

## Refining 1031

### Chapter 1031 – Make a Move

In the infinite nothingness, a slowly forming world drifting in the void shined with light.

At the center of the world there was a palatial temple. A figure let out a breath, "I knew that with this boy Qin Yu's fate, he wouldn't be eliminated so easily...a favorable turn has finally appeared!"

But in fact, he had already completed preparations for the worst possible outcome. Once Qin Yu was killed, he would sever all connections to him.

With this basically completed world, he had a certain foundation. While he might be weakened for a long period of time, he wouldn't fall into a deep sleep.

Of course, this was only the worst possible outcome. If there was any chance at all, he hoped that Qin Yu would survive.

This was not because of his close relationship with Qin Yu. The objective factor was the most important one – from Qin Yu, he could already see a path to step onto the highest pinnacle!

While he was weak, his achievements were commendable. At the very least, even if all the countless so-called amazing talented geniuses were considered, if their backgrounds were to be disregarded, few of them would qualify to be compared to Qin Yu.

He took a deep breath and the phantom of a great sun suddenly arrived!

In the skies of this world, the sun that illuminated everything seemed to resonate with it. The light it released grew brighter and more abundant.

Since a favorable turn had appeared, he wouldn't allow any mistakes to occur...and if he could succeed, this hopeless situation would transform into another harvest for Qin Yu.

Even if the little blue lamp didn't know what this harvest would mean for Qin Yu.

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The black and white fire dragons fought fiercely, each trying to swallow the other party. But, the premise of this was that only one of them could become the final victor.

No matter which one of them it was, neither of them could accept something as stupid as a third party fishing for benefits from the side.

So when the two fire dragons fought, they first chose to destroy Qin Yu's consciousness.

And the destruction of his consciousness meant the withering and shattering of his soul. All that would be left over was a body that would become a medium to carry them.

The shaking black and white flames were like dreadful tsunamis, wildly sweeping through every inch of Qin Yu's body.

This level of power was enough to destroy Qin Yu's consciousness with just a touch, not to mention this current situation where it surged in endless waves.

So when Qin Yu's soul aura vanished from their senses, the white and black fire dragons never imagined he had survived.

This was Qin Yu's only lifeline, and also the reason why the little blue lamp said that a turning point had arrived. It was because he had the sun and moon force field and could detach himself from the world. And in his soul space, there was something common-looking hidden there that actually had a considerable background.

Cosmic Seacross Bell!

From the moment that Purple Moon and Blue Sun reunited and transformed into the sun and moon force field, its main body, the little girl who called herself Meimei, had fallen into a deep slumber.

Of course, calling this a deep slumber wasn't completely correct. She was constantly growing stronger in this process.

Perhaps it was better to call it recovery.

In short, while there weren't many changes to the Cosmic Seacross Bell's appearance, its energy was completely different.

The sun and moon force field had contracted, shrinking itself and clinging onto the Cosmic Seacross Bell, increasing its defense to the strongest state possible. Qin Yu's soul was hidden there.

If it was just this, then the sun and moon force field would still be discovered. Because whether it was the Abyssal King that was suppressed by the city or the person who had constructed the Path of 10,000 Souls in the past and fused their soul into their creation, they had once been some of the most powerful and terrifying existences in the world.

But Qin Yu had more cards in his hands than this.

The jade embryo egg's aura was the final key that allowed him to hide!

It wrapped around the Cosmic Seacross Bell. It was like nothingness, forming an absolute concealment. Unless one of the black or white fire dragons finally managed to occupy Qin Yu's body, they wouldn't be able to discover that his soul still survived.

Maybe a favorable turn existed in all dangers that existed in the world. But whether or not one could grasp onto them depended on one's own abilities.

Of course, the first thing Qin Yu should thank was the black and white dragons that were not willing to fade away to the other and chose to fight.

If they had followed their promise and directly fused together, Qin Yu would have had nowhere to hide and thus there would have been nothing for him but destruction. Even if he had numerous cards and even the little blue lamp, he wouldn't have been able to change his ending!

As the black and white fire dragons fought, Qin Yu's soul fled into the Cosmic Seacross Bell. He was waiting, waiting for a chance to fight back.

The reason he had to wait for a chance was because even if the black and white fire dragons were wounded, their remaining might was still enough to easily erase him from existence.

So this was why he only had one chance...there wasn't much to say about success. If he didn't succeed, that would be the moment his soul dispersed.

Hiding in the Cosmic Seacross Bell, Qin Yu could feel urgency like he was standing on the turning point of fate. With even the slightest mistake he would fall beyond redemption.

But he never expected that he wouldn't be able to wait for the best time to join this brutal life-seizing battle.

That's right, it was a life-seizing battle.

The black and white fire dragons fought because they hoped they could preserve their will and become the ruler of their new body. As for Qin Yu, their competition allowed him to survive.

Within his chest, three hearts beat crazily. One of them was pitch black and shined with a metallic light. One was crimson and beat with a tyrannical strength; this was the heart of the Ancient race. The last one was Qin Yu's heart, condensed from his own bloodline.

The change occurred with Qin Yu's own heart. His body had been extracted and stripped, and only a trace of his bloodline remained. As the black and white fire dragons fought, his heart suddenly exploded with strength.

Thump –

Thump –

The heart quickened and the power of its bloodline hidden deep within his marrow was activated. Tiny golden runes appeared, instantly covering the heart. As it did, the golden runes rapidly extended up his blood vessels.

Its goal was to regain control of the body. This wasn't Qin Yu's own intention, but a formidable bloodline instinct to guard its own status.

A flash of surprise appeared in the eyes of the battling white and black fire dragons.

They could sense the power of this bloodline. It wasn't too formidable, but what was unexpected was that it gave off a threatening feeling.

But this didn't truly shock the black and white fire dragons. Rather, it made a burning heat appear in their eyes.

Their essence was one and neither side was confident they could defeat and swallow the other to become the sole existence.

So though the battle seemed intense, the final result would depend on their luck.

But luck was the most uncontrollable thing. No one wanted to entrust their life and death to something so illusory.

As long as there was a way to increase their chance of success, the white and black fire dragons wouldn't let it go.

Now, a boost had appeared. It would all depend on who could seize it first.

Bang –

The black dragon fiercely flung its tail, sending the white dragon flying away. It did this even though its massive body had been severely wounded as the price.

Not continuing the battle, the black dragon turned and drilled into Qin Yu's body.

