a variety of sea animals attacking our boat, I was prepared all the time, so….."

Ning Cheng suddenly understood, because he was caught up in the research of the Array Formations, An Yi did not allow these low level sea beasts to disturb his research, so she assumed the task of defending him and the boat from the attacks of those wild sea creatures.

Although the strength of these sea beasts were low, it was a thing that most adventures like to hunt the most. There were many valuable things that one could get from the body of these sea beasts, one of these a sea beasts can easily sell for a few dozen gold coins. Ning Cheng, at present, did not care about gold

coins, even if it was Qi Gathering Stones, he did not care about it very much. What he cared about were Ling Shis, in order to practice his cultivation and also increase his Qi, ordinary Qi Gathering Stones were not much use to him.

Another wave arrived, Ning Cheng did not even have the chance to say thanks, when he hurriedly took control of the boat once again. When Ning Cheng was preparing to arrange the Array Formation, he found that he did not even have a single Array Flag, as he basically did not refine any Array Flags. At this point of time, for him, all the Array Formations and the Array Flags, were all theoretical things, at present he could not make them into reality.

The rain was growing harder and harder, and even the waves were growing larger with each passing moment. Ning Cheng and An Yi absolutely did not have any means to take shelter from this rain at this time, the two of them had to control the boat with all their strength, at least they did not want the boat to overturn.

Although Ning Cheng and An Yi were both at Qi Gathering 4th Level, and the heavy rain didn't seem to stop anytime soon. The two people controlled the boat for the whole day, but unexpectedly it rained harder and harder.

In addition, the waves were also several feet high, although the boat was being controlled by Ning Cheng and An Yi, but it was slowly breaking apart.

A small wooden boat, under this kind of wind and waves, was able to persist for a whole day, it can already be regarded as exceptional.

The boat completely broke apart under the unending storm, and Ning Cheng and An Yi both fell directly into the sea. Ning Cheng first grabbed a wooden plank, and turned to find An Yi, but he could only see a few pieces of An Yi's clothes. Ning Cheng panicked, while clutching onto the wooden plank, he directly gathered his Qi into his hands and rushed out, grabbed An Yi and held her tight to his bosom.

An Yi was also a cultivator at Qi Gathering 4th Level, but because she did not have any experience of the sea, and as she was constantly fighting the storms and the waves of the sea, she was already very exhausted. Moreover prior to this, she was also constantly taking care of Ning Cheng for nearly a week. At the time when the wooden boat began to split apart, she did not say that she could

swim, even if could swim, she would be unable to because of her exhaustion. Fortunately, Ning Cheng was able to react quickly, and caught An Yi with his hands, or else, An Yi feared that she would have been washed away by the rough waves of the sea.

An Yi broke out of the surface of water with the help of Ning Cheng, spat out a few mouthfuls of the sea's salty water, and said, "Big Brother Ning, are we going to die?"

Ning Cheng was hugging An Yi as he treaded the water, his heart was also gloomy, if he still had the broken wooden plank, maybe he could find a way deal with the situation for some more time, but now he had lost the broken wooden plank, even if he was more powerful, he did not know how long would he be able to persist.

"Big Brother Ning, if the both of us die, will we also become like those soul soldiers, coming in and out of the periphery of the sea everyday?" An Yi said as she unexpectedly thought of the soul soldiers that she heard about back then.

Ning Cheng quickly said, "Don't go blindly thinking of things, we may not die, as long as the storm stops, we can be perhaps be saved. Well, if we could fly out by riding on the flying sword, we wouldn't have to be afraid of the waves……"

He did not even speak a few words when a large wave directly crashed onto Ning Cheng, making him plunge into the water again.

After the rough sea wave, An Yi lifted her hand to help Ning Cheng remove her hair that was sticking to his face and said, "Big Brother Ning, it would be better if you let me go, but I am a person who is really afraid. I am not a person who is afraid of death, but I am afraid that I may turn into a soul soldier……"

Ning Cheng was barely holding onto An Yi, but unwillingly said, "Do not be silly, how could I let you go? Death is always death, letting you go is all the same, if two people go with each other at least both of them will have a companion. I have already died once, and if I die once again, perhaps I can still go back……."

"Big Brother Ning, does a girlfriend have the same meaning as fiance?" An Yi saw that Ning Cheng suddenly turned silent and did not finish his words, and suddenly took the initiative to ask.

Initially An Yi had asked Ning Cheng about his girlfriend, but at that time they were suddenly interrupted by those two cultivators who were flying about and fighting with each other. Ning Cheng did not expect that An Yi would ask about it again in this situation?

Ning Cheng was just thinking about Ning Ruolan a moment ago, but now he was thinking of Tian Muwan, this time he did not know if he would survive, now that An Yi had asked again, he did not conceal anything and replied directly, “A girlfriend is not a fiancee, to want a girlfriend to become ones fiancee, you have to propose to her and get engaged.”

“Is she your girlfriend because you forgot to propose to her, so did you both ended up in a fight because of that?”

Ning Cheng sighed and said, “That’s not it, that person who is currently is my fiance went in that person’s car in front of me, although I know that she might have done it intentionally, but with my personality I just can’t accept it, I think…..”

An Yi face suddenly changed, and said in a fierce tone, “Big Brother Ning, who is this shameless woman? You still bring her up…….”

Another rough sea wave hit them, Ning Cheng by now had a bit of experience, and holding onto An Yi plunged into the water, escaping the waves in the process, and once again brought their heads up to the surface.

Wiping the water from his face, Ning Cheng forcibly smiled and said, “An Yi, you mentioned something a moment ago, but I never originally mentioned her.”

In the meantime, in his heart, he was speechless, he knew An Yi hasn’t been to Earth, so this kind of viewpoint can be considered normal. This sense of shame were simply two different things, rather Ning Cheng had no way to explain this kind of thing to An Yi.

“Sorry, Big Brother Ning, I should not have brought it up.” An Yi felt Ning Cheng’s sadness, suddenly even her heart did not feel that good. She had always followed her master to practice cultivation together, but together with Ning Cheng, she felt that she could speak up a little more than with her master.

“An Yi, did you look at those sea beasts that had surprise attacked us?” Ning

Cheng said as he subconsciously embraced An Yi tightly, but his heart was cold as ice.

A dense cluster of those sea beasts were approaching Ning Cheng and An Yi, each of those sea beast's eyes were filled with a bloodthirsty tint, as their sharp white teeth shone. It was obvious that they were seeing them as their prey.

"It's a type of canine….." An Yi was in a state of panic, it was inconceivable for her, if the two of them were to be attacked by that dense cluster of sea beasts, then there would not even be a shred of meat left behind.

Ning Cheng took out the flying sword, holding the sword in one of his hands, he darted to the front of the dozens of those sea beasts, and started to directly tear them apart with the sword. These sharp toothed sea beasts immediately surrounded those dead sea beasts, they were entirely eating up their dead comrades that Ning Cheng had cut up just now.

The waves seemed to be getting smaller and smaller, and actually did not crash over them for a long time, but for Ning Cheng it was getting harder every passing moment, he was wielding the flying sword continuously as he killed those sea beasts, while holding An Yi and retreating back as much as possible. Because of the sea's resistance, he could not increase his speed.

Wanting to survive at any cost, Ning Cheng erupted with an unprecedented power and strength, he took An Yi as he was retreating while killing, unexpectedly, he went on like this for more than half a day. Those sharped toothed sea beasts were just too much, as soon as he killed some, he would have to kill many more.

"An Yi….." Ning Cheng was going to say that he did not have any more strength to continue, when a piece of reef appeared in front of him.

An Yi also saw the piece of reef at the same time, she was about to speak, when Ning Cheng joyfully shouted, "We have arrived at an island……"

Speaking that, Ning Cheng once again erupted with the last amount of strength that he could muster, with An Yi clutched to his bosom, he started to pick up speed, and eventually rushed out of the water and unexpectedly fell onto the reef on the outer periphery of the island.

After taking a few steps into the island, he could not go any further and fell onto the ground saying, ”Finally escaped with our lives……”

Ning Cheng suddenly stopped speaking, he just stared at An Yi who was pressing her body onto him.

To be honest, Ning Cheng had never regarded An Yi as an adult, but the An Yi now had her clothes completely soaked which showed her exquisite womanly shapes which could even be compared to the best of the women.

Ning Cheng had a unique feeling in his heart, this little nun usually is ordinary at all times, just when did her bosom get so big?

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An Yi did not realize that she was completely exposed in front of Ning Cheng, but instead was tightly holding onto Ning Cheng, and was even trembling.

“An Yi…..” Ning Cheng was just going to ask An Yi if she was alright, but he felt that something was not right, he and An Yi were completely surrounded by a foggy haze, even An Yi’s snow white chest was blocked out by the fog, and appeared indistinctly.

“There are soul souldiers……” An Yi said in a trembling voice, she seemed very afraid of the soul soldiers.

Ning Cheng already threw An Yi’s chest problems aside in his mind, and instantly sat up, he simply refused to be exhausted, he immediately grabbed An Yi and hid behind a protruding piece of rock.

A headless man carrying his head in his hand was slowly moving forward in the foggy haze. After the headless man walked a few steps forward, he suddenly removed his bloody palm from the head in his hands, and then immediately plugged it into the mouth of the head. The head in his other hand, unexpectedly began to slowly chew on that bloody palm.

Ning Cheng’s scalp was tingling unceasingly, even when he was on that Fang’s ship, he did not have this kind of eerie feeling.

After the head completely chewed through the bloody hand, it suddenly turned its head in their direction, the two grey eyes were like dying embers and were staring directly in the direction where Ning Cheng and An Yi were hiding, there was even blood dripping from the corners of its mouth.

Ning Cheng felt his heart turn cold, but at the same time the Mysterious Yellow Bead sent out a strand of Qi again, driving the ice cold feeling out of his body.

Fortunately, it did not seem that that headless man knew that Ning Cheng and An Yi were hiding in the direction he was looking, and it leisurely walked away into the foggy haze disappearing from their view.

“Big Brother, that soul soldier did not have a head…….” An Yi spoke with a bit tremor in her voice, apparently she had not seen such a strange and frightful scene before.

Ning Cheng spoke while lowering his voice, “An Yi, I suspect that it was not a soul soldier that we had first met, we have just arrived on this island. Now suddenly there is a lot of fog around, it simply makes us not see thing clearly. Here it is very likely to be an Array Formation, perhaps it is an Illusion Array Formation. A person that had no head, simply does not exist, it is an illusion produced by our own minds.”

Although he was comforting An Yi, Ning Cheng in his heart was not completely sure either, he could not confirm if that was an illusion or not, because it felt way too real.

After the time it takes for an incense stick to burn, the fog gradually disappeared, and Ning Cheng and An Yi were again able to see the original island that was in front of them.

“I know, this is the Lansha Island.” Ning Cheng finally had something that clicked in his mind, he felt that the surroundings were somewhat familiar, it was clearly depicted in the route map provided to them by that Taoist Pu.

Ning Cheng never forgot the details, although he had already thrown away the two route maps, but the Array Formation that was drawn in the route map, he still remembered it clearly. The blue sands in the outer periphery of the Lansha Island were actually the Array Formations, that was in front of them.

“What do we do now? I heard that a Golden Cicada Fruit Tree appeared here, it would mean that there will be a lot of people coming over.” said An Yi when heard Ning Cheng say that this island was the Lansha Island, she asked this in a bit worried voice.

Ning Cheng immediately said, “That Taoist Pu wanted us to join their team, they absolutely did not have any good intentions towards us. No matter if this Taoist Pu had already come over before the 15th of that month or during the 15th of this month, currently we do not have sufficient strength to act against them. There are still 15 days till this Island opens once again for the people, we first have to find a safe place to hide.”

If there was even a boat around, Ning Cheng wanted to leave this place as soon as possible. Unfortunately, there was not even a boat around let alone a ship, they simply could not walk away from here. He did not believe that he could obtain the Golden Cicada Fruit, this kind of thing like the Golden Cicada Fruit, it was not something that was easy to obtain, how could that Taoist Pu and the others who were only at the Qi Gathering 3rd Level obtain it?

Ning Cheng and An Yi did not dare to enter the heart of the island, they were walking along the edge of the island for more than an hour, finally they found a huge rock on the side of the island.

Ning Cheng took out the low grade artifact that he had obtained after their confrontation with San Pi, it was a long knife, seeking a secluded place for them to hide, he began to dig with the help of the artifact. Ning Cheng was cultivator at the Qi Gathering 4th Level, in addition he had a low grade artifact, but at the same time he did not cherish that artifact, in as little as half a day, Ning Cheng was able to dig out a huge rocky cavern from the huge stone.

At this time An Yi had already changed into a fresh set of clothes, and followed Ning Cheng into the new cave he had dug out of the huge rock. They had only just entered the freshly made cave, when the foggy haze enveloped the outside once again.

“It is very strange here, I have to find a way to refine some Array Flags, then we can arrange an Array Formation to seal up the entrance. An Yi, you already have the Ling Shis with you, it’s better if you start practicing your cultivation first.” Said Ning Cheng as he saw the fog outside getting more concentrated as every moment passed by, he was secretly glad that he ended up making the right choice. If he was still in the fog, perhaps he would have already lost his sense of direction and would directly enter into the heart of the island.

An Yi also did not have any objections to the views of Ning Cheng, she knew that Ning Cheng's cultivation practice needed a huge amount of Ling Shis, the small amount of Ling Shis in her possession were meaningless to him, it might be better if she used those for her own cultivation practice. Waiting for her to advance to a higher cultivation level, she would then help Ning Cheng in going out to look Ling Shis for his cultivation.

Seeing An Yi starting to practice her cultivation, Ning Cheng also took out some materials to start refining an Array Flag. He had never studied refining Array Flags, but inside the books for the basic Array Formation Methods, it did have some simple introductions to it. After two days of exploration and a number of tests, Ning Cheng unexpectedly refined some First Level Array Flags. Though they were still a bit rough, but these Array Flags can be arranged to form a First Level Array Formation.

But Ning Cheng was still very unsatisfied, he was somewhat regretting that he did not ask that Fang for several pieces of jade regarding refining. At this time he was very clear, refining and Array Formations were really closely linked. He was very clear that if he did not learn Refining, then he could not become a good Array Master.

Thinking that Array Formations and Refining were very closely linked, Ning Cheng Sighed, Refining was never easier than Alchemy *i.e.* refining pills of immortality. The Mysterious Yellow Bead could only help in correcting the Cultivation Methods, it actually can't help him in quickly master the skills of Alchemy and Refining. It appears that even if he mastered more theories of Array Formations, it was unlikely that he would become a powerful Array Master.

After arranging the First Level Concealment Array Formation at the entrance of the cave, Ning Cheng began to take out the several pieces of Jade that he had obtained from Fang. On one of the two pieces of jade for the magical spells, Ning Cheng could not even see a single word. He did not know if his own cultivation level was too low for it or if the Jade piece given to him by Fang was a fake.

Ning Cheng again took out the four pieces of Jade that contained cultivation practice methods, the first one he was not able to see, the second one also he could not see anything, the same with the third one …….

Ning Cheng in his heart felt that he was cheated by Fang, even if he was unable to see everything from the Jade Pieces, with the help of the Mysterious Yellow Bead he could correct the cultivation practice method, making it even more stronger that what the other average Qi Gathering cultivators were practicing. But now he was unable to see even a single word, if that Fang did not lie to him, then what was this?

With this view in mind, Ning Cheng picked up the fourth jade piece, but this time something changed, in the fourth piece Ning Cheng was actually able to read some things while sweeping it with his spiritual sense.

“Wishful Mysterious Wood Tactic……”

Words started to appear in front of Ning Cheng which were no problem to him, but the words that were behind them were becoming more fuzzy, all Ning Cheng could see was ‘Qi Gathering into Building Yuan, achieving Qi Condensation is true’ at this time, his mind started to hurt, and was unable to look again. However, Ning Cheng had an abnormal memory, as long as he had seen it once he could not simply forget about it.

It was wood based cultivation practice method, Ning Cheng closed his eyes and carefully thought about this cultivation practice method again. After discovering this cultivation practice method, he wanted to see how much further ahead the corrected and modified cultivation practice method would be when compared to the original.

Ning Cheng did not want to practice this cultivation practice method, he was thinking about An Yi. At this time An Yi was practising her cultivation, after Ning Cheng heard the words of Fang, he was thinking about An Yi’s cultivation practice method which seemed to be very general. He interrupted An Yi who was cultivating and asked, “An Yi, what is your spiritual root? Also what cultivation practice method are you using for cultivation?”

An Yi whose eyes were closed just a moment before as she cultivated, opened her eyes and said, “My main spiritual root is of wood, and the cultivation practice method that I can use is ‘Wooden Tactics’. My master said, if I wanted to enter into the Qi Condensation Realm, then I had to find a new powerful cultivation practice method.”

“Only wood cultivation methods ah, it should be one of the most low grade cultivation methods. Fang gave me this cultivation method, it is the Mysterious Wooden Wishful Tactics, I cannot use it, I am leaving it to you for practicing it.” Ning Cheng said, as he put the Jade Piece in the hands of An Yi.

“Mysterious Wood Tactic? This should be a Black Level Cultivation Method, my master had not seen something like this, if that Fang had given this to you, then he really must be rich.”

An Yi just took a look at the jade piece, and exclaimed in surprise. Even if she did had a strong last name, receiving a Black Level Cultivation Method would really make anyone excited. She certainly knew how precious a Black Level Cultivation Practice method is, her master had said that even in a Three Star Academy, may not even have a few black level cultivation practice methods.

Most Cultivation Practice methods are classified into low level, followed by the True level, and then the higher one were classified as the Black Level. But after the Black level there was another level of cultivation practice methods known as the Advanced Day Level cultivation practice methods, but they were simply stuff of the legends.

Even if An Yi did not have a powerful surname, receiving a black level cultivation practice method, she just couldn’t wait to start reading and practicing it. Unfortunately her spiritual sense’s strength was less than that of Ning Cheng, she basically could not see even a single word.

Seeing An Yi’s facial expression, Ning Cheng understood that she could not see even a single word from the Jade Piece, and simply said, “I will narrate it to you, you just write it down OK.”

An Yi knew that Ning Cheng was able to read the contents of the Jade Piece and did not feel strange about it, as she spent more time together with Ning Cheng, she was becoming more and more comfortable with the strange affairs of Ning Cheng.

Although An Yi’s memory was quite good, but it was far from being compared with Ning Cheng’s memory which was simply abnormal. Ning Cheng had already demonstrated it several times before, An Yi was fully confident that Ning Cheng would have already completely memorised the Mysterious Wooden Wishful

Tactics.

“Big Brother Ning, do you want me to change my cultivation practice method to ‘Mysterious Wooden Wishful Tactics’.” An Yi said after taking a look at the ‘Mysterious Wooden Wishful Tactics’ Cultivation Practice Method, it was immediately clear that it was much more powerful than her own ‘Wood Drive’ cultivation practice method, but she did not know how many time more powerful it was.

Ning Cheng was the same as An Yi, they did not know that changing a Cultivation Practice Method although it was dangerous, but because the cultivation practice method was much better, so of course they would definitely change to the new and powerful cultivation practice method, this type of thing was not nothing new.

Ning Cheng was just about to approve An Yi’s words, when suddenly a delicate fragrance spread into the cave coming from the entrance. Ning Cheng sniffed it a few time, and he suddenly felt refreshed. He subconsciously stood up, “What’s that smell? It seems similar to the smell of a Spiritual Fruit, or something like that, I think…..”

“It is the Golden Cicada Fruit.” An Yi also stood up, Ning Cheng had read about it in the books of Spiritual Grasses that he had got from An Yi, Ning Cheng was able to tell that it was the smell of the Golden Cicada Fruit from that book, it was obvious that she would also know about it.

“Is it really a Golden Cicada Fruit?” Ning Cheng said in a tone that was filled with excitement.

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“Is it really the Golden Cicada Fruit?” Ning Cheng said in a tone that was brimming with excitement.

He did not want to enter the heart of the Lansha Island, not because he despised the Golden Cicada Fruit, but he knows that him going there would be useless. His cultivation base was simply too low, he cannot simply go and grab the Golden Cicada Fruit. Moreover he suspected that the fruit was not really the Golden Cicada Fruit.

He could also clearly see that those students from the Clear Heart Academy were also going to the Lansha Island for the Golden Cicada Fruit, and also the worst cultivation level among that group was Qi Gathering 6th Level, if he took something wouldn’t the others be able to snatch the Golden Cicada Fruit from him easily?

“This is not right, An Yi, today does not seems to be the fifteenth of the month, how can we even smell the aroma of the Golden Cicada Fruit? Did that Taoist Pu deceive us by telling us those things?” Ning Cheng said as he immediately remembered that Taoist Pu had mentioned that one could only enter the Array Formation only on the 15th of every month.

“Big Brother Ning…….” An Yi was just about to call out to Ning Cheng, when she saw in his eyes what Ning Cheng wanted to do.

If they did not smell the aroma of the Golden Cicada Fruit, Ning Cheng would certainly would not have moved, in his view, even if there was a Golden Cicada

Fruit, it's not that he could not get it, but rather the him now he might not even find the Golden Cicada Fruit.

But now it was different, he could clearly smell the aroma of the Golden Cicada Fruit. This indicated that as long as he followed the direction from which the aroma originated, he could certainly arrive at the Golden Cicada Fruit.

This issue could not be directly neglected by Ning Cheng, practicing cultivation in this place, if such a fruit like the Golden Cicada Fruit appeared in front of him, if he still remained unconcerned, then what kind of opportunity could he even speak of? What was chance and opportunity? He would have to take care of this chance and opportunity immediately.

In the Ping Continent, the Golden Cicada Fruit was one of the most valuable kind of Spiritual Fruit, it can help a cultivator at the Qi Gathering Realm to successfully advance to the Qi Condensation Realm. This kind of thing, how could he give up? If he gave up this time, maybe he would no longer see it. What's more, perhaps the Golden Cicada Fruit here was ripe, since there was no one here, this was just the right moment to meet.

"An Yi, I decided to go look for the Golden Cicada Fruit, you stay here and wait for me. If I don't come back, you wait till your Ling Shis are exhausted, and then look for opportunities to leave this Lansha Island." Ning Cheng said in a determined voice.

Those words spoken by Ning Cheng, it surprised An Yi as she directly stood up from the ground on which she was practicing and said, "Big Brother Ning, I am coming with you. If you went away, my stay here will be very lonely, I really am very afraid of those soul soldiers."

Ning Cheng scratched his head and said, "An Yi, I told you, I always wanted to return to my home. My hometown is very far away, and my cultivation is simply very poor and cannot go back. I do not know to what extent would I have to practice cultivation before I can go back, but I do not want to give up, therefore if there is any opportunity for me to advance in my cultivation level, I do not want to let it go."

"I know that the opportunity to go back is very slim, but no matter how slim the chances are, I will still try to go back. This time if we went to look for the

Golden Cicada Fruit together, it would certainly be tough to escape, but I can not give up this opportunity, you must go. You are different from me, your home is here, there is no need for you to accompany me."

"Big Brother Ning, why do you have to go back to your hometown, isn't the Ping Continent not good? We even go to the other continents. Before in the Mingot City, the people from the Clear Heart Academy said something about the enrollment examination of the Clear Heart Academy, we can even go to the Clear Heart Academy. Is it because your girlfriend is in your hometown, therefore you are so worried about it?" An Yi asked carefully.

Ning Cheng shook his head and said, "It is not because of her, it is because of my sister. I have a younger sister, without me, she must be very worried. Unfortunately, I cannot go back to her. Therefore I want to practice cultivation, so that one day when my cultivation base is high enough, I could go back."

"Big Brother Ning, I will come with you to find the Golden Cicada Fruit." said An Yi simply after listening to his words, she did not give any reason or explanation again.

Ning Cheng looked at An Yi's determined and firm look, knew that continuing to persuade her would be useless. He just helplessly nodded and said, "All right, but you must always stick to me. With us two together, at least we will not be lonely if death approaches."

Since Ning Cheng knew that until he cultivates to the Building Yuan Realm, only then would he be able to leave the Ping Continent, as for returning to Earth he knew that it was extremely uncertain if he could accomplish it. But as he said, even if there was even the slightest chance, he did not want to give up on it. Don't give up, even if there was the slightest of chance, if he gave up that opportunity, he knew that there would not be a second one.

God had given him a chance, letting him have the Mysterious Yellow Bead. This Mysterious Yellow Bead went against the will of the heavens, but also needed a large amount of Ling Shis to help him in practicing cultivation, not only that it also required a lot of spiritual grasses. He did not have any family, he even could not enter into the doors of any Academy, if he did not go desperately looking for various magical things, then who would help him? Besides, even if he wanted to

be disciple of an Academy, there would be no such Academy that would take him, who would give him heaps of Ling Shis just to practice his cultivation.

Ning Cheng led An Yi carefully to the entrance of the reef cave, and directly followed the direction from which the fragrant aroma of the Golden Cicada Fruit came. After the time it takes for an incense stick to burn, that indistinct foggy haze shrouded them once more, Ning Cheng could only vaguely see An Yi close to him.

Ning Cheng grabbed An Yi's hand, he knows that in this place, if one of them was lost, then the two of them could never be able to be together again.

"Pata, Pata….." There was a sound of footsteps approaching, Ning Cheng and An Yi immediately stopped.

The footsteps were getting closes, but to the horror of Ning Cheng he could not even see anyone's shadow, he could only hear the sounds of the footsteps non stop.

Suddenly, the footsteps stopped, it seems that whatever it was, was just a few meters in front of Ning Cheng. An Yi also subconsciously tightened her grip on Ning Cheng, she was just like Ning Cheng, she also could see who those footsteps belonged to.

A kind of cold wave hit them, in Ning Cheng's eyes there suddenly appeared a bright and clear path, Ning Cheng was just about to pull An Yi onto the path, when the Mysterious Yellow Bead emitted a burst of Qi. This burst of Qi invaded Ning Cheng and the cloudy and cold feeling was instantly dissipated from his body, immediately "patter" sounds of the footsteps that Ning Cheng heard had also gone.

"Big Brother Ning, I just now saw a path a moment ago, but that path quickly disappeared, I think it was a fake." An Yi already understood that path she and Ning Cheng was a fake.

Ning Cheng muttered, "This Mingot Sea Area and the Lansha Island are somewhat strange, before there were soul soldiers, then a man without a head, and now footsteps without people. We cannot go on like this, wait a minute."

Ning Cheng slightly hesitated for a moment and then he said, "According to

the route map of Taoist Pu, I feel that the route map that he gave us was real."

An Yi just humphed and did not speak again.

After Ning Cheng recalled the route map of the Lansha Island given to him by Taoist Pu, he immediately changed directions. He had committed the route map of the Lansha Island to his memory, in addition he could also use one or two Array Formations himself although only low level ones, so after taking just a few step he arrived to find himself in front of a small bend in the road.

When Ning Cheng and An Yi found this curved path, the fog surrounding them also grew a bit lighter. Not only that, the aroma of the Golden Cicada Fruit was getting more concentrated as they moved forward.

"That map is right, let us hurry up." Ning Cheng said as he tightened his grip on An Yi, as he turned on the small curved path from time to time. Their speed was also getting faster and faster, they also did not encounter anything strange in their path.

After an hour, Ning Cheng and An Yi stopped, in front of them there was no longer a path, the route map given to them by Taoist Pu only led so far.

"There is no way ahead." Ning Cheng said as stared in front of the curved path that disappeared and frowned. He also knows that there was also a Battle Array Formation, unfortunately, that Array Formation was too advanced, currently he had no way to find the correct path.

"Big Brother Ning, the aroma of the Golden Cicada Fruit seems to have disappeared." An Yi said suddenly.

Ning Cheng was paying careful attention to the path in front of him, at that time he did not pay attention to the aroma of the Golden Cicada Fruit, when An Yi said those words before he could even react. He was not even aware that the aroma of the Golden Cicada Fruit had disappeared.

"An Yi, you stay close to me, I am going down this road, if it is not right, we will come back again." After Ning Cheng carefully explained to An Yi, he carefully advanced step by step into the curving path.

"Boom……" Ning Cheng had just taken a step forward on this path, when he heard a loud bang in front of him.

At this point of time Ning Cheng was paying attention to everything very carefully, when he heard the first muffled boom, he wanted to turn back to the original path, but when he looked back at the path he found that it had already disappeared. It was as if they were taken out of thin air, around him there were only weeds and rock around him.

“An Yi…..” Ning Cheng felt that something was wrong, and discovered that he did not know when An Yi had disappeared. Next to him there was a hazy fog all around, where did An Yi’s shadow go?

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Ning Cheng in his heart was suddenly shocked, if An Yi ended up lost in this place then there was no way that he would be able to find her, it was really a narrow escape from death.

“Big Brother Ning……” a panic stricken voice sounded out, Ning Cheng on listening to it immediately knew that An Yi was safe.

At this time Ning Cheng did not think if this sound was really false, and threw himself directly towards the direction of the voice. Immediately he saw in the faint hazy shadow of the frightened An Yi, the distance between him and An Yi was less than 2 meters.

Ning Cheng immediately stepped in front of An Yi and raised his hand to grab An Yi’s hand and said, “What’s the matter, An Yi? I clearly was holding your hand before, how did you come here?”

The hand of An Yi that he was holding was icy cold, but when Ning Cheng caught her hand, the Qi from the mysterious Yellow Bead automatically cleansed the icy cold feeling out of her body. At this time he did not have the time to think how An Yi had suddenly disappeared from his side, nor did he find anything suspicious.

By rights, because of the strange disappearance, he should not have found her so easily.

After An Yi's hand was grabbed by Ning Cheng, her pale complexion finally turned a bit healthy, she subconsciously approached Ning Cheng, and just said, "Just when I stepped onto the curved path, I found that you were not around. Then I saw a huge back claw grab me, and I was unable to speak. Just before the dark claw was going to pull me, suddenly on my chest a dark yellow light emerged that blocked that jet black claw, and then I screamed out."

"A dark yellow light emerged from your chest?" Ning Cheng immediately remembered that just before her master died, she had given An Yi a Yellow Jade Pendant, that jade pendant was hanging on An Yi's chest. Was it that jade pendant that protected An Yi?

Regardless of if it was true or not, this place was somewhat strange,

Ning Cheng took out a string and tied it to his and An Yi's wrists connecting them together, "An Yi, you and I are going to walk side by side, so that I can avoid not seeing you."

"This is ….." Ning Cheng was just speaking to An Yi, when he was stunned by the scene in front of him.

In front of An Yi and him appeared a towering blood red walls, the walls seemed to be endless, there was simply no end to it in sight. As to what was on the other side of the wall, it couldn't be seen. At this point he and An Yi were in front of a door of the wall directly on the Bluestone Road that they were walking on.

This Bluestone path lead directly to the door on the blood red walls, the front of the door on the walls was unlatched. For a long time the aroma of the Golden Cicada Fruit did not appear, about this Ning Cheng was very clear, but now the aroma of the Golden Cicada Fruit was coming out from the other side of the wall through the unlatched door.

"Big Brother Ning, the Golden Cicada Fruit seems to be on the other the red walls, it seems that this big wall were actually build by the seniors who lived here?" An Yi whispered in the ear of Ning Cheng.

"This is not right……" Ning Cheng was in his mind very clear, he discovered that he could clearly see the front courtyard clearly, he could even see the path leading to it clearly. However in his peripheral vision, and also behind him, it was

completely fuzzy.

Ning Cheng forced his Qi to circulate in his body, he did not cultivate the Mysterious Wood Tactics, but rather he practiced his Clan's modified cultivation practice method, when the Qi of a cultivator is already powerful enough, he would be able to control his Qi actively, and can make his eyes to see more clearly.

At this point he was forcing his Qi to circulate in his body, and wanted to to see if he could see the things around him more clearly. In the next moment, around 1 meter of area around him appeared a bit fuzzy within his consciousness.

This was the result of using his spiritual sense? Ning Cheng had just thought of bringing his spiritual sense to the outside, and was already able to see around one meter around him, before it disappeared once again.

"Are we going in?" An Yi whispered, she suddenly did not want to enter those bloody red walls, she felt that the bloody red walls were a bit strange.

Ning Cheng waved his hand, and once more forced his spiritual sense out of his body, this time he could see an area that was slightly larger than before, his viewing area seemed to have been increased to 1.5 meters. A vague vision of a person appeared within his spiritual sense, this figure seemed to be staring at him and An Yi, and seemed to be lifeless.

Ning Cheng was shocked, he did not think of anything, and sent out a Flame Edge towards it chopping it into two. After he heard a sharp cry, the shadowy figure in front of Ning Cheng disappeared without a trace because of Ning Cheng's Fire Edge.

Ning Cheng was relieved, although these forms were unable to be perceived by one's eyes completely, but once they were perceived by his spiritual sense, as long as he could throw out a Flame Edge it could be resolved. From this, he found that using one's spiritual sense made one much more powerful that just using one's eye. At this moment Ning Cheng made a firm resolve, when he was practicing cultivation, he must not neglect practicing and strengthening his spiritual sense.

"What's going on? Big Brother Ning?" An Yi asked as she did not understand why Ning Cheng threw out a Flame Edge suddenly, but the sharp cry that she

had heard was crystal clear.

Ning Cheng waved his hand again, and cast out his spiritual sense once again. This time several shadowy figures appeared within his spiritual sense, among a few of those figures Ning Cheng could even feel a breath of life emanating from them. He immediately knew that these few figures and the others were different, it seemed that there were more people in this place that just them. Ning Cheng hurriedly took An Yi and retreated back a few step, hiding in a patch of grass behind them.

When those figures arrived from the curved path in front of the blood red walls of the courtyard in front of the path, Ning Cheng could see them clearly. There were a total of eight people, of these eight people, Ning Cheng even knew four of them. Taoist Pu, Feng Feizhang, Tian Fei and Miao Xiuming.

After the eight people arrived from the curved road, they immediately saw the blood red walls, but at the same time they also noticed that the door was ajar.

“Thats right, this is definitely the aroma of the Golden Cicada Fruit, it really is here, it also seems that this wall was built around it. If I had not sniffed the aroma, I was thinking that we were going in the wrong way.” One of the Qi Gathering 3rd Level cultivator who had just stepped off from the curved path and had narrow slit like eyes, called out in surprise.

Taoist Pu just said with a sneer, “Xue Sinian, do not blame me for not reminding you. Even if this place was to somehow disappear, it would be a normal thing, we eight people arrived here after breaking the Array Formation by working together, otherwise you probably would have disappeared a long time ago.”

“Yes Yes, what Brother Pu said was right, if not for the route map for the Array Formation provided by Brother Pu, we would not have been able to come here. Brother Po’s warning, I have already taken it to heart.” That slit eyed cultivator thought that this Taoist Pu wanted to reaffirm his role in the group, and hurriedly repeated those words many times.

Taoist Pu also did not bother to remind the guy about his role in breaking the Array Formation, it seems that the Array Flags Identifiers and the Array Formation Route Map path were inexplicably missing. Fortunately, now that

they have reached the blood red wall in front of them, even if the Flag Identifiers was lost, the problem would not be too great.

“Brother Xue, I would like to remind you that you not only play a role in this Array Formation, but also remind you that you should not lose your Flame character.” Feng Feizhang understood the meaning of Taoist Pu.

Taoist Pu did not continue to explain, and just said, “After we enter through the blood red walls of the courtyard through the door, do not rush inside, listen to my instructions, each of us eight people will occupy a corner, and we will then proceed to break open the Defencive Array Formation around the Golden Cicada Fruit.”

“Of Course, we will listen to your instructions of Brother Pu, Brother Pu just say the word.” Miao Xiuming immediately echoed out, indicating the he insisted on standing on Taoist Pu’s side.

Taoist Pu nodded and said, ”There are already a lot of people who by now have gotten hold of the Lansha Island’s route map, but they think that they can only come here on the 15th of every month. What they absolutely do not know, is that the Golden Cicada Fruit matures rapidly by the 10th. Unfortunately, many of them did not have the power to break the Array Formation and thus failed, even if they knew about it, they would only come here to die. Today is the ninth day, it is exactly the time that suits us to break the Array Formation, and then we can take the Golden Cicada Fruit away.”

Ning Cheng in his heart was cursing Taoist Pu for being so shameless, as he himself said that they could only arrive on the 15th, but fortunately, he arrived at the Lansha Island first. And moreover this guy even had the Flame mark of the talisman, but did not disclose it to the other. If not for him, An Yi would have been one of his victims and would have almost disappeared.

Taoist Pu led the other people to the front of the slightly open door, and pushed it open carefully. The slightly opened door gave out a loud ‘squeak’ sound, it was not exactly loud but it seemed to pierce through and grab at their hearts making them feel uncomfortable.

Looking at the eight people entering the open door from the side, Ning Cheng dispelled the idea of going in behind them. They had not yet entered the blood

red walls, but have already seen so many strange and weird things, once they went inside, would that even be good? It was not that he was afraid of getting into trouble, but because his cultivation was very poor, only at the Qi Gathering 4th Level. The Golden Cicada Fruit was definitely good, but it was also possible that he would have to fight for his life in the present situation, it was not worthwhile to gamble with his life in that manner.

Ning Cheng did not plan to go, since the Golden Cicada Fruit was in front of him, he was not the kind of person who would be courteous towards such a shameless person. Ning Cheng already vaguely felt that there was some problems with that Taoist Pu, even though the route map and the Array Formation Breaking Methods were provided by Taoist Pu, and even proposing to divide the things equally, he believed that this Taoist Pu was not this kind of a classy guy. But now with those eight people inside, he could not think of how Taoist Pu would use the other seven for his own purpose.

Ning Cheng also did not follow them inside for two reasons, one was he did not know how to get out of that place, and the other was he wanted to kill that Taoist Pu.

Before in the Beast Carriage, that Taoist Pu used the others to blackmail him into joining his team, if he did not do something about this hatred, then this was not Ning Cheng. Moreover, if Taoist Pu came out from the inside of the blood red walls, then it would also mean that he would have obtained the good stuff.

Waiting for the time to pass, on the first day Ning Cheng and An Yi could only hear an intermittent dull thumping sound coming from the inside of the dark red walls. At the start, the interval between the dull thumping sounds was very short, but as the time passed the interval between the dull thumping noises was getting longer and longer while the sound was getting weaker and weaker.

The next day, Ning Cheng and An Yi could not even hear even half a sound coming from inside, the eight people who entered the blood red walls, it was as if mud falling into the sea, it was completely lifeless without any sound.

Ning Cheng did not have to confidence to continue to stay there for longer periods of time, if he continued to stay there, maybe in a few days, many people would start to reach the island. Moreover he had a strange and vague feeling

that this fog seemed to have a pair of eyes staring at him and An Yi which made him very uncomfortable.

“Big Brother Ning, I am always feeling that someone is calling for me, wanting me to enter the blood red walls. If you did not hold onto me, I am afraid I wouldn’t be able to resist it.” An Yi whispered into Ning Cheng’s ear.

Ning Cheng was about to speak, when the door in the blood red wall again sent out a ‘squeak’, as Taoist Pu crazily rushed out from the inside. This time that Taoist Pu had disheveled look on him, what happened to his calm appearance from before?

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Chapter 0038 – Unexpected Wealth

Although Taoist Pu looked disheveled, but the excitement in his eyes was difficult to conceal. As he crazily fled towards Ning Cheng, he simply did not pay any attention to Ning Cheng and An Yi who were hiding in front of him.

There was a strong aura coming from the bag he was escaping with, this kind of aura was too familiar with Ning Cheng, it was an aura of Ling Shis. Ning Cheng was already waiting for Taoist Pu for a long time, it was not the first time that he allowed An Yi to follow him immediately.

At the same time, Ning Cheng could not give up the thought of advancing in his cultivation, he immediately let his spiritual sense to wrap around Taoist Pu’s body. Prior to this, Ning Cheng did not really look down on Taoist Pu. But when his spiritual sense just glanced past Taoist Pu, his heart immediately tightened.

This Taoist Pu looked like he was at the Qi Gathering 3rd Level, but in fact he was clearly at the Qi Gathering 7th Level. He did not know where this person came from, that he would even have such a formidable concealment technique with him, if it was before, Ning Cheng would not even think that the person in front of him was actually at Qi Gathering 7th Level.

He was already in the late stages of the Qi Gathering 7th Level, this guy really hid it very well.

Knowing that this Taoist Pu was already at the Qi Gathering 7th Level, Ning Cheng was no longer as calm as before, he was certain that once Taoist Pu heads into the fog, he would immediately be able to find him. At this point there was no reason for Taoist Pu to notice him, this Taoist Pu was not able to detect his spiritual sense, as he did not seem to have any idea that there were people who were waiting specifically for him in his path.

He could not let this guy escape, thought Ning Cheng as he took out the flying sword without any hesitation, suddenly he stepped forward, and with the flying sword in his hand he decisively swept out with it.

This Taoist Pu had been on this path of the Lansha Island for more than a few dozen times already, and he was very clear that although it looks very scary, in fact, as long as one was proficient in Battle Array Formations, he would not be targeted by the evil spirits who were always eying the path, of course the prerequisite was that they did not enter the blood red walls, and also did not go into the courtyard behind the blood red walls.

But this Taoist Pu was highly confident in himself, that coupled with his extremely careful nature, in addition to his superior cultivation level, he already surpassed Ning Cheng. When he noticed that the tip of the flying sword was already approaching him, he suddenly twisted his body.

“Puff……” the sword light flashed and blood spurted out, that Taoist Pu did not think that he would not be able to evade Ning Cheng’s strike. That flying sword of Ning Cheng almost directly cut his waist in half, although that wound was not enough to kill him, but it severely injured him.

An Yi had been together with Ning Cheng for a long time now, and since Ning Cheng even protected and sheltered her for several days in the sea, she had

already become accustomed to how Ning Cheng did things. Almost in the next moment, she also sent out three Wind Edges, simultaneously cutting the string that tied her to Ning Cheng with her skill.

Taoist Pu had barely escaped the fatal flying sword strike from Ning Cheng, when An Yi's Wind Edges arrived and detonated on him. But these just gave Taoist Pu a few minor injuries other than the near fatal injury from Ning Cheng, it was still not enough to kill him.

Taoist Pu staggered for a few steps and stopped, at this time Ning Cheng found out, that he and Taoist Pu had come out from the fog, and onto the curved path. As to which curved that he arrived on, Ning Cheng did not care about it. He guessed that since Taoist Pu also wanted to escape, so he would definitely choose the path that would lead to the exit.

"It is you……" Taoist Pu said as he forcefully suppressed his injuries and turned back to see Ning Cheng carrying the flying sword in his arms.

Ning Cheng did not answer, and once again brought up the flying sword and swept towards him with it, while simultaneously throwing out several Flame Edges. Striking when the iron was hot, that Taoist Pu was already a cultivator at the Qi Gathering 7th Level, if he let him catch his breath, then both him and An Yi would be in some serious trouble.

Taoist Pu's face immediately turned pale, he saw that Ning Cheng did not even say a word when he continued with his attacks, he understood that Ning Cheng undoubtedly wanted to kill him, idle chatter would not help him. Almost at the same time, he drew out a sickle. And swept away with it towards Ning Cheng's flying sword that had arrived in front of him.

He was not willing, he clearly understood why Ning Cheng wanted to kill him. Before in the beast carriage, if Ning Cheng had dared to disagree to join his team, so as to not leak the secret information, Ning Cheng would have been killed by his hands.

He was not willing, he had just advanced to the Qi Gathering 7th Level before coming to the Lansha Island. This time he also had obtained a massive quantity of extremely precious Ling Shis, to advance to the Qi Condensation Realm was just an issue of time for him. But at this crucial point, he was actually ambushed

by Ning Cheng.

He did not understand how Ning Cheng could be safe and sound in Lansha Island, there were both Illusionary Array Formations and real evil spirit here, there were even some demon soul soldiers. Without knowing about the intricacies of the Array Formation around here, even if one was a cultivator in the Building Yuan Realm, he would not be able to do as he pleased. He concluded that Ning Cheng definitely knew about the Array Formations around here, otherwise how could he hide for that many days and even plan an ambush against him here, but wasn't even discovered by the evil spirits?

"Weng" a sound was heard, and the sword light was scattered, Ning Cheng just took a few steps back, but Ning Cheng did not stay still, and the flying sword in his hands once again turned into a long sword light.

"You unexpectedly even have an artifact ……" This time Taoist Pu realized his mistake, it seemed that in Ning Cheng's hand was high quality artifact.

Although he was injured before, but he did not panic, he had the cultivation of Qi Gathering 7th Level, even if he was injured, he thought that he could use the artifact in his hands to easily kill and behead Ning Cheng and An Yi. But now that he has confirmed Ning Cheng also was using an artifact, one which was of even better quality then the artifact in his own hands, that Taoist Pu's eyes were glinting with a hint of panic. Because he felt that, Ning Cheng's cultivation did not seem to be that of an ordinary Qi Gathering 4th Level.

At this time An Yi once more threw out several Wing Edges towards him, Taoist Pu had to avoid An Yi's Wind Edges, but simultaneously the Sword Light from Ning Cheng once again reached him.

Taoist Pu wanted to use the sickle artifact in his hand to block it again, but this time when he really tried to block it, he felt a sharp pain from his waist, he had not completely stopped the bleeding from the previous wound when it started spraying blood again. The speed of his sickle immediately slowed down a beat, but at this time the sword light from Ning Cheng already arrived at his side.

The sword light hit his shoulder from the side, immediately splitting him down to his waist into two part, this Taoist Pu was still extremely unwilling to back down even when dying.

Ning Cheng gasped for breath, and first rushed to pick up the package that Taoist Pu had and threw it into his storage bag behind him, and then sent out a fireball to turn Taoist Pu into ash, after doing all this he said to An Yi, “An Yi, we have to run, I estimate that people from the Mingot City must be about to arrive.”

After the two ran all they way along the curved path, in just less than half an hour, the two once again saw the reef at the seashore. This was not the place were the two had entered the Lansha Island before, but it was actually the other side of the island.

There was a boat that was not very big on its side, Ning Cheng felt happy in his heart, he knew that this boat definitely belonged to Taoist Pu and his group. There were also a bunch of materials from the sea beasts piled up in a heap on the ship’s bow, these materials must have been left here by Taoist Pu and his group to take back. Ning Cheng was not very clear about it, whether Taoist Pu was good or evil, he was a cultivator in the Qi Gathering Realm, why would he pay such attention to materials from ordinary sea beasts?

Those materials from the sea beasts, Ning Cheng did not discard them, but pushed them the side, and then quickly set sail and left the Lansha Island.

After the time it takes for half an incense stick to burn, with Ning Cheng and An Yi controlling the wooden boat they had already left the Lansha Island behind in dust.

Only until after that did An Yi heaved a sigh and said, “Big Brother Ning, my heart was constantly being suppressed and filled with panic when we were on the island, it always gave me a very bad feeling.”

Ning Cheng also nodded, “I am the same as you, I always felt that the island was definitely not simple as that. In the future, when our cultivation levels are high enough, we can come again to look at it. An Yi, your pendant should also be a good weapon, you have to carefully take care of it, it should not be found by others.”

An Yi also gave a simple reply, “I know.”

Returning to the sea once again, Ning Cheng first took out the cloth package from inside the storage bag, he wanted to look at his spoils from the battle.

Opening the cloth package, a dazzling white light made Ning Cheng surprised. There was a small pile of at least 4 to 5 hundred of brightly glittering stones. Moreover, when he had previously acquired the Ling Shis, some of the Ling Shis were less dazzling. However, this did not affect his cultivation practice.