The white dragon roared and followed close behind, entering the flesh and blood.

The black fire dragon drilled into the black and metallic heart condensed from the power of the abyss. This third heart could be called the heart of the abyss.

A moment later, a wild abyssal energy erupted. The heart of the abyss crazily beat and countless runes condensed from abyssal energy shot out.

These runes were like abyssal beings shrank countless times over. They chased down and swallowed the golden runes formed from Qin Yu's bloodline.

With each one that was swallowed, the heart of the abyss gained that much more control over the body.

While the rate of improvement was so weak that it could be ignored, in such a situation, any advantage could possibly become the key to the final victory.

The heart of the abyss had taken action and the other one certainly wouldn't sit and wait for death. The white fire dragon burst into the heart of the Ancient race and countless white runes flew out.

In contrast to the black abyssal runes, the white runes didn't choose to swallow. Rather, when they touched the runes formed from Qin Yu's bloodline, they directly fused together instead.

But whether it was swallowing or fusing, it was the same result to Qin Yu. The black and white fire dragons were capturing his bloodline to increase their chances of success.

A sense of fear rose in his soul. Without any reason, Qin Yu knew that he couldn't watch on as his bloodline was completely plundered.

Otherwise, the backlash from a severed bloodline would be enough to cause his soul to fall into a state of absolute weakness.

At that time, even if he managed to wait for the perfect timing, he would have lost the strength to struggle.

He had to make his move now!

Qin Yu drew a deep breath. Before he could say anything, the space within the Cosmic Seacross Bell collapsed inwards and the phantom of a great sun appeared.

The little blue lamp's thought fluctuations resounded in his mind, "Qin Yu, you should have been able to wait for a better time, but nothing in this world is guaranteed to perfectly follow your will."

“What should I do?”

As expected, the little blue lamp wouldn't do nothing and just let him die. Although this fellow had been hiding for certain reasons, it wouldn't toss him away in a critical situation.

“I will take action. The strength hidden in your body will thoroughly erupt. You don't need to guide this power, because when faced with the abyss, it will instinctually resist. But remember, whether you survive in the end will all depend on you.”

The little blue lamp was silent for a moment. Then it said, “Do your best and do not die. If you truly cannot escape this tribulation, I promise you that I will take revenge for you in the future.”

Qin Yu said without expression, “I won't die.”

He had too many wishes, too much unwillingness. How could he allow himself to die here?

Who cared if it was an Abyssal King, or even the almighty being who constructed the Path of 10,000 Souls in the past?

I don't want to die, so you cannot kill me!

This was not arrogant overconfidence, but a type of firm belief. If he didn't even have such faith in himself, how could he have survived the numerous hopeless situations he encountered before?

Thump –

Thump –

Thump –

Within his chest, three hearts wildly beat. The black fire dragon had fused into the heart of the abyss, covering it with black flames. This was the burning of abyssal energy. It released black runes that swallowed up his bloodline.

The white fire dragon that dove into the heart of the Ancient caused it to release white runes. The golden runes of his bloodline transformed into pure white when they touched.

Qin Yu's own heart still beat quickly, but it gradually lost strength and started to become sluggish.

Because the power of his bloodline was bordering on depletion!

Ding ring ring –

The sound of a bell rang out, crisp and heavy. When he heard it, it was like several large stones were stuffed into his chest, stopping him up and making every breath extraordinarily difficult to take.

A soul didn't need to breathe, but this ringing just happened to aim at the soul. This was because it came from the Cosmic Seacross Bell. It was a soul treasure that came from a mysterious place and had a far greater background than Qin Yu knew of.

If the wills of the black and white fire dragons existed in their own bodies, even the power of the Cosmic Seacross Bell wouldn't be able to easily shake them.

But now they had abandoned their remnant bodies to enter Qin Yu's body, and all that was left was their purest soul force. This allowed the Cosmic Seacross Bell to display its greatest strength.

As the ringing continued, the heart of the abyss and the heart of the Ancient both stopped beating for a short time. Then, what came back were the pained and angry roars of the black and white fire dragons.

With their strength, the moment the Cosmic Seacross Bell made a move, they already sensed Qin Yu's soul aura.

He was just a weak and lowly human cultivator. In their eyes, his soul was a candlelight that could be extinguished with just a thought. Yet he had managed to hide for this entire time and had even given them such a wound.

Although it wasn't serious, the black and white fire dragons felt that their dignity was provoked. And what was more important was that they could feel a threat coming from Qin Yu's soul aura.

It had to be acknowledged that these old things which had survived for countless years had a formidable and sharp intuition, and firmly believed their own judgments.

Because through the countless years, they had confirmed the accuracy of their intuition numerous times.

So when they sensed Qin Yu's soul aura, the black and white fire dragons came to the same decision at almost the same time – they would temporarily stop fighting and erase this boy's soul first!

### **Chapter 1032A – Ruler's Mark**

The black and white fire dragons had sharp and accurate senses, but they underestimated the impact that Qin Yu's soul was able to deal to them.

Because what he wanted to do now was suppress all of the dissenting strengths that entered his body and swallow them up.

Since he had decided to make his move, he would do his best. Thus, the soul impact that came from the Cosmic Seacross Bell was just beginning. It was just that amongst the lurking forces within his body, Qin Yu's was the relative weakest.

In his soul space, the purple moon and blue sun rose and set, their lights shining brilliantly as they released boundless fluctuations of strength. They caused the entire sun and moon force field to surge out like a tide, its immense strength sweeping out in all directions.

In an instant, it wrapped up the heart of the Ancients and the heart of the abyss in layers, creating a series of inward shocks that cut like invisible blades.

The sun and moon force field originally transcended the heavens and earth, and thus the impact it created also belonged to the level beyond the material world. So any strength within the category of the world could not resist it...in a way, it disregarded all defensive attributes, giving it a terrifying killing potential!

Chaotic cracks spread out in Qin Yu's body. The black and white runes that were wildly swallowing and assimilating his bloodline started to break apart like bamboo shoots caught in an inferno.

Thump –

Thump –

The heart of the Ancients and the heart of the abyss fiercely shook. The black and white fire dragons roared in pain. The phantoms of the black and white fire dragons appeared, their eyes filled with shock, “Strength beyond the world!”

With Qin Yu’s cultivation he was actually able to release strength of this degree. It far surpassed their imaginations. This had nothing to do with carelessness, arrogance, or anything like that. Rather, this completely subverted all common sense. It should have been impossible for Qin Yu to control a strength that transcended the material world.

To transcend the heavens and earth and exist beyond the sun, moon, and stars, that was a level of life that represented great liberation and sublimation. Even when they were at the highest point of their lives, they hadn’t been able to cross this threshold. There was still a distance for them to be able to transcend the material world.

Even so, that didn’t mean that when facing the attack of this world-transcending strength, the black and white fire dragons wouldn’t be able to resist it.

Each Abyssal King stood at the peak of their abyssal tribe. They had the qualifications to obtain the approval of the abyss and obtain a portion of the abyss’ might. And since the abyss was an existence that stood opposite to the living world, it was like the opposite side of a coin, one that would never perish.

As long as the abyss wasn’t destroyed, then the Abyssal King who received a portion of the abyss’ might would have a near endless and immortal attribute!

Even if their mortal body was destroyed and their soul torn to shreds, after long years of gestating they could return from the abyss once again.

And countless years ago, a certain amazing cultivator with great ambitions tried to refine the soul of the Abyssal King. It was unknown what the specific process was, but the end result was that he half-succeeded. He became one with the Abyssal King and they could no longer be separated.

Although they hadn’t been able to truly fuse because they lacked the appropriate medium, they both possessed that nearly endless and immortal attribute.

The sun and moon force field erupted with strength beyond the material world, and it was able to cause enormous damage to the white and black fire dragons. Their bodies constantly collapsed, but they were also constantly being regenerated. Of course, the rate of regeneration was somewhat slower than the rate of collapse.

If the sun and moon force field released a strength beyond the material world that was several levels higher or if the duration was long enough, then the black and white fire dragons would eventually be grinded away into nothingness.

Unfortunately, with Qin Yu’s current cultivation he couldn’t truly control the sun and moon force field and was thus unable to stimulate the genuine force of this world-transcending power.

What erupted at this moment was the combustion of the sun and moon force field after it felt its master's decisive will to fight, even if he were to die doing so. It was unable to be released forever.

And after this, Purple Moon and Blue Sun would fall into an extremely weakened state for a long period of time.

"Qin Yu...this junior's secrets are greater than you and I could have imagined. If we seize his body, we can take another step forward and surpass the world. Then we can rid ourselves of the limits of our lifespan and enjoy a truly immortal life!" The white fire dragon roared out loud. Although its eyes were tranquil, they still shook with violent undercurrents.

Because to them, this was far too important. In the eyes of the black and white fire dragon, this step of fusion was something they would use to cause their own level of life to rise, thus completing the ultimate detachment from the world. Now, a shortcut had appeared in front of them.

After seizing Qin Yu's body, their lives would transcend the world. Then when they fused together, the massive increase of energy would be enough to push their cultivation to a higher level, bringing them infinitely closer to the true peak of this world.

This good fortune was enough to energize the greed of any being in the heavens and earth. They would go crazy, willing to do anything for it!

"Swallow him! Fully devour him. We must plunder all the power of this human!" The black fire dragon roared, its eyes surging with stark naked greed.

The Cosmic Seacross Bell had already gone beyond their expectations. And now this strength beyond the material world had far surpassed their imaginations.

These shouldn't have been existences that Qin Yu had the qualifications to touch. In their opinion, this was his limit. As long as they managed to endure this then they could feast on him.

Of course, they didn't underestimate Qin Yu, because he had already had a considerable psychological impact on the black and white fire dragons.

But in this world, there were always some matters that couldn't be judged with common sense. For example, when facing Qin Yu, the black and white fire dragons were not just a little bit wrong in their judgment. Rather, they had no idea who they were facing at all.

Indeed, in terms of cultivation, Qin Yu couldn't be placed on the same level as them. Even today when the black and white fire dragons were far from their peak condition in the past, any one of them could easily erase Qin Yu's will.

But in terms of cards, even if the two of them joined together they couldn't compare with Qin Yu...he was a true anomaly.

Someone who should have died had somehow lived. This life was destined to be humble and ordinary, but a touch of sea-blue light had turned him into a growing piece of grass. And once grass lived long enough, it would become tough. If it wasn't enough, it was because it hadn't lived long enough.

Qin Yu was prepared to be the longest living grass in the heavens and earth and finally obtain the power to crush the world with ease.



So of course he wasn't prepared to die and of course he wasn't prepared to hand over his power and be obediently swallowed up by others.

If they wanted to plunder all of his strength...then it would be rude if he didn't reciprocate. Everything would depend on who was the last one left standing today!

Qin Yu's soul stepped out of the Cosmic Seacross Bell and returned to his body. He could clearly sense the two incomparably terrifying strengths invading him. Once released, it was enough to instantly tear his body, and even his soul, to pieces.

If he didn't want to die, his only options were to forever suppress these strengths, or...take them for himself!

Suppressing them forever was impossible.

That left him with only one choice.

Qin Yu closed his eyes and took a deep breath. In an instant, his thoughts merged with those of a certain majestic existence.

It connected to the skies and its body was pure and flawless, like a crystal clear jade that stood proud amidst the heavens and earth.

When he opened his eyes again, he was the jade and the jade was him!

Qin Yu could feel an enormous and inexhaustible strength within him, one that seemed to contain the entire world.

He lifted a hand and pushed down!

Bang –

A wild and limitlessly terrifying strength that contained the Great Dao of the heavens and earth arrived. It was like an invisible hand, tightly gripping the hearts of the Ancient race and abyss.

The black and white fire dragon phantoms revealed looks of shock and anger. They struggled crazily.

It was another strength that surpassed their imagination. It contained a certain mighty and invincible will. No matter how the endless years scoured away at it, it would never be weakened.

The black and white fire dragons could hear roars in their ears, reaching into their minds. Each roar was filled with unrelenting determination, powerful enough to shake the heart.

On the heart of the abyss, the black fire dragon roared in anger, "Eternally Undying! You are their inheritor! Damn it, you are actually their inheritor!"

Its body seemed to have been placed in a vat of strong acid. It was being fiercely corroded as it broke apart and dissipated. It roared out loud and screamed in pain, "Save me! Hurry and save me! If I die, you will suffer a backlash!"

Against the whitfire dragon that occupied the heart of the abyss, the strength of the jade embryo egg had a much greater killing potential.

This should be related to the 'Eternally Undying' inheritor that it spoke of. But now, this thought only flickered in Qin Yu's heart before being tossed to the side. He was completely focused with one goal in mind – to kill the white and black fire dragons and escape this death trap.