“An Yi, we became rich, this really is an unexpected wealth.” Ning Cheng said with joy. What he lacked the most was Ling Shis, but now he already had nearly 500 Ling Shis, if he required 100 Ling Shis to advance a level, then maybe with all these Ling Shis he may be able to reach the peak of the Qi Gathering Realm.

Ning Cheng was just about to share the Ling Shis with An Yi, when she stopped him from doing it and said, “Big Brother Ning, the Ling Shis that you gave me last time have still not run out. Moreover you require a lot of Ling Shis for your cultivation practise, if I do run out, I will ask you again.”

Ning Cheng also thought so, anyway An Yi always followed him, so it was all the same.

After putting away the Ling Shis, Ning Cheng found a jade box in the bottom of the cloth bag. When he opened the jade box, a familiar aroma greeted him.

“Golden Cicada Fruit……” Ning Cheng and An Yi both simultaneously cried out in surprise.

In the jade box in Ning Cheng’s hands, was lying a green fruit with a golden sheen, this fruit was in the shape of two wings, except these ‘wings’ looked like they were made of pure white silk. No wonder the fruit was called a Cicada Fruit, Ning Cheng thought as he quickly closed the jade cover.

[TL Note – For those who are confused about the description, please refer to this Seed which is actually very close to in description of the Golden Cicada Fruit.]

“That Taoist Pu really has a big mouth, that bastard said a lot about the Golden Cicada Fruit, and now I see this.” After Ning Cheng obtained the Golden Cicada Fruit, in his heart he was glad that he did not work with that guy.

Although they were rushing into the sea, Ning Cheng in his heart was very satisfied, at least he had a great harvest. The only regret that he had was, there was no way for them to save Feng Feizhang who had helped them earlier. He

knew that with his ability, his escape from the Lansha Island was purely based on luck, wanting to save Feng Feizhang, his strength was simply too poor.

After being happy for a while, Ning Cheng and An Yi quickly became lost. In this immense sea, they simply did not know which direction to go in. The sky over the Mingot Sea was cloudy all year long, so they could not discern any directional signs.

As a few days time passed by, Ning Cheng was growing anxious in his heart. He not only could not even find the shore of the Mingot Sea, but he even could not find a small island.

“Big Brother Ning, a ship is coming.” An Yi knew that Ning Cheng was in a bit of hurry, when Ning Cheng saw the ship, he immediately knew that this ship was coming from the direction from which they came.

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Chapter 0039 – Where To Go

When Ning Cheng saw the ship coming over, he was surprised in his heart. He was in an urgent need to find another human to find his bearings, but at the same time was afraid to be seen by others. He had already offended two big forces of the Mingot City, he felt that these ships in the Mingot Sea were definitely related to the Mingot City. Once anyone recognized Ning Cheng and An Yi, the result would definitely not be good.

In just a moment, the ship had already arrived close to Ning Cheng’s boat.

“Ha Ha, I did not think that in this vast and endless Mingot Sea, I would be able to meet Brother Ning and his cousin, it really was destined.” A hearty laughter

was transmitted.

Ning Cheng was able to immediately recognize the person who this voice belonged to, it was the same person who had helped him back in the Mingot City, Le Bohong. For Le Bohong to appear here, he simply did not need to think about it, he certainly knew that they were coming back from the Lansha Island, but he did not know how their harvest went.

“Brother Le, I am truly happy to see you, it really seemed to be predestined for us to meet again.” Ning Cheng said while he smiled and clasped his hands towards them. But in his heart he was feeling a bit frustrated, he knew that this Bochum guy would definitely ask him what he had come here to do, how should he answer? If he said that he was coming back from the Lansha Island, it would just sound idiotic.

Sure enough Le Bohong immediately asked, “Brother Ning sure has courage, you even dared to behead Mingot City’s Miao Wenhong, I really admire you. Moreover, Brother Ning you even dare to stay near the Mingot Sea’s shore, you really are quite bold.”

When Ning Cheng saw that Le Bohong’s eyes swept over the pile of materials from the sea beasts, he instantly understood why Taoist Pu had piled up so much material from the sea beasts here. In his heart he couldn’t help admire Taoist Pu, compared to his experience, he was far less when compared to Taoist Pu. Taoist Pu had piled all these materials from the sea beasts, so that he could clearly use it as an excuse for roaming the sea.

After calming his heart a bit, Ning Cheng looked a bit dull and said, “Miao Wenhong went too far, if I did not have an advanced level thunder and lightning talisman, me and my cousin would have been killed by that person. Killing this man, it was only due to self defence.”

Self defence? Le Bochum was trying to understand the meaning behind the words of Ning Cheng, he immediately agreed and said, “Good thing that Brother Ning killed him, if this kind of two piece shit had tried to bump into me, I would also not hesitate to kill him.”

Ning Cheng in his heart was speechless, you clearly had come from the Clear Heart Academy, if you had killed Miao Wenhong, you certainly would not have

any problems.

Le Bohong did not seem to think about his own background, after he said that one sentence, he stared at Ning Cheng and the pile of sea beasts' materials on the bow of the boat and said, "Brother Ning, you are already at the Qi Gathering 4th Level, these materials from the sea beasts can only be exchanged for some gold at best. Although you made a lot, but because of your cultivation level it would not be of much help to you."

Ning Cheng just pretended to be helpless and said, "How could I know about these, me and my cousin are just two scattered cultivators that do not have any backing, our cultivations are also poor, besides collecting the materials from the sea beasts in the Mingot Sea, we really have nowhere to go."

Le Bohong listened to Ning Cheng's words and then said, "Brother Ning, if you believe in my words, you might as well come with me to my Academy to have a look at it. Even if Brother could not enter the Clear Heart Academy as a student, you could still come to work at our Academy, living here in the Mingot Sea waters doing manual labor is just too much. Moreover, Brother Ning you already have thoroughly offended the Mingot City's Wolf Palace, if you want to survive in this neighborhood with your cousin, it will be somewhat difficult."

Ning Cheng saw that this Le Bohong was sweeping his eyes over An Yi's body, how could he not know his thoughts. But what he said was indeed right, he could not continue to stay in the Mingot waters for a long time.

"What Brother Le said is right, before brother explained to me that the Clear Heart Academy was going to recruit students from the entire Ping Continent, the reason I was collecting these materials from the sea beasts, was precisely in order to gather enough travel expenses to go to the Clear Heart Academy." Ning Cheng said these words to Le Bohong.

Le Bohong looked at Ning Cheng sternly and said, "Brother Ning, if I may say so frankly. If Brother Ning intends to rely only on gold coins as travel expenses to go to the Clear Heart Academy, even if you immediately set of, you would hardly be able to arrive at the Clear Heart Academy in a year. Two weeks later, there is an airship that will pass by Mingot City. We are going to take this airship back to the Clear Heart Academy. Brother Ning if you do not mind, we can go together."

Ning Cheng was very moved in his heart, but he just shook his head and said immediately, “I have already offended two powerful forces of the Mingot City, and even if I arrive at the airship passing through the Mingot City, I do not have enough gold coins to pay for it.”

Le Bohong laughed, “Brother Ning, you should come sit in this airship, this airship belongs to the category of large aircraft type artifacts, they do not accept gold coins.At worst they accept Qi Gathering stones for short distances, but for long distances, they will not accept Qi Gathering Stones, but what they require is low grade Ling Shis.”

“Low Grade Ling Shis?” Ning Cheng repeated those words, with a shock on his face.

The woman standing behind Le Bohong suddenly said, “Rather that stopping and speaking in the sea, we might as well speak about it on our ship.”

Ning Cheng, although did not know the name of that woman, but Ning Cheng had seem them in the Mingot City. Qi Gathering 7th Level, according to the badge on her chest, she should also be from the Clear Heart Academy.

Le Bohong after listening to the words from the woman, looked at Ning Cheng apologetically and said, “Brother Ning, let me introduce you, this here is Junior Sister Apprentice Lu Xue.”

He then pointed to the other two men and said, “These two are Yin Wen and Guanghe Xu, this time the four of us had come out together to gain experience, this time we have been already in the Mingot waters for many days, and we were just going back. What Junior Sister Apprentice Lu Xue said was true, Brother Ning why don’t you abandon your boat and come join us and our peers.”

Have to say this Le Bohong spoke in a very gracious manner, telling Ning Cheng to abandon his boat, what he wanted to say was that his boat was worthless, might as well abandon it.

This time Ning Cheng did not hesitate, and gave An Yi a meaningful look, took out the cloth bag from the cabin and led An Yi to board Le Bohong’s ship. Now Ning Cheng’s boat did not have anyone to control it, and instantly it and Le Bohong’s ship separated from each other and disappeared into the boundless sea.

Seeing Ning Cheng abandoning his ship and travelling together with his companions, Le Bohong said with enthusiasm, “From the Mingot City to travel to the Calm Heart Academy is two Ling Shis per person, Brother Ning do you have enough Ling Shis……”

Ning Cheng knew that Le Bohong wanted to say something, but he quickly waved his hand and said, “I do have a knife, Brother Le can you help me see how much is it worth? If it would be enough for our travel expenses.”

While speaking, Ning Cheng already took out a knife that was wrapped in the cloth. Before Feng Feizhang helped him with the travel expenses of the beast carriage, he still owed Feng Feizhang a favor, but he also knew that he would not be able to repay it now. At this point of time Ning Cheng did not want to owe favors to other people for no reason.

“Hey, Brother Ning also has a low grade artifact?” Le Bohong saw Ning Cheng take out the knife, he was immediately startled and said those words. But he immediately guessed that, this artifact must be of Miao Wenhong.

“I will give you four pieces of Ling Shis for this knife.” that person Lu Xue who had invited them before, immediately said to Ning Cheng and An Yi.

Ning Cheng listened to Lu Xue’s words, and he immediately knew that this knife was probably not worth four Ling Shi, Lu Xue thought that she could help them in this way.

Even if he knew that Lu Xue wanted to help them, Ning Cheng gave the knife to Lu Xue and said, “Thank you Senior Sister Apprentice Lu, you do not have to give those Ling Shis to me, as long as when the time comes, Elder Sister Lu please help us pay the fare once for us.”

Seeing Ning Cheng not taking advantage of Le Bohong, many people’s view about Ning Cheng changed.

Ning Cheng also introduced An Yi, and soon the people began to warm up to them, and starting talking in a familiar way.

Ning Cheng also learned from Le Bohong that they had truly came back from the Lansha Island, this time there were hundreds of cultivators going to the Lansha Island, and there were even cultivators who were in the Qi Gathering 1st

and 2nd Level.

Le Bohong and the few people who had a set of high level defensive Array Formations, were lucky to survive the robberies unharmed. However there were several people who did not want continue towards the heart of the island, and immediately returned.

“I am certain, that the news of the Golden Cicada Fruit was actually made up by the people.” A man with dusky skin who was introduced as Yin Wen said with some indignation .

Ning Cheng looked puzzled and asked, “Why does Brother Yin has such an affirmation? Did nobody who entered the Lansha Island not obtained the Golden Cicada Fruit?”

Ning Cheng certainly knew that the Lansha Island did contain the Golden Cicada Fruit, otherwise it would be impossible for Taoist Pu to obtain this kind of a thing.

Le Bohong showed a faint smile: “Brother Ning may not know about it, but Wen Guang is from the Drug Division of the Clear Heart Academy, he specialises in a variety of Medicinal Solutions, and is also known to concoct Elixirs, so Wen Guang could definitely say those words with a certain assurance.”

Ning Cheng already knew what Medical Solutions were, and was comparing the Clear Heart Academy with the Universities back on Earth, it seems that even in this world the Academies also had various other subjects.

That Wen Guang also was not modest, and said directly, “After the Golden Cicada Fruit matures, it will have an extremely thick aroma of a spiritual fruit, the entire Lansha Island is within the range of that aroma, if there was actually a Golden Cicada Fruit, I would have surely smelt the aroma already. After we entered the island, there was not even the slightest hint of the aroma of the Golden Cicada Fruit, I immediately knew that the Lansha Island should have been a scam.”

“Brother Le, since the Clear Heart Academy has the Drug Division, does it also have other divisions like the Refining Division and the Array Formation Division?” Ning Cheng was not willing to continue the topic of Lansha Island, but he was definitely more interested in the different Divisions of the Clear Heart Academy.

Le Bohong shook his head and said, “That is not the case, I heard that only in the 6 Star Academies will they have such Divisions. The Clear Heart Academy does not have this kind of strength, besides the Drug Division, the rest are just mixtures of each other. They are based solely on the cultivation and a few other points, of course, if there was an exceptional student with good qualification, the teachers would coach them separately. Once an Apprentice Disciple is selected by a teacher, then he could have more cultivation resources.”

Ning Cheng suddenly asked, “Your cultivations are already high, can it be said that you all are also individual Apprentice Disciples too?”

Le Bohong just chuckled and said, “Brother Ning, we are just cultivators of the Qi Gathering Realm, it really is not much, with my age and cultivation of the Qi Gathering Realm, I can only be described as an above average disciple, I can barely even enter the core classes with my qualification.

Ning Cheng was thinking that if it was like this in a 3 Star Academy, then what about the 5 Star Academy that Ji Luo Fei went to, after he heard the words of Le Bohong, Ning Cheng was really surprised. Listening to Le Bohong’s words meaning, it seemed that in the Clear Heart 3 Star Academy students of the late stage Qi Gathering Realm were really commonplace, it seems that that there were even many student with the cultivation in the Qi Condensation Realm studying there.

Seeing Ning Cheng surprised, Le Bohong suddenly asked, “Brother Ning you look quite young, but you already are at the Qi Gathering 4th Level, presumably your qualifications are not bad, right?”

Ning Cheng said with a wry smile, “I only have a three line hybrid support spiritual root, I was only able to advance to the Qi Gathering 4th Level, because I luckily came across 5 pieces of a good quality Qi Gathering Stone by chance.”

If Le Bohong asked about the origins of it, Ning Cheng could just push it onto the Ji Luo Fei’s aunt and use her as a shield.

After hearing the words of Ning Cheng, the other people with Le Bohong just looked at each other, in their view, if Ning Cheng could advance to the Qi Gathering 4th Level in such a poor environment, then his spiritual root was certainly not bad. But they did not think that he would merely have a three line

hybrid support spiritual root, with such a spiritual root it was just not worth for them to make friends with him.

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Chapter 0040 – Return To Mingot City

Not to mention that Ning Cheng used 5 Qi Gathering Stones in order to advance to the Qi Gathering 4th Level, showing the extent of his hybrid support spiritual root, it was simply horrible.

“Ning Cheng, your spiritual root is so poor, why didn’t you give those Qi Gathering Stones to your cousin An Yi? Is your cousin’s spiritual roots also as bad as yours?” Lu Xue directly called out using Ning Cheng’s name.

Ning Cheng did not mind it, in this world this was the reality. His spiritual root is of a poor quality, it was apparent that he had no future. Letting cultivators, who were already at Qi Gathering 7th Level, call him Brother Ning, it was just not realistic. Anyone would look down on such a relationship, in fact, just as the saying goes birds of the same feather flock together, these words can be applicable anywhere. He and Le Bohong, Lu Xue and the rest were simply not in the same group.

Now that Lu Xue asked about An Yi, Ning Cheng quickly said, “My cousin has a pure wooden spiritual root, it’s long way out when compared to my own. But when she was young she went away with her master, and stayed with her till her master died, only then did I find her. At that time, my Qi Gathering Stones were already finished.”

If An Yi’s spiritual root was bad, maybe Le Bohong and his people would not take them to the Clear Heart Academy. They may even leave him and his cousin

in the Mingot waters or try something worse with them, he was really not sure if he, Ning Cheng, could even escape being killed by the several forces of the Mingot City.

“Junior Sister Apprentice An Yi, do you really have a pure wooden spiritual root?” Lu Xue’s eyes lit up and immediately asked.

It was not only did Lu Xue’s eyes that were shining brightly, even the other people were looking at An Yi with envious looks. Having a pure wooden spiritual root, one could not only easily enter the Clear Heart Academy, but even a teacher would also accept her to mentor her as her Master.

An Yi nodded, “Yes, I do have a pure wooden spiritual root.”

Learning that An Yi did indeed have a pure wooden spiritual root, Le Bohong and the others suddenly became more enthusiastic, but rather their enthusiasm had shifted from Ning Cheng, and onto An Yi.

Ning Cheng did not mind it, her having a pure wooden spiritual root, he knew that it was the right and proper thing to do.

Three days later Ning Cheng followed Le Bohong and the the several people to return to the Mingot City once more. This was Ning Cheng’s second visit to the Mingot City, the first time he had come here, he had stayed there for less than half an hour, before he had to leave.

This time he was absolutely helpless, if he did not follow Le Bohong and the others, he did not know what the people from the Clear Heart Academy would do to them.

Mingot City remained the same, but at the entrance of the Mingot City was an extremely short figure, but was extremely fierce looking.

“Ning Cheng, that person is called Miao Lihu, and is one of the big shots of the Wolf Palace, the one you killed, Miao Wenhong, was his son, I heard that this person covers his shortcomings extremely closely. You do not need to worry, you are now a person of the Clear Heart Academy, how could he even hurt you.” Le Bohong after knowing that Ning Cheng only had a hybrid support spiritual root, in addition to his age being older than Ning Cheng, he no longer called him as Brother Ning. However he was still fairly polite, except for the change in

addressing him, he did not change anything else, as he did not know if Ning Cheng and An Yi had a deep relationship.

Without even Le Bohong speaking those words to him, Ning Cheng could already feel that that short guy was staring at him with his eyes filled with killing intent. Le Bohong said that this person was Miao Wenhong's father, evidently he was not wrong about it.

"Was it you who killed my son Wenhong?" Miao Lihu still held back his anger in front of Le Bohong, but looked at Ning Cheng with a ruthless and severe stare and asked.

Ning Cheng's heart sank, he felt that Miao Lihu simply did not put Le Bohong and the others in his eyes. Moreover Miao Lihu's cultivation level, he could not see through it. Since he could not see through his cultivation level, it was obvious that Miao Lihu was, without a doubt, a cultivator in the Qi Condensation Realm.

"Who is your son?" Ning Cheng calmly said, while simultaneously thinking in his heart, that if Le Bohong did not help him, what should he do?

"My son is Miao Wenhong, who chased after you, but did not come back, wasn't it you who killed my child? You will leave your head behind in order to pay homage to my child now." Miao Lihu unceremoniously said, as he stepped forward, as he moved his hands towards Ning Cheng.

Le Bohong did not think that Miao Lihu would not even look him in the eyes, and even step forward, his face sank and said, "Miao Lihu, what do you mean by that? Do you not even keep the Clear Heart Academy in your eyes?"

Miao Lihu's red eyes stared at Le Bohong and said, "I have always respected the Clear Heart Academy, but now that my son was killed, and the person who killed him does not belong to the Clear Heart Academy, why would the Clear Heart Academy step forward to stop me from taking revenge for my dead son?"

Le Bohong did not expect that Miao Lihu did not fear the Clear Heart Academy and would even dare to argue with him, his face immediately turned red.

Lu Xue came forward and said, "Lord of the Wolf Palace, you killing Ning Cheng does not matter, but I am sure that if you kill Ning Cheng now, a month later, the Wolf Palace would be exterminated from this place, then the Miao Clan will not

even have a single person left alive.”

The words from Lu Xue, suddenly chilled Miao Lihu to the bone, even his hatred had cooled down a lot. If the people from the Clear Heart Academy were determined to guard this Ning kid, he simply would not be able to kill him anytime soon, unless he wanted to be a fugitive. But he did not understand just how did this kid make the students from the Clear Heart Academy come forward to help him?

Thinking of this, Miao Lihu became calmer, he turned to Lu Xue and said while clasping his hands, “I, Miao Lihu, am capable in my mind, I know that this kid is not a part of the Clear Heart Academy, I know this very well. Why does the Clear Heart Academy want to destroy me, when this matter doesn’t even involve the Clear Heart Academy with the Wolf Palace, just where is the justice in this?”

Lu Lue just sneered and said, “Discriminating against you, do not speak about morality and justice? Master Miao, the others may be able to say that sentence to me, but what you just said was a slap to to your own face. Do you even know what kind of a son you had, tell me one person in this Mingot City who doesn’t know about your son’s character. Do you think that only your son has the right to kill others, but others do not have the right kill your son?”

After saying those words, Lu Xue was disinclined to speak more words with Miao Lihu, pointed at An Yi and directly said, “She is the cousin of Ning Cheng, do you even know that she is a person from the Clear Heart Academy? An Yi has a pure wooden spiritual root, do you even understand what it means, that as a Clear Heart Academy’s student, she is already qualified to be a core disciple of the Clear Heart Academy. Therefore, An Yi is already equal to a core disciple of the Clear Heart Academy, and Ning Cheng is her cousin, if you do not want want your Wolf Palace, and are even willing to destroy your Miao Clan, then you can go ahead and kill him.”

Because Miao Lihu did not give him any face, Le Bohong’s face was already dark. After Lu Xue finished, he did not wait for Miao Lihu to reply and coldly continued, “Miao Lihu, do not think that just because this is Mingot City, and that you are also a cultivator of the Qi Condensation Realm, so you can show your swagger before others. I do not even put you even in my eyes, even if I did not have the heart to kill you, as long as I even mention your name in the

Academy, I am pretty sure there would be many people that would come for your head from the Academy. ”

This time Miao Lihu seemed to have completely calmed down, but there were many veins that stood out on his hands. But he knew that Le Bohong had not lied to him, once he angered the disciples of the Clear Heart Academy. He knew that in Mingot City there were already a lot of people who would even sacrifice their lives for even getting a bone to enter the Clear Heart Academy, him being a cultivator of the Qi Condensation Realm was really nothing compared to it. Wolf Palace was not even the dominant power of the Mingot City. Even if he took a step back, nobody would help him in engaging the disciples of the Clear Heart Academy, Ning Cheng even had a cousin with a pure spiritual root, how could he let Ning Cheng go, unless he could kill them together. Otherwise it would only create future troubles for him.

Miao Lihu stared at Ning Cheng with a wicked and ferocious stare, and eventually gave up, turned and quickly disappeared into the Mingot City. He must kill Ning Cheng, however he had to find an alternate way to accomplish it.

Ning Cheng tuned towards Le Bohong and Lu Xue and clasped his hands and said thanks, but in his heart he had already made up his mind. He must make sure to hold his destiny in his own hands, the feeling of depending on such people made him really uncomfortable. At this time he had already gotten his hands on several hundred Ling Shis, as well as the Golden Cicada Fruit, who knows maybe he could even enter the Qi Condensation Realm with its help?

“It is just a small matter, we will wait for a few days in the Mingot City, in a few days time, we will board the airship type artifact that will be visiting here from the Ming Yi Country.” Le Bohong said in an extremely casual tone.

Ning Cheng and An Yi followed the arrangement made by Le Bohong, and also started to understand the minds of the disciple that were admitted into the Clear Heart Academy. Lu Xue would also often seek An Yi from time to time, to discuss cultivation, and even trying to deepen their relationship. After learning that Ning Cheng had a hybrid support spiritual root, there was practically no one who came to seek him out apart from Le Bohong who only came occasionally, other than him no one came even close to him.

Ning Cheng was also aware of this, and did not go out to seek Le Bohong to deepen their relations. He did not dare to stick himself with the others cultivations practice, and simply began to study his own Array Formations Methods. His cultivation about it was only at the basic level, now that he was concentrating on researching Array Formation Methods, with the help of the Mysterious Yellow Bead, this knowledge about Array Formations grew leaps and bounds.

On this day Ning Cheng was preparing a Level Two Array Formation, when An Yi knocked on his door.

“Big Brother Ning……” An Yi had just said a few words, when Ning Cheng beckoned her with his hands and said, “An Yi, from now on, call me by my name, or simply as ‘Cousin’.”

Call Big Brother Ning, as her cousin, ‘cousin’?

An Yi simply omitted the word Ning and said, “Big Brother, the airship has stopped outside Mingot City, Sister Lu Xue asked me to ask you to come onboard together.”

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Chapter 0041 – Separated

“An Yi is now a Junior Sister Apprentice, I introduced you to her once, this the Clear Heart Academy’s Senior Sister Apprentice Yong Guyun, Senior Sister Yong helps the Clear Heart Academy in choosing which students to take back……” when Ning Cheng and An Yi comes out, Lu Xue introduced An Yi with enthusiasm, besides her, there were already several people gathered near her, some of them were telling each other the dangers and the resulting experiences

that they had come across, some of them were saying that it was time to choose students from the Ping Continent for the Clear Heart Academy.

Le Bohong was also with Lu Xue, there was also a circle of people gathered around them, and were jubilantly discussing thing with each other.

Ning Cheng knew that he himself did not belong to any of the circles, those people gossiping around in the circles, the worst cultivation among them was Qi Gathering 6th Level, while Yong Guyun was at the pinnacle of the Qi Gathering 8th Level. In contrast, his cultivation of the Qi Gathering 4th Level really did not belong in this place. An Yi was able to become friends with the enthusiastic Lu Xue, he estimated that it was because of her spiritual root. If An Yi was the same as him, having a hybrid support spiritual root, surely even she would not have the qualifications to be in that circle.

An Yi already was a person who did not talk much, especially after her Master's death which was a great blow to her. However recently, she had been following Ning Cheng and even risking her life together with him, and had seen too many things, after seeing so many things her heart was slowly starting to open up. In addition Lu Xue was also a woman, so there was a lot of common topics between them. As Lu Xue deliberately wanted to become close friends with her, she thought that An Yi had no experience in such matters and thus gradually integrated her into her circle.

Ning Cheng also did not go interrupt them, as he was looking at the huge airship type artifact in front of him. On his planet Earth, he had never boarded a plane, but he knew how big the planes were. Now in his opinion, even the largest plane was smaller than the huge airship type artifact in front of him by at least a dozen times, this was a genuine giant.

This huge airship type artifact was going to fly, he did not know if it purely depended on Ling Shis, of if there was something else that powered it. He did not believe that this kind of huge airship did not have a power source, as it would not fly for no reason.

Only when it was time to board, did An Yi had the opportunity to excuse herself to go call Ning Cheng.

"Who is he?" Yong Guyun thought she knew everything about An Yi even

better than herself, she also similarly had a pure spiritual root, and thus paid a high attention to An Yi, now that An Yi had specifically gone to call a cultivator at the Qi Gathering 4th Level, she asked with some doubt.

Lu Xue looked back at An Yi and said while sighing, “That is An Yi’s cousin Ning Cheng, An Yi and his relationship doesn’t seem to normal.”

Yong Guyun immediately asks, “What is Ning Cheng’s Spiritual Root?”

Lu Xue shook her head and said, “I heard that it was a very disappointing multi line hybrid support spiritual root, he and An Yi are just opposites in this matter.”

“Impossible, in the waters of the Mingot Sea, how can one with a multi line hybrid support spiritual root practice cultivation? Looking at his Qi fluctuations, he should be at the Qi Gathering 4th Level, right?” Yong Guyun asked in a surprised way.

“It is because of chance, he had obtained 5 Qi Gathering Stones.” Le Bohong came over with a smile, “However Ning Cheng is still quite good, and is highly principled, unfortunately, it seems that in this life, he is just like to stop at the Qi Gathering Realm, I think that it would be even difficult for him to reach the Qi Gathering 7th Level.”

“If that is the case, he really should not got to the Clear Heart Academy. To arrive at the Clear Heart Academy, An Yi would certainly be taken in as a disciple by an Elder in the Building Yuan Realm, it would be difficult for Ning Cheng to see her again.” Yong Guyun said while smiling and looking in the direction of Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng did not know what the others were thinking of him, however he was a person from Earth, he was already well versed with the changes in human feelings. He could even anticipate what would happen to him once he arrived at the Clear Heart Academy, he would definitely not be treated well. At this time An Yi came to him to call him to get onboard, he swept his eyes over the rest of the students from the Clear Heart Academy, and said to An Yi, “An Yi, with your spiritual roots you can easily go into the Clear Heart Academy, and would definitely have a well known teacher to guide you, you can even become a core student of the Clear Heart Academy. The chances of us meeting in the future will be very few, it is better if I share some of my Ling Shis with you.”

An Yi in her mind was very surprised, and hastily said, “Big Brother, I will always be together with you, my master also said, she wanted me to be together with you.”

Ning Cheng forced out a wry smile and said, “An Yi, at that time your master had said that, because at that time you did not have any friends, and also did not have anyone else, now that you have friends, you could clearly focus on your cultivation practice in the Clear Heart Academy. If your master was still alive, even she would not want you and me to be together.”

“No, I must be together with you.” An Yi stubbornly said. She did not have many reasons to argue with Ning Cheng, she simply felt that she would only be happy in being together with Ning Cheng, it just felt comfortable in her heart.

Ning Cheng sighed darkly and said, “We must leave Mingot City, wait until we reach the Clear Heart Academy and practice hard, I believe that the Clear Heart Academy will give a lot of training resources to you. Moreover, even your master said that your background is not ordinary, if your cultivation level does not rise up, there is absolutely no way of knowing your origins. More importantly, if you became the core disciple of the Academy, and if you and I are still together, maybe the Academy would think that I am the one who held you back.”

An Yi fell silent, she no longer was the pure young nun who had just stepped out of the temple. She understood the meaning of Ning Cheng’s words, Ning Cheng’s spiritual root was very poor, if she went along with Ning Cheng, perhaps the Academy would kill Ning Cheng for holding her back. In this period of time together with him, she had already seen too many bloody things.

“I understand, I will remember Big Brother’s words.” An Yi had already had secretly made up her heart, she must try hard to practice cultivation, when her cultivation level was high enough, then she would help Ning Cheng in seeking more Ling Shis.

Ning Cheng in his heart was very upset, now when he saw An Yi, going to the Clear Heart Academy, he knew that it would be very difficult for them to meet.

“After I arrive at the Academy, I would definitely have more practice resources, you do not have to give me those things immediately. The amount of cultivation resources needed by you are definitely more.” An Yi had seen Ning Cheng

practice his cultivation, she knew that Ning Cheng needed a scary amount of Ling Shis to practice his cultivation. Although Ning Cheng had obtained several hundred pieces of Ling Shis previously, she knew that it was definitely not enough for him.

"An Yi, let's go aboard." Lu Xue called from afar.

Ning Cheng took An Yi's hand and said, "Come on, let's go aboard."

Miao Lihu who was standing far away to one side was staring at the back of Ning Cheng and An Yi with raw hate, he pledged in his heart, even if he had to sacrifice the Wolf's Palace, he would secretly follow them to the Ming Yi country, then he would try to find opportunities to kill Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng had not guessed wrong, when he and An Yi went aboard, An Yi was put in a better room than him, only after Ning Cheng asked the other people to show him the way did he know, that this airship really had a partnership with the Clear Heart Academy and the Ming Yi Country.

Ning Cheng was also not the only person who occupied his room, but there were also five other people whom he did not know who were also staying in that room. These five people were very young and had the same characteristics, the oldest one was about 20 years in age.

This made Ning Cheng relax a bit, his cultivation level in this room was finally not the worst one. This room had five people, and there were only two of them who were at the Qi Gathering 4th Level.

"Are you also students from the Clear Heart Academy?" Ning Cheng asked as he clasped his hands. His was a bit surprised in his heart, even if it was the Clear Heart Academy, Cultivators in the Qi Gathering 2nd Level earning 2 low grade Ling Shis for the fare was definitely not a simple thing, right?

One of them who was the same as Ning Cheng, a teenager with the same cultivation level of Qi Gathering 4th Level said, "Of course not, are you not going to the Clear Heart Academy to be selected, are you also going to participate in the admission selection of the Clear Heart Academy? Only by passing the Academy's selection, would you be considered as a student of the Clear Heart Academy."

Ning Cheng suddenly came to understand, before he had heard that this airship had a partnership with the Min Yi Country and the Clear Heart Academy. It seems that this ship went around the whole Ping Continent, in all directions to select youths with good aptitudes to enter the Clear Heart Academy, once they pass the test, they would then become the students of the Clear Heart Academy. Le Bohong said that one required 2 Ling Shis to embark on this airship, perhaps it was to help him open a backdoor for him and An Yi.

Ning Cheng quickly familiarized himself with the other people, these people were just like Ning Cheng had guessed them to be, they all had come from different regions to join the Clear Heart Academy, and were getting ready to participate in the selection tests of the Clear Heart Academy. The qualification of several people in his room could be considered as the bottom of all the people on board, despite being in the bottom, the worst one of them had a better qualifications than Ning Cheng, at least they had a primary spiritual root.

“What would happen if we fail the tests?” Ning Cheng suddenly thought, if they failed in passing the entrance test, the Clear Heart Academy would certainly not recruit them, it was certain that there would not be any airships that would send them back.

A skinny teenager was was at the Qi Gathering 3rd Level clenched his fist and said, “I have to pass it.”

Seeing him and Ning Cheng, a teenager at the Qi Gathering 4th Level said with contempt, “If you could really pass the test, then the rest of us, can rest of us can reach the moon in a single jump, if you can’t pass, you could only stay in the Ming Yi Country to seek living. If someone wants to return home from Ming Yi Country, you would just be seeking death.”

Finished saying that with a sigh, he said, “If you have at least Yu Hongfeng’s type of spiritual root, then you do not have to worry.”

“Who is Yu Hongfeng?” Ning Cheng asked.

“He is a person who selected by Yu Anguo, I heard that he would only select students who have a golden spiritual roots. Even the elders on the airship are very polite to him, he has boundless prospects …….” The teenager at the Qi Gathering 4th Level replied with some envy in his voice.

Ning Cheng was moved in his heart, a pure spiritual root was given such attention, would that also mean that An Yi would also share the same attention?

At this time, the door of the room was opened with a slight squeak, and a boy wearing a blue robe came in carrying a wooden tray, on the wooden tray were several similar lunch boxes.

“Here is your dinner.” That blue robed youth said without even showing the slightest feeling.

Ning Cheng knew that there would be a person who would come to deliver the food, it seems that the treatment here was not as bad as he thought. It seemed that the other teenagers in the room were already accustomed to it, and hurried to take their lunch boxes. After Ning Cheng took his lunch box, he asked the meal delivery boy in a very kind way, “Excuse me my friend, where does the disciples with pure spiritual roots live?”

The meal delivery youth gave Ning Cheng a surprised look, and then he said, “They live in the core area, do not try to go looking for them, otherwise you would soon be kicked out of the airship.”

The teenager at the Qi Gathering 4th Level heard the exchange, asked in a puzzled way, “Is Yu Hongfeng not the only person with a pure spiritual root?”

“Of course not, I have heard that this time in the Mingot Sea they were able to find a person with a pure wooden spiritual root.” The meal delivery youth immediately replied.

Ning Cheng knew that the other party would definitely keep An Yi safe, having heard that he understood that An Yi would definitely be properly taken of. But he was still very worried in his heart, and also asked, “If I wanted to meet one of the students with the pure spiritual roots, will there be trouble?”

“It is not troublesome, tomorrow night the people on board will throw a welcoming party for the two people with the pure spiritual roots. If you have to ability to get the admission tickets, then you can go see them.” This meal delivery youth smiled at Ning Cheng thinking that he was overestimating his own ability, after saying that, he did not continue to exchange words with Ning Cheng, and turned around to leave the room.

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Chapter 0042 – You're Such A Bitch

The meal delivery boy had just left, when the gate was shoved open again, this time a middle aged beautiful woman came in.

Besides Ning Cheng, when the other five teenagers saw this middle aged beautiful woman they immediately stood up and immediately bowed to salute her, at the same time they respectfully called out, "Elder Lan……."

This middle aged beautiful woman slightly nodded her head, and looked at Ning Cheng and asked, "Are you called Ning Cheng?"

Ning Cheng felt that the eyes of this beautiful middle aged woman were very stern, and did not understand why this Elder would trouble hersef to find him.

"You, come with me." this middle aged woman did not even wait for Ning Cheng to reply, and said while she already turned around to leave the room.

Ning Cheng for some unknown reason also followed this middle aged beautiful woman out of the room, after turning through a few bends in the airship, they entered a luxurious room which was shared by six people.

This middle aged beautiful woman sat down in the seat of honor in the room, and did not wait for Ning Cheng to sit down, and only asked in a light voice, "According to what An Yi said, you and An Yi's relationship does not seem to be that of two close cousins, before An Yi's master had departed, she asked you to take care of An Yi."

Ning Cheng did not speak, he knew that An Yi was very pure and simple minded, in the face of these crafty fellows, it was not unusual for these things to

be asked. He only hoped that An Yi did not say about the Mysterious Yellow Bead to them, and also that he required a scary amount of Ling Shis to practice his cultivation, this kind of things must not be spread around.

Once An Yi even mentioned about it, he could only wait for his death. Ning Cheng believed that An Yi should know how to differentiate between good and evil, as this kind of thing should not even be vaguely mentioned, and she should also not take the initiative to say it.

After the beautiful middle aged woman finished speaking, she again did not wait for Ning Cheng to reply and said again, “Regardless of whether An Yi is your cousin or not, I hope you will stay away from An Yi. It would be good for you as well as An Yi. An Yi has a limitless future, and you have a three line hybrid support spiritual root, your greatest achievement will only be in the Qi Gathering Realm, if you and An Yi remain in contact, it would only affect An Yi.”

Ning Cheng also said in a light voice, “I know that An Yi will have a limitless future when compared to me, but before that, I must confirm that An Yi gets to receive the best care in the Clear Heart Academy.”

Ning Cheng already knew that the Clear Heart Academy would properly take care of An Yi, but the words that this beautiful middle aged woman just spoke, made him upset.

The beautiful middle aged woman showed a faint smile, “You can.”

Saying that she took out a jade card which she gave to Ning Cheng and said, “Tomorrow evening we will hold a welcome party for An Yi and Yu Hongfeng on the airship, you can rely on this jade card to enter the area, when the time comes you can look at An Yi from the corner, otherwise you already understand what would happen.”

Ning Cheng took the jade card, and silently turned and walked out of the room, he was too lazy to even properly thank this middle aged beautiful woman.

At this time an extremely pretty girl hurriedly rushed in, and brushed past Ning Cheng who was just exiting the room. She also took a glance at Ning Cheng, at the same time voiced out a few words.

“Master, who is this person? He does not even have the basic courtesy.” This

pretty girl was staring at the retreating figure of Ning Cheng, and asked that middle aged beautiful woman.

The middle aged beautiful woman frowned and said, “Although his qualifications is very low, but he has an obstinate character, and is extremely proud in his heart. He did not even reply to my words a moment ago, and did not even say a greeting, it seems that I can’t let him come with us to the Clear Heart Academy.”

Ning Cheng returned to his room, inside the room the few people were looking at him with a strange look in their eyes, however no one came forward to question him, and also no one came to strike up a conversation with him either. Ning Cheng was also not in a very good mood, and closed his eyes to attempt practicing the Array Formation Methods.

The day passed by in an instant, in the second evening Ning Cheng arrived at the welcome party area, the party hall was already crowded, and was also very lively and loud.

Ning Cheng was from Earth, although he did not attend the evening banquets, parties or the like, but he had seen countless of them on the television. This was the first time for Ning Cheng to participate in such a party, although there were no modern amenities here, but Ning Cheng was sure that this luxurious evening party aboard the airship was not one bit inferior to the high class parties back on his planet Earth.

There were rows of Illuminating Array Formations that lit up the entire party hall like a fairyland, there were even young girls wearing colorful butterfly like dresses and holding a plate of food and wines interspersed in every corner. There was a soft gentle music that was playing which Ning Cheng had never heard before, when a person heard this, they would start to feel a very pleasant feeling of enjoyment.

There were many cultivators who participated in this party, and none of them were lower than Qi Gathering 5th Level, moreover there were many people who he could not clearly sense their cultivation levels.

Le Bohong was also walking around with a smile on his face, while talking with a few people who Ning Cheng could not even sense their cultivation levels.

Ning Cheng, other that the few people beside Le Bohong, could not recognize the rest of them. At this time, a burst of sweet music could be heard, under the light of the dimming moonlight, Ning Cheng saw An Yi.

At this point An Yi was like a princess, the cloth robe that she was wearing earlier had already disappeared, and she had changed into a set of light yellow skirt. While her head was still wrapped in a white scarf, but it actually made her look like a fairy, as her already beautiful face became more refined just like an otherworldly fairy.

An Yi walked into the hall with a smile on her face, and her eyes were full of happiness. Clearly, although she had never come in contact with such a scene, here adaptability to it was very strong, at least in her eyes there was no hesitation or anxiety. Lu Xue and Yong Guyun accompanied An Yi on her side, showing that the status of An Yi was even higher than them.

As An Yi entered the party hall, there was burst of warm and enthusiastic applause.

Just behind An Yi and the others appeared a very handsome boy, his eyes had a trace of pride in them, and was walking with extreme confidence plastered on his face. Ning Cheng did not ask, he could already guess that this person should be the one with the pure gold spiritual root, Yu Hongfeng.

An Yi stands on the stage and accepts the crown welcoming her, at the same time, she was also looking in all directions as if searching for someone. Lu Xue whispered in An Yi's ears and said, "Junior Sister Apprentice An Yi, these people here are the Elite Disciples and teachers of the Clear Heart Academy, Ning Cheng will not be able to come here."

An Yi nodded, and retracted her gaze, there was more than a trace of sadness in her eyes.

"The fact is, you shouldn't have come on board." An indifferent voice sounded in Ning Cheng's ears.

Ning Cheng suddenly turned around, and saw a familiar young girl. This young girl was precisely the one he had seen when he had went to see the beautiful middle aged woman. at that time, he was coming out of the beautiful middle aged woman's room, and this young girl happened to rush hurriedly inside.

Although she only brushed past him, Ning Cheng still remembered her very clearly.

“At least I know my cousin is being treated very well, I am finally relieved.” Ning Cheng said with a light laugh, finished saying that he turned and was about to leave. If he did not come on board, he would have definitely died in Mingot City.

The young girl suddenly said, “I think that it would be better if you got off the airship on the next stop. Believe me, it’s for your own good.”

After the girl said such strange words, she turned around and moved towards the middle of the bustling crowd in the party hall.

Ning Cheng frowned, he did not have a good feeling. He was just about to reach for a wine glass on the table beside him to drink, when he heard a familiar voice once again, “You’ve seen your cousin An Yi, she is getting along very well, so you do not have to worry about her.”

“Many thanks senior, I really don’t have to worry about it anymore, this junior takes his leave.” Ning Cheng gave up his thought of picking up a wine glass and said, as he turned around, he found that he was talking to the beautiful middle aged woman who had given him the jade card, but at this moment there was not even an expression on her face.

The beautiful middle aged woman said indifferently, “Letting you come here, was because you are An Yi’s cousin, you should understand this thought well. I was looking for some matters pertaining you, you will come with me.”

The bad feeling in Ning Cheng’s heart was growing more intense, but he had no leeway to resist, and could only follow the beautiful middle aged woman out of the party hall.

After the time it took for half an incense stick to burn, there was a light breeze blowing, Ning Cheng discovered that he was standing on the deck behind the airship. Under the airship was the endless blue sky and vast white clouds, those light breezes were coming from an Array Formation that was arranged in the rear of the airship, and it seems that the breeze was contained. As one could imagine it, if it was not for these shielding Array Formations, just by standing in this place, one would be immediately thrown out due to the airship’s fast speed.

Looking at the endless blue skies and the vast white clouds under his feet, Ning Cheng was feeling somewhat dizzy, at this point he completely understood what the beautiful middle aged woman had brought him here to do.

“You want me to jump down from here?” said Ning Cheng as his expression became ice cold, letting a cultivator at the Qi Gathering 4th Level to jump from this high in the air, other than the path of dying, there was no other second path.

The middle aged beautiful woman naturally nodded and said, “That’s right, you must jump down from here, you have no choice.”

“Why is that? I have already agreed to not seek out An Yi anymore.” Ning Cheng said as he clenched his fists, he knew that these people had no disregard for human lives, however this was too outrageous. Just because he knew An Yi, and An Yi had a pure spiritual root would they kill him, how could this make any sense? It was as if, if he was alive, An Yi would not feel at ease in practicing cultivation.

“For the future of An Yi, I have the responsibility to help An Yi in cutting off the worldly burdens from her life peacefully. You don’t want to fight me, I can tell you beforehand, that I am Elder Lan Yinyue of the Clear Heart Academy, with the cultivation level of Qi Condensation 8th Level. You are merely a cultivator of the Qi Gathering 4th Level, I don’t even need to move, and can make you get down from here immediately. But because you are An Yi’s cousin, I do not want to force you, you can jump by yourself.”

This middle aged beautiful woman said all these words in an impassive tone as if she was just asking for him to do something trivial.

“Ha Ha…..” Ning Cheng laughed, “When the mother is a whore, then the child will also be a bitch, you do not like to force me, Bah.”

“You are courting death…….” the originally extremely calm and quite Lan Yinyue after listening to Ning Cheng, immediately was overflowing with a murderous aura.

Ning Cheng knew that he did not have any ability to resist, he walked to the edge of the airship’s side and stared at Lan Yinyue and just said a few simple words, “Lan Yinyue, this father does not need you to begin, this father will

choose himself. There will be one day, that you will regret today's events, you self-centered bitch……"

Lan Yinyue heard Ning Cheng calling out to her as a bitch, and was suddenly trembling with anger, she did not even wait for Ning Cheng to begin, but Ning Cheng had already jumped from the airship's side on his own initiative, he knew from the face of Lan Yinyue, that other than him jumping down, there was no second way to go.

The airship's speed was very quick, when Ning Cheng jumped, the airship had already flown far away. Lan Yinyue was still unable to quell her anger that had built up inside her, she did not expect that a mere Qi Gathering 4th Level runt, would dare to humiliate her. If she could fly, she would have certainly flew out of the airship, catch Ning Cheng again, and tear him up inch by inch.

[TL Note – The raws often interchange the words students and disciples, teachers and elders, etc… so please don't get confused by it.]

[Editor's Note – Sorry people but the story ends here, Ning Cheng just died and was never heard from again.]

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Chapter 0043 – Ning Cheng's Demise***

Just as Ning Cheng jumped out of the airship, he was buffeted by the strong winds blowing outside the airship, it was only then he realised how fast the airship was travelling, in just a blink of an eye it had already transformed into a tine speck by the horizon.

But at the moment, he did not care about it, he was falling at a fast rate as the initial momentum from the ship was also helping him plummet even faster towards the ground. He, in just a short moment, fell through the cloud cover and was immediately soaking wet, which further added to his weight and speed, in

short, he knew that if he did not do something, then there would not even be a shred of flesh on his body if he ended up striking the ground.

He was already an exceptional student back on earth, and with his memory and comprehension capabilities, he was able to immediately deduce what would happen if he ended up sticking the ground. Let alone dying, there would not even be a complete corpse left of him, he definitely could not rely on his Mysterious Yellow Bead, let alone rely, he could not even draw out the Mysterious Yellow Qi from it by his own will!!

By now he was able to see a vast and dense forest in front of his eyes, it would be a really grand and majestic sight if a person was looking at it while standing on the ground, but for Ning Cheng it was a horrifying sight which induced an unprecedented terror in his heart. He knew that if he fell into the forest, even if by some god sent miracle that he didn't die, he would end up gravely injured and would not even be able to defend himself from even attacks from normal wild beasts.

At the moment, he was wildly circulating his Qi in his body while trying to provoke some kind of action from the Mysterious Yellow Bead, he even took out the Ling Shis that he had in order to get some kind of reaction. But because his heart and mind was in a turmoil, he could not get himself to calm down, after all he was from Earth, and although there were sports back there like skydiving he never once attempted such a dangerous sport in his entire life. He was always in awe of the people who were showing of those sports on the television.

But all his efforts were of no avail, as he plummeted towards the forest. As the trees of the forest came closer to him, he realised that those tree were not normal tree but rather they were gigantic in size. Although he did not want to but his brain automatically calculated the rough size of those tree, and the results were staggering, those giant trees were hundreds of times larger than the biggest trees back on Earth, the Red Woods.

After he exhausted his Qi, he knew that now there was no hope that he would survive. He gritted his teeth and tried hard to work his brain into overdrive but could not come up with any solution. He knew that he could not survive his fall, so he was kind of regretting not creating a scene back in the airship, he did not know when, but his feelings towards An Yi had slowly changed from a simple

brother sister love to something akin to real love between couples. He was regretting not saying anything about this to An Yi, for he feared that An Yi would reject him, thinking him to be similar to the guys that her master had warned her about.

He was regretting not fighting those bastards from the Clear Heart Academy for taking An Yi away from him, he really was regretting not fighting against that Elder Yan who had forced him to jump off the airship, he was really cursing himself for having such a spiritual root that even his own family did not even see him as a human. He knew form the memories of his previous self, only his grandfather and Ji Luo Fei, after he reincarnated, had some good feelings for him, but as for others, they always looked at him with eyes full of disgust, they never even regarded him as a human. When he met An Yi, only then something changed inside him, although at first he only felt a sisterly love towards An Yi, but now that he was dying, An Yi's image gradually replaced that of Tian Mu Wan's in his heart.

At this moment, unlike before when he used to fondly remember about Tian Mu Wan, but now there were only two people in his heart, his younger sister Ning Ruolan and An Yi, Tian Mu Wan had already faded into the back of his mind. While thinking of the two girls, he felt sad for Ning Ruolan, he did not know that if he died would he even return to Earth, back to his sister. Or if he would really end up dying and disappearing from the world.

Although it took a long time to describe this, in reality it was only a few seconds, and Ning Cheng in just those few seconds had already gotten extremely close to the tree tops of the forest. Now he could clearly see the tree tops and even the leaves of the trees, but he knew that with his body devoid of Qi and with him falling with such a huge velocity, he could not even turn his head no matter how much he willed himself. If not for his body being strengthened to Qi Gathering 4th Level, he knew that his body would already have been shredded a long time ago due to air friction.

He knew that the top of the giant tree would end up piercing his chest, most like even his chest. In short he knew that he had no chance of surviving.

At the moment the tree top pierced though his skin of his chest, he last

thoughts were “Ruolan, Luo Fei, An Yi, I am sorry.”

The tree top had already pierced though his chest and was moving towards his chest as he predicted, but it was at this moment, the Mysterious Yellow Bead finally reacted, and in an instant sent out rivers of the Mysterious Yellow Qi throughout his body. It immediately covered his entire body, even destroying the invading tree top, but it was already too late, as it had already pierced though his heart completely.

But rather than Ning Cheng dying, there was a brilliant flash in the sky as a bright ball of light immediately engulfed Ning Cheng. It started to expand rapidly, anything that came in contact of the bright ball of light was immediately disintegrated, whether it was trees, beasts or even water, everything was disintegrated at the molecular level. That ball of light expanded till it reached a diameter of 1 kilometre, destroying everything in its path, before it suddenly vanished without even a trace, all one could see was a huge crater on the ground.

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Ning Cheng knew that he had died, he had definitely felt the tree top pierce though his chest and even his heart, by rights he should have died. But he could feel a cool air surrounding him, he could hear a few voices but he couldn’t make out what they were or who did they belong to, as at this moment he had a splitting headache along with an intense pain from his chest area.

His first thought was that, he somehow miraculously survived his fall, and that pain from his chest was from the tree top piercing his chest. It seems that he was somehow saved. Anyways, the main point was he was alive, he wanted to sit up and see his surroundings to see if he was in any further danger. But then he suddenly felt that, he was definitely not in a forest, perhaps his saviours had taken him back to some kind of shelter. He felt although these people had saved his lives, perhaps they were not as magnanimous as he was thinking them out to be. Maybe they were waiting to warm up to him before killing him, after all in the entire time he was on that place, he had encountered all kinds of madmen.

He found that he still had a strand of Qi in his body, but it was very weak, but he still circulated that weak strand of Qi through his meridians, to restore a bit of

his hearing. As his hearing was gradually restored, he could make out faint and broken phrases, as the person who was speaking them was speaking in a very fast speech.

"….. it really was a miracle……..hit by a meteor……" one of the fast speaking persons

"Doc…. Will……k" the other fast speaker

"Will my brother be Ok". This time he could definitely hear a crisp voice with a heavy concern in it. That voice was just like a bolt of lightning for Ning Cheng. He could never forget that voice no matter what, for that voice was something that he fondly remembered every single time he closed his eyes. The last time he saw the owner of that voice was when he had given a star shaped pearl hair clip to her in front of the Jiangzhou Academy's entrance back when he was on Earth. That voice's owner was none other than Ning Ruolan, the closest person to him in the entire world and also his younger sister.

He could forget Tian Mu Wan, he could forget Ji Luo Fei, he could even forget An Yi, but Ning Ruolan, his younger sister, no matter if had to go through insane torture, or getting roasted in hellfire, to meet his younger sister even for a single time, he would even give up his entire life. The only reason why he did not attempt to commit suicide when he appeared in that ancient world was because he did not know if it would lead him back to his home. He did not know if he could go back to his younger sister who he cherished the most the entire world. After all she was his only family and they had supported each other since they were kids. And although Ning Cheng was said to be an exceptional student, his younger sister was actually much more smarter and better than him. But he never once felt jealous, but rather he felt absolute pride in his younger sister. After all she was the only person who had been with him since childhood.

Ning Ruolan never knew her parents, as they had died when she was just a baby, it was all up to her big brother Ning Cheng who took care of her. For Ning Ruolan, Ning Cheng was much more than just an older brother, he was her father, her mother, her best friend. He always helped her without asking for anything. Although many people thought that she was better than Ning Cheng, as not only she was 3 years younger than him, but even was a senior at the college, unlike her brother who was a junior. But knew very well knew about her

big brother Ning Cheng's capabilities, and always admired him and was always proud to have such a brother.

But then her world was completely shattered that day, that day she wanted to surprise her older brother by showing the gift that she had got for him. She had been repeatedly trying to call him, but there was never an answer, she thought that her brother was finally doing some adult stuff with his girlfriend, Tian Mu Wan. When she thought of that, she blushed a bit, and decided to call her brother later so as not to disturb him.

But for some reason a restless feeling was getting stronger and stronger in her, she had a foreboding that soothing bad might happen. She tried to put those thoughts away, but she couldn't, she ended succumbing to it, and called her brother. But she still could not get a response, she tried multiple times but every time got the same response "The subscriber you are trying to reach is out of coverage area." The bad feeling in her gut was getting heavier and heavier every passing moment. She finally could not take it anymore, and called up Tian Mu Wan's number which her brother had given to her to only contact in emergencies, if he was not available, after all Tian Mu Wan and Ning Ruolan had never met before.

She called her up, and set up a meet with her in order to find what had happened to her brother, as it was obvious that he was definitely not with her. She being a girl who understood everything about her brother was thinking, it couldn't be that they split up, did they. But still, no matter how upset her brother became, he would always talk to her no matter what, it was kind of an unwritten rule for them to not have any secrets between them. Although she was also thinking that she just might be overreacting, maybe her brother was tied up in some construction related work that he would do. As occasionally he used to work a bit late at the construction site when one of the other people were absent.

But when she met Tian Mu Wan at the café across the college, she kind of felt proud of her brother to have such a stunning girlfriend, but then she looked at the expression on her face. Immediately she felt a foreboding in her heart as she thought, something is wrong. She did not hear what Tian Mu Wan said, and immediately asked for the whereabouts of her elder brother. For her, even if her

elder brother's girlfriend was in front of her, her concern for her brother's wellbeing topped anything else.

But then she saw, rather that replying to her, Tian Mu Wan immediately turned and ran out of the café. She knew immediately that something bad had happened to her brother. She did not think of anything else and immediately followed Tian Mu Wan out of the café. She wanted to catch her and find what the hell was wrong, but Tian Mu Wan was running like a crazy person, without any regards to anything, she was even ran across the road causing a mass crash of cars.

She kept running till she reached the site where the meteorite fragment struck, Ning Roulan was feeling extreme dread in her heart, although she did not want to but very gory images were flashing though her mind. Was her big brother here? Did he get struck by something? She did not want to but the reality was in front of her. Tian Mu Wan was hysterically talking to an emergency worker working on the site. She approached the two of them, and heard a bit of their conversation:

"Lady I do not know what you're are taking about. The entire area was cleared off before I got here. Go ask the supervisor there."

After going on like this for a few minutes, they came to know that there was a body that was carried out, it seemed to be of a young man , other than that they did not know anything else about it.

They immediately asked about where the body was taken to, they wanted to make sure if that body really was of Ning Cheng. Both the girls were already on the verge of their minds collapsing. They really did not want to believe that the body was really Ning Cheng's. Ning Ruolan immediately decided that she would definitely get to the bottom of this, if it was because of an accident that Ning Cheng was here then she would still have a bit of compassion towards of Tian Mu Wan, but if turned out that it was because they had a breakup, then she would do everything in her power to take down that bitch, Tian Mu Wan and her family, no matter how powerful her family is, she vowed to make her suffer miserably.

Although she knew that her reasoning was flawed, but her entire world was on

the brink of collapse, without her big brother she did not know how could she continue living.

She wanted to blame someone for this, no matter how absurd the reason was, she wanted to vent. While those thoughts in their minds they headed to the morgue, where the body was taken. On getting there they were informed that the body from the crash site was not actually a dead body, but was charred so bad that the emergency responders thought that he had died. Only after coming back to the hospital did they find that miraculously, that youth had survived, albeit in a very critical condition.

They immediately brought them to the room where he was being kept after being operated on. The doctor came forward and took out some burnt things that he had obtained from the person. When they saw those burnt things both Ning Ruolan and Tian Mu Wan almost fainted. How could they forget those things, it was precisely Ning Cheng's items. It was especially true for Ning Ruolan as she always saw that wrist watch on Ning Cheng's hand. It was a keepsake from their parents, which Ning Cheng always kept on him no matter what.

They immediately knew that the person resting on the hospital bed in front of them was definitely Ning Cheng, and were completely overjoyed, although he was heavily injured, he was alive. That was all that mattered to them.

Both of them clasped each other's hands and began sobbing. The doctors found it a bit awkward but did not come forward to interrupt them. He knew from their reactions, they were someone close to that person.

After a few minutes of crying they sobered up, and asked the doctor:

"How is he?"

"Will my big brother be OK?"

It was at that time that Ning Cheng finally opened his eyes, and the scene in front of immediately confirmed his suspicions, as tears started to flow down his face. They were not tears of pain nor they were tears of sadness but they were genuine tears of joy. They were tears of joy for seeing his little sister Ning Ruolan and Tian Mu Wan. Although he now did not feel the same way about Tian Mu Wan as he did before, nevertheless he still felt glad and genuinely happy in his heart. It even made the extreme pain that his body was in to feel as it was

nothing. Finally, a miracle did happen, finally was able to reunite with his sister.

But then something else happened that shocked him to the core, he could now freely control the Mysterious Yellow Qi from the Mysterious Yellow Bead by his own…….

[TL Note – He He He ….. I know that people will want to kill me for this, but this entire chapter was made up by me and is not an actual chapter. Do leave behind your 'feels' for this fan fic.]

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Chapter 0040 – Return To Mingot City

Not to mention that Ning Cheng used 5 Qi Gathering Stones in order to advance to the Qi Gathering 4th Level, showing the extent of his hybrid support spiritual root, it was simply horrible.

“Ning Cheng, your spiritual root is so poor, why didn’t you give those Qi Gathering Stones to your cousin An Yi? Is your cousin’s spiritual roots also as bad as yours?” Lu Xue directly called out using Ning Cheng’s name.

Ning Cheng did not mind it, in this world this was the reality. His spiritual root is of a poor quality, it was apparent that he had no future. Letting cultivators, who were already at Qi Gathering 7th Level, call him Brother Ning, it was just not realistic. Anyone would look down on such a relationship, in fact, just as the saying goes birds of the same feather flock together, these words can be applicable anywhere. He and Le Bohong, Lu Xue and the rest were simply not in the same group.

Now that Lu Xue asked about An Yi, Ning Cheng quickly said, “My cousin has a pure wooden spiritual root, it’s long way out when compared to my own. But when she was young she went away with her master, and stayed with her till her master died, only then did I find her. At that time, my Qi Gathering Stones were already finished.”

If An Yi’s spiritual root was bad, maybe Le Bohong and his people would not take them to the Clear Heart Academy. They may even leave him and his cousin in the Mingot waters or try something worse with them, he was really not sure if he, Ning Cheng, could even escape being killed by the several forces of the

Mingot City.

“Junior Sister Apprentice An Yi, do you really have a pure wooden spiritual root?” Lu Xue’s eyes lit up and immediately asked.

It was not only did Lu Xue’s eyes that were shining brightly, even the other people were looking at An Yi with envious looks. Having a pure wooden spiritual root, one could not only easily enter the Clear Heart Academy, but even a teacher would also accept her to mentor her as her Master.

An Yi nodded, “Yes, I do have a pure wooden spiritual root.”

Learning that An Yi did indeed have a pure wooden spiritual root, Le Bohong and the others suddenly became more enthusiastic, but rather their enthusiasm had shifted from Ning Cheng, and onto An Yi.

Ning Cheng did not mind it, her having a pure wooden spiritual root, he knew that it was the right and proper thing to do.

Three days later Ning Cheng followed Le Bohong and the the several people to return to the Mingot City once more. This was Ning Cheng’s second visit to the Mingot City, the first time he had come here, he had stayed there for less than half an hour, before he had to leave.

This time he was absolutely helpless, if he did not follow Le Bohong and the others, he did not know what the people from the Clear Heart Academy would do to them.

Mingot City remained the same, but at the entrance of the Mingot City was an extremely short figure, but was extremely fierce looking.

“Ning Cheng, that person is called Miao Lihu, and is one of the big shots of the Wolf Palace, the one you killed, Miao Wenhong, was his son, I heard that this person covers his shortcomings extremely closely. You do not need to worry, you are now a person of the Clear Heart Academy, how could he even hurt you.” Le Bohong after knowing that Ning Cheng only had a hybrid support spiritual root, in addition to his age being older than Ning Cheng, he no longer called him as Brother Ning. However he was still fairly polite, except for the change in addressing him, he did not change anything else, as he did not know if Ning Cheng and An Yi had a deep relationship.

Without even Le Bohong speaking those words to him, Ning Cheng could already feel that that short guy was staring at him with his eyes filled with killing intent. Le Bohong said that this person was Miao Wenhong's father, evidently he was not wrong about it.

"Was it you who killed my son Wenhong?" Miao Lihu still held back his anger in front of Le Bohong, but looked at Ning Cheng with a ruthless and severe stare and asked.

Ning Cheng's heart sank, he felt that Miao Lihu simply did not put Le Bohong and the others in his eyes. Moreover Miao Lihu's cultivation level, he could not see through it. Since he could not see through his cultivation level, it was obvious that Miao Lihu was, without a doubt, a cultivator in the Qi Condensation Realm.

"Who is your son?" Ning Cheng calmly said, while simultaneously thinking in his heart, that if Le Bohong did not help him, what should he do?

"My son is Miao Wenhong, who chased after you, but did not come back, wasn't it you who killed my child? You will leave your head behind in order to pay homage to my child now." Miao Lihu unceremoniously said, as he stepped forward, as he moved his hands towards Ning Cheng.

Le Bohong did not think that Miao Lihu would not even look him in the eyes, and even step forward, his face sank and said, "Miao Lihu, what do you mean by that? Do you not even keep the Clear Heart Academy in your eyes?"

Miao Lihu's red eyes stared at Le Bohong and said, "I have always respected the Clear Heart Academy, but now that my son was killed, and the person who killed him does not belong to the Clear Heart Academy, why would the Clear Heart Academy step forward to stop me from taking revenge for my dead son?"

Le Bohong did not expect that Miao Lihu did not fear the Clear Heart Academy and would even dare to argue with him, his face immediately turned red.

Lu Xue came forward and said, "Lord of the Wolf Palace, you killing Ning Cheng does not matter, but I am sure that if you kill Ning Cheng now, a month later, the Wolf Palace would be exterminated from this place, then the Miao Clan will not even have a single person left alive."

The words from Lu Xue, suddenly chilled Miao Lihu to the bone, even his

hatred had cooled down a lot. If the people from the Clear Heart Academy were determined to guard this Ning kid, he simply would not be able to kill him anytime soon, unless he wanted to be a fugitive. But he did not understand just how did this kid make the students from the Clear Heart Academy come forward to help him?

Thinking of this, Miao Lihu became calmer, he turned to Lu Xue and said while clasping his hands, “I, Miao Lihu, am capable in my mind, I know that this kid is not a part of the Clear Heart Academy, I know this very well. Why does the Clear Heart Academy want to destroy me, when this matter doesn’t even involve the Clear Heart Academy with the Wolf Palace, just where is the justice in this?”

Lu Lue just sneered and said, “Discriminating against you, do not speak about morality and justice? Master Miao, the others may be able to say that sentence to me, but what you just said was a slap to to your own face. Do you even know what kind of a son you had, tell me one person in this Mingot City who doesn’t know about your son’s character. Do you think that only your son has the right to kill others, but others do not have the right kill your son?”

After saying those words, Lu Xue was disinclined to speak more words with Miao Lihu, pointed at An Yi and directly said, “She is the cousin of Ning Cheng, do you even know that she is a person from the Clear Heart Academy? An Yi has a pure wooden spiritual root, do you even understand what it means, that as a Clear Heart Academy’s student, she is already qualified to be a core disciple of the Clear Heart Academy. Therefore, An Yi is already equal to a core disciple of the Clear Heart Academy, and Ning Cheng is her cousin, if you do not want want your Wolf Palace, and are even willing to destroy your Miao Clan, then you can go ahead and kill him.”

Because Miao Lihu did not give him any face, Le Bohong’s face was already dark. After Lu Xue finished, he did not wait for Miao Lihu to reply and coldly continued, “Miao Lihu, do not think that just because this is Mingot City, and that you are also a cultivator of the Qi Condensation Realm, so you can show your swagger before others. I do not even put you even in my eyes, even if I did not have the heart to kill you, as long as I even mention your name in the Academy, I am pretty sure there would be many people that would come for your head from the Academy. ”

This time Miao Lihu seemed to have completely calmed down, but there were many veins that stood out on his hands. But he knew that Le Bohong had not lied to him, once he angered the disciples of the Clear Heart Academy. He knew that in Mingot City there were already a lot of people who would even sacrifice their lives for even getting a bone to enter the Clear Heart Academy, him being a cultivator of the Qi Condensation Realm was really nothing compared to it. Wolf Palace was not even the dominant power of the Mingot City. Even if he took a step back, nobody would help him in engaging the disciples of the Clear Heart Academy, Ning Cheng even had a cousin with a pure spiritual root, how could he let Ning Cheng go, unless he could kill them together. Otherwise it would only create future troubles for him.

Miao Lihu stared at Ning Cheng with a wicked and ferocious stare, and eventually gave up, turned and quickly disappeared into the Mingot City. He must kill Ning Cheng, however he had to find an alternate way to accomplish it.

Ning Cheng tuned towards Le Bohong and Lu Xue and clasped his hands and said thanks, but in his heart he had already made up his mind. He must make sure to hold his destiny in his own hands, the feeling of depending on such people made him really uncomfortable. At this time he had already gotten his hands on several hundred Ling Shis, as well as the Golden Cicada Fruit, who knows maybe he could even enter the Qi Condensation Realm with its help?

“It is just a small matter, we will wait for a few days in the Mingot City, in a few days time, we will board the airship type artifact that will be visiting here from the Ming Yi Country.” Le Bohong said in an extremely casual tone.

Ning Cheng and An Yi followed the arrangement made by Le Bohong, and also started to understand the minds of the disciple that were admitted into the Clear Heart Academy. Lu Xue would also often seek An Yi from time to time, to discuss cultivation, and even trying to deepen their relationship. After learning that Ning Cheng had a hybrid support spiritual root, there was practically no one who came to seek him out apart from Le Bohong who only came occasionally, other than him no one came even close to him.

Ning Cheng was also aware of this, and did not go out to seek Le Bohong to deepen their relations. He did not dare to stick himself with the others cultivations practice, and simply began to study his own Array Formations

Methods. His cultivation about it was only at the basic level, now that he was concentrating on researching Array Formation Methods, with the help of the Mysterious Yellow Bead, this knowledge about Array Formations grew leaps and bounds.

On this day Ning Cheng was preparing a Level Two Array Formation, when An Yi knocked on his door.

“Big Brother Ning……” An Yi had just said a few words, when Ning Cheng beckoned her with his hands and said, “An Yi, from now on, call me by my name, or simply as ‘Cousin’.”

Call Big Brother Ning, as her cousin, ‘cousin’?

An Yi simply omitted the word Ning and said, “Big Brother, the airship has stopped outside Mingot City, Sister Lu Xue asked me to ask you to come onboard together.”

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Chapter 0041 – Separated

“An Yi is now a Junior Sister Apprentice, I introduced you to her once, this the Clear Heart Academy’s Senior Sister Apprentice Yong Guyun, Senior Sister Yong helps the Clear Heart Academy in choosing which students to take back……” when Ning Cheng and An Yi comes out, Lu Xue introduced An Yi with enthusiasm, besides her, there were already several people gathered near her, some of them were telling each other the dangers and the resulting experiences that they had come across, some of them were saying that it was time to choose students from the Ping Continent for the Clear Heart Academy.

Le Bohong was also with Lu Xue, there was also a circle of people gathered around them, and were jubilantly discussing thing with each other.

Ning Cheng knew that he himself did not belong to any of the circles, those people gossiping around in the circles, the worst cultivation among them was Qi Gathering 6th Level, while Yong Guyun was at the pinnacle of the Qi Gathering 8th Level. In contrast, his cultivation of the Qi Gathering 4th Level really did not belong in this place. An Yi was able to become friends with the enthusiastic Lu Xue, he estimated that it was because of her spiritual root. If An Yi was the same as him, having a hybrid support spiritual root, surely even she would not have the qualifications to be in that circle.

An Yi already was a person who did not talk much, especially after her Master's death which was a great blow to her. However recently, she had been following Ning Cheng and even risking her life together with him, and had seen too many things, after seeing so many things her heart was slowly starting to open up. In addition Lu Xue was also a woman, so there was a lot of common topics between them. As Lu Xue deliberately wanted to become close friends with her, she thought that An Yi had no experience in such matters and thus gradually integrated her into her circle.

Ning Cheng also did not go interrupt them, as he was looking at the huge airship type artifact in front of him. On his planet Earth, he had never boarded a plane, but he knew how big the planes were. Now in his opinion, even the largest plane was smaller than the huge airship type artifact in front of him by at least a dozen times, this was a genuine giant.

This huge airship type artifact was going to fly, he did not know if it purely depended on Ling Shis, of if there was something else that powered it. He did not believe that this kind of huge airship did not have a power source, as it would not fly for no reason.

Only when it was time to board, did An Yi had the opportunity to excuse herself to go call Ning Cheng.

"Who is he?" Yong Guyun thought she knew everything about An Yi even better than herself, she also similarly had a pure spiritual root, and thus paid a high attention to An Yi, now that An Yi had specifically gone to call a cultivator at

the Qi Gathering 4th Level, she asked with some doubt.

Lu Xue looked back at An Yi and said while sighing, “That is An Yi’s cousin Ning Cheng, An Yi and his relationship doesn’t seem to normal.”

Yong Guyun immediately asks, “What is Ning Cheng’s Spiritual Root?”

Lu Xue shook her head and said, “I heard that it was a very disappointing multi line hybrid support spiritual root, he and An Yi are just opposites in this matter.”

“Impossible, in the waters of the Mingot Sea, how can one with a multi line hybrid support spiritual root practice cultivation? Looking at his Qi fluctuations, he should be at the Qi Gathering 4th Level, right?” Yong Guyun asked in a surprised way.

“It is because of chance, he had obtained 5 Qi Gathering Stones.” Le Bohong came over with a smile, “However Ning Cheng is still quite good, and is highly principled, unfortunately, it seems that in this life, he is just like to stop at the Qi Gathering Realm, I think that it would be even difficult for him to reach the Qi Gathering 7th Level.”

“If that is the case, he really should not got to the Clear Heart Academy. To arrive at the Clear Heart Academy, An Yi would certainly be taken in as a disciple by an Elder in the Building Yuan Realm, it would be difficult for Ning Cheng to see her again.” Yong Guyun said while smiling and looking in the direction of Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng did not know what the others were thinking of him, however he was a person from Earth, he was already well versed with the changes in human feelings. He could even anticipate what would happen to him once he arrived at the Clear Heart Academy, he would definitely not be treated well. At this time An Yi came to him to call him to get onboard, he swept his eyes over the rest of the students from the Clear Heart Academy, and said to An Yi, “An Yi, with your spiritual roots you can easily go into the Clear Heart Academy, and would definitely have a well known teacher to guide you, you can even become a core student of the Clear Heart Academy. The chances of us meeting in the future will be very few, it is better if I share some of my Ling Shis with you.”

An Yi in her mind was very surprised, and hastily said, “Big Brother, I will always be together with you, my master also said, she wanted me to be together

with you.”

Ning Cheng forced out a wry smile and said, “An Yi, at that time your master had said that, because at that time you did not have any friends, and also did not have anyone else, now that you have friends, you could clearly focus on your cultivation practice in the Clear Heart Academy. If your master was still alive, even she would not want you and me to be together.”

“No, I must be together with you.” An Yi stubbornly said. She did not have many reasons to argue with Ning Cheng, she simply felt that she would only be happy in being together with Ning Cheng, it just felt comfortable in her heart.

Ning Cheng sighed darkly and said, “We must leave Mingot City, wait until we reach the Clear Heart Academy and practice hard, I believe that the Clear Heart Academy will give a lot of training resources to you. Moreover, even your master said that your background is not ordinary, if your cultivation level does not rise up, there is absolutely no way of knowing your origins. More importantly, if you became the core disciple of the Academy, and if you and I are still together, maybe the Academy would think that I am the one who held you back.”

An Yi fell silent, she no longer was the pure young nun who had just stepped out of the temple. She understood the meaning of Ning Cheng’s words, Ning Cheng’s spiritual root was very poor, if she went along with Ning Cheng, perhaps the Academy would kill Ning Cheng for holding her back. In this period of time together with him, she had already seen too many bloody things.

“I understand, I will remember Big Brother’s words.” An Yi had already had secretly made up her heart, she must try hard to practice cultivation, when her cultivation level was high enough, then she would help Ning Cheng in seeking more Ling Shis.

Ning Cheng in his heart was very upset, now when he saw An Yi, going to the Clear Heart Academy, he knew that it would be very difficult for them to meet.

“After I arrive at the Academy, I would definitely have more practice resources, you do not have to give me those things immediately. The amount of cultivation resources needed by you are definitely more.” An Yi had seen Ning Cheng practice his cultivation, she knew that Ning Cheng needed a scary amount of Ling Shis to practice his cultivation. Although Ning Cheng had obtained several

hundred pieces of Ling Shis previously, she knew that it was definitely not enough for him.

“An Yi, let’s go aboard.” Lu Xue called from afar.

Ning Cheng took An Yi’s hand and said, “Come on, let’s go aboard.”

Miao Lihu who was standing far away to one side was staring at the back of Ning Cheng and An Yi with raw hate, he pledged in his heart, even if he had to sacrifice the Wolf’s Palace, he would secretly follow them to the Ming Yi country, then he would try to find opportunities to kill Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng had not guessed wrong, when he and An Yi went aboard, An Yi was put in a better room than him, only after Ning Cheng asked the other people to show him the way did he know, that this airship really had a partnership with the Clear Heart Academy and the Ming Yi Country.

Ning Cheng was also not the only person who occupied his room, but there were also five other people whom he did not know who were also staying in that room. These five people were very young and had the same characteristics, the oldest one was about 20 years in age.

This made Ning Cheng relax a bit, his cultivation level in this room was finally not the worst one. This room had five people, and there were only two of them who were at the Qi Gathering 4th Level.

“Are you also students from the Clear Heart Academy?” Ning Cheng asked as he clasped his hands. His was a bit surprised in his heart, even if it was the Clear Heart Academy, Cultivators in the Qi Gathering 2nd Level earning 2 low grade Ling Shis for the fare was definitely not a simple thing, right?

One of them who was the same as Ning Cheng, a teenager with the same cultivation level of Qi Gathering 4th Level said, “Of course not, are you not going to the Clear Heart Academy to be selected, are you also going to participate in the admission selection of the Clear Heart Academy? Only by passing the Academy’s selection, would you be considered as a student of the Clear Heart Academy.”

Ning Cheng suddenly came to understand, before he had heard that this airship had a partnership with the Min Yi Country and the Clear Heart Academy.

It seems that this ship went around the whole Ping Continent, in all directions to select youths with good aptitudes to enter the Clear Heart Academy, once they pass the test, they would then become the students of the Clear Heart Academy. Le Bohong said that one required 2 Ling Shis to embark on this airship, perhaps it was to help him open a backdoor for him and An Yi.

Ning Cheng quickly familiarized himself with the other people, these people were just like Ning Cheng had guessed them to be, they all had come from different regions to join the Clear Heart Academy, and were getting ready to participate in the selection tests of the Clear Heart Academy. The qualification of several people in his room could be considered as the bottom of all the people on board, despite being in the bottom, the worst one of them had a better qualifications than Ning Cheng, at least they had a primary spiritual root.

“What would happen if we fail the tests?” Ning Cheng suddenly thought, if they failed in passing the entrance test, the Clear Heart Academy would certainly not recruit them, it was certain that there would not be any airships that would send them back.

A skinny teenager was was at the Qi Gathering 3rd Level clenched his fist and said, “I have to pass it.”

Seeing him and Ning Cheng, a teenager at the Qi Gathering 4th Level said with contempt, “If you could really pass the test, then the rest of us, can rest of us can reach the moon in a single jump, if you can’t pass, you could only stay in the Ming Yi Country to seek living. If someone wants to return home from Ming Yi Country, you would just be seeking death.”

Finished saying that with a sigh, he said, “If you have at least Yu Hongfeng’s type of spiritual root, then you do not have to worry.”

“Who is Yu Hongfeng?” Ning Cheng asked.

“He is a person who selected by Yu Anguo, I heard that he would only select students who have a golden spiritual roots. Even the elders on the airship are very polite to him, he has boundless prospects …….” The teenager at the Qi Gathering 4th Level replied with some envy in his voice.

Ning Cheng was moved in his heart, a pure spiritual root was given such attention, would that also mean that An Yi would also share the same attention?

At this time, the door of the room was opened with a slight squeak, and a boy wearing a blue robe came in carrying a wooden tray, on the wooden tray were several similar lunch boxes.

“Here is your dinner.” That blue robed youth said without even showing the slightest feeling.

Ning Cheng knew that there would be a person who would come to deliver the food, it seems that the treatment here was not as bad as he thought. It seemed that the other teenagers in the room were already accustomed to it, and hurried to take their lunch boxes. After Ning Cheng took his lunch box, he asked the meal delivery boy in a very kind way, “Excuse me my friend, where does the disciples with pure spiritual roots live?”

The meal delivery youth gave Ning Cheng a surprised look, and then he said, “They live in the core area, do not try to go looking for them, otherwise you would soon be kicked out of the airship.”

The teenager at the Qi Gathering 4th Level heard the exchange, asked in a puzzled way, “Is Yu Hongfeng not the only person with a pure spiritual root?”

“Of course not, I have heard that this time in the Mingot Sea they were able to find a person with a pure wooden spiritual root.” The meal delivery youth immediately replied.

Ning Cheng knew that the other party would definitely keep An Yi safe, having heard that he understood that An Yi would definitely be properly taken of. But he was still very worried in his heart, and also asked, “If I wanted to meet one of the students with the pure spiritual roots, will there be trouble?”

“It is not troublesome, tomorrow night the people on board will throw a welcoming party for the two people with the pure spiritual roots. If you have to ability to get the admission tickets, then you can go see them.” This meal delivery youth smiled at Ning Cheng thinking that he was overestimating his own ability, after saying that, he did not continue to exchange words with Ning Cheng, and turned around to leave the room.

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Chapter 0042 – You're Such A Bitch

The meal delivery boy had just left, when the gate was shoved open again, this time a middle aged beautiful woman came in.

Besides Ning Cheng, when the other five teenagers saw this middle aged beautiful woman they immediately stood up and immediately bowed to salute her, at the same time they respectfully called out, "Elder Lan……."

This middle aged beautiful woman slightly nodded her head, and looked at Ning Cheng and asked, "Are you called Ning Cheng?"

Ning Cheng felt that the eyes of this beautiful middle aged woman were very stern, and did not understand why this Elder would trouble hersef to find him.

"You, come with me." this middle aged woman did not even wait for Ning Cheng to reply, and said while she already turned around to leave the room.

Ning Cheng for some unknown reason also followed this middle aged beautiful woman out of the room, after turning through a few bends in the airship, they entered a luxurious room which was shared by six people.

This middle aged beautiful woman sat down in the seat of honor in the room, and did not wait for Ning Cheng to sit down, and only asked in a light voice, "According to what An Yi said, you and An Yi's relationship does not seem to be that of two close cousins, before An Yi's master had departed, she asked you to take care of An Yi."

Ning Cheng did not speak, he knew that An Yi was very pure and simple minded, in the face of these crafty fellows, it was not unusual for these things to be asked. He only hoped that An Yi did not say about the Mysterious Yellow Bead to them, and also that he required a scary amount of Ling Shis to practice his

cultivation, this kind of things must not be spread around.

Once An Yi even mentioned about it, he could only wait for his death. Ning Cheng believed that An Yi should know how to differentiate between good and evil, as this kind of thing should not even be vaguely mentioned, and she should also not take the initiative to say it.

After the beautiful middle aged woman finished speaking, she again did not wait for Ning Cheng to reply and said again, “Regardless of whether An Yi is your cousin or not, I hope you will stay away from An Yi. It would be good for you as well as An Yi. An Yi has a limitless future, and you have a three line hybrid support spiritual root, your greatest achievement will only be in the Qi Gathering Realm, if you and An Yi remain in contact, it would only affect An Yi.”

Ning Cheng also said in a light voice, “I know that An Yi will have a limitless future when compared to me, but before that, I must confirm that An Yi gets to receive the best care in the Clear Heart Academy.”

Ning Cheng already knew that the Clear Heart Academy would properly take care of An Yi, but the words that this beautiful middle aged woman just spoke, made him upset.

The beautiful middle aged woman showed a faint smile, “You can.”

Saying that she took out a jade card which she gave to Ning Cheng and said, “Tomorrow evening we will hold a welcome party for An Yi and Yu Hongfeng on the airship, you can rely on this jade card to enter the area, when the time comes you can look at An Yi from the corner, otherwise you already understand what would happen.”

Ning Cheng took the jade card, and silently turned and walked out of the room, he was too lazy to even properly thank this middle aged beautiful woman.

At this time an extremely pretty girl hurriedly rushed in, and brushed past Ning Cheng who was just exiting the room. She also took a glance at Ning Cheng, at the same time voiced out a few words.

“Master, who is this person? He does not even have the basic courtesy.” This pretty girl was staring at the retreating figure of Ning Cheng, and asked that middle aged beautiful woman.

The middle aged beautiful woman frowned and said, “Although his qualifications is very low, but he has an obstinate character, and is extremely proud in his heart. He did not even reply to my words a moment ago, and did not even say a greeting, it seems that I can’t let him come with us to the Clear Heart Academy.”

Ning Cheng returned to his room, inside the room the few people were looking at him with a strange look in their eyes, however no one came forward to question him, and also no one came to strike up a conversation with him either. Ning Cheng was also not in a very good mood, and closed his eyes to attempt practicing the Array Formation Methods.

The day passed by in an instant, in the second evening Ning Cheng arrived at the welcome party area, the party hall was already crowded, and was also very lively and loud.

Ning Cheng was from Earth, although he did not attend the evening banquets, parties or the like, but he had seen countless of them on the television. This was the first time for Ning Cheng to participate in such a party, although there were no modern amenities here, but Ning Cheng was sure that this luxurious evening party aboard the airship was not one bit inferior to the high class parties back on his planet Earth.

There were rows of Illuminating Array Formations that lit up the entire party hall like a fairyland, there were even young girls wearing colorful butterfly like dresses and holding a plate of food and wines interspersed in every corner. There was a soft gentle music that was playing which Ning Cheng had never heard before, when a person heard this, they would start to feel a very pleasant feeling of enjoyment.

There were many cultivators who participated in this party, and none of them were lower than Qi Gathering 5th Level, moreover there were many people who he could not clearly sense their cultivation levels.

Le Bohong was also walking around with a smile on his face, while talking with a few people who Ning Cheng could not even sense their cultivation levels.

Ning Cheng, other that the few people beside Le Bohong, could not recognize the rest of them. At this time, a burst of sweet music could be heard, under the

light of the dimming moonlight, Ning Cheng saw An Yi.

At this point An Yi was like a princess, the cloth robe that she was wearing earlier had already disappeared, and she had changed into a set of light yellow skirt. While her head was still wrapped in a white scarf, but it actually made her look like a fairy, as her already beautiful face became more refined just like an otherworldly fairy.

An Yi walked into the hall with a smile on her face, and her eyes were full of happiness. Clearly, although she had never come in contact with such a scene, here adaptability to it was very strong, at least in her eyes there was no hesitation or anxiety. Lu Xue and Yong Guyun accompanied An Yi on her side, showing that the status of An Yi was even higher than them.

As An Yi entered the party hall, there was burst of warm and enthusiastic applause.

Just behind An Yi and the others appeared a very handsome boy, his eyes had a trace of pride in them, and was walking with extreme confidence plastered on his face. Ning Cheng did not ask, he could already guess that this person should be the one with the pure gold spiritual root, Yu Hongfeng.

An Yi stands on the stage and accepts the crown welcoming her, at the same time, she was also looking in all directions as if searching for someone. Lu Xue whispered in An Yi's ears and said, "Junior Sister Apprentice An Yi, these people here are the Elite Disciples and teachers of the Clear Heart Academy, Ning Cheng will not be able to come here."

An Yi nodded, and retracted her gaze, there was more than a trace of sadness in her eyes.

"The fact is, you shouldn't have come on board." An indifferent voice sounded in Ning Cheng's ears.

Ning Cheng suddenly turned around, and saw a familiar young girl. This young girl was precisely the one he had seen when he had went to see the beautiful middle aged woman. at that time, he was coming out of the beautiful middle aged woman's room, and this young girl happened to rush hurriedly inside. Although she only brushed past him, Ning Cheng still remembered her very clearly.

“At least I know my cousin is being treated very well, I am finally relieved.” Ning Cheng said with a light laugh, finished saying that he turned and was about to leave. If he did not come on board, he would have definitely died in Mingot City.

The young girl suddenly said, “I think that it would be better if you got off the airship on the next stop. Believe me, it’s for your own good.”

After the girl said such strange words, she turned around and moved towards the middle of the bustling crowd in the party hall.

Ning Cheng frowned, he did not have a good feeling. He was just about to reach for a wine glass on the table beside him to drink, when he heard a familiar voice once again, “You’ve seen your cousin An Yi, she is getting along very well, so you do not have to worry about her.”

“Many thanks senior, I really don’t have to worry about it anymore, this junior takes his leave.” Ning Cheng gave up his thought of picking up a wine glass and said, as he turned around, he found that he was talking to the beautiful middle aged woman who had given him the jade card, but at this moment there was not even an expression on her face.

The beautiful middle aged woman said indifferently, “Letting you come here, was because you are An Yi’s cousin, you should understand this thought well. I was looking for some matters pertaining you, you will come with me.”

The bad feeling in Ning Cheng’s heart was growing more intense, but he had no leeway to resist, and could only follow the beautiful middle aged woman out of the party hall.

After the time it took for half an incense stick to burn, there was a light breeze blowing, Ning Cheng discovered that he was standing on the deck behind the airship. Under the airship was the endless blue sky and vast white clouds, those light breezes were coming from an Array Formation that was arranged in the rear of the airship, and it seems that the breeze was contained. As one could imagine it, if it was not for these shielding Array Formations, just by standing in this place, one would be immediately thrown out due to the airship’s fast speed.

Looking at the endless blue skies and the vast white clouds under his feet, Ning Cheng was feeling somewhat dizzy, at this point he completely understood what

the beautiful middle aged woman had brought him here to do.

“You want me to jump down from here?” said Ning Cheng as his expression became ice cold, letting a cultivator at the Qi Gathering 4th Level to jump from this high in the air, other than the path of dying, there was no other second path.

The middle aged beautiful woman naturally nodded and said, “That’s right, you must jump down from here, you have no choice.”

“Why is that? I have already agreed to not seek out An Yi anymore.” Ning Cheng said as he clenched his fists, he knew that these people had no disregard for human lives, however this was too outrageous. Just because he knew An Yi, and An Yi had a pure spiritual root would they kill him, how could this make any sense? It was as if, if he was alive, An Yi would not feel at ease in practicing cultivation.

“For the future of An Yi, I have the responsibility to help An Yi in cutting off the worldly burdens from her life peacefully. You don’t want to fight me, I can tell you beforehand, that I am Elder Lan Yinyue of the Clear Heart Academy, with the cultivation level of Qi Condensation 8th Level. You are merely a cultivator of the Qi Gathering 4th Level, I don’t even need to move, and can make you get down from here immediately. But because you are An Yi’s cousin, I do not want to force you, you can jump by yourself.”

This middle aged beautiful woman said all these words in an impassive tone as if she was just asking for him to do something trivial.

“Ha Ha…..” Ning Cheng laughed, “When the mother is a whore, then the child will also be a bitch, you do not like to force me, Bah.”

“You are courting death…….” the originally extremely calm and quite Lan Yinyue after listening to Ning Cheng, immediately was overflowing with a murderous aura.

Ning Cheng knew that he did not have any ability to resist, he walked to the edge of the airship’s side and stared at Lan Yinyue and just said a few simple words, “Lan Yinyue, this father does not need you to begin, this father will choose himself. There will be one day, that you will regret today’s events, you self-centered bitch……”

Lan Yinyue heard Ning Cheng calling out to her as a bitch, and was suddenly trembling with anger, she did not even wait for Ning Cheng to begin, but Ning Cheng had already jumped from the airship's side on his own initiative, he knew from the face of Lan Yinyue, that other than him jumping down, there was no second way to go.

The airship's speed was very quick, when Ning Cheng jumped, the airship had already flown far away. Lan Yinyue was still unable to quell her anger that had built up inside her, she did not expect that a mere Qi Gathering 4th Level runt, would dare to humiliate her. If she could fly, she would have certainly flew out of the airship, catch Ning Cheng again, and tear him up inch by inch.

[TL Note – The raws often interchange the words students and disciples, teachers and elders, etc… so please don't get confused by it.]

[Editor's Note – Sorry people but the story ends here, Ning Cheng just died and was never heard from again.]

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Chapter 0043 – Ning Cheng's Demise***

Just as Ning Cheng jumped out of the airship, he was buffeted by the strong winds blowing outside the airship, it was only then he realised how fast the airship was travelling, in just a blink of an eye it had already transformed into a tine speck by the horizon.

But at the moment, he did not care about it, he was falling at a fast rate as the initial momentum from the ship was also helping him plummet even faster towards the ground. He, in just a short moment, fell through the cloud cover and was immediately soaking wet, which further added to his weight and speed, in short, he knew that if he did not do something, then there would not even be a shred of flesh on his body if he ended up striking the ground.

He was already an exceptional student back on earth, and with his memory and comprehension capabilities, he was able to immediately deduce what would happen if he ended up sticking the ground. Let alone dying, there would not even be a complete corpse left of him, he definitely could not rely on his Mysterious Yellow Bead, let alone rely, he could not even draw out the Mysterious Yellow Qi from it by his own will!!

By now he was able to see a vast and dense forest in front of his eyes, it would be a really grand and majestic sight if a person was looking at it while standing on the ground, but for Ning Cheng it was a horrifying sight which induced an unprecedented terror in his heart. He knew that if he fell into the forest, even if by some god sent miracle that he didn't die, he would end up gravely injured and would not even be able to defend himself from even attacks from normal wild beasts.

At the moment, he was wildly circulating his Qi in his body while trying to provoke some kind of action from the Mysterious Yellow Bead, he even took out the Ling Shis that he had in order to get some kind of reaction. But because his heart and mind was in a turmoil, he could not get himself to calm down, after all he was from Earth, and although there were sports back there like skydiving he never once attempted such a dangerous sport in his entire life. He was always in awe of the people who were showing of those sports on the television.

But all his efforts were of no avail, as he plummeted towards the forest. As the trees of the forest came closer to him, he realised that those tree were not normal tree but rather they were gigantic in size. Although he did not want to but his brain automatically calculated the rough size of those tree, and the results were staggering, those giant trees were hundreds of times larger than the biggest trees back on Earth, the Red Woods.

After he exhausted his Qi, he knew that now there was no hope that he would survive. He gritted his teeth and tried hard to work his brain into overdrive but could not come up with any solution. He knew that he could not survive his fall, so he was kind of regretting not creating a scene back in the airship, he did not know when, but his feelings towards An Yi had slowly changed from a simple brother sister love to something akin to real love between couples. He was regretting not saying anything about this to An Yi, for he feared that An Yi would

reject him, thinking him to be similar to the guys that her master had warned her about.

He was regretting not fighting those bastards from the Clear Heart Academy for taking An Yi away from him, he really was regretting not fighting against that Elder Yan who had forced him to jump off the airship, he was really cursing himself for having such a spiritual root that even his own family did not even see him as a human. He knew form the memories of his previous self, only his grandfather and Ji Luo Fei, after he reincarnated, had some good feelings for him, but as for others, they always looked at him with eyes full of disgust, they never even regarded him as a human. When he met An Yi, only then something changed inside him, although at first he only felt a sisterly love towards An Yi, but now that he was dying, An Yi's image gradually replaced that of Tian Mu Wan's in his heart.

At this moment, unlike before when he used to fondly remember about Tian Mu Wan, but now there were only two people in his heart, his younger sister Ning Ruolan and An Yi, Tian Mu Wan had already faded into the back of his mind. While thinking of the two girls, he felt sad for Ning Ruolan, he did not know that if he died would he even return to Earth, back to his sister. Or if he would really end up dying and disappearing from the world.

Although it took a long time to describe this, in reality it was only a few seconds, and Ning Cheng in just those few seconds had already gotten extremely close to the tree tops of the forest. Now he could clearly see the tree tops and even the leaves of the trees, but he knew that with his body devoid of Qi and with him falling with such a huge velocity, he could not even turn his head no matter how much he willed himself. If not for his body being strengthened to Qi Gathering 4th Level, he knew that his body would already have been shredded a long time ago due to air friction.

He knew that the top of the giant tree would end up piercing his chest, most like even his chest. In short he knew that he had no chance of surviving.

At the moment the tree top pierced though his skin of his chest, he last thoughts were "Ruolan, Luo Fei, An Yi, I am sorry."

The tree top had already pierced though his chest and was moving towards his

chest as he predicted, but it was at this moment, the Mysterious Yellow Bead finally reacted, and in an instant sent out rivers of the Mysterious Yellow Qi throughout his body. It immediately covered his entire body, even destroying the invading tree top, but it was already too late, as it had already pierced though his heart completely.

But rather than Ning Cheng dying, there was a brilliant flash in the sky as a bright ball of light immediately engulfed Ning Cheng. It started to expand rapidly, anything that came in contact of the bright ball of light was immediately disintegrated, whether it was trees, beasts or even water, everything was disintegrated at the molecular level. That ball of light expanded till it reached a diameter of 1 kilometre, destroying everything in its path, before it suddenly vanished without even a trace, all one could see was a huge crater on the ground.