“Save you? I don't seem to need to do that. The strength of the Eternally Undying's inheritance has actually helped me out with a problem!” The white fire dragon opened its mouth. As it roared out loud, a terrifying swallowing strength was released.

When the black and white fire dragons were evenly matched, they couldn't do anything to the other. But now that the power of the abyss had been heavily damaged, this precarious balance had been ruined.

The two were originally one. When one side was weakened, it wouldn't be able to resist the devouring from the other...this was because disregarding their will and wishes, the power they possessed earnestly desired to fuse together and become more powerful.

“Ahh!” With a cry of unwillingness, the black fire dragon collapsed. It turned into a flow of black energy that submerged into the white fire dragon.

After swallowing the black fire dragon, changes began to occur to the white fire dragon. With cracking sounds, its body inflated at an astonishing speed. At the same time, black and white colors appeared on its scales. They circulated endlessly, forming a mysterious and mystical samsara.

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Hou –

The fire dragon howled into the air. Its aura swept out, fiercely shaking the boundless strength that tried to suppress it.

Because at this moment, after completing this fusion it had successfully transformed the level of its life. It transcended the shackles of this world, becoming a truly immortal existence.

Not only did its strength rise drastically, but its increased level of life had made it impossible to lock onto...the strength within this world, no matter how powerful it was, could not cause any harm to beings that were beyond the world.

If it weren't for the fact that the jade embryo egg itself also had an attribute of transcending the world to a certain degree, the suppressing strength it released would have already lost all effectiveness.

“Qin Yu, with your cultivation you've actually managed to have so much good fortune. If you were given time to grow, I would not dare to guess how formidable you would eventually become.” The fire dragon slowly said, its massive body meandering between his blood vessels. “But today, you will fall here and I will obtain all your strength. I will have a chance to break into the genuine peak of this world.

“I promise you, if there comes a day when I can stably enter the boundary of a Ruler, I will inevitably reverse the flow of time, bringing you back from death and granting you a new life.”

The fire dragon moved. Black and white flames ignited from its scales, twining together into a vortex,

Rumble rumble –

As the vortex spun, a formidable suction force was released. This strength wrapped around Qin Yu and would swallow everything he had, including his flesh, blood, and soul.

Then, a new life would be born from this vortex. It would bid farewell to everything it had experienced in the past, with no traces left behind.

Even if a Ruler-level existence appeared and reversed time to verify what happened, they still wouldn't be able to lock onto his traces.

At that time, he could start a brand new life. Whether it was the abyss or the living world, everything would be destined to grovel at his feet.

Kacha –

Kacha –

Qin Yu could hear cracking sounds from all around. Every sound represented a terrifying new opening.

Each opening seemed to be on him, but the pain directly affected his soul.

He felt as if he would be torn to shreds alive and disappear here.

As he thought, whether it was the Abyssal King or the great figure who constructed the Path of 10,000 Souls in the past, neither could be easily slain. Even after experiencing countless years and becoming incomparably weakened, they still weren't existences he could contend with by himself.

“Little blue lamp!”

He roared out loud, a manic look in his eyes.

This was already Qin Yu's final card and his greatest ability. The reason he was able to climb up the great path of cultivation and reach his current level was all because of it.

If he was defeated here...perhaps he was destined to perish today!

Bang –

Atop Qin Yu's head, space shattered. However this wasn't the end, but the beginning of a great collapse. An invisible and terrifying strength swept out like a tide, causing space to disintegrate and forming a darkness that extended into nihilism.

His body fell into the dark nothingness and was imprisoned by an invisible strength. In the next moment, the phantom of a great sun arrived. With a flash, radiant sunlight burst out like wildfire, covering Qin Yu with burning light.

Yet these flames didn't cause any damage to Qin Yu. However, this didn't mean that it was an illusory existence that had no strength.

On the contrary, the might of these flames was enough to instantly burn down mountains and evaporate seas, turning the world into a purgatory of fire.

It was just that all of the released strength instantly crashed into Qin Yu's chest, turning into an infinite fire cage that imprisoned the fire dragon inside.

When space collapsed and the dark nothingness arrived, the fire dragon felt fear rise up from the depths of its soul. With its current level of life and the strength it now possessed, it could be said to stand at the top echelons of the endless heavens and myriad realms.

If there was something that could make it feel fear and even despair, there was only one possibility...Ruler! This was the level of strength that a Ruler possessed!

The fire dragon once again had to doubt his own thinking. What he wanted to kill now was just a little cultivator who hadn't even stepped into the Origin God realm. How could he have managed to spur an existence that stood at the highest peak of this world into existence?

Could it be that Qin Yu was someone recognized by that unknown Ruler, designated as a candidate to inherit their mantle?

If this was the case, he would inevitably have the traces of a Ruler imprinted on his body. But he never sensed anything unusual before this.

With things having reached this stage, considering these questions was meaningless. The fire dragon never imagined that when he had completed the fusion and his strength had reached its peak, he would come face to face with this hopeless situation.

Ruler...

This was an existence that could reverse the river of time and possessed inconceivable might. With a thought they could cause calamity to befall the heavens and earth. When facing a Ruler, even he didn't have the strength to resist.

As the fire dragon was wallowing in despair, the infinite fire cage arrived. He could feel intense pain. Its scales that flowed with black and white light shattered beneath the flames to reveal scorched flesh and blood.

But at this time, the despair in the fire dragon's eyes began to vanish. Like someone who had survived a disaster, there was unrestrained joy.

This wasn't a Ruler! The one who did this wasn't a Ruler!

Otherwise, when trapped within the fire cage, he would have been burnt down to nothingness in the blink of an eye. He wouldn't have been able to experience this agonizing pain. But, this fire cage did have the special characteristics of a Ruler, otherwise it wouldn't have been able to easily wound it.

There was only one possibility...

A Ruler's Mark!

In this world, besides a Ruler's Mark, there was no other object that could withstand their terrifying power.

Whether it was a living being or any kind of material, anything that touched a Ruler's power would be directly annihilated and vaporized into nothingness.

In the vast world, the endless heavens and myriad worlds were endless. But, the number of Rulers was limited. This was because the number of marks that could help someone become a Ruler had been constant since ancient times.

Dang –

Dang –

The fire dragon's heart was wildly beating. At this moment, he even forgot the pain it was withstanding.