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Ning Cheng knew that he had died, he had definitely felt the tree top pierce though his chest and even his heart, by rights he should have died. But he could feel a cool air surrounding him, he could hear a few voices but he couldn't make out what they were or who did they belong to, as at this moment he had a splitting headache along with an intense pain from his chest area.

His first thought was that, he somehow miraculously survived his fall, and that pain from his chest was from the tree top piercing his chest. It seems that he was somehow saved. Anyways, the main point was he was alive, he wanted to sit up and see his surroundings to see if he was in any further danger. But then he suddenly felt that, he was definitely not in a forest, perhaps his saviours had taken him back to some kind of shelter. He felt although these people had saved his lives, perhaps they were not as magnanimous as he was thinking them out to be. Maybe they were waiting to warm up to him before killing him, after all in the entire time he was on that place, he had encountered all kinds of madmen.

He found that he still had a strand of Qi in his body, but it was very weak, but he still circulated that weak strand of Qi through his meridians, to restore a bit of his hearing. As his hearing was gradually restored, he could make out faint and broken phrases, as the person who was speaking them was speaking in a very fast speech.

“….. it really was a miracle……..hit by a meteor……” one of the fast speaking persons

“Doc…. Will……k” the other fast speaker

“Will my brother be Ok”. This time he could definitely hear a crisp voice with a heavy concern in it. That voice was just like a bolt of lightning for Ning Cheng. He could never forget that voice no matter what, for that voice was something that he fondly remembered every single time he closed his eyes. The last time he saw the owner of that voice was when he had given a star shaped pearl hair clip to her in front of the Jiangzhou Academy’s entrance back when he was on Earth. That voice’s owner was none other than Ning Ruolan, the closest person to him in the entire world and also his younger sister.

He could forget Tian Mu Wan, he could forget Ji Luo Fei, he could even forget An Yi, but Ning Ruolan, his younger sister, no matter if had to go through insane torture, or getting roasted in hellfire, to meet his younger sister even for a single time, he would even give up his entire life. The only reason why he did not attempt to commit suicide when he appeared in that ancient world was because he did not know if it would lead him back to his home. He did not know if he could go back to his younger sister who he cherished the most the entire world. After all she was his only family and they had supported each other since they were kids. And although Ning Cheng was said to be an exceptional student, his younger sister was actually much more smarter and better than him. But he never once felt jealous, but rather he felt absolute pride in his younger sister. After all she was the only person who had been with him since childhood.

Ning Ruolan never knew her parents, as they had died when she was just a baby, it was all up to her big brother Ning Cheng who took care of her. For Ning Ruolan, Ning Cheng was much more than just an older brother, he was her father, her mother, her best friend. He always helped her without asking for anything. Although many people thought that she was better than Ning Cheng, as not only she was 3 years younger than him, but even was a senior at the college, unlike her brother who was a junior. But knew very well knew about her big brother Ning Cheng’s capabilities, and always admired him and was always proud to have such a brother.

But then her world was completely shattered that day, that day she wanted to

surprise her older brother by showing the gift that she had got for him. She had been repeatedly trying to call him, but there was never an answer, she thought that her brother was finally doing some adult stuff with his girlfriend, Tian Mu Wan. When she thought of that, she blushed a bit, and decided to call her brother later so as not to disturb him.

But for some reason a restless feeling was getting stronger and stronger in her, she had a foreboding that soothing bad might happen. She tried to put those thoughts away, but she couldn't, she ended succumbing to it, and called her brother. But she still could not get a response, she tried multiple times but every time got the same response "The subscriber you are trying to reach is out of coverage area." The bad feeling in her gut was getting heavier and heavier every passing moment. She finally could not take it anymore, and called up Tian Mu Wan's number which her brother had given to her to only contact in emergencies, if he was not available, after all Tian Mu Wan and Ning Ruolan had never met before.

She called her up, and set up a meet with her in order to find what had happened to her brother, as it was obvious that he was definitely not with her. She being a girl who understood everything about her brother was thinking, it couldn't be that they split up, did they. But still, no matter how upset her brother became, he would always talk to her no matter what, it was kind of an unwritten rule for them to not have any secrets between them. Although she was also thinking that she just might be overreacting, maybe her brother was tied up in some construction related work that he would do. As occasionally he used to work a bit late at the construction site when one of the other people were absent.

But when she met Tian Mu Wan at the café across the college, she kind of felt proud of her brother to have such a stunning girlfriend, but then she looked at the expression on her face. Immediately she felt a foreboding in her heart as she thought, something is wrong. She did not hear what Tian Mu Wan said, and immediately asked for the whereabouts of her elder brother. For her, even if her elder brother's girlfriend was in front of her, her concern for her brother's wellbeing topped anything else.

But then she saw, rather that replying to her, Tian Mu Wan immediately

turned and ran out of the café. She knew immediately that something bad had happened to her brother. She did not think of anything else and immediately followed Tian Mu Wan out of the café. She wanted to catch her and find what the hell was wrong, but Tian Mu Wan was running like a crazy person, without any regards to anything, she was even ran across the road causing a mass crash of cars.

She kept running till she reached the site where the meteorite fragment struck, Ning Roulan was feeling extreme dread in her heart, although she did not want to but very gory images were flashing though her mind. Was her big brother here? Did he get struck by something? She did not want to but the reality was in front of her. Tian Mu Wan was hysterically talking to an emergency worker working on the site. She approached the two of them, and heard a bit of their conversation:

“Lady I do not know what you’re are taking about. The entire area was cleared off before I got here. Go ask the supervisor there.”

After going on like this for a few minutes, they came to know that there was a body that was carried out, it seemed to be of a young man , other than that they did not know anything else about it.

They immediately asked about where the body was taken to, they wanted to make sure if that body really was of Ning Cheng. Both the girls were already on the verge of their minds collapsing. They really did not want to believe that the body was really Ning Cheng’s. Ning Ruolan immediately decided that she would definitely get to the bottom of this, if it was because of an accident that Ning Cheng was here then she would still have a bit of compassion towards of Tian Mu Wan, but if turned out that it was because they had a breakup, then she would do everything in her power to take down that bitch, Tian Mu Wan and her family, no matter how powerful her family is, she vowed to make her suffer miserably.

Although she knew that her reasoning was flawed, but her entire world was on the brink of collapse, without her big brother she did not know how could she continue living.

She wanted to blame someone for this, no matter how absurd the reason was,

she wanted to vent. While those thoughts in their minds they headed to the morgue, where the body was taken. On getting there they were informed that the body from the crash site was not actually a dead body, but was charred so bad that the emergency responders thought that he had died. Only after coming back to the hospital did they find that miraculously, that youth had survived, albeit in a very critical condition.

They immediately brought them to the room where he was being kept after being operated on. The doctor came forward and took out some burnt things that he had obtained from the person. When they saw those burnt things both Ning Ruolan and Tian Mu Wan almost fainted. How could they forget those things, it was precisely Ning Cheng's items. It was especially true for Ning Ruolan as she always saw that wrist watch on Ning Cheng's hand. It was a keepsake from their parents, which Ning Cheng always kept on him no matter what.

They immediately knew that the person resting on the hospital bed in front of them was definitely Ning Cheng, and were completely overjoyed, although he was heavily injured, he was alive. That was all that mattered to them.

Both of them clasped each other's hands and began sobbing. The doctors found it a bit awkward but did not come forward to interrupt them. He knew from their reactions, they were someone close to that person.

After a few minutes of crying they sobered up, and asked the doctor:

"How is he?"

"Will my big brother be OK?"

It was at that time that Ning Cheng finally opened his eyes, and the scene in front of immediately confirmed his suspicions, as tears started to flow down his face. They were not tears of pain nor they were tears of sadness but they were genuine tears of joy. They were tears of joy for seeing his little sister Ning Ruolan and Tian Mu Wan. Although he now did not feel the same way about Tian Mu Wan as he did before, nevertheless he still felt glad and genuinely happy in his heart. It even made the extreme pain that his body was in to feel as it was nothing. Finally, a miracle did happen, finally was able to reunite with his sister.

But then something else happened that shocked him to the core, he could now freely control the Mysterious Yellow Qi from the Mysterious Yellow Bead by his

own…….

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Chapter 0041 – Separated

"An Yi is now a Junior Sister Apprentice, I introduced you to her once, this the Clear Heart Academy's Senior Sister Apprentice Yong Guyun, Senior Sister Yong helps the Clear Heart Academy in choosing which students to take back……" when Ning Cheng and An Yi comes out, Lu Xue introduced An Yi with enthusiasm, besides her, there were already several people gathered near her, some of them were telling each other the dangers and the resulting experiences that they had come across, some of them were saying that it was time to choose students from the Ping Continent for the Clear Heart Academy.

Le Bohong was also with Lu Xue, there was also a circle of people gathered around them, and were jubilantly discussing thing with each other.

Ning Cheng knew that he himself did not belong to any of the circles, those people gossiping around in the circles, the worst cultivation among them was Qi Gathering 6th Level, while Yong Guyun was at the pinnacle of the Qi Gathering 8th Level. In contrast, his cultivation of the Qi Gathering 4th Level really did not belong in this place. An Yi was able to become friends with the enthusiastic Lu Xue, he estimated that it was because of her spiritual root. If An Yi was the same as him, having a hybrid support spiritual root, surely even she would not have the qualifications to be in that circle.

An Yi already was a person who did not talk much, especially after her Master's death which was a great blow to her. However recently, she had been following Ning Cheng and even risking her life together with him, and had seen too many things, after seeing so many things her heart was slowly starting to open up. In addition Lu Xue was also a woman, so there was a lot of common topics between

them. As Lu Xue deliberately wanted to become close friends with her, she thought that An Yi had no experience in such matters and thus gradually integrated her into her circle.

Ning Cheng also did not go interrupt them, as he was looking at the huge airship type artifact in front of him. On his planet Earth, he had never boarded a plane, but he knew how big the planes were. Now in his opinion, even the largest plane was smaller than the huge airship type artifact in front of him by at least a dozen times, this was a genuine giant.

This huge airship type artifact was going to fly, he did not know if it purely depended on Ling Shis, of if there was something else that powered it. He did not believe that this kind of huge airship did not have a power source, as it would not fly for no reason.

Only when it was time to board, did An Yi had the opportunity to excuse herself to go call Ning Cheng.

“Who is he?” Yong Guyun thought she knew everything about An Yi even better than herself, she also similarly had a pure spiritual root, and thus paid a high attention to An Yi, now that An Yi had specifically gone to call a cultivator at the Qi Gathering 4th Level, she asked with some doubt.

Lu Xue looked back at An Yi and said while sighing, “That is An Yi’s cousin Ning Cheng, An Yi and his relationship doesn’t seem to normal.”

Yong Guyun immediately asks, “What is Ning Cheng’s Spiritual Root?”

Lu Xue shook her head and said, “I heard that it was a very disappointing multi line hybrid support spiritual root, he and An Yi are just opposites in this matter.”

“Impossible, in the waters of the Mingot Sea, how can one with a multi line hybrid support spiritual root practice cultivation? Looking at his Qi fluctuations, he should be at the Qi Gathering 4th Level, right?” Yong Guyun asked in a surprised way.

“It is because of chance, he had obtained 5 Qi Gathering Stones.” Le Bohong came over with a smile, “However Ning Cheng is still quite good, and is highly principled, unfortunately, it seems that in this life, he is just like to stop at the Qi Gathering Realm, I think that it would be even difficult for him to reach the Qi

Gathering 7th Level."

"If that is the case, he really should not got to the Clear Heart Academy. To arrive at the Clear Heart Academy, An Yi would certainly be taken in as a disciple by an Elder in the Building Yuan Realm, it would be difficult for Ning Cheng to see her again." Yong Guyun said while smiling and looking in the direction of Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng did not know what the others were thinking of him, however he was a person from Earth, he was already well versed with the changes in human feelings. He could even anticipate what would happen to him once he arrived at the Clear Heart Academy, he would definitely not be treated well. At this time An Yi came to him to call him to get onboard, he swept his eyes over the rest of the students from the Clear Heart Academy, and said to An Yi, "An Yi, with your spiritual roots you can easily go into the Clear Heart Academy, and would definitely have a well known teacher to guide you, you can even become a core student of the Clear Heart Academy. The chances of us meeting in the future will be very few, it is better if I share some of my Ling Shis with you."

An Yi in her mind was very surprised, and hastily said, "Big Brother, I will always be together with you, my master also said, she wanted me to be together with you."

Ning Cheng forced out a wry smile and said, "An Yi, at that time your master had said that, because at that time you did not have any friends, and also did not have anyone else, now that you have friends, you could clearly focus on your cultivation practice in the Clear Heart Academy. If your master was still alive, even she would not want you and me to be together."

"No, I must be together with you." An Yi stubbornly said. She did not have many reasons to argue with Ning Cheng, she simply felt that she would only be happy in being together with Ning Cheng, it just felt comfortable in her heart.

Ning Cheng sighed darkly and said, "We must leave Mingot City, wait until we reach the Clear Heart Academy and practice hard, I believe that the Clear Heart Academy will give a lot of training resources to you. Moreover, even your master said that your background is not ordinary, if your cultivation level does not rise up, there is absolutely no way of knowing your origins. More importantly, if you

became the core disciple of the Academy, and if you and I are still together, maybe the Academy would think that I am the one who held you back."

An Yi fell silent, she no longer was the pure young nun who had just stepped out of the temple. She understood the meaning of Ning Cheng's words, Ning Cheng's spiritual root was very poor, if she went along with Ning Cheng, perhaps the Academy would kill Ning Cheng for holding her back. In this period of time together with him, she had already seen too many bloody things.

"I understand, I will remember Big Brother's words." An Yi had already had secretly made up her heart, she must try hard to practice cultivation, when her cultivation level was high enough, then she would help Ning Cheng in seeking more Ling Shis.

Ning Cheng in his heart was very upset, now when he saw An Yi, going to the Clear Heart Academy, he knew that it would be very difficult for them to meet.

"After I arrive at the Academy, I would definitely have more practice resources, you do not have to give me those things immediately. The amount of cultivation resources needed by you are definitely more." An Yi had seen Ning Cheng practice his cultivation, she knew that Ning Cheng needed a scary amount of Ling Shis to practice his cultivation. Although Ning Cheng had obtained several hundred pieces of Ling Shis previously, she knew that it was definitely not enough for him.

"An Yi, let's go aboard." Lu Xue called from afar.

Ning Cheng took An Yi's hand and said, "Come on, let's go aboard."

Miao Lihu who was standing far away to one side was staring at the back of Ning Cheng and An Yi with raw hate, he pledged in his heart, even if he had to sacrifice the Wolf's Palace, he would secretly follow them to the Ming Yi country, then he would try to find opportunities to kill Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng had not guessed wrong, when he and An Yi went aboard, An Yi was put in a better room than him, only after Ning Cheng asked the other people to show him the way did he know, that this airship really had a partnership with the Clear Heart Academy and the Ming Yi Country.

Ning Cheng was also not the only person who occupied his room, but there

were also five other people whom he did not know who were also staying in that room. These five people were very young and had the same characteristics, the oldest one was about 20 years in age.

This made Ning Cheng relax a bit, his cultivation level in this room was finally not the worst one. This room had five people, and there were only two of them who were at the Qi Gathering 4th Level.

“Are you also students from the Clear Heart Academy?” Ning Cheng asked as he clasped his hands. His was a bit surprised in his heart, even if it was the Clear Heart Academy, Cultivators in the Qi Gathering 2nd Level earning 2 low grade Ling Shis for the fare was definitely not a simple thing, right?

One of them who was the same as Ning Cheng, a teenager with the same cultivation level of Qi Gathering 4th Level said, “Of course not, are you not going to the Clear Heart Academy to be selected, are you also going to participate in the admission selection of the Clear Heart Academy? Only by passing the Academy’s selection, would you be considered as a student of the Clear Heart Academy.”

Ning Cheng suddenly came to understand, before he had heard that this airship had a partnership with the Min Yi Country and the Clear Heart Academy. It seems that this ship went around the whole Ping Continent, in all directions to select youths with good aptitudes to enter the Clear Heart Academy, once they pass the test, they would then become the students of the Clear Heart Academy. Le Bohong said that one required 2 Ling Shis to embark on this airship, perhaps it was to help him open a backdoor for him and An Yi.

Ning Cheng quickly familiarized himself with the other people, these people were just like Ning Cheng had guessed them to be, they all had come from different regions to join the Clear Heart Academy, and were getting ready to participate in the selection tests of the Clear Heart Academy. The qualification of several people in his room could be considered as the bottom of all the people on board, despite being in the bottom, the worst one of them had a better qualifications than Ning Cheng, at least they had a primary spiritual root.

“What would happen if we fail the tests?” Ning Cheng suddenly thought, if they failed in passing the entrance test, the Clear Heart Academy would certainly

not recruit them, it was certain that there would not be any airships that would send them back.

A skinny teenager was was at the Qi Gathering 3rd Level clenched his fist and said, “I have to pass it.”

Seeing him and Ning Cheng, a teenager at the Qi Gathering 4th Level said with contempt, “If you could really pass the test, then the rest of us, can rest of us can reach the moon in a single jump, if you can’t pass, you could only stay in the Ming Yi Country to seek living. If someone wants to return home from Ming Yi Country, you would just be seeking death.”

Finished saying that with a sigh, he said, “If you have at least Yu Hongfeng’s type of spiritual root, then you do not have to worry.”

“Who is Yu Hongfeng?” Ning Cheng asked.

“He is a person who selected by Yu Anguo, I heard that he would only select students who have a golden spiritual roots. Even the elders on the airship are very polite to him, he has boundless prospects …….” The teenager at the Qi Gathering 4th Level replied with some envy in his voice.

Ning Cheng was moved in his heart, a pure spiritual root was given such attention, would that also mean that An Yi would also share the same attention?

At this time, the door of the room was opened with a slight squeak, and a boy wearing a blue robe came in carrying a wooden tray, on the wooden tray were several similar lunch boxes.

“Here is your dinner.” That blue robed youth said without even showing the slightest feeling.

Ning Cheng knew that there would be a person who would come to deliver the food, it seems that the treatment here was not as bad as he thought. It seemed that the other teenagers in the room were already accustomed to it, and hurried to take their lunch boxes. After Ning Cheng took his lunch box, he asked the meal delivery boy in a very kind way, “Excuse me my friend, where does the disciples with pure spiritual roots live?”

The meal delivery youth gave Ning Cheng a surprised look, and then he said, “They live in the core area, do not try to go looking for them, otherwise you

would soon be kicked out of the airship.”

The teenager at the Qi Gathering 4th Level heard the exchange, asked in a puzzled way, “Is Yu Hongfeng not the only person with a pure spiritual root?”

“Of course not, I have heard that this time in the Mingot Sea they were able to find a person with a pure wooden spiritual root.” The meal delivery youth immediately replied.

Ning Cheng knew that the other party would definitely keep An Yi safe, having heard that he understood that An Yi would definitely be properly taken of. But he was still very worried in his heart, and also asked, “If I wanted to meet one of the students with the pure spiritual roots, will there be trouble?”

“It is not troublesome, tomorrow night the people on board will throw a welcoming party for the two people with the pure spiritual roots. If you have to ability to get the admission tickets, then you can go see them.” This meal delivery youth smiled at Ning Cheng thinking that he was overestimating his own ability, after saying that, he did not continue to exchange words with Ning Cheng, and turned around to leave the room.

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The meal delivery boy had just left, when the gate was shoved open again, this time a middle aged beautiful woman came in.

Besides Ning Cheng, when the other five teenagers saw this middle aged beautiful woman they immediately stood up and immediately bowed to salute her, at the same time they respectfully called out, “Elder Lan…….”

This middle aged beautiful woman slightly nodded her head, and looked at Ning Cheng and asked, “Are you called Ning Cheng?”

Ning Cheng felt that the eyes of this beautiful middle aged woman were very stern, and did not understand why this Elder would trouble hersef to find him.

“You, come with me.” this middle aged woman did not even wait for Ning Cheng to reply, and said while she already turned around to leave the room.

Ning Cheng for some unknown reason also followed this middle aged beautiful woman out of the room, after turning through a few bends in the airship, they entered a luxurious room which was shared by six people.

This middle aged beautiful woman sat down in the seat of honor in the room, and did not wait for Ning Cheng to sit down, and only asked in a light voice, “According to what An Yi said, you and An Yi’s relationship does not seem to be that of two close cousins, before An Yi’s master had departed, she asked you to take care of An Yi.”

Ning Cheng did not speak, he knew that An Yi was very pure and simple minded, in the face of these crafty fellows, it was not unusual for these things to be asked. He only hoped that An Yi did not say about the Mysterious Yellow Bead to them, and also that he required a scary amount of Ling Shis to practice his cultivation, this kind of things must not be spread around.

Once An Yi even mentioned about it, he could only wait for his death. Ning Cheng believed that An Yi should know how to differentiate between good and evil, as this kind of thing should not even be vaguely mentioned, and she should also not take the initiative to say it.

After the beautiful middle aged woman finished speaking, she again did not wait for Ning Cheng to reply and said again, “Regardless of whether An Yi is your cousin or not, I hope you will stay away from An Yi. It would be good for you as well as An Yi. An Yi has a limitless future, and you have a three line hybrid support spiritual root, your greatest achievement will only be in the Qi Gathering Realm, if you and An Yi remain in contact, it would only affect An Yi.”

Ning Cheng also said in a light voice, “I know that An Yi will have a limitless future when compared to me, but before that, I must confirm that An Yi gets to receive the best care in the Clear Heart Academy.”

Ning Cheng already knew that the Clear Heart Academy would properly take care of An Yi, but the words that this beautiful middle aged woman just spoke, made him upset.

The beautiful middle aged woman showed a faint smile, “You can.”

Saying that she took out a jade card which she gave to Ning Cheng and said, “Tomorrow evening we will hold a welcome party for An Yi and Yu Hongfeng on the airship, you can rely on this jade card to enter the area, when the time comes you can look at An Yi from the corner, otherwise you already understand what would happen.”

Ning Cheng took the jade card, and silently turned and walked out of the room, he was too lazy to even properly thank this middle aged beautiful woman.

At this time an extremely pretty girl hurriedly rushed in, and brushed past Ning Cheng who was just exiting the room. She also took a glance at Ning Cheng, at the same time voiced out a few words.

“Master, who is this person? He does not even have the basic courtesy.” This pretty girl was staring at the retreating figure of Ning Cheng, and asked that middle aged beautiful woman.

The middle aged beautiful woman frowned and said, “Although his qualifications is very low, but he has an obstinate character, and is extremely proud in his heart. He did not even reply to my words a moment ago, and did not even say a greeting, it seems that I can’t let him come with us to the Clear Heart Academy.”

Ning Cheng returned to his room, inside the room the few people were looking at him with a strange look in their eyes, however no one came forward to question him, and also no one came to strike up a conversation with him either. Ning Cheng was also not in a very good mood, and closed his eyes to attempt practicing the Array Formation Methods.

The day passed by in an instant, in the second evening Ning Cheng arrived at the welcome party area, the party hall was already crowded, and was also very lively and loud.

Ning Cheng was from Earth, although he did not attend the evening banquets,

parties or the like, but he had seen countless of them on the television. This was the first time for Ning Cheng to participate in such a party, although there were no modern amenities here, but Ning Cheng was sure that this luxurious evening party aboard the airship was not one bit inferior to the high class parties back on his planet Earth.

There were rows of Illuminating Array Formations that lit up the entire party hall like a fairyland, there were even young girls wearing colorful butterfly like dresses and holding a plate of food and wines interspersed in every corner. There was a soft gentle music that was playing which Ning Cheng had never heard before, when a person heard this, they would start to feel a very pleasant feeling of enjoyment.

There were many cultivators who participated in this party, and none of them were lower than Qi Gathering 5th Level, moreover there were many people who he could not clearly sense their cultivation levels.

Le Bohong was also walking around with a smile on his face, while talking with a few people who Ning Cheng could not even sense their cultivation levels.

Ning Cheng, other that the few people beside Le Bohong, could not recognize the rest of them. At this time, a burst of sweet music could be heard, under the light of the dimming moonlight, Ning Cheng saw An Yi.

At this point An Yi was like a princess, the cloth robe that she was wearing earlier had already disappeared, and she had changed into a set of light yellow skirt. While her head was still wrapped in a white scarf, but it actually made her look like a fairy, as her already beautiful face became more refined just like an otherworldly fairy.

An Yi walked into the hall with a smile on her face, and her eyes were full of happiness. Clearly, although she had never come in contact with such a scene, here adaptability to it was very strong, at least in her eyes there was no hesitation or anxiety. Lu Xue and Yong Guyun accompanied An Yi on her side, showing that the status of An Yi was even higher than them.

As An Yi entered the party hall, there was burst of warm and enthusiastic applause.

Just behind An Yi and the others appeared a very handsome boy, his eyes had a

trace of pride in them, and was walking with extreme confidence plastered on his face. Ning Cheng did not ask, he could already guess that this person should be the one with the pure gold spiritual root, Yu Hongfeng.

An Yi stands on the stage and accepts the crown welcoming her, at the same time, she was also looking in all directions as if searching for someone. Lu Xue whispered in An Yi's ears and said, "Junior Sister Apprentice An Yi, these people here are the Elite Disciples and teachers of the Clear Heart Academy, Ning Cheng will not be able to come here."

An Yi nodded, and retracted her gaze, there was more than a trace of sadness in her eyes.

"The fact is, you shouldn't have come on board." An indifferent voice sounded in Ning Cheng's ears.

Ning Cheng suddenly turned around, and saw a familiar young girl. This young girl was precisely the one he had seen when he had went to see the beautiful middle aged woman. at that time, he was coming out of the beautiful middle aged woman's room, and this young girl happened to rush hurriedly inside. Although she only brushed past him, Ning Cheng still remembered her very clearly.

"At least I know my cousin is being treated very well, I am finally relieved." Ning Cheng said with a light laugh, finished saying that he turned and was about to leave. If he did not come on board, he would have definitely died in Mingot City.

The young girl suddenly said, "I think that it would be better if you got off the airship on the next stop. Believe me, it's for your own good."

After the girl said such strange words, she turned around and moved towards the middle of the bustling crowd in the party hall.

Ning Cheng frowned, he did not have a good feeling. He was just about to reach for a wine glass on the table beside him to drink, when he heard a familiar voice once again, "You've seen your cousin An Yi, she is getting along very well, so you do not have to worry about her."

"Many thanks senior, I really don't have to worry about it anymore, this junior

takes his leave.” Ning Cheng gave up his thought of picking up a wine glass and said, as he turned around, he found that he was talking to the beautiful middle aged woman who had given him the jade card, but at this moment there was not even an expression on her face.

The beautiful middle aged woman said indifferently, “Letting you come here, was because you are An Yi’s cousin, you should understand this thought well. I was looking for some matters pertaining you, you will come with me.”

The bad feeling in Ning Cheng’s heart was growing more intense, but he had no leeway to resist, and could only follow the beautiful middle aged woman out of the party hall.

After the time it took for half an incense stick to burn, there was a light breeze blowing, Ning Cheng discovered that he was standing on the deck behind the airship. Under the airship was the endless blue sky and vast white clouds, those light breezes were coming from an Array Formation that was arranged in the rear of the airship, and it seems that the breeze was contained. As one could imagine it, if it was not for these shielding Array Formations, just by standing in this place, one would be immediately thrown out due to the airship’s fast speed.

Looking at the endless blue skies and the vast white clouds under his feet, Ning Cheng was feeling somewhat dizzy, at this point he completely understood what the beautiful middle aged woman had brought him here to do.

“You want me to jump down from here?” said Ning Cheng as his expression became ice cold, letting a cultivator at the Qi Gathering 4th Level to jump from this high in the air, other than the path of dying, there was no other second path.

The middle aged beautiful woman naturally nodded and said, “That’s right, you must jump down from here, you have no choice.”

“Why is that? I have already agreed to not seek out An Yi anymore.” Ning Cheng said as he clenched his fists, he knew that these people had no disregard for human lives, however this was too outrageous. Just because he knew An Yi, and An Yi had a pure spiritual root would they kill him, how could this make any sense? It was as if, if he was alive, An Yi would not feel at ease in practicing cultivation.

“For the future of An Yi, I have the responsibility to help An Yi in cutting off the worldly burdens from her life peacefully. You don’t want to fight me, I can tell you beforehand, that I am Elder Lan Yinyue of the Clear Heart Academy, with the cultivation level of Qi Condensation 8th Level. You are merely a cultivator of the Qi Gathering 4th Level, I don’t even need to move, and can make you get down from here immediately. But because you are An Yi’s cousin, I do not want to force you, you can jump by yourself.”

This middle aged beautiful woman said all these words in an impassive tone as if she was just asking for him to do something trivial.

“Ha Ha…..” Ning Cheng laughed, “When the mother is a whore, then the child will also be a bitch, you do not like to force me, Bah.”

“You are courting death…….” the originally extremely calm and quite Lan Yinyue after listening to Ning Cheng, immediately was overflowing with a murderous aura.

Ning Cheng knew that he did not have any ability to resist, he walked to the edge of the airship’s side and stared at Lan Yinyue and just said a few simple words, “Lan Yinyue, this father does not need you to begin, this father will choose himself. There will be one day, that you will regret today’s events, you self-centered bitch……”

Lan Yinyue heard Ning Cheng calling out to her as a bitch, and was suddenly trembling with anger, she did not even wait for Ning Cheng to begin, but Ning Cheng had already jumped from the airship’s side on his own initiative, he knew from the face of Lan Yinyue, that other than him jumping down, there was no second way to go.

The airship’s speed was very quick, when Ning Cheng jumped, the airship had already flown far away. Lan Yinyue was still unable to quell her anger that had built up inside her, she did not expect that a mere Qi Gathering 4th Level runt, would dare to humiliate her. If she could fly, she would have certainly flew out of the airship, catch Ning Cheng again, and tear him up inch by inch.

[TL Note – The raws often interchange the words students and disciples, teachers and elders, etc… so please don’t get confused by it.]

[Editor’s Note – Sorry people but the story ends here, Ning Cheng just died and

was never heard from again.]

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Chapter 0043 – Ning Cheng's Demise***

Just as Ning Cheng jumped out of the airship, he was buffeted by the strong winds blowing outside the airship, it was only then he realised how fast the airship was travelling, in just a blink of an eye it had already transformed into a tine speck by the horizon.

But at the moment, he did not care about it, he was falling at a fast rate as the initial momentum from the ship was also helping him plummet even faster towards the ground. He, in just a short moment, fell through the cloud cover and was immediately soaking wet, which further added to his weight and speed, in short, he knew that if he did not do something, then there would not even be a shred of flesh on his body if he ended up striking the ground.

He was already an exceptional student back on earth, and with his memory and comprehension capabilities, he was able to immediately deduce what would happen if he ended up sticking the ground. Let alone dying, there would not even be a complete corpse left of him, he definitely could not rely on his Mysterious Yellow Bead, let alone rely, he could not even draw out the Mysterious Yellow Qi from it by his own will!!

By now he was able to see a vast and dense forest in front of his eyes, it would be a really grand and majestic sight if a person was looking at it while standing on the ground, but for Ning Cheng it was a horrifying sight which induced an unprecedented terror in his heart. He knew that if he fell into the forest, even if by some god sent miracle that he didn't die, he would end up gravely injured and would not even be able to defend himself from even attacks from normal wild beasts.

At the moment, he was wildly circulating his Qi in his body while trying to provoke some kind of action from the Mysterious Yellow Bead, he even took out the Ling Shis that he had in order to get some kind of reaction. But because his heart and mind was in a turmoil, he could not get himself to calm down, after all he was from Earth, and although there were sports back there like skydiving he never once attempted such a dangerous sport in his entire life. He was always in awe of the people who were showing of those sports on the television.

But all his efforts were of no avail, as he plummeted towards the forest. As the trees of the forest came closer to him, he realised that those tree were not normal tree but rather they were gigantic in size. Although he did not want to but his brain automatically calculated the rough size of those tree, and the results were staggering, those giant trees were hundreds of times larger than the biggest trees back on Earth, the Red Woods.

After he exhausted his Qi, he knew that now there was no hope that he would survive. He gritted his teeth and tried hard to work his brain into overdrive but could not come up with any solution. He knew that he could not survive his fall, so he was kind of regretting not creating a scene back in the airship, he did not know when, but his feelings towards An Yi had slowly changed from a simple brother sister love to something akin to real love between couples. He was regretting not saying anything about this to An Yi, for he feared that An Yi would reject him, thinking him to be similar to the guys that her master had warned her about.

He was regretting not fighting those bastards from the Clear Heart Academy for taking An Yi away from him, he really was regretting not fighting against that Elder Yan who had forced him to jump off the airship, he was really cursing himself for having such a spiritual root that even his own family did not even see him as a human. He knew form the memories of his previous self, only his grandfather and Ji Luo Fei, after he reincarnated, had some good feelings for him, but as for others, they always looked at him with eyes full of disgust, they never even regarded him as a human. When he met An Yi, only then something changed inside him, although at first he only felt a sisterly love towards An Yi, but now that he was dying, An Yi’s image gradually replaced that of Tian Mu Wan’s in his heart.

At this moment, unlike before when he used to fondly remember about Tian Mu Wan, but now there were only two people in his heart, his younger sister Ning Ruolan and An Yi, Tian Mu Wan had already faded into the back of his mind. While thinking of the two girls, he felt sad for Ning Ruolan, he did not know that if he died would he even return to Earth, back to his sister. Or if he would really end up dying and disappearing from the world.

Although it took a long time to describe this, in reality it was only a few seconds, and Ning Cheng in just those few seconds had already gotten extremely close to the tree tops of the forest. Now he could clearly see the tree tops and even the leaves of the trees, but he knew that with his body devoid of Qi and with him falling with such a huge velocity, he could not even turn his head no matter how much he willed himself. If not for his body being strengthened to Qi Gathering 4th Level, he knew that his body would already have been shredded a long time ago due to air friction.

He knew that the top of the giant tree would end up piercing his chest, most like even his chest. In short he knew that he had no chance of surviving.

At the moment the tree top pierced though his skin of his chest, he last thoughts were “Ruolan, Luo Fei, An Yi, I am sorry.”

The tree top had already pierced though his chest and was moving towards his chest as he predicted, but it was at this moment, the Mysterious Yellow Bead finally reacted, and in an instant sent out rivers of the Mysterious Yellow Qi throughout his body. It immediately covered his entire body, even destroying the invading tree top, but it was already too late, as it had already pierced though his heart completely.

But rather than Ning Cheng dying, there was a brilliant flash in the sky as a bright ball of light immediately engulfed Ning Cheng. It started to expand rapidly, anything that came in contact of the bright ball of light was immediately disintegrated, whether it was trees, beasts or even water, everything was disintegrated at the molecular level. That ball of light expanded till it reached a diameter of 1 kilometre, destroying everything in its path, before it suddenly vanished without even a trace, all one could see was a huge crater on the ground.

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Ning Cheng knew that he had died, he had definitely felt the tree top pierce though his chest and even his heart, by rights he should have died. But he could feel a cool air surrounding him, he could hear a few voices but he couldn't make out what they were or who did they belong to, as at this moment he had a splitting headache along with an intense pain from his chest area.

His first thought was that, he somehow miraculously survived his fall, and that pain from his chest was from the tree top piercing his chest. It seems that he was somehow saved. Anyways, the main point was he was alive, he wanted to sit up and see his surroundings to see if he was in any further danger. But then he suddenly felt that, he was definitely not in a forest, perhaps his saviours had taken him back to some kind of shelter. He felt although these people had saved his lives, perhaps they were not as magnanimous as he was thinking them out to be. Maybe they were waiting to warm up to him before killing him, after all in the entire time he was on that place, he had encountered all kinds of madmen.

He found that he still had a strand of Qi in his body, but it was very weak, but he still circulated that weak strand of Qi through his meridians, to restore a bit of his hearing. As his hearing was gradually restored, he could make out faint and broken phrases, as the person who was speaking them was speaking in a very fast speech.

"….. it really was a miracle……..hit by a meteor……" one of the fast speaking persons

"Doc…. Will……k" the other fast speaker

"Will my brother be Ok". This time he could definitely hear a crisp voice with a heavy concern in it. That voice was just like a bolt of lightning for Ning Cheng. He could never forget that voice no matter what, for that voice was something that he fondly remembered every single time he closed his eyes. The last time he saw the owner of that voice was when he had given a star shaped pearl hair clip to her in front of the Jiangzhou Academy's entrance back when he was on Earth. That voice's owner was none other than Ning Ruolan, the closest person to him in the entire world and also his younger sister.

He could forget Tian Mu Wan, he could forget Ji Luo Fei, he could even forget

An Yi, but Ning Ruolan, his younger sister, no matter if had to go through insane torture, or getting roasted in hellfire, to meet his younger sister even for a single time, he would even give up his entire life. The only reason why he did not attempt to commit suicide when he appeared in that ancient world was because he did not know if it would lead him back to his home. He did not know if he could go back to his younger sister who he cherished the most the entire world. After all she was his only family and they had supported each other since they were kids. And although Ning Cheng was said to be an exceptional student, his younger sister was actually much more smarter and better than him. But he never once felt jealous, but rather he felt absolute pride in his younger sister. After all she was the only person who had been with him since childhood.

Ning Ruolan never knew her parents, as they had died when she was just a baby, it was all up to her big brother Ning Cheng who took care of her. For Ning Ruolan, Ning Cheng was much more than just an older brother, he was her father, her mother, her best friend. He always helped her without asking for anything. Although many people thought that she was better than Ning Cheng, as not only she was 3 years younger than him, but even was a senior at the college, unlike her brother who was a junior. But knew very well knew about her big brother Ning Cheng's capabilities, and always admired him and was always proud to have such a brother.

But then her world was completely shattered that day, that day she wanted to surprise her older brother by showing the gift that she had got for him. She had been repeatedly trying to call him, but there was never an answer, she thought that her brother was finally doing some adult stuff with his girlfriend, Tian Mu Wan. When she thought of that, she blushed a bit, and decided to call her brother later so as not to disturb him.

But for some reason a restless feeling was getting stronger and stronger in her, she had a foreboding that soothing bad might happen. She tried to put those thoughts away, but she couldn't, she ended succumbing to it, and called her brother. But she still could not get a response, she tried multiple times but every time got the same response "The subscriber you are trying to reach is out of coverage area." The bad feeling in her gut was getting heavier and heavier every passing moment. She finally could not take it anymore, and called up Tian Mu

Wan's number which her brother had given to her to only contact in emergencies, if he was not available, after all Tian Mu Wan and Ning Ruolan had never met before.

She called her up, and set up a meet with her in order to find what had happened to her brother, as it was obvious that he was definitely not with her. She being a girl who understood everything about her brother was thinking, it couldn't be that they split up, did they. But still, no matter how upset her brother became, he would always talk to her no matter what, it was kind of an unwritten rule for them to not have any secrets between them. Although she was also thinking that she just might be overreacting, maybe her brother was tied up in some construction related work that he would do. As occasionally he used to work a bit late at the construction site when one of the other people were absent.

But when she met Tian Mu Wan at the café across the college, she kind of felt proud of her brother to have such a stunning girlfriend, but then she looked at the expression on her face. Immediately she felt a foreboding in her heart as she thought, something is wrong. She did not hear what Tian Mu Wan said, and immediately asked for the whereabouts of her elder brother. For her, even if her elder brother's girlfriend was in front of her, her concern for her brother's wellbeing topped anything else.

But then she saw, rather that replying to her, Tian Mu Wan immediately turned and ran out of the café. She knew immediately that something bad had happened to her brother. She did not think of anything else and immediately followed Tian Mu Wan out of the café. She wanted to catch her and find what the hell was wrong, but Tian Mu Wan was running like a crazy person, without any regards to anything, she was even ran across the road causing a mass crash of cars.

She kept running till she reached the site where the meteorite fragment struck, Ning Roulan was feeling extreme dread in her heart, although she did not want to but very gory images were flashing though her mind. Was her big brother here? Did he get struck by something? She did not want to but the reality was in front of her. Tian Mu Wan was hysterically talking to an emergency worker working on the site. She approached the two of them, and heard a bit of their

conversation:

“Lady I do not know what you’re are taking about. The entire area was cleared off before I got here. Go ask the supervisor there.”

After going on like this for a few minutes, they came to know that there was a body that was carried out, it seemed to be of a young man , other than that they did not know anything else about it.

They immediately asked about where the body was taken to, they wanted to make sure if that body really was of Ning Cheng. Both the girls were already on the verge of their minds collapsing. They really did not want to believe that the body was really Ning Cheng’s. Ning Ruolan immediately decided that she would definitely get to the bottom of this, if it was because of an accident that Ning Cheng was here then she would still have a bit of compassion towards of Tian Mu Wan, but if turned out that it was because they had a breakup, then she would do everything in her power to take down that bitch, Tian Mu Wan and her family, no matter how powerful her family is, she vowed to make her suffer miserably.

Although she knew that her reasoning was flawed, but her entire world was on the brink of collapse, without her big brother she did not know how could she continue living.

She wanted to blame someone for this, no matter how absurd the reason was, she wanted to vent. While those thoughts in their minds they headed to the morgue, where the body was taken. On getting there they were informed that the body from the crash site was not actually a dead body, but was charred so bad that the emergency responders thought that he had died. Only after coming back to the hospital did they find that miraculously, that youth had survived, albeit in a very critical condition.

They immediately brought them to the room where he was being kept after being operated on. The doctor came forward and took out some burnt things that he had obtained from the person. When they saw those burnt things both Ning Ruolan and Tian Mu Wan almost fainted. How could they forget those things, it was precisely Ning Cheng’s items. It was especially true for Ning Ruolan as she always saw that wrist watch on Ning Cheng’s hand. It was a keepsake

from their parents, which Ning Cheng always kept on him no matter what.

They immediately knew that the person resting on the hospital bed in front of them was definitely Ning Cheng, and were completely overjoyed, although he was heavily injured, he was alive. That was all that mattered to them.

Both of them clasped each other's hands and began sobbing. The doctors found it a bit awkward but did not come forward to interrupt them. He knew from their reactions, they were someone close to that person.

After a few minutes of crying they sobered up, and asked the doctor:

"How is he?"

"Will my big brother be OK?"

It was at that time that Ning Cheng finally opened his eyes, and the scene in front of immediately confirmed his suspicions, as tears started to flow down his face. They were not tears of pain nor they were tears of sadness but they were genuine tears of joy. They were tears of joy for seeing his little sister Ning Ruolan and Tian Mu Wan. Although he now did not feel the same way about Tian Mu Wan as he did before, nevertheless he still felt glad and genuinely happy in his heart. It even made the extreme pain that his body was in to feel as it was nothing. Finally, a miracle did happen, finally was able to reunite with his sister.

But then something else happened that shocked him to the core, he could now freely control the Mysterious Yellow Qi from the Mysterious Yellow Bead by his own…….

[TL Note – He He He ….. I know that people will want to kill me for this, but this entire chapter was made up by me and is not an actual chapter. Do leave behind your 'feels' for this fan fic.]

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Chapter 0042 – You're Such A Bitch

The meal delivery boy had just left, when the gate was shoved open again, this time a middle aged beautiful woman came in.

Besides Ning Cheng, when the other five teenagers saw this middle aged beautiful woman they immediately stood up and immediately bowed to salute her, at the same time they respectfully called out, "Elder Lan……."

This middle aged beautiful woman slightly nodded her head, and looked at Ning Cheng and asked, "Are you called Ning Cheng?"

Ning Cheng felt that the eyes of this beautiful middle aged woman were very stern, and did not understand why this Elder would trouble hersef to find him.

"You, come with me." this middle aged woman did not even wait for Ning Cheng to reply, and said while she already turned around to leave the room.

Ning Cheng for some unknown reason also followed this middle aged beautiful woman out of the room, after turning through a few bends in the airship, they entered a luxurious room which was shared by six people.

This middle aged beautiful woman sat down in the seat of honor in the room, and did not wait for Ning Cheng to sit down, and only asked in a light voice, "According to what An Yi said, you and An Yi's relationship does not seem to be that of two close cousins, before An Yi's master had departed, she asked you to take care of An Yi."

Ning Cheng did not speak, he knew that An Yi was very pure and simple minded, in the face of these crafty fellows, it was not unusual for these things to

be asked. He only hoped that An Yi did not say about the Mysterious Yellow Bead to them, and also that he required a scary amount of Ling Shis to practice his cultivation, this kind of things must not be spread around.

Once An Yi even mentioned about it, he could only wait for his death. Ning Cheng believed that An Yi should know how to differentiate between good and evil, as this kind of thing should not even be vaguely mentioned, and she should also not take the initiative to say it.

After the beautiful middle aged woman finished speaking, she again did not wait for Ning Cheng to reply and said again, “Regardless of whether An Yi is your cousin or not, I hope you will stay away from An Yi. It would be good for you as well as An Yi. An Yi has a limitless future, and you have a three line hybrid support spiritual root, your greatest achievement will only be in the Qi Gathering Realm, if you and An Yi remain in contact, it would only affect An Yi.”

Ning Cheng also said in a light voice, “I know that An Yi will have a limitless future when compared to me, but before that, I must confirm that An Yi gets to receive the best care in the Clear Heart Academy.”

Ning Cheng already knew that the Clear Heart Academy would properly take care of An Yi, but the words that this beautiful middle aged woman just spoke, made him upset.

The beautiful middle aged woman showed a faint smile, “You can.”

Saying that she took out a jade card which she gave to Ning Cheng and said, “Tomorrow evening we will hold a welcome party for An Yi and Yu Hongfeng on the airship, you can rely on this jade card to enter the area, when the time comes you can look at An Yi from the corner, otherwise you already understand what would happen.”

Ning Cheng took the jade card, and silently turned and walked out of the room, he was too lazy to even properly thank this middle aged beautiful woman.

At this time an extremely pretty girl hurriedly rushed in, and brushed past Ning Cheng who was just exiting the room. She also took a glance at Ning Cheng, at the same time voiced out a few words.

“Master, who is this person? He does not even have the basic courtesy.” This

pretty girl was staring at the retreating figure of Ning Cheng, and asked that middle aged beautiful woman.

The middle aged beautiful woman frowned and said, “Although his qualifications is very low, but he has an obstinate character, and is extremely proud in his heart. He did not even reply to my words a moment ago, and did not even say a greeting, it seems that I can’t let him come with us to the Clear Heart Academy.”

Ning Cheng returned to his room, inside the room the few people were looking at him with a strange look in their eyes, however no one came forward to question him, and also no one came to strike up a conversation with him either. Ning Cheng was also not in a very good mood, and closed his eyes to attempt practicing the Array Formation Methods.

The day passed by in an instant, in the second evening Ning Cheng arrived at the welcome party area, the party hall was already crowded, and was also very lively and loud.

Ning Cheng was from Earth, although he did not attend the evening banquets, parties or the like, but he had seen countless of them on the television. This was the first time for Ning Cheng to participate in such a party, although there were no modern amenities here, but Ning Cheng was sure that this luxurious evening party aboard the airship was not one bit inferior to the high class parties back on his planet Earth.

There were rows of Illuminating Array Formations that lit up the entire party hall like a fairyland, there were even young girls wearing colorful butterfly like dresses and holding a plate of food and wines interspersed in every corner. There was a soft gentle music that was playing which Ning Cheng had never heard before, when a person heard this, they would start to feel a very pleasant feeling of enjoyment.

There were many cultivators who participated in this party, and none of them were lower than Qi Gathering 5th Level, moreover there were many people who he could not clearly sense their cultivation levels.

Le Bohong was also walking around with a smile on his face, while talking with a few people who Ning Cheng could not even sense their cultivation levels.

Ning Cheng, other that the few people beside Le Bohong, could not recognize the rest of them. At this time, a burst of sweet music could be heard, under the light of the dimming moonlight, Ning Cheng saw An Yi.

At this point An Yi was like a princess, the cloth robe that she was wearing earlier had already disappeared, and she had changed into a set of light yellow skirt. While her head was still wrapped in a white scarf, but it actually made her look like a fairy, as her already beautiful face became more refined just like an otherworldly fairy.

An Yi walked into the hall with a smile on her face, and her eyes were full of happiness. Clearly, although she had never come in contact with such a scene, here adaptability to it was very strong, at least in her eyes there was no hesitation or anxiety. Lu Xue and Yong Guyun accompanied An Yi on her side, showing that the status of An Yi was even higher than them.

As An Yi entered the party hall, there was burst of warm and enthusiastic applause.

Just behind An Yi and the others appeared a very handsome boy, his eyes had a trace of pride in them, and was walking with extreme confidence plastered on his face. Ning Cheng did not ask, he could already guess that this person should be the one with the pure gold spiritual root, Yu Hongfeng.

An Yi stands on the stage and accepts the crown welcoming her, at the same time, she was also looking in all directions as if searching for someone. Lu Xue whispered in An Yi's ears and said, "Junior Sister Apprentice An Yi, these people here are the Elite Disciples and teachers of the Clear Heart Academy, Ning Cheng will not be able to come here."

An Yi nodded, and retracted her gaze, there was more than a trace of sadness in her eyes.

"The fact is, you shouldn't have come on board." An indifferent voice sounded in Ning Cheng's ears.

Ning Cheng suddenly turned around, and saw a familiar young girl. This young girl was precisely the one he had seen when he had went to see the beautiful middle aged woman. at that time, he was coming out of the beautiful middle aged woman's room, and this young girl happened to rush hurriedly inside.

Although she only brushed past him, Ning Cheng still remembered her very clearly.

“At least I know my cousin is being treated very well, I am finally relieved.” Ning Cheng said with a light laugh, finished saying that he turned and was about to leave. If he did not come on board, he would have definitely died in Mingot City.

The young girl suddenly said, “I think that it would be better if you got off the airship on the next stop. Believe me, it’s for your own good.”

After the girl said such strange words, she turned around and moved towards the middle of the bustling crowd in the party hall.

Ning Cheng frowned, he did not have a good feeling. He was just about to reach for a wine glass on the table beside him to drink, when he heard a familiar voice once again, “You’ve seen your cousin An Yi, she is getting along very well, so you do not have to worry about her.”

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Although she knew that her reasoning was flawed, but her entire world was on

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She wanted to blame someone for this, no matter how absurd the reason was, she wanted to vent. While those thoughts in their minds they headed to the morgue, where the body was taken. On getting there they were informed that the body from the crash site was not actually a dead body, but was charred so bad that the emergency responders thought that he had died. Only after coming back to the hospital did they find that miraculously, that youth had survived, albeit in a very critical condition.

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Both of them clasped each other's hands and began sobbing. The doctors found it a bit awkward but did not come forward to interrupt them. He knew from their reactions, they were someone close to that person.

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"How is he?"

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But then she saw, rather that replying to her, Tian Mu Wan immediately turned and ran out of the café. She knew immediately that something bad had happened to her brother. She did not think of anything else and immediately followed Tian Mu Wan out of the café. She wanted to catch her and find what the hell was wrong, but Tian Mu Wan was running like a crazy person, without any regards to anything, she was even ran across the road causing a mass crash of cars.

She kept running till she reached the site where the meteorite fragment struck, Ning Roulan was feeling extreme dread in her heart, although she did not want to but very gory images were flashing though her mind. Was her big brother here? Did he get struck by something? She did not want to but the reality was in front of her. Tian Mu Wan was hysterically talking to an emergency worker working on the site. She approached the two of them, and heard a bit of their conversation:

"Lady I do not know what you're are taking about. The entire area was cleared

off before I got here. Go ask the supervisor there."

After going on like this for a few minutes, they came to know that there was a body that was carried out, it seemed to be of a young man , other than that they did not know anything else about it.

They immediately asked about where the body was taken to, they wanted to make sure if that body really was of Ning Cheng. Both the girls were already on the verge of their minds collapsing. They really did not want to believe that the body was really Ning Cheng's. Ning Ruolan immediately decided that she would definitely get to the bottom of this, if it was because of an accident that Ning Cheng was here then she would still have a bit of compassion towards of Tian Mu Wan, but if turned out that it was because they had a breakup, then she would do everything in her power to take down that bitch, Tian Mu Wan and her family, no matter how powerful her family is, she vowed to make her suffer miserably.

Although she knew that her reasoning was flawed, but her entire world was on the brink of collapse, without her big brother she did not know how could she continue living.

She wanted to blame someone for this, no matter how absurd the reason was, she wanted to vent. While those thoughts in their minds they headed to the morgue, where the body was taken. On getting there they were informed that the body from the crash site was not actually a dead body, but was charred so bad that the emergency responders thought that he had died. Only after coming back to the hospital did they find that miraculously, that youth had survived, albeit in a very critical condition.

They immediately brought them to the room where he was being kept after being operated on. The doctor came forward and took out some burnt things that he had obtained from the person. When they saw those burnt things both Ning Ruolan and Tian Mu Wan almost fainted. How could they forget those things, it was precisely Ning Cheng's items. It was especially true for Ning Ruolan as she always saw that wrist watch on Ning Cheng's hand. It was a keepsake from their parents, which Ning Cheng always kept on him no matter what.

They immediately knew that the person resting on the hospital bed in front of

them was definitely Ning Cheng, and were completely overjoyed, although he was heavily injured, he was alive. That was all that mattered to them.

Both of them clasped each other's hands and began sobbing. The doctors found it a bit awkward but did not come forward to interrupt them. He knew from their reactions, they were someone close to that person.

After a few minutes of crying they sobered up, and asked the doctor:

"How is he?"

"Will my big brother be OK?"

It was at that time that Ning Cheng finally opened his eyes, and the scene in front of immediately confirmed his suspicions, as tears started to flow down his face. They were not tears of pain nor they were tears of sadness but they were genuine tears of joy. They were tears of joy for seeing his little sister Ning Ruolan and Tian Mu Wan. Although he now did not feel the same way about Tian Mu Wan as he did before, nevertheless he still felt glad and genuinely happy in his heart. It even made the extreme pain that his body was in to feel as it was nothing. Finally, a miracle did happen, finally was able to reunite with his sister.

But then something else happened that shocked him to the core, he could now freely control the Mysterious Yellow Qi from the Mysterious Yellow Bead by his own…….

[TL Note – He He He ….. I know that people will want to kill me for this, but this entire chapter was made up by me and is not an actual chapter. Do leave behind your 'feels' for this fan fic.]

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Chapter 0043 – Daan Forest

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Chapter 0043 – Daan Forest

The reason why Ning Cheng dared to jump off, was because he was relying on his spiritual sense that he could now bring out. But when he really jumped from the airship, he was hit by a strong force of inertia, this made him completely depressed in his heart, he unwillingly cast his Imperial Wind Technique, but at this altitude and the powerful inertia acting upon him made him unable to display the full power of his Imperial Wind Technique, moreover he could only use this technique for only a limited time.

[TL Note – The Author changed the name of one of the basic technique in the Ning Clan's Cultivation Practice Manual from the "Control Wind Spell" to the "Imperial Wind Technique". From now on we will use this. I'll make the appropriate changes in the previous chapters later.]

Not to mention that the time he had utilised it was short, with him falling with a powerful force and from a very high altitude, his use of the Imperial Wind Technique cost him a frightful amount of his Qi. If he did not think of another way, he would certainly die by plunging to his death in this place.

Ning Cheng directly threw out his flying sword, and forced his spiritual sense to control his flying sword, although he was unable to make the flying sword become larger, but with a great difficulty he led the flying sword to fly over just under his feet.

"Shi, Shi……" sound of wind breaking could be heard, as he used his spiritual sense to control his flying sword which finally slowed him down a bit.

His spiritual sense and his infuriating consumption of Qi made Ning Cheng

understand, that he could utmost persevere for just a few breadths, and after a few breadths, he could basically give up on landing to the ground safely.

Ning Cheng, without any hesitation, took out a long robe from his storage bag, and then tied the cuffs of the sleeves of the long robe, then pulling on the corners of the long robes with his hands, he slightly relaxed his spiritual sense.

After Ning Cheng relaxed his spiritual sense, the flying sword under his feet was immediately unable to support his weight, and his whole body started to fall faster, at this time the long robe in his hands bulged, forming a simple parachute, counterbalancing Ning Cheng's weight by more than a half.

After the weight reduction, Ning Cheng forcibly once again controlled the flying sword, using his spiritual sense, finally without consuming too much of his Qi. After another dozen breaths, Ning Cheng felt a strong wind, and crashed into the middle of a dense forest.

"Katcha……" several snapping sounds could be heard, as Ning Chen banged onto a few tree branches which directly broke.

"Bang" a sound came, as Ning Cheng dropped to the ground, immediately the earth around him turned into a bathtub sized pit.

With his whole body feeling very weak Ning Cheng slowly heaved a sigh, he finally managed to escape with his life, other than bringing out his spiritual sense and his massive consumption of Qi, his body only had a few simple scratches. This to him, was already the best result or in other words a miracle.

Here there was only the forest all around, as he had landed in the middle of the forest, one could only see because of the scant light that was falling from the top.

There were two "Screech, Screech" screams that could be heard as if something was falling down from the sky, Ning Cheng only saw a shadow that was like a lightning that rushed towards him, Ning Cheng was surprised in heart, he subconsciously lifted up a hand, but that shadow had already flashed past his shoulder like lighting. Ning Cheng felt a slight pain from his shoulder, under the dim light, he was able to see that unexpectedly his clothes along with the skin on his shoulder were scraped off.

This was a very fierce bird, Ning Cheng did not think that he who had fallen from such a high altitude without much injury, would be hurt this much by just a scratch from a bird.

There was another beast roar that came from far away, Ning Cheng's heart immediately became tight, he knew that the place he had fallen to was definitely not a good place. He quickly took out a Ling Shi in his hand, and simultaneously started to recover his Qi, at the same time he grasped the flying sword in his other hand.

During the time his Qi recovered by a half, that shadow that was similar to the one who had scratched his shoulder before once again flew down from the sky. This time Ning Cheng was well prepared, a bloody fog flashed across, 'click' a sound came, and a large somewhat owl like giant bird fell to the ground.

This was a Class 1 Monstrous Beast, Ning Cheng recognized it in a glance. A place that had monstrous beasts, was definitely not a friendly place. At this point he could hear another beast roar in a distance, and there were waves of rustling sounds close by. Ning Cheng quickly jumped, and rapidly left the place.

He vaguely guessed that the place he was should be inside the Daan Forest, that airship would definitely not pass through the sky above the Daan Forest, and would have flown along the edges of the Daan Forest, but because he was falling due to the effect of inertia, he had deviated into the the Daan Forest.

At this time he had to get out of the Daan Forest as soon as possible, otherwise in this place where even Building Yuan Realm cultivators are afraid to pass through, him staying here would only be fraught with grim possibilities.

Ning Cheng was not seriously injured, plus he also had Ling Shis to recover his Qi, so in just less than half an hour, his Qi was completely restored, even his spiritual sense had almost recovered.

But Ning Cheng knew that he was lost, here he was surrounded all around by towering giant trees, even if there were sparse trees, but because of the shrubs regeneration capabilities, he basically could not find any way out.

Rushing about the forest for a few hours, in addition to the various wild animals, there were only snakes, mice and bugs. As for the Class 1 Monster Beasts, Ning Cheng had met them several times. Because he was quite smart, he

managed to escape those beasts without a fight.

After about half a day, there was no sunlight falling through the dense forest cover overhead, but it was replaced by the pale light from the moon, Ning Cheng knew that he could not continue like this, he had to find a safe place to rest first, and then develop a strategy.

“Click” a frail sound was transmitted from under his foot, and Ning Cheng’s foot slipped, he felt that he had stepped on a round stone.

Ning Cheng subconsciously jumped to one side, and discovered that under his foot was unexpectedly a dried up skeletal head, immediately Ning Cheng saw the bones of arms and feet near the white skeletal head. Ning Cheng had just stooped down to find out what kind of history and origin this skeleton had, when a gust of wind came from behind having a fishy smell, Ning Cheng did not think, and directly moved to the side, while jumping more than a dozen meters away.

A loud roar could be immediately heard behind Ning Cheng’s back, Ning Cheng could even feel the breath of that monstrous beast, this one was definitely stronger that the many monstrous beasts that he had met before. Ning Cheng took out his flying sword in his hands and sent out a long sword light, while gliding his whole body using his Imperial Wind Technique.

Falling from a 10,000 meter altitude, his progress using Imperial Wind Technique had increased by leaps and bounds.

“Ding Dong” a sound resonated, as Ning Cheng’s long sword light was directly blocked by a Wind Edge.

Ning Cheng was very stable and steady in his mind until that point, he turned around and saw a bewitching monster the size of a calf. The Monstrous Beast’s entire body was jet black, its two eyes glowed with a red light, as if they were two huge lanterns.

Ning Cheng did not have much contact with Monstrous Beasts, he did not know what exactly the Monstrous Beast in front of him was, but he was sure that the cultivation level of the Monstrous Beast in front of him was definitely higher than him. The Monstrous Beast was at least at the the Late Stages of the Class 1 Monstrous Beast, if he tried to attack it, he definitely knew that he was absolutely no match for it.

Ning Cheng carefully took a step back, he could see a gleam from a place that was a bit far away, it was obviously from a lake in the forest.

The red eyed monstrous beast seem to feel that Ning Cheng would a bit difficult to deal with, a few breaths after confronting with Ning Cheng, it suddenly rushed up again. Simultaneously it threw out two Wind Edges from its mouth, these two Wind Edged formed a cross shape, this showed that the monstrous beast obviously had a rich combat experience.

Ning Cheng wanted to retreat towards the lake in the forest, but he also knew that the Monstrous Beast in front of him would not let him retreat easily, even if he retreated to the forest lake, it would not let it be peaceful.

Facing the two Wind Edges thrown out by the Monstrous Beast, Ning Cheng once again took out the flying sword to split it, this time he also similarly sent out two long sword lights.

“Ding Ding” the Wind Edge of the Monstrous Beast seemed to have substance, and as Ning Cheng’s long sword lights clashed together with it, it issued a crisp sound. The strong shock wave that resulted, made Ning Cheng feel suffocated in his chest.

The Monstrous Beast which was blocked by the long sword lights of Ning Cheng, immediately became even more angry. And it continued to spew Wind Edges from its mouth, this time Ning Cheng also took the initiative and blasted out four Flame Edges. The power contained in the four Flame Edges was massive, but the Monstrous Beast knew that it could not dodge it because of its size, and blasted out 4 Wind Edges,

“Puff Puff Puff…..” continuous muffled sounds emerged, as the four Flame Edges left four bloody traces on the body of the monstrous beast.

Seeing the four marks, Ning Cheng’s heart sank. The four Flame Edges hitting the body of the Monstrous Beast, only let out some muffled sounds and just a few traces, but did not even cause even the slightest major injury to the monstrous beast. The defence of the red eyed monstrous beast was just too strong.

The red eyed monstrous beast roared loudly, and then continued to charge at Ning Cheng, this roar was transmitted to a far distance and was responded with

the roar of other monstrous beast. This red eyed monstrous beasts listened to the beast roar from the distance, and actually gave up fighting with Ning Cheng, it quickly turned around to run, and in a flash disappeared in the vast forest.

Ning Cheng heaved a sigh, this really was not a good place. He must find a place to improve his strength again, otherwise he would not be able to come out of this place, perhaps he would even be killed off by these monstrous beasts.

Ning Cheng picked up the flying sword, and picked up his speed as he headed out in the direction he had seen the forest lake. The surroundings of the Forest Lake was very spacious, and he could calmly arrange a low level defence Array Formation. Even if a higher leveled monstrous beast than even the red eyed monstrous beast from before came, he would have enough time to get away.

The Forest Lake was not far from Ning Cheng, and in just a dozen breaths, Ning Cheng arrived at the forest lake. The lake had a rough size of several hundred feet in radius, if there was such a lake in the outside, it would definitely seem to be the largest. But in these towering forest of trees, it actually does seem to be huge.

Ning Cheng walked around the lake for about ten feet, but did not find a good place to take shelter. What he wanted was to find a good place near the lake, but then suddenly the Lake sent out a spout of water that was several feet high. Ning Cheng was shocked, and he hurried back a few meters.

But other than the gushing water from the lake, there did not seem to be any other abnormalities.

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Chapter 0044 – Ice Type Magical Techniques

That water spout kept spurting for the time of about ten breaths, then once more dropped back into the lake. The entire lake went back to how it was originally, if not for there being a few ripples on the surface of the lake, Ning Cheng could have sworn that his eyes were playing tricks on him.

Meanwhile Ning Cheng could clearly feel, that the water spout that was shot out had an extremely rich aura around it, the spiritual aura around it was much richer when compared to the surroundings.

Ning Cheng had a feeling from before that this place was the Daan Forest, so he did not dare to be reckless, regardless of what was at the bottom of the lake, with his present cultivation level he definitely could not explore it. If his cultivation level was higher, he would perhaps go down to the bottom of the lake to have a look at the situation, but at the moment he did not dare to move from there.

Drawing himself away from the lake, Ning Cheng found himself in front of a giant tree that had a diameter of nearly 15 meters, he planned to temporarily practice his cultivation in the heart of this giant tree. Back on Earth, there were not many trees having a diameter of even 10 meters, but here one could find them everywhere, just like water in a lake. The one in front of Ning Cheng was not even the thickest, the reason why he decided to practice his cultivation while hiding inside this particular tree, was so that he could directly see the movements that were happening in the lake.

Ning Cheng also thought that he should begin to make this tree as a nest for himself, after he got to the top of the tree he came to know that this tree already had a huge cavern in its heart. There was a fishy smell coming from inside the cavern. He did not know which Monstrous Beast did those remains belonged to. From his perspective the tree looked hollow, these remains from the Monstrous Beast in the cavern of the tree should not have been from many years before.

Ning Cheng cleaned the cavern in the tree a bit, and also arranged a Concealment Array Formation and an Attack Array Formation around the top entrance of the tree cavern. He did not dare to arrange an Array Formation by the side of the lake, the quality and level of his Array Formations was very low, although he could barely understand a 2nd Level Array Formation, but with the

level of his Array Flags that he had refined previously, he could at most arrange only some of the 1st Level Array Formations.

Sitting in the tree cavern, Ning Cheng also arranged another 1st Level Concealing Array Formation to hide his Qi, with this he felt a bit relieved. After arranging all the Array Formations, it made Ning Cheng understand that whatever place it might be, one had to understand a lot of things on their own, the more one was able to understand about their surroundings, the better it would be for their survival. If he did not know about Array Formations, and was similar to what he was in the past, he could only pray that people would not be able to find him here.

Now that he had arranged the Array Formations, even if the Monstrous Beasts attacked him, he would know about it before hand.

While sitting in the tree cavern, Ning Cheng was able to look at all the changes happening in the lake with his own eyes, this enabled him to be at ease as he practiced his cultivation, as he could examine the changes in the lake at any time without showing himself.

Next Ning Cheng took out more than 200 Ling Shis, as he intended to advance his cultivation to the Late Stages of the Qi Gathering Realm.

As Ning Cheng started his cultivation practice, he once again forgot everything else, he again began to turn the Ling Shis into powder, as the Qi from the Ling Shis began to intertwine with the Qi from the Mysterious Yellow Bead and started to constantly wash through his entire body. Ning Cheng could vaguely feel that as his cultivation level was advancing, at the same time, even the quality of his Spiritual Roots was also advancing the same way.

Even with the supplement of Qi, Ning Cheng often had to eat something. He also was not able to continue practice his cultivation as he had to carefully guide the Qi flow perfectly, which was also very taxing mentally.

As the days passed by, when the Qi in his body had gathered to a certain extent, a soft sound resonated throughout his body, and immediately a strong flow of Qi rushed through all the meridians in his body. Some impurities were also expelled from his body through the pores on his skin, with the powerful Qi flowing through the medians in his body, Ning Cheng knew that he had finally

advanced to the Qi Gathering 5th Level.

Ning Cheng heaved a sigh, when he opened his eyes, he found that the Ling Shis that he had taken out had all been used up.

“Amazing.” Ning Cheng said just one word to himself, he had used more than 200 Ling Shis to advance from the Qi Gathering 4th Level to the Qi Gathering 5th Level, it really showed that his qualifications were really at the bottom.

Not only that, the time it took to advance from the Qi Gathering 4th Level to the Qi Gathering 5th Level, he had already used up a month. If this continued, the other remaining Ling Shis that he had in his possession would absolutely not be enough to advance to the Qi Gathering 7th Level.

Ning Cheng took out the two Jade pieces that had two magic techniques, now that he had advanced from the Qi Gathering 4th Level to the Qi Gathering 5th Level, even his Spiritual Sense had more than doubled in strength, he thought that he should now be able to see the contents of the Jade pieces. He was already running out of Ling Shis, so he might as well study the magical techniques exclusively.

Ning Cheng’s Spiritual Sense did not let him down, as his Spiritual Sense swept through the first Jade piece that contained a magical technique, he could clearly see the contents of the Jade piece, ‘36 Thick Ice Spears’.

Once he could understand the contents of the Jade piece, Ning Cheng almost broke his contact with it and swore, that son of a bitch Fang knew that he only had a flying sword, and he actually gave him a spear technique. Although it was a ‘Black Level’ technique, but how would it be useful to him? How could he even get a Spear Type Artifact to complement it, let alone this, this type of technique was also not suited to his Spiritual Roots.

Although it was not easy to obtain these high level magic techniques, but he could actually not practice it. Although Ning Cheng was very depressed, he looked at this 36 Thick Ice Spears Technique once again.

He did not see anything good, and became even more depressed. Practicing to the last of the 36 Thick Ice Spears Technique, it can form 36 Ice Spear Lights, these 36 Spear Lights can be interconnected and used to form a Thick Ice Lance, similarly one can even use it to form an Ice Spear Array. Under the shadow of the

36 Ice Spears, how would one's opponent even have the opportunity to get away? This was simply a killing machine.

Although this was an extremely precious technique, he could not practice it, Ning Cheng sighed as he put the Jade piece aside, and took out the other Jade piece that had another magic technique. Seeing the several characters from the Jade piece, this made Ning Cheng livid, '7 Pleiades Ice Needles'. This was also a Black Level Technique, but was again an Ice technique.

Ning Cheng knew his own Spiritual Roots, he had a three line hybrid support Spiritual Roots – Fire, Wood, and Earth. The present Ning Cheng had a certain understanding about Spiritual Roots, he knew that the Ice Spiritual Root did not belong to his already different Spiritual Roots, those cultivators who had such roots were already focussed on heavily to train.

Ice type techniques, only the cultivators who have an Ice Spiritual Root or a combination with Ice Spiritual Roots can practice such techniques, and only they would have the greatest effect of it. If a cultivator with other types of Spiritual Roots tries to practice it, the effect would be really low or in some cases may even harm the user.

This 7 Pleiades Ice Needles technique was much more sinister and ruthless, however it also needed a small needle type artifact that was thinner than an ox hair, if practiced to the extreme, this 7 Pleiades Ice Needles technique can even prevent the soul from escaping. It can be used to sneak attack others, and was virtually impossible to guard against by other people.

"A vicious magic technique, but I like it." Ning Cheng thought to himself after he read about it, but his heart was even more depressed. Like, how could he even use it? Not to mention he does not have an Ice Spiritual Root, even if he had an Ice Spiritual Root, and could practice the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needles Technique, he did not have any needle type artifact.

Ning Cheng scratched his head in distress, he knew that he could bring out his Spiritual Sense with his cultivation at the Qi Gathering Realm, and it was already very remarkable, but then again he does not know any magical techniques, compared to others, he was far worse.

The magic techniques that he grasped now, in addition to the Wind Edge, it

was the Fireball technique. These were irrelevant to the Spiritual Roots and were just the foundation magical techniques, anyone could practice them. Besides the Flame Edge technique that he had derived earlier, he only had a slightly stronger Sword Light, this was only because of the flying sword. If he met an opponent with a similarly strong artifact, his Sword Light would be nothing to speak of.

Ning Cheng was thoroughly disappointed with the magical techniques that he had received from the Jade pieces, and came out of the tree cavern. He was already practicing in the tree cavern for over a month, and was already feeling bored and out of his mind.

Standing on the bund near the lake once again, Ning Cheng was just getting ready to use the clear water of the lake to clean himself, when suddenly he once again saw the lake spew out a water spout several feet high into the air, this water spout was exactly the same he had seen a month ago, and it still had a rich aura around it. The only difference was, it seemed that the water spout was a bit higher than before.

After ten breaths, the water column once again dropped down, and the lake was once again calm.

Ning Cheng calculated a little, he quickly discovered that the previous time that the water spout had appeared and the one today were exactly one month apart.

So this water spout was regular, and also had a rich aura, Ning Cheng wanted to enter the lake and see what was causing it, but then realised that he did not have a magic technique of his own, and suddenly felt somewhat discouraged.

Black Level Techniques 36 Thick Ice Spear and 7 Pleiadene Ice Needles definitely had an imposing appearance, but how would he be able to learn it?

Could he use his flying sword in the place of a spear? On this Jade piece it was mentioned 36 Thick Ice Spears, he could try to practice it and change it into 36 Thick Ice Swords. Although his Spiritual Roots does not have an Ice Spiritual Root in them, but he had the Mysterious Yellow Bead, who said that it certainly could not be practiced? Ning Cheng thought of it, and once again became excited, he directly took out the flying sword, and tried to practice with the sword as he had no spear. Who knows, if he could practice the 36 Thick Ice Spear to the end. then

this magical technique would have to change its name to 36 Thick Ice Swords.

Although Ning Cheng's perception and memory were already unparalleled, but he was worried that with his Spiritual Roots, he would not be able to practice the 36 Thick Ice Spear Technique.

When he resorted to the flying sword, and started to practice the 36 Thick Ice Spear Technique, he immediately knew that he wanted to practice it more than before. Circulating his Qi under the incantations of the 36 Thick Ice Spear Technique, unexpectedly an Icy Sword Light formed without any delay, he discovered that this thick Ice Sword Light and his Spiritual Sense were somewhat similar and combined them without any delay, bringing out a strange Sword Light from his flying sword.

He was only worried that he did not have an Ice Spiritual Root in his Spiritual Roots, and wanted to see how long he could use his Spiritual Sense to support and control such a thick Sword Light?

"Pop" a sound was heard, because his Spiritual Sense was not enough, the flying sword in Ning Cheng's hand fell to the ground. Ning Cheng was not surprised but was actually happy, he laughed and said, "I really have superior qualifications than that of others, and can even master Ice Techniques with ease ……."

Although he was excited he did not stop, and praised himself, Ning Cheng actually knew, that he could practice the 36 Thick Ice Spear Techniques and it had nothing to do with his qualifications, it was certainly due to him being related to the Mysterious Yellow Bead. He even suspected that he had the help from the Mysterious Yellow Origin, he suspected that there was an addition of an Ice Spiritual Root, but he could not test this theory at the moment, as he was not confident about it. Only in the future if he had the opportunity, he would go up to the Spiritual Root Testing Artifact to test it, to see if he really had one more branch of Ice Spiritual Root.

Having the opportunity to practice the magical techniques, Ning Cheng took great pains to patiently control the flying sword, again and again casting the modified version of the 36 Thick Ice Spears that he created. Initially he could only cast out a single sword light, but with the constant revision of the 36 Thick Ice

Spears Technique in his mind, three days later, he was able to cast up to three thick Ice Sword Lights.

Five days later, Ning Cheng was able to cast up to five thick Ice Sword Lights. But Ning Cheng knew, that with his current cultivation level, five thick Ice Sword Lights were his limit. If he does not use his flying sword, he could then cast two more Sword Lights. But without using his flying sword, the Sword Light that he casted would only have a limited power. Thus it could be seen, that the Spiritual Sense was really the good stuff.

While practicing the 36 thick ice spear technique, Ning Cheng would certainly not miss out on the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle Technique. But because he did not have a needle type artifact, he could only use his flying sword instead. Even when he replaced the flying needle with the flying sword, Ning Cheng was constantly revising the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle in his head. On the tenth day, Ning Cheng was already skillfully controlling the flying sword to attack sneakily. But because the flying sword had too much volume, he could not completely pull off the sneaky part of the attack.

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Chapter 0045 – A Vicious Person

The place where Ning Cheng was cultivating was extremely quiet, besides the red eyed Monstrous Beast who had chased Ning Cheng initially, Ning Cheng did not meet any other Monstrous Beasts.

However in the past one month, Ning Cheng had already combined together the 36 Thick Ice Spears Techniques and the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle Technique, first he casted the thick Ice Sword Light, then used another sickle type artifact

for the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle Technique, concealing it within the thick Ice Sword Light and using it for a sneak attack.

Unfortunately, it was not the true 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle Technique, if he had a needle type artifact to perform the real 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle Technique, then even if he were to face a cultivator at the pinnacle of the Qi Gathering Realm, he could dare to fight with them. That hand sickle that he was using was the artifact that he had acquired from that Taoist Pu, unfortunately when used with the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle Technique the performance was only subpar, a far cry from the original one.

Even if that was so, Ning Cheng believed that with his present strength, combining the 36 Thick Ice Spears and the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle Technique, an ordinary Qi Gathering Cultivator would not be able to fight against him.

On this day Ning Cheng was still thinking about the sickle type artifact in his hand that he had obtained from Taoist Pu, and how could he refine it into a thin needle afterwards, when he heard a soft sound that was transmitted by the wind.

Was someone coming? Ning Cheng immediately affirmed that he had not misheard, he could determine that someone definitely was coming. This place was deep inside the Daan Forest, an average person would absolutely not be able to come to this place, even a cultivator of the Building Yuan Realm would not dare to pass through the Daan Forest alone, what kind of person would dare to come here? The reason why he did not dare to walk out of here, was because his strength was very low, and as such he could not dare to run around recklessly in such a place.

Ning Cheng at that time, first decided to hide in the tree cavern, he had to determine before, if the person coming here was an enemy or a friend, he did not want the others to know that he was living in this place.

Ning Cheng did not had to hide and wait for long, when a slight, steady sound of footsteps arrived, this made Ning Cheng even more careful. Although there was the sound of the footsteps, but these footsteps sounded extremely calm, and carried a dignified atmosphere with it, obviously those people’s cultivation level was not low, it was at least higher than his own cultivation level.

After a dozen breaths, two men and a woman carefully walked over, and appeared in front of the lake.

“Qi Shui, is this the lake you spoke about?” the speaker was the man in the rear, his head was very small, however he had a robust body, which made people think that he was not balanced.

Hearing the questioning of the person, the man in the front with a long beard stopped, pointing to the front of the lake that was not far from him he said, “That’s right, Fei Chen, this is the Daan Forest’s Yong Qing Lake. Only a few people know about it, and I am one of them, that is because I have the ability and the skill to cross the Daan Forest. When I passed by here the last time, I had accidently found it.”

Ning Cheng, after listening to those words felt shocked in his heart, he knew about the dangers of the Daan Forest, even Ji Luo Fei’s aunt did not dare to say that she could cross the Daan Forest by herself. Could this long bearded man really have such an ability? To be able to cross through the Daan Forest? Ning Cheng could vaguely see the cultivation level of this long bearded guy, he should be a cultivator in the Qi Condensation Realm. Presumably the man and the woman with him, were also cultivators in the Qi Condensation Realm.

A cultivator of the Qi Condensation Realm, although their cultivation level was good, but how could he say that he could easily pass through the Daan Forest? Unless he had the map of the Daan Forest. One must know that the Daan Forest is the wall dividing the two continents, only with the safety of the map, can one cross the Daan Forest and arrive at the Yuan Continent from the Ping Continent. Otherwise, one would absolutely be killed by the monstrous beasts that roam around in the Daan Forest.

“Well, if it really is as Qi Shui said, then after we get that thing, we can head back, and go across the Daan Forest to the Yuan Continent together.” said the small headed man.

“I also agree.” said the woman in the middle also with the similar cultivation level as the other two.

Now that he had heard the three people speaking with each other, Ning Cheng understood that these three people had come to get something from the lake.

But he actually did not know what was the thing that they had come for. At this time Ning Cheng did not dare to even make the slightest movement, any one of the three people could easily kill him in a second, once he was discovered, he would just simply die.

"I already told you, the strange poisonous fog that this thing ejects is highly rich in Qi, so it's better if we take the Detoxification Pill first, and then incite enough anger in it that is forced to come up. once it is angered and comes up, I and Fei Chen will step forward to attack. Sister Fan Hong will be hidden in the back, once we draw it out of the water, we three will immediately descend to kill it. As long as we do not let it go back into the lake, the three of us can absolutely get rid of it." After the long bearded man finished speaking, he took out three pure white pills.

He took one of them first, and the remaining two he handed them to the other two cultivators. While his eyes kept staring at the center of the lake.

The other two cultivators of the Qi Condensation Realm grabbed and immediately swallowed the pill, and the woman cultivator who swallowed the pill retreated back a few steps, and hid in the wake of a giant tree.

"Fei Chen, I will shock it out of the lake, you hide along the perimeter of the lake, when you are waiting to catch up with me, you seal off his path from the back." After the long bearded Qi Shui said those words, he immediately took out a jet black round bead having the size of a fist, then with a flick of his hands, this round bead just like an artillery shell, was shot into the lake by him.

After a few breaths, a huge 'crack' sound emerged from the bottom of the lake, and the huge lake directly exploded, at this moment, you could even see a vortex like hole forming in the middle of the lake.

"Aaaaa……" a loud roar could be heard, almost at the same time, a five or six meter long dark red monstrous beast charged out of the whirlpool's eye.

Ning Cheng's heart shrank, it turned out that this monstrous beast was unexpectedly a Flood Dragon. On Earth this was the stuff of the legends, unexpectedly he saw such a sight today. This Flood Dragon was covered entirely in dark red scales, which seemed to blend harmoniously from the top to the bottom, it was extremely beautiful, even the four giant claws looked like like four

giant iron rakes. What surprised Ning Cheng was that this Flood Dragon unexpectedly had a single horn on its head.

The Flood Dragon's entire horn was white, with a length of about a meter, it was positioned in the center of the head of the Flood Dragon. After this horned Flood Dragon came up, it just swept its tail once, and immediately waves of dozens of feet in radius was whipped up. These large waves moved towards the shore, completely wrecking the plants near to the shore into the ground.

Ning Cheng could clearly sense the strong aura, this was definitely one from the Building Yuan Realm, perhaps it was even something that surpassed the Building Yuan Realm. For a monstrous beast to surpass even the Building Yuan Realm, it was probably a Class 4 Monstrous Beast.

When he had met that Wen Qiliu in the Cang Qin 2 Star Academy, he had also seen the imposing manner of Ji Luo Fei's aunt. But no matter what person he compared it to, their imposing manner could not even be compared to this One Horned Red Flood Dragon in front of him. These three cultivators of the Qi Condensation Realm daring to challenge this One Horned Red Scaled Flood Dragon, it was just akin to seeking death.

No matter how Ning Cheng though, he could only wonder why these three people had come to seek their deaths.

"Qi Shui, what's going on? This is definitely not the Class 2 Level Red Poisonous Python, it is clearly a Class 4 One Horned Flood Dragon, how could you make such a mistake……" That small headed cultivator in the Qi Condensation Realm also could feel the terrible aura of the One Horned Flood Dragon, and suddenly called out in a panic stricken voice, while simultaneously turning around to run away.

Are you kidding me, with just a few cultivators of the Qi Condensation Realm, you wanted to to get rid of a Class 4 monstrous beast, if this was not courting death then what was?

Ning Cheng was also covered in cold sweat, he did not expect that the place in which he was practicing his cultivation, was the home to a Class 4 Monstrous Beast. He also did not know if this One Horned Flood Dragon even cared about him or not, or if it had simply not discovered him. But Ning Cheng found the

probability for such a thing to happen was zero, how could such a monstrous beast not be able to sense him?

“Really, the last time that I came here there definitely was not a One Horned Flood Dragon here. This One Horned Flood Dragon must have gotten rid of the Red Poison Python before, and then took over the lake as its own……” the long bearded man also said in panic.

Ning Cheng who was watching this from the side felt that this long bearded man did not seem to be very scared, this made him feel very strange about it.

If Ning Cheng was also able to feel this point, then even that cultivator called Fei Chen in the Qi Condensation Realm could also feel it. Not waiting for him to respond, that long bearded man had already retreated behind him, and simultaneously kicked Fei Chen’s lower back.

Originally the Qi Condensation Cultivator wanted to rapidly retreat, but was kicked in the back, instead of going forward, he immediately fell into the wide open mouth of the One Horned Flood Dragon.

The Horned Flood Dragon having food delivered directly to its mouth obviously would not be polite, and directly swallowed the male cultivator of the Qi Condensation Realm by the name of Fei Chen.

After that the long bearded man immediately retreated back once more, after the One Horned Flood Dragon swallowed the man called Fei Chen, he had already arrived to the side of the woman cultivator nearby. At this time this woman cultivator knew that she and the other person were deceived by this long bearded man, and once this long bearded man came over, she immediately took out a flying sword.

But just as she tried to use the flying sword, she immediately fell down powerlessly.

“Ma Qi Shui, you evil and cruel bastard, we were like brothers, you unexpectedly even poisoned Fei Chen and me…..” as this woman cultivator said those words, the long bearded man kicked her body, and sent her flying into the mouth of the One Horned Flood Dragon.

That One Honed Flood Dragon did not hesitate even for a bit, after swallowing

the woman cultivator, it uttered another burst of roar, and rushed towards the long bearded man. The next moment, a number of blue watery lights were sprayed out from the horn of the One Horned Flood Dragon.

At this point the long bearded man unexpectedly took out a round shield, he apparently wanted to block the giant water spray from the Horned Flood Dragon.

“Bang Bang…..” after several successive hits, the round shield of the long bearded man was completely broken to bits by the water spewed out by the Horned Flood Dragon.

At the same time that the round shield broke apart the long bearded man threw a bomb on the ground as the long bearded man flew out due to the formidable water spouted by the Horned Flood Drain and directly crashed into a giant tree, spouting several mouthfulls of blood. This one instance, made the face of the long bearded person become as white as a sheet of paper, he apparently did not think that this One Horned Flood Dragon would be this powerful.

But this time, however he did not choose to escape, but instead took out a four winged sword artifact, apparently he wanted to fight the One Horned Flood Dragon with it.

At this time, the giant flood dragon suddenly issued a loud roar, and unexpectedly dropped in front of the long bearded man, endlessly rolling on the ground. In just the time it takes to brew a cup of tea, the original giant One Horned Flood Dragon rolled into a huge hole. Some of the giant trees near the dragon was completely destroyed by the powerful force from the dragon, while emitting countless cracking sounds.

Ning Cheng suddenly came to understand, while sighing darkly in his heart that this man named Ma Qi Shui was quite sinister and ruthless. This guy had came with two companions, and even gave everyone a Detoxifying Pill, but the fact was that this Detoxifying Pill was an extremely fierce and terrifying poison. When the two cultivators who had already eaten the poisonous pill were swallowed by the One Honed Flood Dragon, the poison was completely transferred to the One Horned Flood Dragon.

The One Horned Flood Dragon also understood the situation, rolling to the side, it simultaneously fled towards the side of the lake. It looked like it wanted to enter into the lake to detoxify the poison from its body.

The long bearded person similarly understood that time was very essential, he did not give any thought to his injury, and directly grasped the four winged sword artifact with his hand, and approached the One Horned Flood Dragon.

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The long bearded man gathered the entire Qi in his body for his attack, the Four Winged Flying Sword artifact shot out a Sword Light that was nearly 10 feet long, before this Sword Light, the Sword Light brought out by Ning Cheng were totally incomparable. Before when Ning Cheng used his Flying Sword, although he could bring out a Sword Light, and although it seemed to be a bit longer, but compared to the Sword Light in front of him, it wasn't even remotely similar.

The Sword Light from the Four Winged Flying Sword directly stabbed into the neck of the One Horned Flood Dragon, when the Sword Light and the scales of the One Horned Flood Dragon collided with each other, causing sparks to fly in all directions, and there was even sounds of iron clashing.

The Sword Light completely dispersed after that, but the neck of the One Horned Flood Dragon that was just stabbed did not even have a scratch on it. But it seemed that the long bearded man anticipated that his Sword Light wouldn't be able to break through the scales on the neck of the One Horned Flood Dragon, even after that previous Sword Light, he unexpected followed up with another three equally powerful Sword Lights.

“Poof……” when the fourth Sword Light from the long bearded man pierced the neck of the One Horned Flood Dragon, a piece of the scale on the One Horned Flood Dragon’s neck was directly cracked open exposing the soft neck below it, while at the same time its blood shot out like an arrow from the wound.

Ning Cheng could see that the blood spurting from the wound was purplish red in color, one could see that the two poisonous pills that he had given to the two people from before were terrifying to the extreme.

When the neck of the One Horned Flood Dragon was punctured, the One Horned Flood Dragon started to shake like crazy, and swept out its huge tail without any warning.

Because the long bearded man had already used up his Qi in the several consecutive strikes with the Sword Light and moreover was not at the Building Yuan Realm, this time when the One Honed Flood Dragon swept out its huge tail, he simply had no way of escaping, and was directly hit with it on his waist.

The long bearded man similarly spurted out bloody arrows from his mouth, and was swept away once again by the One Horned Flood Dragon, and hit another giant tree in a distance. Ning Cheng could hear the sound of bones cracking from the entire body of the long bearded man.

Ning Cheng in his heart thought that he really deserved it, this kind of guy who would betray his friends in such a manner, was someone who he despised the most. It would be best if the One Horned Flood Dragon would swallow that guy.

The One Horned Flood Dragon under the effect of the poison, with its neck broken open, could only use its tail to attack with the last bit of consciousness that it could gather before dying. After it swept out towards the long bearded man with its tail, it started to slow down, after trembling for a bit, it completely stopped.

The long bearded man who had just fallen to the ground took out a black bottle, and after pouring its contents into his mouth, slowly stood up.

“Ha Ha, I, Ma Qi Shui had been planning this for nearly two years, I finally succeeded today …..” he laughed as blood still dripped from the corners of his mouth, but his eyes beyond a doubt revealed his excitement.

“Is that so? Then I should say that, I waited for two months, and finally succeeded today.” Ning Cheng’s voice immediately made the long bearded man to stop laughing abruptly, he did not think that in this place there were still someone who dared to stay. Then he immediately saw Ning Cheng jump down from a giant tree.

When Ma Qi Shui saw Ning Cheng, he understood his own situation instantaneously, he had become happy too early. At this point of time his heart was filled with endless regret, he regretted that he did not look for others before coming here, he did not even bother to look if someone was here previously. If he had paid even a little more attention, he would never have this kind of result.

But he soon calmed down, staring at Ning Cheng he said with a cold voice, “Although I am severely wounded already, if I am really desperate to attack, you who are a mere Qi Gathering 5th Level are still not qualified enough to put you in my eyes. The One Horned Flood Dragon’s skin, we can split it half, one half for me and the other half for you, and then we go our separate ways.”

Since Ning Cheng was already thinking about acquiring the map of the Daan Forest, he already decided to absolutely not engage in trade with this person. However, he knew that if could not acquire the map, then he could not walk out of here.

“I heard that you have the map of the Daan Forest, give me your map, and then maybe we could talk about something else.” Ning Cheng said emotionlessly.

“All right.” Ma Qi Shui finished saying and reached out into his storage bag on his waist with his hands.

Ning Cheng did not wait for the other party to take out the map, and already took out the Flying Sword in his hands and immediately produced five thick Ice Sword Lights, “I also heard that at the bottom of the lake there is a Spiritual Essence Spring? Even if there is no Spiritual Essence Spring, this young master still wants to kill you.”

[TL Note – Even I do not know how he knows this, I double checked the previous chapters and the raws just to be sure, but this was never mentioned before.]

At the moment the long bearded man was completely defenseless.

“Puff Puff Puff……” the five thick Ice Sword Lights directly pierced through Ma Qi Shui’s chest, giving rise to five spurts of blood from the wounds, these five blood spurts, the moment they came out, immediately froze into blood ice.

“You…..” Ma Qi Shui unwillingly pointed his face towards Ning Cheng, he really did not even plan to begin his scheme, when this Qi Gathering 5th Level bastard took the opportunity to attack. He really did not understand, why Ning Cheng did not even wait for him to take out the map before doing anything else.

Ning Cheng once again swept out a Sword Light from the Flying Sword in his hands, and loped off Ma Qi Shui’s head which like a football, was swept away.

Ning Cheng’s time here did not add up to even six months, but his cultivation base was soaring up in a straight line. Since Ma Qi Shui was putting his hand onto his storage bag to take out something, without even seeing the stuff from his storage bag, he just went ahead and killed him as he felt that he was up to no good, he also feared that there probably was no map.

Moreover, if this Ma Qi Shui had lied to him, even if he forced the other party to make a copy for him, he estimated that the other party would not make the real map. Moreover with the kind of injuries that Ma Qi Shui had, even if he wanted to make a map, he would not be able to.

After Ning Cheng killed Ma Qi Shui, he first arrived at the side of Ma Qi Shui, grasped his storage bag and threw it into his own storage bag. While simultaneously throwing several fireballs, turning Ma Qi Shui into ash.

Tiding up Ma Qi Shui, Ning Cheng then returned next to the One Horned Flood Dragon which was killed by the poison from Ma Qi Shui, at this time the One Horned Flood Dragon was surrounded in a big pond of black blood. A fishy odor assaulted his nostrils, making Ning Cheng immediately feel a wave of dizziness.

So strong, Ning Cheng was secretly startled in his heart. He had just caught a wiff of the odor, and was already feeling dizzy from it.

Ning Cheng quickly took out a cloth and covered his nose and mouth, then approached the One Horned Flood Dragon.

Even though Ning Cheng did not know what materials would be needed for refining, but he knew that the entire body of the One Horned Flood Dragon was

a treasure. A Class 4 Monstrous beast would have a monster core, but he just didn't know what this One Horned Flood Dragon ate so much, to be able to form a monster core.

Next Ning Cheng took the Four Winged Flying Sword artifact that was embedded in the One Horned Flood Dragon, then taking out his own Flying Sword, he proceeded to break open the One Horned Flood Dragon's skin.

The hard skin underneath made Ning Cheng understand that he had overestimated his own strength, he was only at Qi Gathering 5th Level, he could simply not cut the skin of the monstrous beast with his present strength, obviously this One Horned Flood Dragon's skin was hard.

This Flood Dragon's body was highly toxic, Ning Cheng did not dare to put this thing into his storage bag, moreover he did not know if his storage bag could even hold the One Horned Flood Dragon.

Fortunately, this place did not have any other people besides him, this One Horned Flood Dragon was just killed, although the smell of its blood had already scattered, but the blood still had a highly toxic odor. The sense of smell of a monstrous beast was quite sharp, thus no monstrous beast would approach a place which extruded such a strong toxic odor.

Ning Cheng spent exactly two days, just to peel off a little bit of the Flood Dragon's skin, also taking out the Flood Dragon's horn and the Flood Dragon's muscles, and put it into his storage bag. Especially the Flood Dragon's horn, Ning Cheng had decided to find someone to refine it into a needle type artifact for the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle Technique. Once he had the needle type artifact for the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle Technique, he could cast his technique with its most powerful form.