His eyes stared at the sea of fire, as if he saw a path that led straight to the unsurpassed Great Dao.

A long, long time ago, so long ago that even the fire dragon's will hadn't been born yet, in an ancient era almost beyond memory, a Ruler had suddenly perished and their mark hadn't been inherited. Rather, it shattered into countless pieces that scattered throughout the world.

For hundreds of millions of years, countless beings searched for the fragments of the Ruler's Mark. They hoped to one day reunite the fragments and take the throne of the only missing Ruler in the endless heavens and myriad realms.

But the river of time had flowed endlessly and billions of talented geniuses shined beautifully in the skies like stars that illuminated the world. Yet, they eventually passed away one after another, and none of them were able to become a true Ruler.

It was even rumored that when that Ruler perished in the past, at the time of his death he self-destructed his own mark so that there would always be a Ruler missing in the world!

The fire dragon had no idea if this rumor was true or not, but there was one point he was aware of – what appeared before him now was a fragment of that Ruler's Mark.

Moreover, this fragment seemed to have approved of Qin Yu, thus it chose to descend when he faced death.

Obtain it!

He had to obtain it!

Once he obtained a fragment of a Ruler's Mark, his cultivation would fly up and he would be inferior only to a Ruler-level existence. At that time, even when facing a Ruler, he would be able to avoid them.

In fact, by relying on this Ruler's Mark fragment, he could sense the others and gather the remaining fragments, eventually becoming an unsurpassed existence that shined upon the heavens and earth.

Ruler...Ruler...

Hou –

Within the fire cage, the fire dragon crazily roared. This 'crazily' was not just a description, because at this moment, he really became crazy.

So what if he had to discard everything else he had now for the Ruler's Mark? Even if he had to start back from the beginning, it would absolutely be worth it!

Bang –

Bang –

The fire dragon's massive body started to decompose. This wasn't because he was being wounded by the fire cage, but because he took the initiative to destroy himself.

Of course, this method of self-destruction was the same as a cultivator imploding themselves. From this, it could be imagined what sort of astonishing impact the fire dragon would produce.

Even if the fire cage possessed a part of a Ruler's might, it still wouldn't be able to fully resist an attack of such intensity. Still, if the fire dragon wanted to blow apart the fire cage with this, it was not possible.

Even if it possessed just a portion of a Ruler's might, it was still an invincible peak existence. Unless another Ruler-level existence took action, it would not be broken.

But if the explosive force was concentrated, breaking open a slit in the fire cage was possible.

Now, what the fire dragon wanted to do was to break open an outlet in this fire cage.

Even if it was only for an instant, that would be enough for his remnant soul to escape and swallow Qin Yu's soul!

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This was what the little blue lamp was most worried about.

With its strength, it wasn't difficult to suppress and kill the fire dragon. Of course, the premise was that it placed itself at risk of being detected. Once discovered, it and Qin Yu would both be doomed.

So as Qin Yu's cultivation rose and he touched a higher level, the little blue lamp became increasingly quiet in order to reduce its own traces as much as possible.

This was the reason for its actions so far.

Of course, in today's scenario when Qin Yu faced a life or death situation, it took a risk and helped because there was no other choice. But its help wasn't foolproof, because the fire dragon's strength had surpassed a certain limit.

Even if the fire dragon fell into the cage of fire, it would still have the ability to struggle for its life. For instance, it could combust itself and emit a horrifying amount of strength for a brief period of time, thus having the possibility of breaking open an exit path in the fire cage.

To achieve this, the fire dragon had to pay a deep price. From its pure and complete soul, there was now only a remnant soul that had a tenth of its original strength.

But even so, this remnant soul was still far, far more formidable than Qin Yu's soul. In confrontations between souls, while absolute strength didn't always determine victory or defeat, and even if there were other factors considered, there wasn't much hope of Qin Yu being victorious when he faced the fire dragon.

However, the little blue lamp had expected this before it helped. This was why it gave Qin Yu a warning ahead of time – if he wanted to live, it would all depend on him in the end.

Now, it was time for him to fulfill his task!

“Qin Yu, the fire dragon will combust its soul and a remnant soul will rush out. This will be its final counterattack. If you can swallow that remnant soul then you can cross today’s tribulation.” There was no need to mention the consequences of failure. Qin Yu already knew what they were.

As he thought, no matter how many cards he had, when faced with a disparity of absolute strength there was nothing he could do to make up for it. He had to rely on himself to find a way to survive.

He took a deep breath and closed his eyes. In his soul space, the body of his soul opened its eyes, a sharp light surging within.

“I hope that once this fire dragon escapes the fire prison, its remnant soul won’t be too strong...” As this thought appeared, the little blue lamp’s voice shouted in his ears, “Here it comes!”

Bang –

With a loud strike, as if his head suffered a brutal bashing, Qin Yu’s vision flashed black. Cracking sounds could be heard coming from above his head.

He looked up and saw that the space above his soul space had been crushed. A fierce and horrific dragon’s head that was scorched and had scales falling off reached in. It stared at Qin Yu, its eyes flooded with cruelty and greed.

Hou –

With a roar, two thick dragon claws reached out and grabbed the edges of the shattered space. They tore outwards with great effort and then the entire dragon’s body drilled inside.

With just one glance, Qin Yu felt a degree of oppression that was difficult to explain. It was like a mountain range had been placed on his chest, making it impossible to even breathe.

Yes, whether it was in size or strength, this fire dragon was far weaker than its original state.

But its strength still far surpassed Qin Yu’s hopes. When he compared his soul to the fire dragon, even saying it was like an adult against a baby was still not enough.

What could he do?

### **Chapter 1033 – Yawn**

Qin Yu’s mind was so shaken that he couldn’t help but give birth to a trace of fear and despair. And at this time, the fire dragon hadn’t stopped.

Although the remnant soul had escaped from the fire cage, it wasn’t sure if the Ruler’s Mark that Qin Yu possessed still had other abilities. If it were to encounter something like that fire cage once again, it would not be able to avoid death in its current state.

So it had to be fast and without any hesitation. As long as it swallowed Qin Yu's soul, this Ruler's Mark would belong to it.

Hou –

There was another roar. The fire dragon howled forward, its cold and cruel eyes locked onto Qin Yu. Fear was unavoidable. If it were anyone else facing this vicious fire dragon that was far more powerful than themselves, their heart would surely tremble.