He did not find the core of the Flood Dragon, he did not know that the core of the Flood Dragon had already melted after it died, this alone made the Flood Dragon to fall from a Class 4 monstrous beast.

After handling these things, Ning Cheng completely burnt down the head of the Flood Dragon, and then buried the rest of the burnt residue in an empty place.

After Ning Cheng finished reorganizing, although it still looked to be in total

disorder, it was much better than before.

Although he had made a small fortune, Ning Cheng did not chose to return to the tree cavern to practice his cultivation. But rather first jumped onto the lake water.

According to the words of the long bearded man, the lake had a Spiritual Essence Spring inside it. The reason why this One Horned Flood Dragon had occupied this lake, was because of this Spiritual Essence Spring. Now that the One Horned Flood Dragon who was the overlord of the lake had been killed, he entering the lake would certainly not be dangerous.

In fact what Ning Cheng guessed was not wrong, after he entered the lake waters, he could easily swim to the bottom of the lake and arrived next to a huge pile of rocks without any difficulty. A hint of strong aura was escaping from the huge rocks, Ning Cheng was easily able to find a huge cavern within the groupings of the huge rocks.

This cave was the place where the One Horned Flood Dragon practiced its cultivation, now that the One Horned Flood Dragon had already disappeared, Ning Cheng did not have to worry of facing anything dangerous, and directly swam into the huge rock cavern. The water in the cavern was getting less and less as he swam forward, after Ning Cheng swam to the back of the cavern, he found that one could even walk inside.

After the time it took for an incense stick to burn, he had already left the water in the cavern completely, when a ray of light appeared in front of him. Ning Cheng looked in marvel at a pair of giant pearls, this pair of giant pearls were glowing, if one had obtained such a thing on Earth, it would have caused a stir worldwide. Even if it was not the Earth, if it was this place, this pair of glowing pearls were also priceless.

A slight breeze was blowing inside the cave, Ning Cheng immediately understood that this cave was connected to a place outside.

Ning Cheng again walked about 10 meters into the cave, an artificial pond of around ten feet in diameter appeared in front of him, a fountain was gushing out in the center of this artificial pond. An aura rich in Qi was escaping from this artificial pond, Ning Cheng did not know if this was the Spirit Essence Spring that

the long bearded man talked about.

Next to this little Spiritual Essence Spring, there was a flat stone almost the same size of the pond itself, the stone was completely worn smooth. Ning Cheng did not need to guess, he knew that this flat piece of stone was the place where the One Horned Flood Dragon practiced its cultivation. This was because the One Horned Flood Dragon had a large body, by continuously coiling around its body which was several feet long it had completely worn down the flat rock.

So this really was the Spirit Essence Spring, this made Ning Cheng's heart to pound loudly. Even when he had obtained more than 500 Ling Shis, he was not this excited. Here not only was it a great place to practice his cultivation, he even had a constant Qi source.

Ling Shis were expendable goods, moreover he did not have many of them, in this place he could cultivate quietly, this was the cold hard truth, it was no wonder that the One Horned Flood Dragon could cultivate to the level of a Class 4 monstrous beast. Unfortunately, even though the One Horned Flood Dragon practiced its cultivation to such a level, its experience was poor, otherwise with its strength, even if there were dozens of people like the long bearded man, it would still not be enough to even scratch it.

Ning Cheng walked some distance around the cave again, and discovered no other things there. There was only a breeze coming from somewhere above, then after circulating once, it returned once again.

Ning Cheng decided to make this cave his base for practicing his cultivation in the first instance, but he was not in a hurry to start his cultivation practice, rather he once again returned to the giant group of rocks at the bottom of the lake. Using the Flying Sword to cut them apart, in only a short time, he had the entrance to the cave completely blocked.

Because the One Horned Flood Dragon had a high level of strength so it did not need to block the entrance, as no other monstrous beast would come to snatch the Spirit Essence Spring from it, but it was not possible for Ning Cheng to do the same. As his cultivation was too weak, only at a mere Qi Gathering 5th Level.

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That water spout kept spurting for the time of about ten breaths, then once more dropped back into the lake. The entire lake went back to how it was originally, if not for there being a few ripples on the surface of the lake, Ning Cheng could have sworn that his eyes were playing tricks on him.

Meanwhile Ning Cheng could clearly feel, that the water spout that was shot out had an extremely rich aura around it, the spiritual aura around it was much richer when compared to the surroundings.

Ning Cheng had a feeling from before that this place was the Daan Forest, so he did not dare to be reckless, regardless of what was at the bottom of the lake, with his present cultivation level he definitely could not explore it. If his cultivation level was higher, he would perhaps go down to the bottom of the lake to have a look at the situation, but at the moment he did not dare to move from there.

Drawing himself away from the lake, Ning Cheng found himself in front of a giant tree that had a diameter of nearly 15 meters, he planned to temporarily practice his cultivation in the heart of this giant tree. Back on Earth, there were not many trees having a diameter of even 10 meters, but here one could find them everywhere, just like water in a lake. The one in front of Ning Cheng was not even the thickest, the reason why he decided to practice his cultivation while hiding inside this particular tree, was so that he could directly see the movements that were happening in the lake.

Ning Cheng also thought that he should begin to make this tree as a nest for

himself, after he got to the top of the tree he came to know that this tree already had a huge cavern in its heart. There was a fishy smell coming from inside the cavern. He did not know which Monstrous Beast did those remains belonged to. From his perspective the tree looked hollow, these remains from the Monstrous Beast in the cavern of the tree should not have been from many years before.

Ning Cheng cleaned the cavern in the tree a bit, and also arranged a Concealment Array Formation and an Attack Array Formation around the top entrance of the tree cavern. He did not dare to arrange an Array Formation by the side of the lake, the quality and level of his Array Formations was very low, although he could barely understand a 2nd Level Array Formation, but with the level of his Array Flags that he had refined previously, he could at most arrange only some of the 1st Level Array Formations.

Sitting in the tree cavern, Ning Cheng also arranged another 1st Level Concealing Array Formation to hide his Qi, with this he felt a bit relieved. After arranging all the Array Formations, it made Ning Cheng understand that whatever place it might be, one had to understand a lot of things on their own, the more one was able to understand about their surroundings, the better it would be for their survival. If he did not know about Array Formations, and was similar to what he was in the past, he could only pray that people would not be able to find him here.

Now that he had arranged the Array Formations, even if the Monstrous Beasts attacked him, he would know about it before hand.

While sitting in the tree cavern, Ning Cheng was able to look at all the changes happening in the lake with his own eyes, this enabled him to be at ease as he practiced his cultivation, as he could examine the changes in the lake at any time without showing himself.

Next Ning Cheng took out more than 200 Ling Shis, as he intended to advance his cultivation to the Late Stages of the Qi Gathering Realm.

As Ning Cheng started his cultivation practice, he once again forgot everything else, he again began to turn the Ling Shis into powder, as the Qi from the Ling Shis began to intertwine with the Qi from the Mysterious Yellow Bead and

started to constantly wash through his entire body. Ning Cheng could vaguely feel that as his cultivation level was advancing, at the same time, even the quality of his Spiritual Roots was also advancing the same way.

Even with the supplement of Qi, Ning Cheng often had to eat something. He also was not able to continue practice his cultivation as he had to carefully guide the Qi flow perfectly, which was also very taxing mentally.

As the days passed by, when the Qi in his body had gathered to a certain extent, a soft sound resonated throughout his body, and immediately a strong flow of Qi rushed through all the meridians in his body. Some impurities were also expelled from his body through the pores on his skin, with the powerful Qi flowing through the medians in his body, Ning Cheng knew that he had finally advanced to the Qi Gathering 5th Level.

Ning Cheng heaved a sigh, when he opened his eyes, he found that the Ling Shis that he had taken out had all been used up.

“Amazing.” Ning Cheng said just one word to himself, he had used more than 200 Ling Shis to advance from the Qi Gathering 4th Level to the Qi Gathering 5th Level, it really showed that his qualifications were really at the bottom.

Not only that, the time it took to advance from the Qi Gathering 4th Level to the Qi Gathering 5th Level, he had already used up a month. If this continued, the other remaining Ling Shis that he had in his possession would absolutely not be enough to advance to the Qi Gathering 7th Level.

Ning Cheng took out the two Jade pieces that had two magic techniques, now that he had advanced from the Qi Gathering 4th Level to the Qi Gathering 5th Level, even his Spiritual Sense had more than doubled in strength, he thought that he should now be able to see the contents of the Jade pieces. He was already running out of Ling Shis, so he might as well study the magical techniques exclusively.

Ning Cheng’s Spiritual Sense did not let him down, as his Spiritual Sense swept through the first Jade piece that contained a magical technique, he could clearly see the contents of the Jade piece, ‘36 Thick Ice Spears’.

Once he could understand the contents of the Jade piece, Ning Cheng almost broke his contact with it and swore, that son of a bitch Fang knew that he only

had a flying sword, and he actually gave him a spear technique. Although it was a 'Black Level' technique, but how would it be useful to him? How could he even get a Spear Type Artifact to complement it, let alone this, this type of technique was also not suited to his Spiritual Roots.

Although it was not easy to obtain these high level magic techniques, but he could actually not practice it. Although Ning Cheng was very depressed, he looked at this 36 Thick Ice Spears Technique once again.

He did not see anything good, and became even more depressed. Practicing to the last of the 36 Thick Ice Spears Technique, it can form 36 Ice Spear Lights, these 36 Spear Lights can be interconnected and used to form a Thick Ice Lance, similarly one can even use it to form an Ice Spear Array. Under the shadow of the 36 Ice Spears, how would one's opponent even have the opportunity to get away? This was simply a killing machine.

Although this was an extremely precious technique, he could not practice it, Ning Cheng sighed as he put the Jade piece aside, and took out the other Jade piece that had another magic technique. Seeing the several characters from the Jade piece, this made Ning Cheng livid, '7 Pleiades Ice Needles'. This was also a Black Level Technique, but was again an Ice technique.

Ning Cheng knew his own Spiritual Roots, he had a three line hybrid support Spiritual Roots – Fire, Wood, and Earth. The present Ning Cheng had a certain understanding about Spiritual Roots, he knew that the Ice Spiritual Root did not belong to his already different Spiritual Roots, those cultivators who had such roots were already focussed on heavily to train.

Ice type techniques, only the cultivators who have an Ice Spiritual Root or a combination with Ice Spiritual Roots can practice such techniques, and only they would have the greatest effect of it. If a cultivator with other types of Spiritual Roots tries to practice it, the effect would be really low or in some cases may even harm the user.

This 7 Pleiades Ice Needles technique was much more sinister and ruthless, however it also needed a small needle type artifact that was thinner than an ox hair, if practiced to the extreme, this 7 Pleiades Ice Needles technique can even prevent the soul from escaping. It can be used to sneak attack others, and was

virtually impossible to guard against by other people.

“A vicious magic technique, but I like it.” Ning Cheng thought to himself after he read about it, but his heart was even more depressed. Like, how could he even use it? Not to mention he does not have an Ice Spiritual Root, even if he had an Ice Spiritual Root, and could practice the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needles Technique, he did not have any needle type artifact.

Ning Cheng scratched his head in distress, he knew that he could bring out his Spiritual Sense with his cultivation at the Qi Gathering Realm, and it was already very remarkable, but then again he does not know any magical techniques, compared to others, he was far worse.

The magic techniques that he grasped now, in addition to the Wind Edge, it was the Fireball technique. These were irrelevant to the Spiritual Roots and were just the foundation magical techniques, anyone could practice them. Besides the Flame Edge technique that he had derived earlier, he only had a slightly stronger Sword Light, this was only because of the flying sword. If he met an opponent with a similarly strong artifact, his Sword Light would be nothing to speak of.

Ning Cheng was thoroughly disappointed with the magical techniques that he had received from the Jade pieces, and came out of the tree cavern. He was already practicing in the tree cavern for over a month, and was already feeling bored and out of his mind.

Standing on the bund near the lake once again, Ning Cheng was just getting ready to use the clear water of the lake to clean himself, when suddenly he once again saw the lake spew out a water spout several feet high into the air, this water spout was exactly the same he had seen a month ago, and it still had a rich aura around it. The only difference was, it seemed that the water spout was a bit higher than before.

After ten breaths, the water column once again dropped down, and the lake was once again calm.

Ning Cheng calculated a little, he quickly discovered that the previous time that the water spout had appeared and the one today were exactly one month apart.

So this water spout was regular, and also had a rich aura, Ning Cheng wanted

to enter the lake and see what was causing it, but then realised that he did not have a magic technique of his own, and suddenly felt somewhat discouraged.

Black Level Techniques 36 Thick Ice Spear and 7 Pleiadene Ice Needles definitely had an imposing appearance, but how would he be able to learn it?

Could he use his flying sword in the place of a spear? On this Jade piece it was mentioned 36 Thick Ice Spears, he could try to practice it and change it into 36 Thick Ice Swords. Although his Spiritual Roots does not have an Ice Spiritual Root in them, but he had the Mysterious Yellow Bead, who said that it certainly could not be practiced? Ning Cheng thought of it, and once again became excited, he directly took out the flying sword, and tried to practice with the sword as he had no spear. Who knows, if he could practice the 36 Thick Ice Spear to the end. then this magical technique would have to change its name to 36 Thick Ice Swords.

Although Ning Cheng's perception and memory were already unparalleled, but he was worried that with his Spiritual Roots, he would not be able to practice the 36 Thick Ice Spear Technique.

When he resorted to the flying sword, and started to practice the 36 Thick Ice Spear Technique, he immediately knew that he wanted to practice it more than before. Circulating his Qi under the incantations of the 36 Thick Ice Spear Technique, unexpectedly an Icy Sword Light formed without any delay, he discovered that this thick Ice Sword Light and his Spiritual Sense were somewhat similar and combined them without any delay, bringing out a strange Sword Light from his flying sword.

He was only worried that he did not have an Ice Spiritual Root in his Spiritual Roots, and wanted to see how long he could use his Spiritual Sense to support and control such a thick Sword Light?

"Pop" a sound was heard, because his Spiritual Sense was not enough, the flying sword in Ning Cheng's hand fell to the ground. Ning Cheng was not surprised but was actually happy, he laughed and said, "I really have superior qualifications than that of others, and can even master Ice Techniques with ease …….."

Although he was excited he did not stop, and praised himself, Ning Cheng actually knew, that he could practice the 36 Thick Ice Spear Techniques and it

had nothing to do with his qualifications, it was certainly due to him being related to the Mysterious Yellow Bead. He even suspected that he had the help from the Mysterious Yellow Origin, he suspected that there was an addition of an Ice Spiritual Root, but he could not test this theory at the moment, as he was not confident about it. Only in the future if he had the opportunity, he would go up to the Spiritual Root Testing Artifact to test it, to see if he really had one more branch of Ice Spiritual Root.

Having the opportunity to practice the magical techniques, Ning Cheng took great pains to patiently control the flying sword, again and again casting the modified version of the 36 Thick Ice Spears that he created. Initially he could only cast out a single sword light, but with the constant revision of the 36 Thick Ice Spears Technique in his mind, three days later, he was able to cast up to three thick Ice Sword Lights.

Five days later, Ning Cheng was able to cast up to five thick Ice Sword Lights. But Ning Cheng knew, that with his current cultivation level, five thick Ice Sword Lights were his limit. If he does not use his flying sword, he could then cast two more Sword Lights. But without using his flying sword, the Sword Light that he casted would only have a limited power. Thus it could be seen, that the Spiritual Sense was really the good stuff.

While practicing the 36 thick ice spear technique, Ning Cheng would certainly not miss out on the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle Technique. But because he did not have a needle type artifact, he could only use his flying sword instead. Even when he replaced the flying needle with the flying sword, Ning Cheng was constantly revising the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle in his head. On the tenth day, Ning Cheng was already skillfully controlling the flying sword to attack sneakily. But because the flying sword had too much volume, he could not completely pull off the sneaky part of the attack.

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The place where Ning Cheng was cultivating was extremely quiet, besides the red eyed Monstrous Beast who had chased Ning Cheng initially, Ning Cheng did not meet any other Monstrous Beasts.

However in the past one month, Ning Cheng had already combined together the 36 Thick Ice Spears Techniques and the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle Technique, first he casted the thick Ice Sword Light, then used another sickle type artifact for the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle Technique, concealing it within the thick Ice Sword Light and using it for a sneak attack.

Unfortunately, it was not the true 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle Technique, if he had a needle type artifact to perform the real 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle Technique, then even if he were to face a cultivator at the pinnacle of the Qi Gathering Realm, he could dare to fight with them. That hand sickle that he was using was the artifact that he had acquired from that Taoist Pu, unfortunately when used with the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle Technique the performance was only subpar, a far cry from the original one.

Even if that was so, Ning Cheng believed that with his present strength, combining the 36 Thick Ice Spears and the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle Technique, an ordinary Qi Gathering Cultivator would not be able to fight against him.

On this day Ning Cheng was still thinking about the sickle type artifact in his hand that he had obtained from Taoist Pu, and how could he refine it into a thin needle afterwards, when he heard a soft sound that was transmitted by the wind.

Was someone coming? Ning Cheng immediately affirmed that he had not misheard, he could determine that someone definitely was coming. This place was deep inside the Daan Forest, an average person would absolutely not be able to come to this place, even a cultivator of the Building Yuan Realm would not dare to pass through the Daan Forest alone, what kind of person would dare to come here? The reason why he did not dare to walk out of here, was because his strength was very low, and as such he could not dare to run around recklessly in such a place.

Ning Cheng at that time, first decided to hide in the tree cavern, he had to determine before, if the person coming here was an enemy or a friend, he did not want the others to know that he was living in this place.

Ning Cheng did not had to hide and wait for long, when a slight, steady sound of footsteps arrived, this made Ning Cheng even more careful. Although there was the sound of the footsteps, but these footsteps sounded extremely calm, and carried a dignified atmosphere with it, obviously those people's cultivation level was not low, it was at least higher than his own cultivation level.

After a dozen breaths, two men and a woman carefully walked over, and appeared in front of the lake.

"Qi Shui, is this the lake you spoke about?" the speaker was the man in the rear, his head was very small, however he had a robust body, which made people think that he was not balanced.

Hearing the questioning of the person, the man in the front with a long beard stopped, pointing to the front of the lake that was not far from him he said, "That's right, Fei Chen, this is the Daan Forest's Yong Qing Lake. Only a few people know about it, and I am one of them, that is because I have the ability and the skill to cross the Daan Forest. When I passed by here the last time, I had accidently found it."

Ning Cheng, after listening to those words felt shocked in his heart, he knew about the dangers of the Daan Forest, even Ji Luo Fei's aunt did not dare to say that she could cross the Daan Forest by herself. Could this long bearded man really have such an ability? To be able to cross through the Daan Forest? Ning Cheng could vaguely see the cultivation level of this long bearded guy, he should

be a cultivator in the Qi Condensation Realm. Presumably the man and the woman with him, were also cultivators in the Qi Condensation Realm.

A cultivator of the Qi Condensation Realm, although their cultivation level was good, but how could he say that he could easily pass through the Daan Forest? Unless he had the map of the Daan Forest. One must know that the Daan Forest is the wall dividing the two continents, only with the safety of the map, can one cross the Daan Forest and arrive at the Yuan Continent from the Ping Continent. Otherwise, one would absolutely be killed by the monstrous beasts that roam around in the Daan Forest.

“Well, if it really is as Qi Shui said, then after we get that thing, we can head back, and go across the Daan Forest to the Yuan Continent together.” said the small headed man.

“I also agree.” said the woman in the middle also with the similar cultivation level as the other two.

Now that he had heard the three people speaking with each other, Ning Cheng understood that these three people had come to get something from the lake. But he actually did not know what was the thing that they had come for. At this time Ning Cheng did not dare to even make the slightest movement, any one of the three people could easily kill him in a second, once he was discovered, he would just simply die.

“I already told you, the strange poisonous fog that this thing ejects is highly rich in Qi, so it’s better if we take the Detoxification Pill first, and then incite enough anger in it that is forced to come up. once it is angered and comes up, I and Fei Chen will step forward to attack. Sister Fan Hong will be hidden in the back, once we draw it out of the water, we three will immediately descend to kill it. As long as we do not let it go back into the lake, the three of us can absolutely get rid of it.” After the long bearded man finished speaking, he took out three pure white pills.

He took one of them first, and the remaining two he handed them to the other two cultivators. While his eyes kept staring at the center of the lake.

The other two cultivators of the Qi Condensation Realm grabbed and immediately swallowed the pill, and the woman cultivator who swallowed the pill

retreated back a few steps, and hid in the wake of a giant tree.

"Fei Chen, I will shock it out of the lake, you hide along the perimeter of the lake, when you are waiting to catch up with me, you seal off his path from the back." After the long bearded Qi Shui said those words, he immediately took out a jet black round bead having the size of a fist, then with a flick of his hands, this round bead just like an artillery shell, was shot into the lake by him.

After a few breaths, a huge 'crack' sound emerged from the bottom of the lake, and the huge lake directly exploded, at this moment, you could even see a vortex like hole forming in the middle of the lake.

"Aaaaa……" a loud roar could be heard, almost at the same time, a five or six meter long dark red monstrous beast charged out of the whirlpool's eye.

Ning Cheng's heart shrank, it turned out that this monstrous beast was unexpectedly a Flood Dragon. On Earth this was the stuff of the legends, unexpectedly he saw such a sight today. This Flood Dragon was covered entirely in dark red scales, which seemed to blend harmoniously from the top to the bottom, it was extremely beautiful, even the four giant claws looked like like four giant iron rakes. What surprised Ning Cheng was that this Flood Dragon unexpectedly had a single horn on its head.

The Flood Dragon's entire horn was white, with a length of about a meter, it was positioned in the center of the head of the Flood Dragon. After this horned Flood Dragon came up, it just swept its tail once, and immediately waves of dozens of feet in radius was whipped up. These large waves moved towards the shore, completely wrecking the plants near to the shore into the ground.

Ning Cheng could clearly sense the strong aura, this was definitely one from the Building Yuan Realm, perhaps it was even something that surpassed the Building Yuan Realm. For a monstrous beast to surpass even the Building Yuan Realm, it was probably a Class 4 Monstrous Beast.

When he had met that Wen Qiliu in the Cang Qin 2 Star Academy, he had also seen the imposing manner of Ji Luo Fei's aunt. But no matter what person he compared it to, their imposing manner could not even be compared to this One Horned Red Flood Dragon in front of him. These three cultivators of the Qi Condensation Realm daring to challenge this One Horned Red Scaled Flood

Dragon, it was just akin to seeking death.

No matter how Ning Cheng though, he could only wonder why these three people had come to seek their deaths.

“Qi Shui, what’s going on? This is definitely not the Class 2 Level Red Poisonous Python, it is clearly a Class 4 One Horned Flood Dragon, how could you make such a mistake……” That small headed cultivator in the Qi Condensation Realm also could feel the terrible aura of the One Horned Flood Dragon, and suddenly called out in a panic stricken voice, while simultaneously turning around to run away.

Are you kidding me, with just a few cultivators of the Qi Condensation Realm, you wanted to to get rid of a Class 4 monstrous beast, if this was not courting death then what was?

Ning Cheng was also covered in cold sweat, he did not expect that the place in which he was practicing his cultivation, was the home to a Class 4 Monstrous Beast. He also did not know if this One Horned Flood Dragon even cared about him or not, or if it had simply not discovered him. But Ning Cheng found the probability for such a thing to happen was zero, how could such a monstrous beast not be able to sense him?

“Really, the last time that I came here there definitely was not a One Horned Flood Dragon here. This One Horned Flood Dragon must have gotten rid of the Red Poison Python before, and then took over the lake as its own……” the long bearded man also said in panic.

Ning Cheng who was watching this from the side felt that this long bearded man did not seem to be very scared, this made him feel very strange about it.

If Ning Cheng was also able to feel this point, then even that cultivator called Fei Chen in the Qi Condensation Realm could also feel it. Not waiting for him to respond, that long bearded man had already retreated behind him, and simultaneously kicked Fei Chen’s lower back.

Originally the Qi Condensation Cultivator wanted to rapidly retreat, but was kicked in the back, instead of going forward, he immediately fell into the wide open mouth of the One Horned Flood Dragon.

The Horned Flood Dragon having food delivered directly to its mouth obviously would not be polite, and directly swallowed the male cultivator of the Qi Condensation Realm by the name of Fei Chen.

After that the long bearded man immediately retreated back once more, after the One Horned Flood Dragon swallowed the man called Fei Chen, he had already arrived to the side of the woman cultivator nearby. At this time this woman cultivator knew that she and the other person were deceived by this long bearded man, and once this long bearded man came over, she immediately took out a flying sword.

But just as she tried to use the flying sword, she immediately fell down powerlessly.

“Ma Qi Shui, you evil and cruel bastard, we were like brothers, you unexpectedly even poisoned Fei Chen and me…..” as this woman cultivator said those words, the long bearded man kicked her body, and sent her flying into the mouth of the One Horned Flood Dragon.

That One Honed Flood Dragon did not hesitate even for a bit, after swallowing the woman cultivator, it uttered another burst of roar, and rushed towards the long bearded man. The next moment, a number of blue watery lights were sprayed out from the horn of the One Horned Flood Dragon.

At this point the long bearded man unexpectedly took out a round shield, he apparently wanted to block the giant water spray from the Horned Flood Dragon.

“Bang Bang…..” after several successive hits, the round shield of the long bearded man was completely broken to bits by the water spewed out by the Horned Flood Dragon.

At the same time that the round shield broke apart the long bearded man threw a bomb on the ground as the long bearded man flew out due to the formidable water spouted by the Horned Flood Drain and directly crashed into a giant tree, spouting several mouthfulls of blood. This one instance, made the face of the long bearded person become as white as a sheet of paper, he apparently did not think that this One Horned Flood Dragon would be this powerful.

But this time, however he did not choose to escape, but instead took out a four winged sword artifact, apparently he wanted to fight the One Horned Flood Dragon with it.

At this time, the giant flood dragon suddenly issued a loud roar, and unexpectedly dropped in front of the long bearded man, endlessly rolling on the ground. In just the time it takes to brew a cup of tea, the original giant One Horned Flood Dragon rolled into a huge hole. Some of the giant trees near the dragon was completely destroyed by the powerful force from the dragon, while emitting countless cracking sounds.

Ning Cheng suddenly came to understand, while sighing darkly in his heart that this man named Ma Qi Shui was quite sinister and ruthless. This guy had came with two companions, and even gave everyone a Detoxifying Pill, but the fact was that this Detoxifying Pill was an extremely fierce and terrifying poison. When the two cultivators who had already eaten the poisonous pill were swallowed by the One Honed Flood Dragon, the poison was completely transferred to the One Horned Flood Dragon.

The One Horned Flood Dragon also understood the situation, rolling to the side, it simultaneously fled towards the side of the lake. It looked like it wanted to enter into the lake to detoxify the poison from its body.

The long bearded person similarly understood that time was very essential, he did not give any thought to his injury, and directly grasped the four winged sword artifact with his hand, and approached the One Horned Flood Dragon.

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The long bearded man gathered the entire Qi in his body for his attack, the Four Winged Flying Sword artifact shot out a Sword Light that was nearly 10 feet long, before this Sword Light, the Sword Light brought out by Ning Cheng were totally incomparable. Before when Ning Cheng used his Flying Sword, although he could bring out a Sword Light, and although it seemed to be a bit longer, but compared to the Sword Light in front of him, it wasn't even remotely similar.

The Sword Light from the Four Winged Flying Sword directly stabbed into the neck of the One Horned Flood Dragon, when the Sword Light and the scales of the One Horned Flood Dragon collided with each other, causing sparks to fly in all directions, and there was even sounds of iron clashing.

The Sword Light completely dispersed after that, but the neck of the One Horned Flood Dragon that was just stabbed did not even have a scratch on it. But it seemed that the long bearded man anticipated that his Sword Light wouldn't be able to break through the scales on the neck of the One Horned Flood Dragon, even after that previous Sword Light, he unexpected followed up with another three equally powerful Sword Lights.

"Poof……" when the fourth Sword Light from the long bearded man pierced the neck of the One Horned Flood Dragon, a piece of the scale on the One Horned Flood Dragon's neck was directly cracked open exposing the soft neck below it, while at the same time its blood shot out like an arrow from the wound.

Ning Cheng could see that the blood spurting from the wound was purplish red in color, one could see that the two poisonous pills that he had given to the two

people from before were terrifying to the extreme.

When the neck of the One Horned Flood Dragon was punctured, the One Horned Flood Dragon started to shake like crazy, and swept out its huge tail without any warning.

Because the long bearded man had already used up his Qi in the several consecutive strikes with the Sword Light and moreover was not at the Building Yuan Realm, this time when the One Honed Flood Dragon swept out its huge tail, he simply had no way of escaping, and was directly hit with it on his waist.

The long bearded man similarly spurted out bloody arrows from his mouth, and was swept away once again by the One Horned Flood Dragon, and hit another giant tree in a distance. Ning Cheng could hear the sound of bones cracking from the entire body of the long bearded man.

Ning Cheng in his heart thought that he really deserved it, this kind of guy who would betray his friends in such a manner, was someone who he despised the most. It would be best if the One Horned Flood Dragon would swallow that guy.

The One Horned Flood Dragon under the effect of the poison, with its neck broken open, could only use its tail to attack with the last bit of consciousness that it could gather before dying. After it swept out towards the long bearded man with its tail, it started to slow down, after trembling for a bit, it completely stopped.

The long bearded man who had just fallen to the ground took out a black bottle, and after pouring its contents into his mouth, slowly stood up.

“Ha Ha, I, Ma Qi Shui had been planning this for nearly two years, I finally succeeded today …..” he laughed as blood still dripped from the corners of his mouth, but his eyes beyond a doubt revealed his excitement.

“Is that so? Then I should say that, I waited for two months, and finally succeeded today.” Ning Cheng’s voice immediately made the long bearded man to stop laughing abruptly, he did not think that in this place there were still someone who dared to stay. Then he immediately saw Ning Cheng jump down from a giant tree.

When Ma Qi Shui saw Ning Cheng, he understood his own situation

instantaneously, he had become happy too early. At this point of time his heart was filled with endless regret, he regretted that he did not look for others before coming here, he did not even bother to look if someone was here previously. If he had paid even a little more attention, he would never have this kind of result.

But he soon calmed down, staring at Ning Cheng he said with a cold voice, “Although I am severely wounded already, if I am really desperate to attack, you who are a mere Qi Gathering 5th Level are still not qualified enough to put you in my eyes. The One Horned Flood Dragon’s skin, we can split it half, one half for me and the other half for you, and then we go our separate ways.”

Since Ning Cheng was already thinking about acquiring the map of the Daan Forest, he already decided to absolutely not engage in trade with this person. However, he knew that if could not acquire the map, then he could not walk out of here.

“I heard that you have the map of the Daan Forest, give me your map, and then maybe we could talk about something else.” Ning Cheng said emotionlessly.

“All right.” Ma Qi Shui finished saying and reached out into his storage bag on his waist with his hands.

Ning Cheng did not wait for the other party to take out the map, and already took out the Flying Sword in his hands and immediately produced five thick Ice Sword Lights, “I also heard that at the bottom of the lake there is a Spiritual Essence Spring? Even if there is no Spiritual Essence Spring, this young master still wants to kill you.”

[TL Note – Even I do not know how he knows this, I double checked the previous chapters and the raws just to be sure, but this was never mentioned before.]

At the moment the long bearded man was completely defenseless.

“Puff Puff Puff……” the five thick Ice Sword Lights directly pierced through Ma Qi Shui’s chest, giving rise to five spurts of blood from the wounds, these five blood spurts, the moment they came out, immediately froze into blood ice.

“You…..” Ma Qi Shui unwillingly pointed his face towards Ning Cheng, he really did not even plan to begin his scheme, when this Qi Gathering 5th Level bastard

took the opportunity to attack. He really did not understand, why Ning Cheng did not even wait for him to take out the map before doing anything else.

Ning Cheng once again swept out a Sword Light from the Flying Sword in his hands, and loped off Ma Qi Shui's head which like a football, was swept away.

Ning Cheng's time here did not add up to even six months, but his cultivation base was soaring up in a straight line. Since Ma Qi Shui was putting his hand onto his storage bag to take out something, without even seeing the stuff from his storage bag, he just went ahead and killed him as he felt that he was up to no good, he also feared that there probably was no map.

Moreover, if this Ma Qi Shui had lied to him, even if he forced the other party to make a copy for him, he estimated that the other party would not make the real map. Moreover with the kind of injuries that Ma Qi Shui had, even if he wanted to make a map, he would not be able to.

After Ning Cheng killed Ma Qi Shui, he first arrived at the side of Ma Qi Shui, grasped his storage bag and threw it into his own storage bag. While simultaneously throwing several fireballs, turning Ma Qi Shui into ash.

Tiding up Ma Qi Shui, Ning Cheng then returned next to the One Horned Flood Dragon which was killed by the poison from Ma Qi Shui, at this time the One Horned Flood Dragon was surrounded in a big pond of black blood. A fishy odor assaulted his nostrils, making Ning Cheng immediately feel a wave of dizziness.

So strong, Ning Cheng was secretly startled in his heart. He had just caught a wiff of the odor, and was already feeling dizzy from it.

Ning Cheng quickly took out a cloth and covered his nose and mouth, then approached the One Horned Flood Dragon.

Even though Ning Cheng did not know what materials would be needed for refining, but he knew that the entire body of the One Horned Flood Dragon was a treasure. A Class 4 Monstrous beast would have a monster core, but he just didn't know what this One Horned Flood Dragon ate so much, to be able to form a monster core.

Next Ning Cheng took the Four Winged Flying Sword artifact that was embedded in the One Horned Flood Dragon, then taking out his own Flying

Sword, he proceeded to break open the One Horned Flood Dragon's skin.

The hard skin underneath made Ning Cheng understand that he had overestimated his own strength, he was only at Qi Gathering 5th Level, he could simply not cut the skin of the monstrous beast with his present strength, obviously this One Horned Flood Dragon's skin was hard.

This Flood Dragon's body was highly toxic, Ning Cheng did not dare to put this thing into his storage bag, moreover he did not know if his storage bag could even hold the One Horned Flood Dragon.

Fortunately, this place did not have any other people besides him, this One Horned Flood Dragon was just killed, although the smell of its blood had already scattered, but the blood still had a highly toxic odor. The sense of smell of a monstrous beast was quite sharp, thus no monstrous beast would approach a place which extruded such a strong toxic odor.

Ning Cheng spent exactly two days, just to peel off a little bit of the Flood Dragon's skin, also taking out the Flood Dragon's horn and the Flood Dragon's muscles, and put it into his storage bag. Especially the Flood Dragon's horn, Ning Cheng had decided to find someone to refine it into a needle type artifact for the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle Technique. Once he had the needle type artifact for the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle Technique, he could cast his technique with its most powerful form.

He did not find the core of the Flood Dragon, he did not know that the core of the Flood Dragon had already melted after it died, this alone made the Flood Dragon to fall from a Class 4 monstrous beast.

After handling these things, Ning Cheng completely burnt down the head of the Flood Dragon, and then buried the rest of the burnt residue in an empty place.

After Ning Cheng finished reorganizing, although it still looked to be in total disorder, it was much better than before.

Although he had made a small fortune, Ning Cheng did not chose to return to the tree cavern to practice his cultivation. But rather first jumped onto the lake water.

According to the words of the long bearded man, the lake had a Spiritual Essence Spring inside it. The reason why this One Horned Flood Dragon had occupied this lake, was because of this Spiritual Essence Spring. Now that the One Horned Flood Dragon who was the overlord of the lake had been killed, he entering the lake would certainly not be dangerous.

In fact what Ning Cheng guessed was not wrong, after he entered the lake waters, he could easily swim to the bottom of the lake and arrived next to a huge pile of rocks without any difficulty. A hint of strong aura was escaping from the huge rocks, Ning Cheng was easily able to find a huge cavern within the groupings of the huge rocks.

This cave was the place where the One Horned Flood Dragon practiced its cultivation, now that the One Horned Flood Dragon had already disappeared, Ning Cheng did not have to worry of facing anything dangerous, and directly swam into the huge rock cavern. The water in the cavern was getting less and less as he swam forward, after Ning Cheng swam to the back of the cavern, he found that one could even walk inside.

After the time it took for an incense stick to burn, he had already left the water in the cavern completely, when a ray of light appeared in front of him. Ning Cheng looked in marvel at a pair of giant pearls, this pair of giant pearls were glowing, if one had obtained such a thing on Earth, it would have caused a stir worldwide. Even if it was not the Earth, if it was this place, this pair of glowing pearls were also priceless.

A slight breeze was blowing inside the cave, Ning Cheng immediately understood that this cave was connected to a place outside.

Ning Cheng again walked about 10 meters into the cave, an artificial pond of around ten feet in diameter appeared in front of him, a fountain was gushing out in the center of this artificial pond. An aura rich in Qi was escaping from this artificial pond, Ning Cheng did not know if this was the Spirit Essence Spring that the long bearded man talked about.

Next to this little Spiritual Essence Spring, there was a flat stone almost the same size of the pond itself, the stone was completely worn smooth. Ning Cheng did not need to guess, he knew that this flat piece of stone was the place where

the One Horned Flood Dragon practiced its cultivation. This was because the One Horned Flood Dragon had a large body, by continuously coiling around its body which was several feet long it had completely worn down the flat rock.

So this really was the Spirit Essence Spring, this made Ning Cheng's heart to pound loudly. Even when he had obtained more than 500 Ling Shis, he was not this excited. Here not only was it a great place to practice his cultivation, he even had a constant Qi source.

Ling Shis were expendable goods, moreover he did not have many of them, in this place he could cultivate quietly, this was the cold hard truth, it was no wonder that the One Horned Flood Dragon could cultivate to the level of a Class 4 monstrous beast. Unfortunately, even though the One Horned Flood Dragon practiced its cultivation to such a level, its experience was poor, otherwise with its strength, even if there were dozens of people like the long bearded man, it would still not be enough to even scratch it.

Ning Cheng walked some distance around the cave again, and discovered no other things there. There was only a breeze coming from somewhere above, then after circulating once, it returned once again.

Ning Cheng decided to make this cave his base for practicing his cultivation in the first instance, but he was not in a hurry to start his cultivation practice, rather he once again returned to the giant group of rocks at the bottom of the lake. Using the Flying Sword to cut them apart, in only a short time, he had the entrance to the cave completely blocked.

Because the One Horned Flood Dragon had a high level of strength so it did not need to block the entrance, as no other monstrous beast would come to snatch the Spirit Essence Spring from it, but it was not possible for Ning Cheng to do the same. As his cultivation was too weak, only at a mere Qi Gathering 5th Level.

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After blocking the original entrance to the underwater cavern, Ning Cheng was still not greatly assured about his safety, and also arranged a simple defensive Array Formation, and then once again returned to the Spiritual Essence Spring.

Ning Cheng did not take out the materials that he had pillaged from the One Horned Flood Dragon. He knew nothing about how to refine them, especially the horn of the Flood Dragon, he planned to find a person to refine it into a thin needle shaped artifact for him to use. At this point of time, Ning Cheng took out the storage bag that he had acquired from the long bearded man, what he wanted to know was if the long bearded man really had the map of the Daan Forest with him.

The long bearded man must have used the storage bag according to what An Yi had said, it should rather be actually called a storage pocket, as the space inside it was very small. There were also very few things in it, besides a few low level spiritual grasses which could easily be found outside, there were still several unknown pills, he was not able to ascertain what kinds of pills they were as he could not clearly see the contents of the jade bottle in which they were stored, other than those, it did not have anything else.

The most precious thing that the long bearded person had, should be the four winged flying sword which Ning Cheng had snatched away previously.

Ning Cheng after going through the contents of the storage bag of the long bearded man conveniently threw it back into his own storage bag, but was a bit disappointed in his heart. He could not find the map, that is to say, in the future

he could only rely on his ability and strength to get out of the Daan Forest. The long bearded man had said before that he could cross the Daan Forest by himself, he knew that this was not a lie to deceive other people, he suspected that he had already recorded the map to safely pass through the forest in his head.

He had not been practising cultivation for many years, being in the situation with the Spiritual Essence Spring in front of him, Ning Cheng almost employed all his time into improving his cultivation. The usage of the Spiritual Essence Spring by Ning Cheng and the One Horned Flood Dragon were clearly different, the One Horned Flood Dragon also knew that it could not completely absorb the rich Qi that was emanating from the Spiritual Essence Spring. But as Ning Cheng had already killed the goose that laid the golden egg, he feared that he could only absorb just a little bit of it before it disappears, just how could he economise the usage?

One month later, Ning Cheng advanced to the Qi Gathering 6th Level, three months later, Ning Cheng broke through to the Intermediate Stage of the Qi Gathering Realm, advancing to the Qi Gathering 7th Level. At this time the Qi in his body had already formed into a stream, just like the powerful undulations that came from the cultivators in the Building Yuan Realm, the Qi in his body felt incomparably powerful. Five months later, Ning Cheng advanced to the Qi Gathering 8th Level, at the same time he decided to leave the almost used up Spiritual Essence Spring.

The rich Qi inside the Spiritual Essence Spring had almost been consumed completely, for it to gather this kind of rich Qi in the Spiritual Essence Spring again, he estimated that it would take at least 3 years for that to happen.

Ning Cheng believed that one would not stay here waiting for three years, he was already at the Qi Gathering 8th Level, and would soon advance in rank to enter the Qi Gathering 9th Level. Once he reached the Qi Gathering 9th Level, then he would have to face the issue of advancing into the Qi Condensation Realm.

In the Ping Continent, a Qi Condensation Realm cultivator was rarely seen, because of the poor Qi sources and the spiritual root issues, advancing to the Condensation Realm was very hard.

Coagulation of Qi is something that a cultivator at the Qi Gathering 9th Level has to achieve in order to advance to the Qi Condensation Realm, Ning Cheng saw from the jade piece that Fang Jiyan had given him that some people just stagnate and be contented with just being in the Qi Condensation Realm, but Ning Cheng certainly was not that type of a person. To him being promoted to the Qi Condensation Realm was still really insignificant.

To advance to the Qi Condensation Realm really needed more than ten kinds of precious spiritual grasses, however the most important thing, and also the most difficult to get out of those was the Golden Cicada Fruit. As Ning Cheng already had the Golden Cicada Fruit, he decided to get out of here and try to find someone who could refine it into a Qi Condensation Pill.

Ning Cheng obviously thought that this matter was a bit too simple, Daan Forest or not, because he had already advanced to the Qi Gathering 8th Level he would find his own path out of here. For the entire month, Ning Cheng still remained around the edge of the lake.

It was not that he did not want to go out, but during this month's time, Ning Cheng discovered that each region in the Daan Forest was under the protection of a powerful monstrous beast. Looking for a way out during this period, he had met more than ten Class 2 Monstrous Beasts, there were even two times where he met a Class 3 Monstrous Beast.

If he did not ran away fast, those Class 3 Monstrous Beasts would have chased him down to kill him, and then he would have no way to remain near the fresh water lake.

However Ning Cheng was not without a harvest, the various monstrous beasts tacitly approved to not approach the fresh water lake making it so that the fresh water lake became his territory by default, this was becuase Ning Cheng had killed numerous Class 2 Monstrous Beasts which served as a deterrence to the other monstrous beasts.

Ning Cheng was now at the Qi Gathering 8th Level, as such now he could cast 12 Sword Lights of the 36 Thick Ice Swords Technique that he had modified previously. This was however not his biggest gain, his greatest gain was his cultivation of Qi Gathering 8th Level, which allowed him step on his flying sword

and fly for a short distance.

Tapping into the flying sword methods that Ning Cheng had modified from the jade pieces he had obtained from Fang Jiyan, made Ning Cheng very satisfied with himself. In the Ping Continent, even some cultivators of the Qi Condensation Realm could not use the flying swords to fly, but now he who was at the Qi Gathering 8th Level already achieved it.

Even though Ning Cheng knew that a high cultivation level was needed to ride the flying swords, when he finally stepped onto the flying sword and started to fly truly, his heart was beyond excited. Before when he had shot the Fireballs and the Wind Edges for the first time, he did not experience this much excitement. Fortunately Ning Cheng was also aware of his own capabilities, he clearly wanted to fly out of the Daan Forest, but he knew that his cultivation level was too poor to achieve that.

In a month's time, Ning Cheng had already beheaded hundreds of Class 1 Monstrous Beasts. He constantly looked for a way out, as a result constantly had to pass through the territories of other monstrous beasts, this also cause him to repeatedly fight with the other monstrous beasts. At one point, he had even beheaded dozens of Class 1 Demon Wolf. Using the Black Level 36 Thick Ice Swords to kill those Demon Wolf, it was almost like a simple wheat harvest.

During this time, Ning Cheng also found out a pattern, if he passed by the territory of a Class 3 Monstrous Beast, if the Class 3 Monstrous Beast's cultivation level was too far from his, that Class 3 Monstrous Beast would just be too lazy to even bother with him. But if he were to pass through the territory of the monstrous beast whose cultivation level was almost the same as his, it would ultimately lead to a fight.

After working out the pattern, Ning Cheng finally understood why he was able stay for so long near the fresh water lake, it was because the One Horned Flood Dragon just didn't take any notice of him. It originally regarded him as a dispensable tiny ant, after Ning Cheng experienced these things, he understood that all the lower leveled Monstrous Beasts that came within the scope of the high leveled monstrous beast were just regarded as lunches for them.

If this high leveled monstrous beast wanted to eat them as its lunch, he could

just do it anytime it wanted. In other words, before when he tried to survive near the Freshwater Lake for two months, in fact he was actually regarded as a lunch for the One Horned Flood Dragon. Once the One Horned Flood Dragon decided to come out, it could always be able to get rid of him easily.

On the contrary, if his cultivation level was almost the same as the Monstrous Beast, the monstrous beast would think that he had come to snatch his domain, and would immediately come out to protect its domain from being encroached by others.

It was because he knew about this point, Ning Cheng did not hesitate to ruthlessly behead the monstrous beasts that approached the freshwater lake. According to the law of the jungle, he can absolutely never give the monstrous beasts the illusion that those monstrous beast can easily bully him.

In this one month of slaughtering, Ning Cheng's combat experience and his mastery over the two kinds of techniques advanced by leaps and bounds. With his current experience, if he was still at the Qi Gathering 3rd Level and had the flying sword, he absolutely would not be injured.

After Ning Cheng spent his time crazily beheading the monstrous beasts, many of the monstrous beasts around the freshwater lake already got to know about Ning Cheng's aggressiveness, and knew that he did not show any mercy or consideration. Later on, as long as Ning Cheng did not stay for a long time in their range, the monstrous beasts were not willing to come out and fight Ning Cheng, and would directly allow Ning Cheng to pass by their territory.

To Ning Cheng, even if he wanted to leave the fresh water lake, he could not find a way out of this place, and it would definitely not be a good thing for him. At least in the area of the fresh water lake, he was the overlord of the place.

"Whir Whir……." At this time a Brown Bristled Bear was facing Ning Cheng and let out a muffled sounds, but it did not dare to pounce on Ning Cheng. It had roared at Ning Cheng, because Ning Cheng had once again came into his territory, and moreover he also stayed in his territory for a long time.

This Brown Bristled Bear was an early stage Class 2 Monstrous beast, it had already been defeated twice by the hands of Ning Cheng, fortunately those two times Ning Cheng was just passing through its territory. But this guy who was

troublesome in its eyes unexpectedly came here once again, moreover he did not walk away immediately, and was even digging around in his territory.

“Go to hell, I am just looking for a piece of magnetic iron to walk around, you really talk too much, don’t blame me if I use my hands.” Ning Cheng waved his flying sword in his hands as he shouted those words while he stabbed towards the Brown Bristled Bear.

He had really come here to look for a piece of magnetic iron, he still had more than 300 low grade Ling Shis on him, Ning Cheng felt that even though he had more than 300 low grade Ling Shis it still would not be enough for him to advance to the Qi Gathering 9th Level. What’s more, he would have to go out to look for someone who could create a Qi Condensation Pill for him.

Even after more than a month, as he could not find a way out, he decided that he had to find a piece of magnetic iron so that he could use it to make a compass. Ning Cheng guessed that this place should also be a planet, that resembled a big magnet. He wanted something to help him pinpoint a fixed position, as long as he could follow a single direction, he would eventually walk out of this place one day. Even if the compass that he made pointed to the south, it wouldn’t influence him at all.

This Class 2 Bristle Bear did not know that Ning Cheng was looking for a piece of magnetic iron, and once more roared at Ning Cheng, it wanted Ning Cheng to get out of his territory as fast as possible.

Ning Cheng saw that this Bristle Bear was unable to comprehend what he said, it was just simply offering itself to be sacrificed to his flying sword, and prepared to begin.

At this time, a burst of rapid footsteps were transmitted, it seems as if someone was rushing over from the side. Ning Cheng immediately gave up the idea to fight the Bristle Bear with his hands, and stared at the person who had just rushed out.

It was a young man whose entire body was covered with injuries, and his Qi was almost negligent, one couldn’t even see if he was a cultivator or not. When he saw Ning Cheng, his eyes suddenly lit up, however he immediately fell to the ground because of exhaustion.

“Senior……” although he fell to the ground, this young man had not fainted, and still looked at Ning Cheng with a bit of hope, he apparently hoped that Ning Cheng would come to his rescue.

This young man had just fallen to the ground, when a Black Wolf Monstrous Beast immediately came over. This Black Wolf was already at the pinnacle of the Class 1 Monstrous Beasts, after it had caught up with its target it first saw the flying sword in the hands of Ning Cheng, almost at the same time it saw Ning Cheng, this Black Wolf Monstrous Beast immediately turned around, and in just two breaths time, it had already ran into the depths of the forest, disappearing from his sight.

Ning Cheng did not care about the Black Wolf that had escaped, he subconsciously touched his face, while in his heart he thought did he look really old? Why would a person older than him call him a ‘Senior’? One needs to know that he was a bit less than 18 years of age. His hands touched the beard on his face, which made Ning Cheng guess that he perhaps looked like an uncle which had experienced the vicissitudes of life.

Ning Cheng took out a Jade Bottle and gave it to the man lying on the ground and said, “I do not have any life saving Elixirs, but only a little water, you can drink a little of it.”

Although Ning Cheng said that he only had a little water, the clear water that he had was actually not common water, it was taken from the Spiritual Essence Spring, and still had a rich Qi in it.

This young man looked in fear at the distant place where the Bristled Bear was rather than at Ning Cheng, in his eyes there seemed to be some hope, when Ning Cheng handed him his water he did not answer, but immediately took out a package and gave it Ning Cheng and said, “I cannot go on, please help me deliver this package to the Green Cloud Five Star Academy’s Meng Yujing, let her give it my younger brother Kou Xiuyuan, just say that this was given to you by Kou Hong…….”

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"Stop, you're kidding me right, I can't even get out of the Daan Forest, how can I even leave the continent? Sorry, but once you recover, you can go ahead by yourself." Ning Cheng refused without even hesitating, the continent where he was, he was very clear about it. Not to mention that he could not even get out of the Daan Forest, even if could leave the Daan Forest, he would not be able to get out of the Ping continent.

When this young man heard the words of Ning Cheng, his eyes immediately showed anxiety, and even his expression became urgent, "My Qi meridians are already broken, my dantian is also crushed, there is no way for me to cultivate Qi. I have the map……"

When the young man said the word 'map', the corners of his mouth overflowed with blood, even his tone was breaking up.

But Ning Cheng spirit was greatly lifted, "You really have a map to get out of the Daan Forest?"

The young man apparently did not have the strength to explain anything to Ning Cheng, he tremblingly took out a leather roll from inside his clothes and said, "This leather roll is the map, inside it has Green Cloud Emblem of the Green Cloud 5 Star Academy of the Hua Continent, with this you could enter the Green Cloud Academy, I am giving it you you, I beg you please be sure to deliver that wrapped package into the hands of my fiancee Meng Yujing….."

After saying those words, this young man really was not able to support himself, he once again slightly raised his head to look at Ning Cheng before

letting it fall to the ground. When Ning Cheng heard that it really was the map that he desperately wanted, he immediately stepped forward to grab the leather roll and said, “If I ever have the opportunity to go to the Hua Continent, I will certainly repay the favor.”

As if he heard the commitment of Ning Cheng, this young man heaved a sigh of relief, and drew his last breath.

Ning Cheng was gloomy in his heart, in this place, life was just like a bubble of soap, which could be easily broken. This young man called Kou Hong, wasn’t he his own portrayal? If someday he also ended up dying like this, who would he fondly remember at that moment?

Ning Ruo Lan’s lovely and cute face appeared in front of his eyes, Ning Cheng sighed, in his entire life here, he may not even get the opportunity to see his little sister.

Ning Cheng suddenly became even more sad, he did not go ahead and look at the leather parchment roll and the package that was given to him by the young man, he just picked up the young man, turned around and quickly left the Brown Bristle Bear’s territory.

Seeing Ning Cheng leave, the Brown Bristled Bear felt relieved, it turned around and returned to its lair.

Ning Cheng returned to the perimeter of the Freshwater Lake, buried the young man by the side of the lake, erected a simple tombstone, and wrote a few simple words on the tombstone, ‘The grave of Kou Hong’.

The reason why he helped Kou Hong by putting up a tombstone, was because Ning Cheng in his heart saw his own future the same as him, plus it was also a thanks to Kou Hong who had left him the map.

Ning Cheng did not open the wrapped parcel that he had received from Kou Hong, however he swept through it with his Spiritual Sense, it appeared to be a jet black wooden box, In addition to that, there was a letter and a storage bag. He assumed that Kou Hong wrote this letter for his fiance Meng Yujing, he just did not know why Kou Hong did not place all these things in the storage bag.

It seems that it was not an option for Kou Hong, if Kou Hong had a choice, he

would certainly not give these things to a stranger.

Puting the package into his own storage bag, Ning Cheng took out the leather skin map. Opening the map, sure enough he saw a green token. He did not know what material the token was made of, but it already looked very old. There was a carving of two characters on the token ‘Green Cloud’, presumably this token was the admission voucher to enter the Green Cloud 5 Star Academy.

Ning Cheng was not very interested in entering the Academy, mainly because his spiritual roots were always changing, he did not dare to enter the Academy where they would repeated test his spiritual roots.

When Ning Cheng opened the leather skin map, he immediately came to understand that he could finally exit this place. For him, this map, was simply too perfect, an extremely detailed route was marked on it, moreover even the territories of several high leveled monstrous beasts were also detailedly marked on it. There were even labels of the monstrous beast on their marked territories, however the highest ranking monstrous beast that was marked on it was just a Class 2 Monstrous Beast, this level of Monstrous Beast simply did not pose a threat to Ning Cheng.

Not only that, but the map also included a lot of references. With the help of this map, Ning Cheng could easily find where exactly he was in this kind of place, he was currently in the territory of a low leveled monstrous beast in the Daan Forest. There were even a few places marked, where even Class 5 Monstrous Beasts would frequently appear.

That was not all there was to this map, there were also routes on the map that one could walk to go to the Yuan Continent. Between the Yuan Continent and the Ping Continent was a vast and endless desert, this map even had a recommended route through it, however it did not have any frame of reference, as such one would need have a Direction Plate to find his bearings.

Ning Cheng did not have a Direction Plate, but for him it was not important, as he still did not want to go out of the Ping Continent at the moment.

From the map in his hands, although the place he was, was in the Daan Forest, but it was far from the depths of the Daan Forest. He wasn’t very far from the Ping Continent from his position, on the contrary, if he wanted to go to the Yuan

Continent, the journey was more than a dozen times longer than that to the Ping Continent.

[TL Note – For those who are confused the Daan Forest acts as the intersection point for the three continents – Ping, Hua and Yuan.]

From Ning Cheng's viewpoint, he does not even want to return to the Ping Continent, but rather he wanted to go to the Yuan Continent to have a look. After all not only the Yuan Continent was near to the Hua continent, but it was even more near to an Intermediate Level Continent.

After thinking it over, Ning Cheng decided to first pay a visit to the Namwon City of the Ping Continent. Namwon City was the real capital of the Ming Yi Country. moreover the Clear Heart Academy was also in that place. The reason why Ning Cheng decided to take the risk and go to that place, was because he still had some worries about An Yi. Although those people treated An Yi as a princes in general, it was because An Yi had said that she had a Pure Wooden Spiritual Root. However, if An Yi accidentally tested out to not have a Pure Spiritual Root, then what would happen to her?

After he arrived in this world, he had spent the longest time with An Yi. Moreover, An Yi had also graciously saved his life, in his heart, he had already regarded An Yi as his most closest person. If there was no one to take care of An Yi, then for a single person to stay alone in the Namwon City, in the end their fate would be absolutely tragic and pathetic.

Of course his cultivation level being too low was also one of the reasons for not going to the other Continents, other than that Ning Cheng wanted to go to the Namwon City to look for a way to change the Golden Cicada Fruit into a Qi Condensing Pill. If he could advance to the Qi Condensation Realm, so if wanted to pass through the Daan Forest again, then his safety would be more guaranteed.

With the help of the map, Ning Cheng became extremely familiar with his surroundings, and in just two days, Ning Cheng had already come out of the Daan Forest.

At this time Ning Cheng was no longer the same person who had just escaped from the Cang Le City, he did not even shave off his beard. Coming out of the

Cang Qin Province, along with the hardships he faced in the Daan Forest from time to time, Ning Cheng simply did not look like a teenager, rather he looked like an adventurer who had gone through a lot.

There was a continuous mountain range outside the Daan Forest, Ning Cheng did not take out his flying sword to fly during the day, instead he concealed his cultivation base to appear at Qi Gathering 4th Level. Even if he wanted to ride his sword, it was something that he did only at night.

An Yi was in the Namwon City, but Namwon City also was the place where Lan Yinyue resided. He and Lan Yinyue had a great enmity between them, with his current cultivation, he was not a match against Lan Yinyue. The reason why he had not shaved off his beard, was precisely to make him look older. This trip to the Namwon City, he absolutely could not let his acquaintances recognize him.

A day later, Ning Cheng met a team of adventurers near the edge of the Daan Forest, Ning Cheng bought a map of the Ming Yi Country from these adventurers.

Ning Cheng's Qi was limited, intermittently flying through the night on his flying sword had already made him tired, but during the day he just walked faster to recover his Qi.

So after walking and flying alternatively, almost a half a month later, Ning Cheng arrived at the outskirts of the Namwon City.

Ning Cheng although did not disguise himself as an adventurer, but because of his long stay in the Daan Forest having to constantly fend off against the monstrous beasts, along with his beard, he simply did not even need to make the effort, as he already had the image of a battle hardened adventurer.

Compared to the Cang Le City and the Mingot City, the Namwon City was magnificently large. Ning Cheng was completely unable to fathom how long were the walls of Namwon City extended, the huge gate that led to the city exudes an extreme vicissitude of life. Wherever he looked, it only showed the long history of the Namwon City.

Was this really the capital of the Ming Yi Country, Ning Cheng was secretly wondering in his heart, if this was the place where the legendary 9 Star Academy was located, he just could not get a handle on the extent of this huge and

magnificent city.

There were many people passing through those huge gates, there were two teams of City Guards places on either side of the gate, which clearly demonstrated the strength of the city. On the outside of the city walls, there was a piece of eye catching announcement. Ning Cheng glanced at it from a distance, written on it was apparently the matter about the recruitment of students into the Clear Heart Three Star Academy. There were not many people in front of the notice, so it was obvious that the notice was pasted there a long time ago.

Ning Cheng wanted to have a look at the contents of the announcement, but he held back his curiosity. If at this time he went to see the contents of the announcement, he would definitely be seen as someone who came here for the first time.

He only took a glance at the announcement, and followed the numerous people together into the Namwon City, after entering through the gates, he was not subjected to being questioned by the city guards.

Ning Cheng imagined that there would be more people in Namwon City, and it would be almost crowded everywhere. Compared to the Cang Le City, Namwon City was very orderly, at least no one dared to ride a unicorn and dashed wildly through the streets.

On both sides of the streets stalls, shops, restaurants and the others kinds of entertainment areas were completely packed with people, it was like a large avenue, which was bustling with excitement.

Ning Cheng felt that the majority of the people on the streets were ordinary, although there were some cultivators among them, but their cultivation base was not very high. He relaxed a bit, thinking that as Lan Yinyue had an exceptional background, she would not go onto the streets and rub shoulders with ordinary people.

“What a beautiful pearl hair clip……” A crisp sound attacted the attention of Ning Cheng, Ning Cheng turned his head to see a young girl wearing an ordinary sarong robe standing in front of a stall, while looking at the pearl hair clip in her hands with admiration.

When Ning Cheng’s eyes fell onto the pearl hair clip in her hands, he was

suddenly startled, immediately taking a step forward, he picked up another pearl hair clip from the stall with his hands, it was exactly the same.

“How much does it cost?” Ning Cheng grabbed the pearl hair clip and asked the owner of the stall, while he stared at the other pearl hair clip in the hands of the young girl.

This pearl hair clip was originally appeared to be a pair, this young girl wearing the sarong robe was holding one, so Ning Cheng could only obtain one of them, of course he wanted to certainly buy the full pair of the pearl hair clip. He did not necessarily want the girl to have it, he wanted to just immediately buy it out, if this young girl wanted to, he could ask the young girl for a favor to help her, so that she would give the pearl hair clip to him.

The reason why Ning Cheng was so excited, was because this pair of pearl hair clips was not only the same ones that he had given to his younger sister, but it was even of the same blue color, not only that but even the shape was exactly the same, the same snowflake shape. If one did not consider the materials it was made from, then this pair of pearl hair clips and the pair of pearl hair clips that he purchased on Earth, there was basically no difference between them.

When he had bought the pair of pearl hair clips initially, one of them was thrown away by Tian Mu Wan, and the other one was in the hands of Ning Rou Lan. Today he once again saw the exact same pearl hair clips, wasn’t it just god’s will?

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"One gold coin." the stall owner obviously was very good at running his business, seeing Ning Cheng and the young girl wearing the sarong talk about the pearl hair clip, he immediately charged an exorbitant price.

What's more, today the Nan Yuan City was filled with people from the outside, not to say about a gold coin, he even could charge 10 gold coins, as long he could find a person who took fancy to it, someone would definitely buy it.

The hand of young girl wearing the sarong trembled slightly, on the mention a gold coin, "How does such a pair of pearl hair clip cost 1 gold coin? Just how is this possible……"

In her view, even if this pearl hair clip was very delicate and beautiful, it would be at most be a few dozen copper coins, which was even less than a silver coin.

The stall owner said with an unhurried pace, "My pearl hair clip is unique, you would never find a second pair like it, moreover it was personally created by the Imperial Casting Master, how could you say that this price is expensive? Moreover, I only said that it is one gold coin for a pair, but not a gold coin for each one."

Ning Cheng also knew that the stall owner was charging an exorbitant rate, but not to mention about 1 gold coin, even if he charged him a 1000 gold coins it would not be too much money to him. Moreover, for him a gold coin's role was getting smaller and smaller. The thing he needed now the most was Ling Shi, even Qi Gathering Stones to him would not be much useful.

"Boss, then if I will take out a gold coin, will you sell me the two pearl hair clips

to me?” this sarong wearing young girl said as she looked at the pearl hair clip in Ning Cheng’s hand, gritted her teeth and said. She had come here to the Nan Yuan City to participate in the selection exam of the Clear Heart Academy, but she had become too fond of those pearl hair clips, and when she held onto one of the pearl hair clip in her little hands, she had a kind of an extremely tranquil feeling, she felt that this pearl hair clip was something made for her.

Since childhood, she had never spent such an extravagant amount of money just to buy a small hair ornament.

“No way.” the stall owner said firmly, while he simultaneously looking at Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng heard the tone of the sarong wearing young girl, it seems that she really liked the pearl hair clip. However this pearl hair clip was something necessary for him, from the time he saw the same pair of pearl hair clip in Nan Yuan City, he basically couldn’t express the surprise he felt in his heart. What this simple pair of pearl hair clip represented, this to Ning Cheng, was as if an invisible hand of god was guiding him towards it.

The young girl also looked at Ning Cheng, with her eyes filled with hope, she really hoped that Ning Cheng would give her the pearl hair clip. She was not a fool, she could clearly see why the stall owner had raised the price, it was not because that the pearl hair clip was really precious, but because she was competing with someone else, and the person who she was competing with was standing beside her.

Ning Cheng gave the young girl an apologetic look and said, “I’m really sorry, this pearl hair clip means a lot to me. If you could afford to part with it, will you be willing to give me the pearl hair clip in your hands? I am willing to buy you another pair of the pearl hair clips, that you can casually choose.”

The sarong wearing girl had a very rustic appearance, but Ning Cheng actually discovered that she and An Yi were not much different, she had a pair of eyes that were bright and clear, that innocent look in them made it look as if it could directly see into people’s heart, it made people unable to think of rejecting her in their hearts. But Ning Cheng affirmed, that she did not practice cultivation, her body did not emit even half the undulations of Qi cultivation.

After listening to the words of Ning Cheng, this young girl slightly frowned, not because Ning Cheng was not willing to give the pearl hair clip to her. She knew that in Nan Yuan City, seeing a gold coin was very rare, she estimated that she was the only such person who could actually afford it.

The reason she frowned was because Ning Cheng said that he was willing to spend such an extravagant amount of money to even buy a pair of pearl hair clip for her, this made her feel that this person was extremely frivolous. A man buying a pair of pearl hair clip for a woman, is not something that was casually done.

She shook her head, and put the pearl hair clip down and said, “This pair of pearl hair clip is not to be separated, since it had a lot of meaning for you, then I can give it to you.”

She said this with a gentle and demure tone, it made it seem as if giving the pearl hair clip to Ning Cheng was a natural affair.

Ning Cheng quickly took out 2 gold coins and gave them to the stall owner, then thanked the sarong wearing girl from the bottom of his heart, “Thank you, you can chose any pair of pearl hair clip, and I will buy it for you.”

This time the young girl wearing the sarong directly refused and said, “You do not need to, it was just that I liked the unique snowflake shape of the pearl hair clip, I do not need other people to buying things for me, I can take out 2 gold coins by myself.”

These words did not have a direct connection to Ning Cheng, he really missed his little sister Rou Lan, for her he was not willing to let this pair of that pearl hair clips to fall into the hands of a stranger.

A person who was standing on the side who had seen the exchange clearly, said with a ridiculing and sarcastic voice, “A man was unexpectedly competing with a woman for a pearl hair clip.”

That sarong wearing young girl was obviously afraid to cause more disputes, so she did not dare say anything, quickly turned around and walked into the crowd, and very soon disappeared from his view.

Ning Cheng ignored the words of other people, after he received the pearl hair

clips from the stall owner directly, he did not leave, but rather asked the stall owner, “Boss, did all these huge amounts of people in the Nan Yuan City came to participate in the selection exam of the Clear Heart Academy? Although the Clear Heart Academy is large, it wouldn’t need these many people right?”

The stall owner who received the two gold coins was in a really good mood, after listening to the words of Ning Cheng, he immediately shook his head like the tail of the rattlesnake and said, “How could it be that, though there are a number of people here, but majority of the people come here to this city to compete for business. So if you want, you could go to the Spiritual Root Testing Plaza, there you will find many such stalls everywhere.”

“Spiritual Root Testing Plaza?” Ning Cheng did not understand it and asked again.

The stall owner patiently replied, “You came here to attend the selection exam of the Clear Heart Academy right? To participate in the selection, you will first have to go to the Spiritual Root Testing Plaza to test out your spiritual roots. Only when you pass the first test of your spiritual roots, only then will you be eligible to enter the Second Spiritual Root Test in the Clear Heart Academy.”

After saying this, the stall owner was afraid that Ning Cheng did not understand it, and said it with extreme pride, “This time our Clear Heart 3 Star Academy of our Ming Yi Country is recruiting for disciples, it is not that simple, if one was selected, then he might be even be able to ask for the moon.”

“Oh, then what is going on here?” Ning Cheng was really curious now. Being selected to join the Clear Heart Academy, would certainly be of great honor and luck, but that does not mean that one could just ask for the moon.

The stall owner was very proud, as if the Clear Heart 3 Star Academy was his own private property, “You have heard of the Hua Continent right? Yi Xing mainland has 9 Continents, among the 3 lower leveled continents, the Hua Continent is the largest with the most dense spiritual aura, in case one’s status was good, then they could even go to an intermediate class continent.”

“I know, I know, but I need to ask for more detail,” Ning Cheng quickly lowered himself and clasped his hands, he really wanted to go to the Hua Continent once.

The stall owner was very satisfied with the attitude of Ning Cheng, even if he

did not have to attend to his business, he carefully explained to Ning Cheng, “I heard that the Hua Continent has five 5 Star Academies, three years later there will be a competition between these five 5 Star Academies in one of the lower class continents. Once one of the 5 Star Academies won the competition, then they would acquire a great advantage and benefits”

“These 5 Star Academies for the sake of coming out on top in the competition three years from now, will simultaneously recruit the best disciples from Ping, Yuan and Hua Continents. All the 3 Stars and above academies are participating in the selection of outstanding disciples from their respective academies. My Clear Heart Academy naturally is one of those Academies, as long as you get selected for the Clear Heart Academy, you might even have the chance to even go to a 5 Star Academy.”

“What are the great benefits that the students of Academy would receive?” Ning Cheng subconsciously asked, even if the 5 Star Academies had great advantages, he still found it very strange and was also curious about it.

“I do not about that.” The stall owner said with some embarrassment.

“I know about it, but you need to sell me that pearl hair clip that you just purchased.” A hoarse voice sounded next to Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng turned around to see an extremely sturdy and robust young man, this young man was not only extremely robust, moreover he was wearing coarse homespun clothes on his body. Ning Cheng immediately guessed that this young man must have some relationship to that sarong wearing young girl.

When Ning Cheng saw that, he first thanked the stall owner, and turned to the young man and said, “Since my friend is keen on wanting the pearl hair clip, then let’s go to a quiet place to talk about it.”

Ning Cheng did not want to give the pearl hair clip, but he wanted to know about the situation. Although this youth did not seem to have any background, but it did seem that he knew much more about the things around here than the stall owner.

This young man simply did not think much, he immediately nodded and said, “Ok, you can lead the way. No matter what you ask, as long as I know about it I will tell you, but the condition is that you have to give me the pearl hair clips.”

He seemed to be very honest and straightforward, Ning Cheng took a glance at him and immediately determined.

Ning Cheng did not have much interest in what information the youth had, but because the Nan Yuan City's stalls and restaurants were already very crowded, he was unable to find a peaceful place to sit so he just wanted to find a quiet place first.

Ning Cheng brought this youth to a somewhat less secluded place, and said bluntly, "Friend, this pearl hair clip is extremely significant for me, I have no way of giving it to you. However I have only arrived in the Nan Yuan City, there are a lot of things that I don't understand, and thus I have to ask others."

The reason why he chose this youth to inquire, was because Ning Cheng felt that the opposite party was an extremely simple and a very honest person, moreover he did not seem to be a cultivator. Asking him who did not practice cultivation was a lot safer, otherwise, if he asked a Qi Gathering cultivator of Nan Yuan City that why did he not know why the Clear Heart Academy was recruiting disciples, then they would definitely suspect him. If it was any other place then he could forget about it, but here he had Lan Yin Yue as his personal enemy.

After listening to Ning Cheng's words, a trace of sadness flashed across the young man's eyes, "Before when my younger sister found me, she looked somewhat depressed, since childhood, I did not let her suffer any grievances. After I asked her, I came to know that the pearl hair clip that she liked was bought by someone else."

"How did you know that it was me?" Ning Cheng blurted, with so many people on the street, and coupled with the fact that the sarong wearing young girl had already disappeared for a long time, he was only there because he wanted to ask a few questions to the stall owner, it was because of that delay that he had not walked out. Arguably, this youth had not seen him buy anything, and thus by rights he should not have known that he was the one who had bought the pearl hair clip.

The youth embarrassingly took out a handkerchief and said, "I said that I would certainly help her get it back, so she drew a picture for me, I could recognize that you were the same person as the picture……"

Ning Cheng saw the picture drawn on the handkerchief and immediately became sluggish, in this world there was still a person who was this skillful with their hands. This picture had quite a few strokes, but his image was fully outlined on the face of the handkerchief. This type of work could even be compared to the lifelike photo from a digital camera, rather this hand drawn portrait was even more realistic.

Ning Cheng had always been proud of his abnormal memory and analytical skills that could not be compared to anyone, but today he knew, that he was not the only person with the most abnormally powerful memory. Just with a glance, even the most minute of his facial expression were captured and drawn with a very fine detail, just how many so called geniuses could even compare to that?

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Chapter 0050 – Medicinal Pills Are Hard To Get

“In my heart, my younger sister is a princess, but she is like me and lives in poverty. A few months ago, after my sister heard that the Clear Heart Academy was recruiting students, she in her heart always wanted to go to such a place, but she was never willing to tell me about this matter, she was afraid that I would be worried. The only thing that I could do to help her, was sell everything from our home immediately, then accompany her to come here to participate in the selection exam.” This youth said these words with a voice filled with great and strong love, he had always looked at his sister as if she was the stars in the sky, all he could could think of was how to help her.

“What if your sister fails in the selection exam, what would you do then? Don’t you have a family back at home?” Ning Cheng asked this time, while in his heart he was thinking that it was not this youth but his sister who was going to participate in the selection exam. He thought of him and his younger sister Ruo Lan, how he had to take care of his younger sister Ruo Lan, how he had similarly left everything from his home, and followed her younger sister to Jianzhou.

Wasn’t this youth and him very much alike?

When he heard Ning Cheng’s questions, this youth replied with pride, “As long as someone is selected, my sister will definitely be one of those who are selected, there is nobody more outstanding than my younger sister.”

Ning Cheng did not criticize this young man, as a person who cherished his younger sister to such an extent, his words also resonated strongly with him, and did not cause a bad impression of the young man in his eyes.

“This time my sister will definitely be selected for the Clear Heart Academy, I wanted to help her get back this pearl hair clip, it may be the last thing that I may be able to do for her. So, I request you to make a promise with me. Although I do not have much gold, but I will try to give you as many gold coins as I can.” Said the young man with a pleading tone in his voice. He was obviously not a fool, he knew that once his sister gets selected for the Clear Heart Academy, she would not be able to be involved with him any longer.

Ning Cheng did not say anything else, he just took out the pair of the pearl hair clips and handed it to the young man and said, “I also very much love my little sister, you can give this to your younger sister. For your younger sister to have a big brother like you, she must be very happy.”

When he gave the pearl hair clips, Ning Cheng also sighed in his heart, suddenly he was somewhat envious of the young man in front of him. At least he could still see his sister, even under the same sky.

“Ah…..” this young man did not think that Ning Cheng would speak in such a good way, he already did not have much hope for it, but Ning Cheng actually gave him the pearl hair clips.

For a moment he did not react, and then he hastily started pulling out gold coins from his pouch. Ning Cheng just waved his hands and said, “I do not want your gold, for me gold coins are just something superfluous. The reason why I gave you the pearl hair clips, is because I also have a younger sister, she also liked this type of pearl hair clips……”

“Ah, this, this……” this young man was a simple and honest person, he knew what it meant to love someone. His sister was his only younger sister, then doesn’t somebody else’s sister would not be a younger sister to someone? But he was reluctant to return the pearl hair clips back to Ning Cheng, so at this time he unexpectedly came up with a solution.

“Why don’t we take one each? You can then deliver the one you have to your younger sister.” This young man hesitated a bit before handing a pearl hair clip to Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng pushes it away and said, “No it’s okay, these pearl hair clips are originally supposed to be a pair, you must not tamper with it. Moreover in this

lifetime, I possibly cannot see my little sister again. Keeping the pearl hair clip on me, will only make me more sad, it would be better if you gave it to your younger sister."

This young man was not well versed with words, he did not know how to come forward and comfort Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng just smiled and said, "Didn't you say that when I gave you the pearl hair clips, you would tell me about the competition between the 5 Star Academies of the Hua continent? Also what does 'coming out on top' mean?"

The young man saw Ning Cheng change the topic with his own initiative, he just heaved a sigh of relief, he hastily picked up the pearl hair clips and said, "I heard that in the Yi Xing Mainland, the high leveled continents in order to enhance the strength of the low leveled continents, decided to set up a 6 Star Academy on the Hua Continent. This 6 Star Academy, will be the only 6 Star Academy in all of the three lower leveled continents. But there are five 5 Star Academies in the Hua Continent itself, as a result of that, it created a problem on how to decide which one of the five 5 Star Academies would be promoted to a 6 Star Academy."

"For the sake of fairness, the people of the high leveled continents of the Yi Xing Mainland decided to adopt the form of competition to select which one of the Academies would advance. The five 5 Star Academies would send out their most outstanding disciples for this competition, the Academy with the most outstanding achievement and results, will be supported to advance to a 6 Star Academy, the other four 5 Star Academy would become the subordinates of this newly formed 6 Star Academy."

The young man embarrassedly scratched his head and said, "This is what my younger sister told me, it was also a person from the Clear Heart Academy who told these things to my younger sister. In fact, the reason why the Clear Heart 3 Star Academy is recruiting students, is so that it could conduct a selection, to determine the best and the most important disciples, it is very likely that they would be sent to the Hua Continent to participate in the competition. After going to the Hua Continent, those 5 Star Academies will once again screen them."

“I understand, thank you.” Ning Cheng nodded, he finally understood what was going on, it was evident that the Clear Heart 3 Star Academy was not selecting the disciples to enter the Clear Heart Academy. The last time when the Yun Xing 5 Star Academy had come to especially select disciples, perhaps it was because they were taking advantage of the favor of the Ping Continent’s ancestor Lian Hao Yan, and then select some outstanding disciples from the lot for this purpose.

The young man apparently felt that although he had to answer the two questions that he was supposed to answer, it was not enough to repay Ning Cheng for the pearl hair clips, and added another sentence, “Elder Brother if you want to participate in the selection exam of the Clear Heart Academy, you need to go to the Ming Pu Plaza on the outside courtyard of the Clear Heart Academy to first test out your spiritual root, only then would you be eligible to enter the Clear Heart Academy. Me and my little sister are going there tomorrow to take the test, half a month later, the Clear Heart Academy will officially begin to recruit students.”

Ning Cheng once again thanked him, and prepared to leave first to find a place to stay.

This young man actually gave the handkerchief in his hands to Ning Cheng and said, “This picture is yours, so I am just returning it to you.”

Ning Cheng did not know whether to laugh or to cry as he pushed his hand back and said, “I do not need it, I’ll take my leave now, I wish you and your little sister good luck, hope you can get selected into the Academy.”

He was talking about people falling in love, certainly this young man can’t have such a thick skin, casually giving away a woman’s handkerchief to a complete stranger.

It was not until Ning Cheng went far away, that this young man was mumbled it to himself, “This person really is a great man.”

Ning Cheng certainly was not a person who was on good terms with everybody, in this young man he saw his own shadow, because of this he took the initiative to give the two pearl hair clips to him.

At this time Ning Cheng was looking for a place to stay in the Nan Yuan City,

after he secured some accommodation, he would then go to the Ming Pu Plaza to have a look, and even test out his spiritual root.

Ning Cheng was very clear, to meet with An Yi would certainly not be simple. An Yi would certainly be inside the Clear Heart Academy, with nobody to take him there, he was clear that he had to go through the entrance of the Clear Heart Academy. If he wanted to see An Yi, he could only wait for the time when the Clear Heart Academy started recruiting disciples, till then he could only go and fish through the troubled waters.

The inns in the Nan Yuan City were already packed to the full, Ning Cheng was still very far from the place where the Clear Heart Academy was located, because of the city being so crowded he had to spend nearly 10 times the price to find a place to stay.

After finding a place to stay, Ning Cheng did not stay in that place. He had come to this Nan Yuan City not only to look for An Yi, but to look for some other things as well. The most important things were of course finding someone who could help him in refining the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle and a Qi Condensation Pill.

Regardless of whether it was refining the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle or exchanging the Golden Cicada Fruit for a Qi Condensation Pill, Ning Cheng could not be careless about it.

Feiyan Pill Pavilion, it was one of the three big Pill Stores of the Nan Yuan City. However the location where it was situated was relatively remote, it was at the Northern edge of the Nan Yuan City.

At present Nan Yuan City was packed with people, even though the Feiyan Pill Pavilion was located in a remote area, there were still many cultivators coming and going through its doors.

Ning Cheng was wearing a large hat that covered his face, and carrying a black cloth package on his back, he entered the Feiyan Pill Pavilion. In the Nan Yuan City, people who dressed like him were not uncommon.

Some people did not want to be recognized by others, still some people intentionally pretended to be deep. Speaking of Ning Cheng, no matter what, the more such people were present the better it was for him, at least he did not appear to stand out of the crowd.

“I’ll take a bottle of Spiritual Qi Restoring Solution.”

“Give me a small bottle of Returning Spiritual Qi Solution.”

When Ning Cheng came in, he heard a variety of noisy voices. The majority of requests were for the purchase of different kinds of Spiritual Solutions, there were also some wanting to buy Pills, while there were also a few others who were bargaining back and forth.

Compared to the Cang Le City and the Mingot City, the Nan Yuan City was much more standardized, at least there were no one shouting about Pills openly.

Ning Cheng after listening for a long time, became aware about the rough prices of some of the items, a single bottle of Spiritual Qi Recovery Solution was going for 10 Qi Gathering Stones, it had the ability to recover a part of one’s Spiritual Qi for an Initial Stage Qi Gathering Cultivator. The small bottle of Returning Spiritual Qi Solution was a spiritual healing solution, and also costed 10 Qi Gathering Stones, it can only be used to heal some common injuries.

[TL Note – Don’t get confused by the two different Medicinal Solution – the first one is the Spiritual Qi Restoring Solution (回气灵液) and the second one is the Returning Spiritual Qi Solution (还灵液). They both have similar names but different uses.]

As for the Spiritual Qi Solutions that had better effects, the price for those rose up in straight line. Ning Cheng moved towards a salesperson who looked busy and asked, “Excuse me, do you have a few Higher Level Medicinal Pills to sell?”

Ning Cheng was very careful, when he looked at most of the Spiritual Liquids and the Pills sold here, Ning Cheng already had some doubts if he could purchase the Qi Condensation Pill in the Nan Yuan City.

“High Leveled Medicinal Pills? What kinds of Medicinal Pills do you want? Returning Qi Pills? Rejuvenating Pills? or True Returning Pills?” The sales person stared at Ning Cheng and directly asked. After he asked, with extreme pride in his voice he said, “We the Feiyan Pill Pavilion do not sell inferior quality medicinal pills, but in this place, you cannot purchase pills in the same way as other places in the Nan Yuan City. Of course, if you want to truly buy a high level medicinal pill, then we are required to authenticate your credentials and establish your identity, otherwise they are not for sale.”

A True Returning Pill can even be used by early Qi Condensation Realm cultivators to recover their Spiritual Qi, but this type of medicinal pill requires authentication and verification of one's credentials, doesn't this mean that the Qi Condensation Pill which was even more precious than the True Returning Pill would be even more difficult to buy? Ning Cheng now understood, that in this kind of place like the Nan Yuan City, although he could use the Ling Shis and spiritual grasses that he has to buy the medicinal pill, but he knew that he could not act rashly.

He said with a slight exaggeration, "According to your statement, if I wanted to buy a Qi Condensation Pill, or to buy a Building Yuan Pill wouldn't I need to bring out my entire family tree for verification and authentication?"

The surrounding cultivators when they heard Ning Cheng talking about something interesting, immediately roared with laughter.

The salesman did not care about what was said and replied, "You all should be foreign cultivators, many of you do not understand the rules of Nan Yuan City. The True Returning Pill is something that is hard to come by in the Nan Yuan City, of course selling it is not an easy thing. As for the Qi Condensation Pill, although I should not say this, but it is not something that we sell in the Feiyan Pill Pavilion, as for the Building Yuan Pill, I am afraid that even in the entire Ping Continent you would not be able to buy it."

"According to you, if I found a bunch of Golden Cicada Fruits, can I not use the same to get the Qi Condensation Pill?" said someone, helping Ning Cheng who also wanted to ask those words the most.

The salesman still unhurriedly replied, "If you can really get the Golden Cicada Fruit, then you would not have to worry about the Qi Condensation Pill. As a go between our Pill Pavilions, the Clear Heart Academy's Pill Division's Elders, will surely help you concoct the pill. Of course, refining the pill for you will require an appropriate remuneration."

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Chapter 0051 – White Haired Old Woman

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Ning Cheng came out of the Feiyan Pill Pavilion, as he did not dare to take out the Golden Cicada Fruit. He already came to know from the mouth of that salesperson, that even if he had a Golden Cicada Fruit, it would be very difficult to obtain a Qi Condensation Pill. Taking a step back, even if he could use the Golden Cicada Fruit to trade for a Qi Condensation Pill, he would have to pass through the Clear Heart Academy's inspection. Ning Cheng was not brain damaged, why would he do such a thing?

Since this was the Feiyan Pill Pavilion, he did not need to go visit the rest of the Pill Shops, they all would certainly be similar to this. I appears that even if had the Golden Cicada Fruit, trying to get a Qi Condensation Pill, would not be an easy matter.

Because of the experience from the Feiyan Pill Pavilion, Ning Cheng decided to look for a more common Refining Store. He had no plans to take out the only Flood Dragon Horn he had, he wanted to sell the sickle artifact that he had on him, or if possible try to trade it for a needle type artifact.

Ning Cheng did not know much about Refining, so he ended up looking for an entire half a day, the sky was also starting to turn dark, but still he could not find a place that specialised in refining artifacts. At most he only found a few vendors with stalls who were selling a few used low ranking artifacts, these places could also refine artifacts, but at most they could only refine some common low leveled artifacts, as such even if Ning Cheng requested them to refine what he wanted, they absolutely would not be able to refine it.

This made Ning Cheng very disappointed, he even thought to start refining the

artifact himself, but then thought of the Qi Condensation Pill again, and couldn't help becoming even more discouraged. If only everyone had similar thoughts like him, with not having Pills to refine, nor having magical artifacts to refine, this type of cultivation practice would be so simple. No matter how hard he searched, he could not even find a single person in Nan Yuan City who could refine what he wanted.

Because whether it was Alchemy or Refining, they were not simple to learn, even if one studied for a lifetime, an Alchemist or a Refining Master were very rare to the point of being scarce in the Nan Yuan City. Even if there were many Alchemist and Refiners, they would certainly not stay in the Ping Continent.

Ning Cheng decided to give up finding a Refiner, and wanted to go back and rest for the day, he would then go to the Clear Heart Academy to inquire about An Yi and then see if he could see her. If he could see An Yi earlier, he would be able to leave Nan Yuan City early.

"My Friend, please stay back." Just when Ning Cheng was preparing to head back to take rest, he was suddenly hailed by someone.

Ning Cheng stopped, he turned around and saw a skinny and wretched looking middle aged man, but his cultivation level was actually not weak, he was already at the Qi Gathering 3rd Level.

"Did you call me?" Ning Cheng asked with a deep voice, he seemed to have seen this guy before, however he did not remember in which store did he see him. As he, in order to find a Refiner's Shop, had visited many of the stores in the city.

"I am called Ge Chang, friend are you looking for someone to create a custom artifact?" this skinny middle aged man said to Ning Cheng while clasping his fists, while his tone held a hint of questioning in it.

Although this guy's name and his appearance were exactly opposite, Ning Cheng did not think of it as funny, on the contrary he frowned, and said in a cold voice, "So from what you said, aren't you following me?"

Ge Chang quickly waved his hands and hastily said, "Friend please do not misunderstand, I Ge Chang am a very respected character in the Nan Yuan City, how could I follow you? It is because there have been many cultivators who

came to the Nan Yuan City and were unable to find an authentic Refining Shop, so I offer them my services as I just happen to know a good Refining Master. I have already helped a lot of busy people, as long as you want, I can lead you to this Refining Master's place."

Ning Cheng came to understand, that this guy originally solicited business from everywhere, and exclusively lurked outside waiting for them to come out. In the meantime Ning Cheng was secretly vigilant in his heart, he was being followed by a Qi Gathering 3rd Level Cultivator for so long, but he did not know about it.

Only because this was the Nan Yuan City did Ning Cheng feel a bit relieved, at least he did not encountered the scenes like he had experienced in the Cang Le City and the Mingot City.

Besides since this person with the talent of Qi Gathering 3rd Level decided to show up and propose such a thing to him, Ning Cheng just nodded and said, "Ok, how much do I need to pay you?"

Ning Cheng came from Earth, so of course he knew that in the world there was no such thing as a free lunch, this Ge Chang had come to him with his own initiative, so he definitely wanted to earn a little, he absolutely would not do such a good thing for no reson at all.

Ge Chang listened to Ning Cheng's words, immediately gave a thumbs up and said, "Friend you are simply the most straightforward person that I have met. You definitely will not suffer a loss, this master can be said to be the most powerful Refiner in the entire Nan Yuan City……"

Ning Cheng directly interrupted Ge Chang, "Just say the price you want to take me there, as for the rest, it is not very important."

Ning Cheng did not believe most of the words that Ge Chang spoke, if that Refining Master was really the most powerful, he would not need this Ge Chang person to draw business from everywhere. If there really was such a powerful refining Master, in this place like the Nan Yuan City, he would already have procured the most luxurious building as his refining store long ago.

Fortunately as long as he could refine a thin needle that matched the idea in his mind, as for the quality being good or bad, he did not care much about it. In this place like the Nan Yuan City, to refine a top class artifact, it would be more

appropriate to say that it would just be a dream.

Ge Chang saw that Ning Cheng had no interest in what he said, however he said with some slight embarrassment, “Because this Refining Master does not like to be disturbed by others, moreover being a genuine expert in the field, the price thus that I want might possible be a bit higher, I just need two low grade Ling Shis……..”

Ning Cheng sneered, “You taking me to a place to see a Refining Master requires two low grade Ling Shis, in just one year, wouldn’t you become the richest person in the entire Nan Yuan City? If Ling Shis were so easy to earn, then why would I need to even go and toil in the Daan Forest? You can go look for other patrons who are willing to pay 2 Ling Shis, I am just a poor person, I cannot afford it.”

Just as Ning Cheng finished, he turned around to walk away. Two low grade Ling Shis were already a great fortune in the Nan Yuan City, even if Ning Cheng was able to take out two Ling Shis, he would not spend it on such a fool. Even the core disciples of the Clear Heart Academy like Lu Xue, Le Bohong and the others, are only rewarded a single piece of low grade Ling Shi every month. If they wanted to obtain more Ling Shis, the students would have to go out and start killing others.

“Ok Ok, just give me 10 Qi Gathering Stones.” Ge Chang saw that Ning Cheng was not paying attention to him, quickly called out to Ning Cheng, and immediately dropped the price by a dozen times.

Actually Ning Cheng also had had dozens of pieces of Qi Gathering Stones, they were actually the spoils of war, but these things did not have much use to him, as they contained too many impurities inside them. Plus Ning Cheng really wanted to look for a Refining Master to refine a magical artifact, so this time he did not argue with Ge Chang, he took out 10 Qi Gathering Stones from the cloth bag on his back and gave it to Ge Chang saying, “Lead the way.”

Ge Chang took the Qi Gathering Stones, and was overjoyed in his heart, he had just given out a ridiculous price, he did not think that Ning Cheng would actually give him 10 Qi Gathering Stones.

“My friend, please come with me.” Ge Chang immediately became quite warm

in his tone. He even politely stretched out his hand, and then led the way.

Ning Cheng immediately followed close behind Ge Chang, but was also carefully looking around in the surroundings while being on guard.

Ge Chang turned around 7 or 8 times, and was walking with Ning Cheng for about half an hour, as he went through dozens of streets, and entered into a residential area. After arriving here, there were fewer people around them, even in the entire street you could only find 1 or 2 ordinary people idling about.

Just when Ning Cheng was getting impatient, Ge Chang entered a small alley, while simultaneously stopping in front of a low one storied house, and said, “This is it, this Master’s temperament is somewhat strange, whether he is willing to help you refine or not, I do not know. I have already brought you here, you can go in by yourself, I will not go.”

After explaining this to Ning Cheng, Ge Chang also called out a sentence which was carried to the inside of the house, “Master Kung, I came to look for a business for you again.”

After finishing these words, Ge Chang quickly turned and fled, and instantly vanished from his view in the small alley.

Ning Cheng knew that he was probably cheated, this small alley was clearly a place where the ordinary people lived, how could there be a Refining Master here? If there really was a refining master here, why did this Ge Chang run away? Fortunately he had only given him 10 Qi Gathering Stones.

Whether it was true or false, Ning Cheng still pushed the door and went inside.

It was very dark inside the house, and Ning Cheng’s eyes could only vaguely see what was inside the house. The decorations inside were very simple, only a table and two chairs, other than that, there was nothing else.

There was a door on both sides of the room, the door to the right of the room was closed, but a glimmer of light could be seen coming out the door on the left side of the room.

“Is there anyone here?” Ning Cheng called out.

After waiting for a long time, he still did not get an answer. Ning Cheng went to

the entrance on the left side of the room, he pushed the door a little with his hand, but found that the door was simply unlocked.

After entering the room, Ning Cheng saw that there was already someone inside the room. Not only was there a person inside, it was a white haired old woman.

This old woman had her back to him, there was a stove in front of her, and there was a flame above the stove. However this stove was not a smelting furnace, but an ordinary and common household stove. There was round pot on top of the stove, but he did not know what was cooking inside the pot.

At this time the old woman did not seem to know that Ning Cheng had already entered the room, she lifted her hand to uncover the pot, and an aroma of food greeted his nostrils. Ning Cheng was somewhat speechless and was shaking his head, this was simply the house of an ordinary person, and the person in front of him was preparing food.

“I’m sorry, grandma, I got into the wrong place.” with that, Ning Cheng quickly stepped back wanting to get out of the house.

However just as Ning Cheng entered the room before, he found that there was something wrong with the room, this room did not even have a window, he actually was also not able to smell even a bit of smoke.

Because there was no smell of smoke, Ning Cheng remembered, that the stove did seem to be burning. It was definitely unusual, he did not believe that an ordinary person could use a stove without burning the coal in the stove.

Sure enough, when Ning Cheng entered the room once more, he could see more clearly. The stove truly did not have anything that was burning, but the flames seemed to have a trace of one’s spiritual aura in it. Ning Cheng’s spiritual sense was very strong, he understood with just a glance that the flame that he was seeing did not use ordinary fuel.

“This junior heard that senior here is Refining Master, I have especially came to seek the help of the senior to refine an artifact. Although I may be disturbing senior’s peace and quiet, I ask senior to forgive me.” After Ning Cheng discovered that the flame was unusual, he discovered that he could not even see the old woman’s cultivation level. He immediately guessed in his heart that this

old woman should be a cultivator in the Building Yuan Realm, with such a strange temperament, Ning Cheng did not dare to be casual in front of her.