Despair...perhaps this emotion did appear for a moment, but this didn't mean that Qin Yu gave up resistance. On the contrary, his will to survive never wavered.

The fire dragon was formidable, but this was Qin Yu's soul space...in other words, this was his stage.

"Stop!"

With a shout, Qin Yu pointed a finger. The phantom of an ancient bronze mirror appeared in front of him and shot out a beam of light. The light sank into the fire dragon's body; this was the Soul Calming God Light that Qin Yu had inadvertently obtained in the past.

When facing souls, it was able to ignore all defensive power to a certain degree.

No matter how formidable a soul was, once struck by the Soul Calming God Light they would fall still for a brief moment of time. Right now, the fire dragon had become an existence that transcended the world, and its soul had undergone a qualitative rise.

But the Soul Calming God Light was still effective.

From this, it could be seen that the rank of this supernatural power was far, far higher than what Qin Yu first thought. But because his cultivation was limited, he wasn't able to display the true power of the Soul Calming God Light.

And at this time, he wasn't in the mood to pay attention to these matters.

The fire dragon froze for only a tenth of a breath of time before it broke loose from the Soul Calming God Light's fetters.

Although it was an incomparably short time, the fire dragon felt a million alarms going off in its mind – this boy was truly a human worthy of obtaining the approval of a Ruler's Mark. Although his cultivation was weak and feeble, he actually possessed countless astonishing methods.

For instance, the Soul Calming God Light didn't seem formidable, but it seemed to adhere to some great will of the heavens and earth, and was even able to forcibly seal it.

If this ability were to be used by an existence of an equal level, even if it was for just a brief period of time it would still be enough to reverse the situation. At worst, it would have been thoroughly wounded and on the verge of death.

To be able to fight back even in such a dire situation, this junior Qin Yu couldn't be underestimated.

The fire dragon's eyes flashed with resolve. It took a deep breath and its body exploded into black and white fog that soared towards Qin Yu's soul.



This was a method similar to disintegrating one's divine soul. It would release the strength that a soul possessed to its greatest degree. Of course, this method was not without limitations. Once used, the soul had to swallow other souls before it could reform itself once again.

Otherwise, it would gradually fade away until it was finally annihilated.

If the fire dragon couldn't swallow Qin Yu's soul then it would surely be erased by the Ruler's Mark. With that being the case, it didn't fear risking its life here.

Moreover, no matter how many cards Qin Yu had in hand, his weak cultivation base remained an irreparable shortcoming. If he was just able to control such a weak and tiny soul, he could swallow it up in two to three bites. The degree of danger wasn't as high as imagined.

Still, this soul space was Qin Yu's stage so even when he faced the powerful fire dragon he still had the opportunity to attack first. But this opportunity only came once.

Not long after the fire dragon disintegrated, the black and white fog appeared. It split open, swallowing at Qin Yu's soul like a great gaping maw.

Of course, this didn't mean that Qin Yu's soul was eaten just like this. In fact, the true swallowing only started now.

To Qin Yu, this taste wasn't good at all. What he felt could be described as having been tossed into a boiling pot of oil, his entire soul being fried alive.

This was just a description. In fact, replacing the oil with strong acid should be more appropriate, because Qin Yu's soul was being corroded and plundered from the outside to the inside. What was plundering him was naturally the black and white fog that surrounded him.

The soul was the foundation of a cultivator. It was born from the heavens and earth and was the most mysterious and mystical aspect of cultivation. Besides a supreme Ruler, perhaps no one could dare say they fully grasped the unpredictable circulations of the soul.

But there was one point that all cultivators were aware of. The soul was extremely sensitive. Any pain that affected the soul would be infinitely magnified, becoming unbelievably terrifying and astonishing.

So to be more accurate, this was the most painful moment that Qin Yu had experienced in his life.

The pain was so great that in just a breath of time, it was enough to break down anyone's will and collapse their mind.

Once this happened and a soul lost resistance, the body-seizing process would proceed without accident.

Qin Yu's mind was formidable and he had experienced numerous disasters in the past. So in terms of withstanding pain, he had a much higher capacity.

But now his mind was already fading. Perhaps before even ten breaths of time passed, his consciousness had plunged into darkness to protect itself.

Even so, his powerful instinct for survival still spurred his soul to resist the swallowing of the fire dragon.

Qin Yu gnashed at the black and white mist, tearing out chunks and swallowing them into his belly.

Seizing a soul was an incomparably dangerous venture to begin with, because relatively speaking, no matter how formidable a soul was, unless they had managed to reach the fabled boundary where their soul was able to solidify into reality, the quality and texture was actually extremely soft.

While the fire dragon's remnant soul was still far more formidable than Qin Yu's soul, during the seizing process it was still being maliciously chomped at.

Of course, compared to Qin Yu's swallowing speed, the fire dragon was far faster. So Qin Yu's soul would eventually be the one to dissipate first and become a part of the fire dragon.

But this was predicated on the premise that everything proceeded normally without any changes at all.

An accident would certainly occur, otherwise Qin Yu would die here and there would be no future when he rose up into the skies and illuminated the highest heavens.

The fire dragon thought that the seizing process was entering the final climax. As long as he put in more effort he could thoroughly swallow Qin Yu's soul. He began to relax.

It seemed that the strength of a Ruler's Mark was still limited. It couldn't attack him again and again. Only when the body seizing was complete would the dust settle on the ground.

However, the toughness of Qin Yu's soul surpassed his anticipation. During the seizing process, he instinctively fought back against the fire dragon, supplementing his own lost soul force. If it weren't for this, the entire swallowing process would have been completed long ago.

But this was also good, because since Qin Yu's soul had swallowed a massive amount of the fire dragon's soul, his own soul was flooded with the aura of the fire dragon.

This way, once the fire dragon swallowed Qin Yu's soul, a great deal of trouble would be saved and the fusion would be much easier.

Now was the time to bring things to an end!

The fire dragon's thoughts stirred and the black and white fog that surrounded Qin Yu started to surge faster. Currently, Qin Yu's soul was far more transparent than before, almost like a shadow. The plundering strength he faced rose drastically. His soul twitched from pain, as if it would collapse at any moment.

But then, the fire dragon suddenly heard the sound of a yawn, as if someone had just woken up. A trace of fear rose in the fire dragon's heart. He had no idea where this yawning came from, but it caused him to feel despair!

A fierce dragon's head appeared in the black and white fog. It aimed its mouth at Qin Yu's soul, wanting to eat him up for good.