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"I am not a Refining Master." The white haired old woman slowly turned, although her tone sounded old, but it was neither fast nor slow.

Ning Cheng saw that the eyes of the old woman were a little pale, while there were a few wrinkles in the face.

Ning Cheng did not carefully look at the appearance of this old woman, and hurriedly clasped his fist in front of her and said, "This junior had heard it from Ge Chang that senior was a Refining Master, after this junior saw the furnace fire of senior, he firmly believes that Ge Chang did not lie to me. I still ask the senior to extend a helping hand, as long as the artifact of this junior was refined successfully, whatever senior requests, this junior will try his best to accomplish it."

"You just said that you would do your best to do whatever that I ask, but are you really willing to do it?" The old woman still spoke in an unhurried tone.

Ning Cheng was stunned for a moment, was it that obvious, it implied that if she helped him in refining the needle, then would he have to work himself to death for her?

Fortunately this old woman did not continue to ask, and just slowly said, "I only took one thing from Ge Chang, but I did help him in refining a low level artifact, so he thought that I was a Refining Master. But the fact is, I am not a refining master……"

Ning Cheng was despising her in his heart, you are not a Refining Master, and yet you helped Ge Chang refine an artifact? But he did not dare refute this old

woman, and continued speaking respectfully, “Senior can already refine artifacts, to this junior you are already a Refining Master. This junior’s request is very simple, as long as senior could help me refine just a common artifact.”

This old woman seemed to be embarrassed to refuse Ning Cheng, she just sighed and said, “Since you have already come here to find me, I will help you refine an artifact, which should be alright. But I have three conditions, first you cannot be like Ge Chang, going everywhere and publicizing me as a Refining Master.”

“This junior will heed it, this junior is just passing through Nan Yuan City. I would never publicize the name of the senior, and also would not let anyone disturb senior because of me.” Ning Cheng hastily promised.

The old woman nodded and continued, “The second condition is that you must not take out something that is not pleasing to my eyes, otherwise I will not help you refine the artifact. Although I am not a Refining Master, I will not use lousy things to refine the artifacts. The third condition is that the remuneration for helping you refine the artifact should be of my satisfaction, otherwise I will not help you refine the Artifact.”

“Naturally, what kind of remuneration does senior need?” Ning Cheng asked with confidence, as long as the opposite party wanted payment, it meant that it would work well with him. He also had hundreds of Ling Shis, parting with a bit of them would be worth the help in refining the artifact he needed.

“First you have to tell me something about the artifact you want to refine, then take out the materials.” The old woman did not directly ask Ning Cheng to pay, apparently she wanted to have a look at what Ning Cheng wanted to refine, and then set the price.

Ning Cheng took out two teeth from a Class 2 Demon Wolf monstrous beast and said, “I would like to refine a …….”

She did not even wait for Ning Cheng to finish, when her expression turned sour and roared, “You want me to refine an artifact from this trashy material? You think that since I am not a Refining Master, you can insult me? Get the hell out of here.”

Ning Cheng was surprised for a moment, he did not think that the old woman

would get so angry. The teeth from a Class 2 Demon Wolf Monstrous Beast was trash? This was something that he did not even dare take out in the Magical Weapons Store to exchange it for refining services, why would this old woman say that it was thrash?

Fortunately Ning Cheng reaction was very quick, he immediately put away the sharp teeth from the Demon Wolf, and hurriedly took out a horn and said, “Because the thing that I want to refine is needle, so I thought that the sharp tooth from the Demon Wolf would be better. Since the senior does not like it, I also have a horn…… ”

“What…..” Seeing the horn of a Flood Dragon in the hands of Ning Cheng, the old woman gave out an alarmed cry, she lifted her hands and grabbed the horn of the Flood Dragon, her speed was very fast.

Ning Cheng who was at one side was staring at the old woman with some nervousness, he estimated that he might have to fight, but he was afraid the he would not be a match against this old woman. If this old woman wanted the horn of the Flood Dragon for herself, he really had no means to take it back.

“Isn’t this the horn from a Flood Dragon who had just advanced to Class 4? How did you, who is a mere Qi Gathering 8th Level cultivator, be able to get such a good stuff?” The old woman said while staring at Ning Cheng.

Ning Cheng’s heart sank, he even refused to answer to the matter regarding the Flood Dragon’s Horn, as he stood up in shock, “Senior, you are able to see my actual cultivation level?”

The old woman sneered, “With your broken Concealment Technique, you dare to hide your cultivation level in front of me? Bah.”

With that, she took out a Jade Piece and threw it at Ning Cheng and said, “Let me show you just what a real Concealment Technique is.”

Ning Cheng grabbed the Jade Piece, and used his spiritual sense to sweep through it, immediately he broke out in cold sweat. After he looked at this Jade Piece, he realized that the Concealment Technique that he learned previously was truly thrash. This Concealment Technique that he had been using, had already been revised countless times, if he had not revised it, it was just simply appalling and could not be called a Concealing Technique. But even when he had

revised the Concealing Technique to its perfected form in his mind, his Concealment Technique was truly very weak.

With his cultivation level, there was no way for him to use the Mysterious Yellow Bead's Origin, as he had not yet reached the 'Shapeless' Level.

Just like a black iron, even if it was repeatedly forged, there was simply no way for it to turn into a piece of gold. Perhaps he could only wait for the time till he could reach the 'Shapeless' Level to freely use the Mysterious Yellow Bead, so that even if it was just a random technique, he could then use the Mysterious Yellow Bead's Origin to modify and rectify it into the most amazing top class technique. But that time certainly wasn't now.

Ning Cheng with his fastest speed, scanned through the Concealment Technique once again. The Techniques and Methods were inherently different, Techniques were far less complex than a Method and even the lengths of the mnemonics were shorter. With Ning Cheng's astonishing memory capabilities, by just casually scanning through it once again, he was almost entirely able to learn it and imprint it in his mind.

Others may only be able to remember some things, and while practicing it they may end up making many mistakes, but this was not the case with Ning Cheng, who could even modify even a Method at his own will.

"You can keep the Jade Piece containing the Concealment Technique that I gave you, but first you need to answer two of my questions." The old woman saw Ning Cheng hold the Jade Piece in such a manner, she immediately knew that Ning Cheng was already shocked by this Concealment Technique. She already knew that Ning Cheng was a cultivator at the Qi Gathering 8th Level and thus had the ability to view the contents of the Jade Piece, she basically did not find anything strange with it.

Ning Cheng hurriedly gave the Jade Piece back to the old woman and said, "This junior does not dare to covet the Jade Piece of the senior, if senior wants to enquire about something, then please by all means go ahead and ask, this junior will talk about anything as long as I know about it."

Ning Cheng was not a fool, he had already understood the technique in the Jade Piece, and letting the old woman give it to him wouldn't it mean that he

owed her a favor? Even if she wanted something, he could pretend that he never saw the stuff.

The old woman did not know that not only did Ning Cheng had such a powerful memory, but he even had the ability to correct even a cultivation practice method, because of which she was actually surprised and asked, “You really do not want it?”

Ning Cheng said in a resolute and decisive tone, “This junior had only come to ask senior for her help in refining an Artifact, if one also wanted the technique in the Jade Piece, then wouldn’t it be me being greedy, senior can just go ahead and ask what you want.”

The old woman surprisingly took and put away the Jade Piece with much appreciation and said, “Such being the case, I will also not ask any more questions. This One Horned Flood Dragon had just advanced to Class 4, with your trivial cultivation of the Qi Gathering Realm, for you to get such a thing, really shows that you really are not simple. Moreover, aren’t the Flood Dragon’s skin and the Flood Dragon’s Core not with you?”

Ning Cheng actually did not hesitate, he directly took out the Flood Dragon’s skin and piled it up in the room and said, “I was not able to find the core of the Flood Dragon.”

The old woman’s eyes revealed that she was pleasantly surprised, she did not continue to look at the Flood Dragon’s Skin, she did not even enquire about the Flood Dragon’s core, and directly asked, “What thing do you want me to refine?”

“I want to refine a thin needle shaped artifact which also has a concealing effect, the thinner the better, while at the same time it should be able to help me perform Ice Type Attacks with it, can you….” Ning Cheng was no longer polite, he suspected that this old woman should not be a simple person, and simply spilled out all the characteristics of the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle.

“You want to refine the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle? Does a Qi Gathering Cultivator like you really have a Black Level Technique? It appears that the secrets on your body are not small.” The woman said while staring at Ning Cheng as if implying something else.

Ning Cheng was immediately startled awake from his sub consciousness, this

old woman was really quite amazing, she even knew about the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle Technique. What if she also knew about the Mysterious Yellow Bead, wouldn't that mean certain death for him?

Seeing the worried look on Ning Cheng's face, the old woman smiled and said, "Although a Black Level Techniques are good, I do not put them in my heart. However for you to use the single horn of the Flood Dragon and refine it into the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle, even if the refining was successful, the effect would be far from being satisfactory. This Flood Dragon's horn and the other materials have a great use for me, I have a stinger from a Class 4 Shadow Bee that is more suitable for refining a needle like artifact. These materials are not as good as the stingers from a Class 4 Shadow Bees to refine the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle, would you like to exchange them for the horn and materials of the Flood Dragon for these?"

When Ning Cheng heard about it, he knew that he would definitely suffer a loss, however he did not even consider about it even once and said, "Whatever senior wants you can have it, this junior only wants the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle."

The old woman nodded, apparently she was satisfied with Ning Cheng's attitude, and immediately said, "Although I am not a Refining Master, but I am an Alchemist, if you have any pills that you need to be refined, you can always come to me. At least for a year, I will not leave this Nan Yuan City."

When Ning Cheng heard this, his heart was immediately filled with joy, he did not even think that this old woman was actually an Alchemist. When hearing this news for the first time, he almost immediately went ahead and asked the old woman if she could refine a Qi Condensing Pill. However Ning Cheng immediately refrained from executing his idea, he felt that to even ask the old woman to refine a Qi Condensing Pill, it would not be possible today, he at least would have to wait till he gets his hands on the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle before anything else.

"Of course, if you want me to help you refine pills, then you need to bring your own spiritual grasses, as an old woman, I usually do not go out, so I do not have any spiritual grasses for you." After getting the horn and the hide of the Flood Dragon from Ning Cheng, the old woman's attitude towards Ning Cheng changed greatly.

Ning Cheng knew that he had the Golden Cicada Fruit, but for refining the Qi Condensing Pill, he would need 10-20 different kinds of spiritual grasses. In such a short time, he simply would not be able to collect all the spiritual grasses needed, so looking for this woman to help him refine pills was a bit unrealistic at the moment.

Thinking of this, Ning Cheng hurriedly said, “Does senior have any Jade Pieces that have an introduction to Alchemy, if there are any, would you let this junior take a look at them.”

“You want to learn Alchemy.” The old woman immediately understood the viewpoint of Ning Cheng, she did not believe that someone would ask her such a question.

Ning Cheng sheepishly scratched his head and said, “Yes, if I could refine my own pills, wouldn’t it save me a lot of trouble later?”

This old woman mouth revealed a hint of smile for the first time, looking at Ning Cheng she could tell, although this old woman did not ridicule him, it meant that laughing or ridiculing him did not make much difference to her.

“Since time immemorial, there were tens of thousands of cultivators who wanted to become Alchemists, but for one to actually become an Alchemist, is very rare. In addition to talent and perseverance in Alchemy, you also need great luck. Even if you had pure spiritual roots, even if you had amazing perseverance, if you are not destined for it, then you would never become an Alchemist.” The old woman turned back, her tone felt a little lonely, as if she was speaking to herself while sighing continuously.

Ning Cheng knew that he had an opportunity in front of him, he could no longer could help himself and exposed his own tail, while he eagerly asked, “This junior is certain that he would definitely become an Alchemist, this junior does not need to be taught by senior, as long as senior can give this junior a Jade Piece that contains the basics of Alchemy, that is all that is needed for this junior.”

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The old woman recovered after a while, shook her head while staring at Ning Cheng and said, “I really do have the Jade Pieces that contain the basics of Alchemy, but I will not give it to you. It is not that I am reluctant to part with them, it is for your own good. Although you dress like an old person, I think that your are not older than 20 years, right? Being less than 20 Years old and also being able to advance to the Qi Gathering 8th Level, although it is not considered as being a genius, but in this Ping Continent, it is not something that is easily achieved.”

“With your speed of advancement, you can even leave the Ping Continent in the future, that coupled with your own effort and some luck, you might be even be able to advance to the Mysterious Dan Realm. But if your heart is too greedy, and try to delve into the research of Pills, then I am afraid, that in this life, you might not even advance to the Qi Condensation Realm. Alchemy, it is something that you do not want to learn nor can you learn, just listen to my words.”

Ning Cheng thought about the Mysterious Yellow Bead, and said somewhat with an unwilling heart, “Senior, I am sure that it would not delay my cultivation.”

The old woman smiled slightly and replied, “Any cultivator who wishes to refine pills will have this confidence. In the end the Daos of Alchemy and Crafting are just minor Daos, and they are also for the sake of enhancing one’s cultivation. If not for the sake of advancing to a higher level, there would be no

one willing to refine pills. But everyone has been misled by these minor Daos; if the end result is for the sake of cultivation, why not put all your energy into your cultivation itself? If one day you can gaze down on anything whether great or small, will there be an Alchemist who would dare to refuse to refine pills for you, or a Craftsman unwilling to forge weapons for you?”

When Ning Cheng heard this, his heart suddenly felt hot. This was the first time he heard someone talk about the Daos of Alchemy, even the refining of artifacts has its own Dao called the Dao of Crafting. But although he was discouraged by her, he actually felt that this old woman did not speak wrong, if one day he could gaze down on everything big or small, will there be an alchemist who would dare to refuse to make pills for him, or a craftsman unwilling to forge weapons for him?

However, without the Pills, how would he be able to gaze down on things big or small? His fiery mood that had just flared up, immediately cooled down again.

This old woman seemed to know about the thoughts that were going through the mind of Ning Cheng, and once again said with an unhurried tone, “In this world people who refine pills are truly not the strongest people, there are naturally many things stronger than them in the world. If one day, you are able to find these inherently magical items, which are countless times even more powerful than any pills, then what would you have to even worry about. If you only rely on artificial pills refined by people for your cultivation, you will not be able to eliminate it toxic dependence, and will forever be a second rate character. Alchemy is just an auxiliary means to the cultivation practice, it is actually not the end goal.”

“What senior means is, as long as a person just practices his cultivation, there is no need to refine Pills?” Ning Cheng asked in a puzzled way.

The old woman shook her head and once again said, “No, it is just that you are not suitable to practice Alchemy. With only your cultivation level, even if you had an intelligence that went against the will of the heavens, so what of it? The prerequisite to practice Alchemy is that it not only requires a lot of Spiritual Grasses at hand, but secondly you must also have a Pill Flame in addition to an excellent luck. If you do not have either of them, then even if you really want to advance to the Qi Condensate Realm through Alchemy it would be really difficult,

you simply chose the wrong path. If you want to refine pills, then you can always come to me when you feel that you can no longer advance in your cultivation by yourself. However, I believe that at that time, you will already be in no mood to refine pills by yourself."

Ning Cheng sighed, he knew that the old woman did not speak anything wrong. He only relied on the Mysterious Yellow Bead, the Mysterious Yellow Bead cannot just create millions of Spiritual Grasses out of thin air. Evidently, even if he wanted to practice Alchemy, this old woman would not let him.

"You can come back in ten days to collect the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle, I will definitely refine it for you." The old woman said as she saw Ning Cheng lowering his head to ponder, she did not care what Ning Cheng was thinking about, and directly gave him the order to leave.

"Yes, this junior will take his leave." After Ning Cheng came out of the old woman's cottage, he put aside the matters regarding to Alchemy in his heart.

No matter how it was, even if he started studying Alchemy from this moment, he would not be able to immediately refine a Qi Gathering Pill. If he wanted to advance to the Qi Condensation Realm, he must try to think of other ways. It's true that there are many cultivators in the Qi Condensation Realm, but it is not necessary that everyone of them was an Alchemist.

Ning Cheng did not go to the Ming Pu Plaza to test out his spiritual roots, he wanted to wait till he had gotten his hands on the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle. Moreover after what the old woman had said, Ning Cheng did not even have half confidence in trying to conceal his cultivation level using his Concealing Technique.

He simply decided to rest for the time being, and try to practice the new cultivation concealment technique that he had just obtained.

Ten days flashed by, in these ten days, Ning Cheng not only perfected the Concealment Technique that he had obtained from the old woman, but had even learnt the new concealment technique in its entirety.

On the tenth day, Ning Cheng impatiently rushed to the stone cottage of the old woman. But he discovered that the door of the cottage was actually locked, Ning Cheng was a bit surprised in his heart, this senior who looked like an old

woman, did she deceive him to obtain his materials? Wasn't this definitely possible?

"Did you come to ask something from Aunt Gong Sun?" A hesitant voice came from the doorway of the opposite cottage, Ning Cheng turned around and saw a thin lipped boy who had a very ugly appearance.

"Yes, I am looking for Aunt Gong Sun, did Aunt Gong Sun go somewhere?" Ning Cheng quickly replied. While simultaneously feeling that this Aunt Gong Sun's name sounded really familiar, when he was on Earth, he had once heard the same name, but he also knew, that this certainly was not the same person.

When this extremely ugly teenager heard the words of Ning Cheng, he immediately grinned, and quickly entered his house and took out a small wooden box while handing it to Ning Cheng saying, "Just before leaving Aunt Gong Sun gave this to me, she said that everything that you want is in here, do what you want with it."

Ning Cheng received the wooden box with gratitude, but in his heart he did not understand. He had only asked Aunt Gong Sun to create the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle, what did this thing have to do with it?

Although he was dying to see the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle, Ning Cheng strongly held back his excitement, and first brought the wooden box back to his place of residence.

After returning to his residence, Ning Cheng first arranged a Concealing Array Formation, and then cautiously opened the wooden box.

The small wooden box also had a smaller crystal box within it, there was a small pile of things next to the crystal box. Ning Cheng did not pay any attention to this pile of things besides the crystal box, and directly took out the crystal box to open it with his hands.

An extremely thin, almost invisible to the naked eye, needle was resting inside the crystal box, and was even flickering, almost as if it would vanish at any time.

"Good needle." Ning Cheng called out in marvel, he immediately understood, that this needle absolutely surpassed the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle that he had anticipated.

When Ning Cheng grasped the fine thin needle with his hands, a feeling of wanting to connect to it and refine it surged forward towards his heart. Ning Cheng did not hesitate, immediately closing his eyes, he started to refine the needle in his hands.

After one day, Ning Cheng was once again surprised as he opened his eyes, the fine needle in his hand had disappeared. The thin needle had already cleanly stuck to the inside sleeve of his garment, and was even completely linked with the thoughts of his mind.

At this moment Ning Cheng did not believe that the old woman was not a Crafting Master, the rank of this fine needle was even higher than his flying sword, this was simply on the level of a best quality artifact.

A person who can refine a best quality artifact, how can they not be a crafting master?

Ning Cheng was very happy in his heart, he even forgot the pile of other things in the wooden box, and was constantly practicing the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle Technique with the fine needle in his hand.

Until he discovered that his stomach was empty, he found that one day had already passed by. Ning Cheng was very surprised in his heart with the fine needle. Once he faced his enemy, and using the 36 Thick Ice Sword Technique along with the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle Technique in unison, even if it was cultivator at the Qi Condensation Realm, in the situation in him being sneak attacked, he estimated that it would be very difficult for his opponent to evade it.

Today, he finally had gained some actual abilities to help him protect himself. Ning Cheng felt even more grateful towards the old woman, and even towards Ge Chang, Ning Cheng thought that he should have paid him more than the 10 Qi Gathering Stones that he had given him. Even if he had paid him the 2 Ling Shis that he originally asked, he felt that it would still be much less for what he had obtained.

Ning Cheng picked up the 7 Pleiadene Ice Needle, and was ready to go out to eat, when he remembered that there were some other items in the wooden box. He hastily picked up that pile of things, shaking it a bit, he found it to be

something extremely thin.

Ning Cheng recognised it in just a glance, it was refined from the hide of the One Honed Flood Dragon. He also understood what was the matter, it should be the case that the old woman thought that the hide of the Flood Dragon was a bit too much for her, so she helped him refine an armor out of the hide.

Ning Cheng took off his cloths, and put on the refined internal armor, feeling an indescribable feeling spreading throughout his body. He felt very grateful towards the old woman in his heart.

He did not throw away the wooden box, in his opinion, it was equal to owing the old woman a favor. Originally, if it were other people, they would definitely not give him the armor, but this person gave it to him just like that. In the meantime, Ning Cheng felt, that when the old woman told him to not learn Alchemy at that moment, he thought that it was definitely not without reason.

The Ming Pu Plaza was located just outside the Clear Heart Academy, it belonged to the common area jointly owned by the Clear Heart Academy and the Ming Yi Country. It was not only a huge plaza, but also the only place in the entire Ming Yi Country where one could test their Spiritual Roots freely. If it was just a normal day, the people who came to the Ming Pu Plaza to test their spiritual roots would have required a lot of gold coins to do so, but during these several days they did not charge even a single gold coin. All the people could freely take the test, because in just a few more moments the Clear Heart Academy would officially start its recruitment of disciples.

Although in the past several days the people coming to the Ming Pu Plaza have been increasing, but today it was completely packed with people. Almost all of them were cultivators, and it looked liked most of the people from the Nan Yuan City had come here. Because today was the day when the Clear Heart Academy would finally start the recruitment process of the disciples, as long as one’s spiritual roots met the minimum conditions, they would pass the test, and would then be able to enter the Clear Heart Academy to take the secondary test.

Ning Cheng followed the large number of people into the Ming Pu Plaza to take the spiritual roots test, today he took off the big hat that he had been using to hide his face these several days. However he deliberately dressed down, to look

like an old person, he even had a bit beard which showed the vicissitudes of life on him.

Because today was the day when the Clear Heart Academy would select their disciples, therefore the people who had come to test out their spiritual roots were actually not many. As most people had already tested out their spiritual roots before.

Ning Cheng was already experienced in how to use the Spiritual Roots Testing Artifact, so before he arrived in front of the Spiritual Root Testing Artifact, he said to the person responsible for taking the test, “I would like to take the test for my spiritual roots.”

“Place your hand on the recess, and let a little bit of your Qi to flow into it.” The person responsible for taking the test whispered.

Ning Cheng did not speak a lot, directly putting his hand on the recess, he let a bit of his Qi to flow into the artifact. Four yellow lines in the crystal pillar roze, the four fine lines were rising very slowly, but they actually did not stop. When Ning Cheng saw that these four fine light beams rising to about three or four feet, he abruptly pulled back his hand.

The person who was responsible for testing the spiritual roots did not care about the small act of Ning Cheng, and directly threw a wooden plaque towards him saying, “Four Hybrid Support Spiritual Roots, you are eligible to enter.”

“Thank You, can you tell me what are my four spiritual roots?” Ning Cheng asked as his heart started to pound, as he hurriedly grabbed the wooden plaque and asked while thanking him. Only he was very clear in his mind, he obviously had a three line hybrid support spiritual root when he started out, but after about six months of time, it had unexpectedly turned into a four line hybrid support spiritual root.

The person responsible for the testing swept a disdainful glance at Ning Cheng and said, “You are already eligible for selection, you do not need to ask these things. I am only responsible to check if you have the qualifications to go in, though you are just barely able to enter the front door of the Academy with yours.”

The implication was that, your spiritual root is so rubbish, that you even have

the gall to ask what your spiritual roots were?

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Ning Cheng did not pay any heed to the man in charge of the spiritual root test, trying to find a resolution with this person would just be a waste of his energy.

The person in charge of the spiritual root test obviously did not stop there, and still chattered on endlessly behind Ning Cheng's back, "People think that they are the same as the Yui family's brother-sister pair, bah!"

"In the entire Ping and Yuan Continent where would you find such a pair of geniuses whose talent went against the will of the heavens? How can there be a third, taking you as an example would really not be fitting to them." Some person immediately refuted that sentence from the side.

Ning Cheng was in no mood to listen to the nonsense of these people. he picked up his pace and walked out of the Spiritual Roots Testing Hall.

There were more and more people coming to the Ming Pu Plaza, and many more people have already entered the Clear Heart Academy. Ning Cheng arrived at the entrance of the Clear Heart Academy following this crowd of people, only to find that all the people here were the one's grasping the wooden plaque in their hands, there were no other person to check them if they were legit or not. He was just thinking that to enter the Clear Heart Academy one simply did not need the wooden plaque, but then he saw that there were a few people who were thrown out flying just as they entered through the gate.

"Not having the wooden plaque and even daring to enter the Clear Heart Academy, get out of here." The guard at the gate of the Academy just sneered

and cursed at the people.

Ning Cheng came to understand, it turned out that there was a Battle Array Formation laid out at the entrance of the Academy. He carefully brought up the wooden plaque in his hands, after scanning it he found that it was one of the most simple type of Array Formation Flag called the Burst Array Flag. This simple array flag was inscribed with four thin lines, presumably it represented that he had four spiritual roots.

The Clear Heart Academy did not look much larger than the Cang Qin Academy, Ning Cheng thought after entering the Academy, but immediately felt that here and the Cang Qin Academy were just two different places. Here the spiritual aura was a lot more concentrated when compared to the Cang Qin Academy and even surpassed it by many times, seems like there was a Spirit Convergence Array Formation placed on the outer periphery of the Clear Heart Academy. It felt as if the spiritual aura all around the Nan Yuan City was being absorbed by the Clear Heart Academy.

This kind of activity like the selection of disciples, can often be seen in many of the Academies, it is just that the Clear Heart Academy did it on a larger scale. Ning Cheng had also experienced it once before, and easily made his way to a corner a long time ago. He just wanted to look for An Yi without anyone noticing him. In this kind of situation, with An Yi's spiritual roots, she was already qualified to enter.

So many people were crowded into a huge plaza, Ning Cheng simply did not have to take the initiative to hide himself, as absolutely no one would be able to notice him in such a huge crowd.

Meanwhile Ning Cheng noticed, that the Clear Heart Academy had three large slices of vacant land in front of the plaza, these three vast slices of empty spaces were divided by three different colors. All the people who came to the plaza outside stood outside the three colored empty swaths of land, no one dared to even stand near the podium in front of the colored line.

Ning Cheng thought that it was probably a custom that he did not know, fortunately he was similar to many of the people here, and that was to not participate in the selection. Standing along with the people together, it should

not be a problem.

Waiting for more that half an hour, there were people coming up on the podium one after another. Ning Cheng also soon saw Lan Yin Yue, Lan Yin Yue walked to the position in the middle, it indicated that her status in the Clear Heart Academy was at least relatively important.

Walking to the front of the square was a square faced man wearing grey clothes, his appearance was a bit rough, and actually looked very crude in his clothes. But Ning Cheng knew, that it was just a superficial look. This person who walked to the front, perhaps he was the Principal of the Clear Heart Academy. At his side was a very refined middle aged man, in Ning Cheng's view, the cultivation levels of these two people were far beyond that of Lan Yin Yue.

After all the other people have filled the seats on the podium, Ning Cheng frowned, he did not see An Yi. Despite this, Ning Cheng was not anxious. Because he also did not see the rest of the so called godly students, at least he did not see the student with the pure gold spiritual root among them.

After all the people sat down, the speaker unexpectedly turned out to be Lan Yin Yue. Lan Yin Yue walked to the front of the podium, glance at the people crowded onto the plaza, and then said with a crisp voice, "I believe that the most outstanding people in the entire Ping Continent have, at this time gathered here with us. I think that a lot of people already know, that this time our Clear Heart Academy is not only enrolling students for itself but there is also a special reason. That's right, this time our Clear Heart Academy is also participating in the recruitment of students for the Hua Continent's 5 Star Academy ……."

Many people already knew that there were a few dignitaries who had arrived from the Hua Continent's 5 Star Academy, now that Lan Yin Yue had once again reaffirmed the news, everyone immediately became even more enthusiastic, it seemed that if one would be selected then they would immediately be able to go to the Hua Continent.

After waiting for the noise to die down a bit, Lan Yin Yue once again said, "Because the recruitment of students for the 5 Star Academy is very strict, not only one needs their spiritual roots to be outstanding, it also required them to be powerful. Although the you here are the most outstanding people in the Ping

Continent, but the number of people who can go to the Hua Continent is only 50. Even if you are able to be selected to go to the Hua Continent, the number of people who would be able to be selected into the 5 Star Academy may not be even 10 amongst you..”

All the people present knew about this reality, even if your are selected to go to the 5 Star Academy from here, one could not say that they were actually from the 5 Star Academy.

“However please do not get discouraged, my Ping Continent definitely have many outstanding personalities who have a good ground work, in other words you all might as well be the top of our outstanding disciples. In the Ping Continent, there are also several other 3 Star Academies, but I can assure you that our Clear Heart Academy is the strongest among all. Because we have found four disciples with pure spiritual roots, which also include two disciples having 2 different pure main spiritual roots. Even if it was 5 Star Academy of the Hua Continent, I would still dare to say that they may not have even a single disciple with two main spiritual roots…….”

Lan Yin Yue’s words once again caused a sensation, invoking all kinds of emotions, envy, jealousy…..

“So speaking about the Clear Heart Academy’s selection of disciples this time, would they they only need to choose at most 46 more members?”

“46 people? Don’t dream about it. In addition to the Clear Heart Academy having pure spiritual roots disciples, there are still the 10 core disciples, in addition to the 10 core disciples, there are also some other disciples with very high qualifications. We at most have only 30 places to compete against, it can already be regarded as a splendid thing.”

There were various comments that could be heard all around, no one thought, that with so many people competing for the 50 spots, even without those few who had pure spiritual roots, they could only wait for their turn.

“Everyone, this time besides the choosing of 50 who would be going to the Hua Continent, our Clear Heart Academy still has a need to recruit students. This time we want to recruit 1000 students, so everyone has a chance.”

The entire square was silent once again, all the people were thinking, even if

there was no chance for them to go to the Hua Continent's 5 Star Academy, they could stay back in the 3 Star Academy which was also quite good.

"Please people who are having a main spiritual roots, moreover people having no more than three support spiritual roots go stand in the first colored swath."

After Lan Yin Yue finished, immediately about 3000 people entered the first colored swath. Ning Cheng came to understand what the colored swaths of land in front of them were for, it was for the selection and filtering of the best students.

"The people who did not enter the first colored line should not worry, there is also a supplementary selection. Now I invite all of you in the first colored swath whose main spiritual root is yellow, and have attained at least 5 feet in height to walk into the second colored swath next to you."

Lan Yin Yue had not forgotten to comfort the hearts of most of the students who came to attend the selection exam of the Academy, some of these student candidates had even arrived as much as six months before, if they did not even have a chance at the selection, they would certainly be very unhappy.

Out of the 3000 students standing in the first colored swath, only a few hundred students entered the second colored swath of land. Ning Cheng sighed, although he did not have a main spiritual root, his four support spiritual roots were already more than 4 feet tall.

The following selection procedure, Ning Cheng had no interest in watching it, he knew well about the selection process, at this point most of the people were looking at the Clear Heart Academy's selection of disciples, it was time for him to go search for An Yi.

Ning Cheng carefully came out of the crowd, and slowly left the plaza.

Most people from the Clear Heart Academy had already gone to the academy plaza, but Ning Cheng was already far way from the Academy's plaza, and as such he did not encounter a single person.

Ning Cheng in his heart was a bit pleased, he was just thinking in which direction he should go to look for An Yi, when suddenly he felt that someone was sweeping a glance at his body. This seemingly vague glance had a trace of killing

intent in it, almost making Ning Cheng's body to go stiff.

In just a short time, Ning Cheng understood what was the matter, and simultaneously criticized his own stupidity. This was not a glance, it was spiritual sense. He was in the Clear Heart 3 Star Academy, it would obviously have a cultivator at the Building Yuan Realm. Cultivators at the Building Yuan Realm can bring out their spiritual sense, as he was just a lone person who did not go to the Academy's Square at this time, but was rather in this place, it was already very suspicious.

Initially Ji Luo Fei's Aunt had been able to find him and Ji Luo Fei, was not because of luck, but because she was a cultivator at the Building Yuan Realm, and thus could extend her spiritual sense to a very great distance.

Just when Ning CHeng was extremely anxious, a person came into view from a distance wearing a pink colored woman's robe, it was a girl with the cultivation level of Qi Gathering 6th Level. Ning Cheng did not even consider for even half a second that he would meet another person, and with a pleasantly surprised look said, "Senior Sister Apprentice, I really did not expect to find you here."

This girl apparently did not think that someone would stop her, she looked at Ning Cheng whom she did not recognize, and immediately became dumbfounded.

Ning Cheng quickly said, "Senior Sister Apprentice, I am Ning Cheng from the Pill Division. The last time I saw you from afar, it has been hard to forget about you. This time our Clear Heart Academy wants to select the very best students with excellent qualifications to send to the Hua Continent, but I was not able to see Senior Sister Apprentice in the plaza. Thus I feared that since Senior Sister Apprentice would definitely go to the Hua Continent, I would not have the chance to speak to you later, so I mustered up the courage to come find Senior Sister Apprentice myself."

Ning Cheng's face did not even miss a beat when he said those words, when he discovered that this girl was unexpectedly not ugly. Not only was she not ugly, her complexion was a bit ruddy, even her eyes had a hint of spring in them.

"Oh……" This pink dress wearing girl did not seem to think, that she would be secretly liked by such a handsome boy. Although she did not know Ning Cheng,

but the words spoken by Ning Cheng made her feel a sense of satisfaction. More importantly, this very good looking handsome fellow was from the Pill Division.

“Actually I do not know what name is Senior Sister Apprentice called by.” When Ning Cheng spoke these words, this time he felt that the spiritual sense surrounding his body weakening.

Ning Cheng in his heart was feeling really lucky, if he did not have the help of the Mysterious Yellow Bead, he absolutely would have no way of knowing that someone swept him with their spiritual sense.

“My name is Su Zhu, are you really from the Pill Division?” the ruddy complexion on the pink dress wearing girl subsided a bit, but the trace of spring in her eyes still remained. However her tone and expression carried a hint of surprise in them, which let him come to the understanding that the Pill Division was actually very popular.

In the Clear Heart Academy, Ning Cheng only knew about the Pill Division. Otherwise, he certainly would not have said that he was from the Pill Division. Now that Su Zhu was asking, he quickly said in an affirmative way, “Yes of course, I and Brother Wen Guang’s relationship is pretty good, moreover I received a lot of pointers from Brother Wen Guang.”

[TL Note – for those who don’t know Wen Guang was one of the three people who came with Le Bohong to the Mingot City and were introduced when Ning Cheng and An Yi had just escaped from the Lansha Island.]

“You really have a good relationship with Brother Wen Guang?” at this time Su Zhu’s expression of surprise was not simple anymore, it was as if she was overwhelmed by an unexpected favor. This kind of character like Ning Cheng, had unexpectedly had a crush on her.

Ning Cheng said immediately, “Yes, but my qualifications are a bit poor, I was afraid that you would have already left the Clear Heart Academy already, which is why I hurried over to see you. It really must have been fate, I did not expect that I would be able to meet you here.”

Su Zhu looked around a bit, suddenly she whispered to Ning Cheng in a low voice, “With my qualifications I am unable to be selected, why don’t we go to my place to talk about it.”

Then, Su Zhu unexpectedly took the initiative to hold Ning Cheng's hands and pulled him closer.

Ning Cheng did not think that she was such an active girl, this was really too easy. Fortunately what made him relax was that the spiritual sense that was around him finally disappeared.

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Irrelevant things:

[TL Note – Ning Cheng, I really admire you bro. You really can pick up girls here and there and I am still single here translating your story.]

[Proofreader Note – Seriously!!!! Is she brain dead or what!! And bro what do you mean by not having a girlfriend, I saw and took a few pics of those creepy texts on your phone (which you forgot to lock) a few days back, do you want me to show them to mom or should I post it here like the last time.]

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Su Zhu took Ning Cheng's hands and after taking a few turns, entered a residential area. Here he could not even see a single student, Su Zhu suddenly brought her body close to Ning Cheng.

A woman's fragrance and something soft hit him, making Ning Cheng subconsciously sway a bit.

"Why do you like me?" Su Zhu came even more close, her tone immediately became a bit clingy.

Although Ning Cheng talked about love, but he never actually taken any advantages from Tian Mu Wan, it can even be said that he only had restricted understanding to matters relating to a man and a woman, and has never really done it. When Su Zhu made contact with him in such a way, Ning Cheng who was also at the age where he was full of vigor, immediately felt that his body temperature began to rise.

However Ning Cheng was able to overcome such a desire, and simultaneously realized something in his heart. When he first saw Su Zhu, Su Zhu's face was somewhat red, while she was touching the corner of her eyes a little, it was as if she had been enjoying the soft embrace with a man only a moment ago. Ning Cheng did not need to ask, he knew that the private life of Su Zhu was extremely erotic. While others were concerned about the selection for the 5 Star Academy, she was actually hiding in her room and was even enjoying herself with someone else.

"Giggle……" She felt that Ning Cheng was unfamiliar with this kind of matter,

which made Su Zhu give out a giggling smile, which made her heart even more itchy. Ning Cheng seems to look like an older person, especially with his beard, but his age was definitely not old. But this somewhat weathered feel of him made her even more attracted to him, that coupled with the fact that the atmosphere around Ning Cheng felt really clean.

Besides she had never been on this side of a secret love from a pure clean male who really admired her, moreover he was still the most attractive person that she has seen from the Pill Division of the Clear Heart Academy. If she could establish a relationship with this Ning Cheng, she could then have someone who could refine some elixirs for her.

“Come to my room.” Su Zhu said with with some shortness in her breath, while her eyes betrayed that she couldn’t wait anymore.

Ning Cheng hastily said, “Yes, Senior Sister Apprentice Su Zhu, do all the female students of the Clear Heart Academy live here?”

Su Zhu was obviously did not care about this topic, and just casually said, “No, let’s walk towards the inside of from here ……”

She did not finish saying her words, when three people walked out, when Ning Cheng saw the trio he immediately became happy. These three people he had seen them before, walking on either side were Lu Xue and Yong Gu Yun, while waking in the middle unexpectedly turned out to be the sarong wearing girl he had met earlier. Only this time she was not just wearing her simple sarong from before, but a purple one.

When the three people saw Ning Cheng and Su Zhu snuggled up together, they were simultaneously shocked.

“Is that you, Ning Cheng……” Lu Xue who was shocked a moment ago immediately cried out, the reason why she was shocked, was because she knew the inside story of Ning Cheng’s disappearance.

Yong Gu Yun was also shocked, she understood it much more better than Lu Xue, as she knew that Ning Cheng went missing because Lan Yin Yue had forced him out of the airship. Ning Cheng was just a Qi Gathering 4th Level Cultivator, and was thrown down from high up in the air, so he definitely should have died, but then why was he still here?

Because two other people were still here, and Ning Cheng was even snuggling up to one of them, Su Zhu, they immediately put the matter aside.

After the sarong wearing girl saw Ning Cheng, instead of having a shocked looked on her face like the other two had a relieved expression. She felt somewhat guilty towards Ning Cheng, after she made her elder brother look for Ning Cheng, she could not find him again.

She had heard her brother say, that why Ning Cheng wanted that pair of pearl hair clips, it was because of his fond remembrance of his little sister. But because she also liked it, and it was precisely because of her liking them, it was as if she had claimed the other party' little sister as her own. Moreover she listened to her elder brother say, that this man might never be able to see his sister again.

"Did you come here the same way?" After the sarong wearing girl was was pleasantly surprised, and called out to Ning Cheng the first thing that came to her mind.

When Lu Xue and Yong Gu Yun heard the sarong girl, before they could even react, the two people's expressions were keep on changing, then Yong Gu Yun immediately stepped forwards to tugged on the dress of the sarong wearing girl, and anxiously asked, "Junior Sister Apprentice Yue Ying, how do you know him?"

When Ning Cheng heard Yong Gu Yun's words, he just came to understand something, in the Clear Heart Academy emerged two geniuses with two main pure spiritual roots, they were the sarong wearing young girl and her simple and honest elder brother. Since she was called Yue Ying, then her brother must be the one called Yue Yuan Hua.

After Su Zhe saw Lu Xue and Yong Gu Yun, her complexion suddenly turned pale, and she immediately let go of Ning Cheng, while calling out the phrase, "Su Zhu greets Senior Sister Apprentice Lu Xue and Senior Sister Apprentice Yong Gu Yun."

Yong Gu Yun's face turned dark, and did not pay any attention to Su Zhu. But Lu Xue said in a cold voice "Su Zhu, it would be better if you leave first, this is not a matter which involves you. If you want to look for Ning Cheng, then after this matter is settled, you can go looking for him again."

Su Zhu looked at Ning Cheng, and then once again looked at Lu Xue and Yong

Gu Yun, and immediately walked away from the scene.

Although Yong Gu Yun was also at Qi Gathering 8th Level, but she did not possess spiritual sense, and Lu Xue's cultivation level was even lower. The two people did not know that Su Zhu did not go far, she had only just turned a corner, and was hiding behind the wall's edge. Although Ning Cheng had spiritual sense, he did not waste his spiritual sense to sense Su Zhu.

Seeing Su Zhu walk away, Yong Gu Yun said to Yue Ying in a soft voice, "Junior Sister Apprentice Yue Ying, do you know who that woman was who had just walked out?"

Yue Ying shook her head in puzzlement, in her heart she was also thinking about who the woman was and what relationship did she have with him?

"She is the slut of our Clear Heart Academy, the Clear Heart Academy might appear to be bright on the surface, but it's filthiness is also incomparable. Do you know about this man called Ning Cheng, what he like the most is being together with a beautiful woman. Before our Academy's Junior Apprentice Sister An Yi, was almost deceived by him. Fortunately she was able to meet Junior Apprentice Sister Lu Xue in time, and was able to avoid a disaster. Otherwise, in my Clear Heart Academy the number of people with pure spiritual roots, would only have been 3. Therefore, for him to approach you definitely means he has some ulterior motive, you should not be deceived by his words." Yong Gu Yun relentlessly poured down the false information of Ning Cheng.

In Yong Gu Yun's opinion, Ning Cheng was far from being handsome. He could fool An Yi to become completely loyal to him, she thought that it was because of his honeyed words. Because of this, she also thought that Junior Apprentice Sister Yue Ying might get deceived by him. So when she saw Su Zhu and Ning Cheng together, she immediately came to the conclusion that he was definitely that type of person.

Lu Xue on the other side of her also agreed and added, "What Senior Sister Apprentice said is correct, people like Su Zhu are indeed countless here."

Saying that Lu Xue looks at Ning Cheng and said, "Ning Cheng, in fact, before when I met you I really was feeling bad for you, but today when I saw this scene, it really dissapointed me. Su Zhu's eyes were just like shining spring, and her face

still was a bit red, do not say that you did not do anything to her. Everybody knows about these things, it's just that I do not want to say it out loud. However, I really do not think that you should be exposed to Junior Apprentice Sister An Yi. In your heart you already know that you and An Yi are two different types of people."

When Su Zhu who was hiding on the side heard those words, she immediately turned pale, and her whole body was trembling. She was very clear that Ning Cheng was pure and innocent, when she heard that Ning Cheng liked her, she truly was somewhat excited in her heart. Because among the people in the Clear Heart Academy and the people who came in contact with her, no one really liked her, but all of them wanted to go down on her.

Originally she had brought Ning Cheng to her room was not only to have sex with him, but to make a relationship with Ning Cheng and use sex with Ning Cheng so that she could obtain elixirs. Later when she saw that Ning Cheng was actually a novice in that area, she was even moved in her heart thinking that what he felt was genuine feelings. Originally she had been living by deceiving herself, and upto this point of time she did not know how unbearable was she in the eyes of others.

"What….." On the face of Yue Ying was a look as if she couldn't believe what she heard, although she was aware of Ning Cheng, it was totally unintentional. It was not right, it does not seem that it was done intentionally. She could remember, she seemed to have seen the pearl hair clip first, then this person who called himself Ning Cheng had offered to buy the pearl hair clip.

That's right, after listening to what her elder brother said, he bought the pearl hair clip but did not walk away, rather he remained standing in front of the original stall for a long time. Was it possible that he knew that her elder brother would come to look for him? And then took this opportunity to get himself closer? If it really was like this, then this man's mental abilities were really frightening.

Before she was feeling a bit guilty towards Ning Cheng, but it had completely faded away now.

Ning Cheng's face sank, and said in a cold voice, "This Su Zhu person, I do not

know, but I do know what other say behind my back, that I am not a clean person. Even if there were countless people like Su Zhu, does it really matter to you? I became friends with Su Zhu, and if I want to make friends with An Yi again, is it any of your damn business? If I want to be happy, can I not? You intentionally want to make it look like I am trying to be friends with you, it does not make me happy, is that good enough for you?"

Ning Cheng in his heart knew that Su Zhu was a slut, and was always looked down upon, but he detested Yong Gu Yun who was in front of him even more.

"You are courting death." Yong Gu Yun's face changed, and a flying sword appeared in her hands, while simultaneously filling the air with killing intent.

Ning Cheng in his heart was feeling very unhappy, if he was outside he would have immediately split her apart with his sword. A mere Yong Gu Yun, he could casually take care of her with his sword.

"Senior Sister Apprentice Yong, don't do it yourself." as Yue Ying quickly stepped forward to block Yong Gu Yun hastily.

Yong Gu Yun seemed to care a lot about Yue Ying, seeing Yue Ying Come forward, she had to give her face, and did not continue forward.

Seeing Yong Gu Yun did not go forward to continue to fight, Yue Ying was relieved, and spoke hastily to Ning Cheng, "This Elder Brother, my elder brother said that you were very good. Although my brother is modest, but he is not an informed person when it comes to experience. You are not a person from the Clear Heart Academy, if you are not here to participate in the selection of disciples of the Clear Heart Academy, then you better quickly get out of here."

Ning Cheng had not come to fight, so of course, he will not continue to challenge Yong Gu Yun. Now that Yue Ying spoke, he hastily said, "This Junior Sister Apprentice, I am only looking for my cousin An Yi, do you know where she is?"

"You dare to look for An Yi, I will immediately inform Elder Lan Yin Yue, making you forever unable to go out of the Clear Heart Academy." Yong Gu Yun immediately snapped.

Before anything else happened Yue Ying quickly grabbed Ning Cheng and

quickly said, “Senior Sister Apprentice An Yi has gone to the Academy’ Plaza, I think at present she should be near the podium, you can go and see.”

Ning Cheng thought that he definitely must not miss An Yi this time, he hurriedly clasped his fist and thanked Yue Ying for a moment, and immediately turned away and hurried to the square. Now that he was exposed, if he could just see An Yi safe and sound, he would immediately leave the Nan Yuan City, otherwise in a few more minutes, it would become more dangerous.

Once Yong Gu Yun informed Lan Yin Yue that he had appeared in Nan Yuan City, he may really be unable to leave this place.

Seeing Ning Cheng depart rapidly, Yong Gu Yun said with some complain in her voice, “Junior Apprentice Sister Yue Ying, the next time you meet this shameless womanizer, do not be this soft hearted. Otherwise, you will always suffer, this kind of person is very despicable, I do not know how many young girls of good families has he broken.”

Yue Ying’s complexion slightly turned red and said, “I know, Senior Sister Apprentice Yong. Thank you, for giving me face.”

Yong Gu Yun smiled and said, “If he does not go to find An Yi then it’s ok, but if he dares to find An Yi, he would only be looking for death. Elder Lan Yin Yue tried to kill him last time, I do not know how he survived, this time he came looking for An Yi, if Lan Yin Yue happens to know about it, how would he still be able to get away?”

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