Although this crude method might cause injury to Qin Yu's soul and even create flaws in the inheritance of strength, he couldn't bother delaying anymore.

His intuition told him that if he didn't make a move now, he would never have the chance again!

“Humph! You little thing, you woke me up and yet you still dare to open your mouth. It seems your courage is considerable.” A lazy voice sounded out. There was a flavor as if the one speaking had just risen from bed. When the voice entered the ears it was soft and mild, and brought about the image of a woman strolling along the summer river in the afternoon, her cheeks red and her messy hair hanging around her.

But when this voice fell into the ears of the fire dragon, there was no warmth. Instead, there was only endless fear and cold.

Puff –

No one saw who attacked and no one could see where the sword light came from, but the fog that surrounded Qin Yu was instantly cut in half. Normally, something like fog would have an intangible nature that could merge back together even if cut apart.

But what was strange was that the fog where the sword strike cut down seemed to have been placed in a blazing inferno, instantly burning away into nothingness.

“Ahh!” The dragon head that wanted to devour Qin Yu’s soul screamed out loud and shattered.

The fog was the fire dragon, and now that it was cut in half, that was the same as its body being hewn in half.

Before, the magnified pain that a soul endured was mentioned. So it wasn’t difficult to imagine what kind of horrible agony the fire dragon withstood as its body broke in half.

#### **Chapter 1034 – Abyssal Source**

Within Qin Yu’s soul space, a figure lifted a hand and covered her mouth. She yawned and looked down at Qin Yu. After blinking her eyes, she wrinkled her nose.

“I truly regret taking you in as my disciple. How can so many things happen to you every day and you can even disturb me?”

“I’ve already slept for a long time. If it weren’t for that...hum hum, I would rather have seen you be eaten up by someone to avoid you constantly disturbing me!”

She stood right there, whispering out loud. But, the fire dragon didn’t discover her existence at all. It seemed that as long as she didn’t want to, even if she stood right in front of someone they would only think there was air before them.

Suddenly, space rippled and the little blue lamp appeared. It transformed into a figure that bowed deeply.

“I greet the Ruler!”

The woman glanced at him. “You’ve given birth to a consciousness? It appears your size isn’t too small. Have you swallowed other fragments?”

The little blue lamp was silent for a moment. “It’s just luck. I haven’t encountered any other fragments yet.”

“Rise. After all, to a degree you can be considered far more noble than me. And right now, I am no longer a Ruler.”

The woman waved her hand, her demeanor casual.

The little blue lamp shook his head, “No, you are a true Ruler.” He looked at Qin Yu’s soul, his eyes filled with emotion, “I’ve already sensed that he has a great destiny and he will have amazing achievements in the future, yet I never expected that he had the qualifications to be accepted as a disciple by you. With that, I can feel at ease.”

The woman coldly sneered, “Don’t even think of shifting any responsibility onto me. The reason I helped was because this disturbance was too great, otherwise I wouldn’t have woken up. Moreover, you should understand that in my current condition I cannot descend into the world too frequently. So from now on, you will have to look after him yourself. Or make this boy be a bit more discreet and stop stirring up trouble. If there comes a day when he plays himself to death...I won’t care at all. After all, their family is large and there is much work and many disciples. Things will be troublesome for you.”

The little blue lamp cupped his hands together. “You’re right. I’ll pass your words on to him.”

“Stop right there, don’t try to test me. Although I have accepted him as a disciple, he cannot know until he has undergone the tests. You understand the rules, so don’t speak too much and cause trouble...hum hum, don’t you want to understand why I’m in this current condition?”

The little blue lamp’s heart chilled. He nodded and didn’t ask anything else. “Since he has you taking care of him, I won’t stay any longer. After all, if my existence is discovered, things will get far more troublesome.”

Space fluctuated and he vanished from sight.

The woman was stunned for a moment. She rubbed her eyebrows and said, “You sure run away fast enough.”

She lifted a hand and drew a stroke down once more.

Shua –

Sword light flashed. The black and white fog that surrounded Qin Yu was cut in half once again.

“Ahh!” The fire dragon’s scream came from within the fog, “Who is it, who is it!?”

It hadn’t sensed anyone’s aura at all. This sword light emerged from thin air and was terrifyingly powerful, even able to injure its source.

After two continuous sword strikes, its strength had been greatly damaged. It was less than a third of what it was before.

The woman ignored the fire dragon’s screams. She looked at Qin Yu’s soul that was wrapped in fog and said, “I have already put out two sword strikes. If you still cannot survive this, you are destined to die and you can only complain about your own uselessness.”

A moment later, a translucent dragon's head appeared and bit at Qin Yu's soul. But just as it moved, it was cut apart by another sword light.

Puff –

Another half of the fog was directly annihilated.

The woman curled her lips with disdain. "Useless, just useless. It's just a small and weak soul, yet you cannot even deal with it. You might as well find a block of tofu and smash your head in with it to avoid disgracing me in the future."

She completely forgot about how she said Qin Yu's life and death completely relied on himself and she wouldn't help anymore.

As expected, a woman's words couldn't be trusted and the more beautiful they were the more unreliable they were.

If the fire dragon knew of all of this, it would have spat out blood in grief and roared into the skies, "You don't have a bottom line at all!"

And in fact, she didn't seem to have any bottom line at all. Because with this sword, the woman slashed out three more times.

Of the originally huge mass of fog, only a thin layer was left behind, barely wrapping around Qin Yu. A pale fire dragon phantom howled in anger and unwillingness, yet it wasn't able to change the current situation at all.

Since ancient times, regardless of the time or place, challenging others with one's background was inevitable. Qin Yu originally didn't have any background at all, but since he somehow meandered his way into becoming this woman's disciple, he suddenly gained a golden thigh, and its purity was of the highest degree!

Even though she said disdainful words, she was actually very satisfied with this disciple. In particular, after discovering Qin Yu had obtained the approval of a part of a Ruler's Mark, this satisfaction only increased.

While a Ruler's Mark was something dispensable to her, it was indeed the key that led to the heights of the Great Dao. If someone couldn't even obtain the key, what did it matter how amazing or shockingly talented they were? Sometimes, luck was far more important than all else.

In the eyes of this woman, her disciple whose cultivation was disappointingly low had a frightened amount of luck.

If it weren't for this, how could she help again and again? Because there was some truth in what she said before.

For instance, in her current state she couldn't easily descend. And even if she could descend, there was a strict limit to the number of times she could help.

In a short period of time, she had sent out six sword strikes. Even if it was her, she needed to pay a considerable price...of course, if it was just slaying the fire dragon, she wouldn't have needed to go

through so much trouble. A single explosion of sword might was enough to send it beyond any hope of redemption.

The reason she sent out sword strike after sword strike was to help Qin Yu maintain as much of the fire dragon's strength as possible. Only like this could he obtain the greatest advantage after swallowing it.

Even though it wasn't stated out loud, the fire dragon soon came to realize what Qin Yu's teacher was planning. It felt fear and desperation, and even some rage.

Although it hadn't yet sensed who attacked or where they came from, if this person had such power and could accomplish this all so easily, it wasn't hard to guess their status.

Ruler!

Only a supreme Ruler could play with him as if he were a toy in their hand.

But while a Ruler could kill him, they could forget feeding him into Qin Yu's belly as if he was just a buffet.

He might not be able to escape, but he could choose to end his life here.

In any case, the fire dragon wouldn't necessarily die...it had to be known that a part of its soul was condensed from the Abyssal King's source.

And the Abyssal King had obtained the approval of the abyss' will; it was nearly impossible for it to be slain. Even if its soul was turned to dust, after long years of gestation it would eventually be reborn within the abyss.

Even if success wasn't guaranteed, the opportunity was there.

The eyes of the fire dragon that wandered through the fog exploded with resolve. Then, a terrifying aura erupted from its body.

The woman suddenly clapped her hands, joy in her eyes, "Caught you!"

Bang –

An invisible strength instantly arrived, suppressing the fog. The fire dragon phantom within the fog was frozen in place.

Right now, its scales were cracked, exposing the body below that was covered in fine lines and textures.

Broken and not broken, standing on the edge of life and death, this was the current state of the fire dragon.

Its eyes widened as if it felt the arrival of something incomparably frightening. It crazily struggled, wanting to flee. But unfortunately, facing the suppression of this boundless strength, all of its efforts were futile.

"You little thing, sometimes being too smart will harm you instead. If you didn't decide to explode yourself and reveal your life mark, I would have had to expend some effort if I wanted my disciple to eat you up. Now that you're useless, be a good little boy and disappear for me."

With a flick, the light in the fire dragon's eyes quickly faded. Soon, all that was left was a shell.

Rumble rumble –

The transformed abyssal city began to violently shake and roll, as if a terrifying creature buried deep beneath it was awakening from slumber. The depleted abyssal energy gushed out once more and flooded every inch of the world.

The woman looked up at the pitch black skies, a dignified look on her face. But her lips were curved up in a smile, and there was even some excitement there.

“Really, you are still so brainless. This is the world of the living, not a place where you can posture and show off your power. You dare to descend here with your will? It seems that after not fighting for so many years, you have forgotten my initial methods...originally, I had less than a 10% assurance and it could only be considered an attempt, but now that you've arrived, as long as I cut down this will I can increase my chances.”

She lifted a hand and grasped forward. She clearly grabbed nothing, but she actually gripped onto something hard and ice cold. The temperature in the air wildly fell and strong winds howled in sorrow.

It was like the heavens and earth had sensed that a terrifying power was about to emerge. This power was terrifying, enough to cause great harm to the heavens and earth itself!

She lifted a hand and cut forward. The woman's actions weren't fast and one could see her wrist turn. But the moment her hand came down, a shocking sword light rose. It was like a torrent rising into the skies, breaking through the horizon.

It was just one sword strike, but the pitch black skies were split in half. The endlessly tumbling abyssal energy was dispersed.

Hou –

An enraged roar came from the dissipated abyssal energy, filled with deep hate and unwillingness. Intense fluctuations of will swept through the entire city, causing everyone surviving cultivators in the city to faint.

The woman shot into the skies. After several breaths of time she came back. A shiny black light was grasped in her palm. It was like liquid and also a living creature and it tried to escape. But her five slender and fair fingers were like a prison, making escape impossible.

She looked down at this thing and her eyes flashed with a strange light. She really had succeeded....

In front of her, the fire dragon with its empty eyes shattered and disappeared like a bubble.

Abyssal source. Even if it was only a small part, in terms of value, it was extremely precious even to her.

Hesitation flashed in her eyes. She fell into thought for a moment before shaking her head. “In the vast world, everything is born for a reason. This thing is born for a reason and if I were to keep it, it would be senseless. Whatever. Since this is born because of you, then I'll give it to you. However, for something this good, I can't just give it to you in vain. You'll have to do something for me.”

She looked down at the unconscious Qin Yu and her eyes sparkled with excitement and anticipation.

## **Chapter 1035 – Mysterious Feature**

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The skies were dark and the earth seemed soaked in blood. A black and violent wind roared without end, curling up massive swathes of sand that crashed back down like stone rain. Just listening to the sounds made one feel tense and nervous.

A woman sat at the entrance of a stone cave, calmly watching the scene in front of her. Her eyes shined, as if she was unexpectedly interested.

After an unknown length of time, there was the sound of something stirring from deep within the cave. Then, a young man emerged from the darkness. He looked at the back of the woman sitting at the cave entrance and he furrowed his eyebrows together. After a brief hesitation he said, "Who are you? And where is this?"

The young man who spoke was Qin Yu!

The woman turned to reveal an ordinary face. Small freckles dotted the side of her nose. She looked like an average 16 or 17 year old young girl. She couldn't be considered beautiful, but she gave off a completely different feeling to Qin Yu. He instinctively felt close and intimate with her.

"This is the abyss, and I am your savior."

Her answer was concise and effective.

Qin Yu's complexion changed. "Abyss?" He never imagined that once he fell unconscious and woke up, he would have arrived here.

He looked outside the cave entrance. As he thought, what the black wind blew along was a light abyssal energy!

Legend said that the abyssal world was covered in abyssal energy, the nemesis of all flesh and blood beings. Once someone entered, they would instantly be corroded into a puddle of bloody goo!

But now as he breathed, he didn't feel ill at all. In fact, when he breathed faint traces of abyssal energy into his body, he felt a pleasant sensation.

What was going on here?

The woman lightly said, "The reason is simple. It is because your current condition is that of an abyssal being."

Qin Yu sucked in a deep breath and suppressed his shaking heart. He closed his eyes and probed his condition. Only after a long time did he open his eyes, a complex look on his face. It was because this woman was right; he had turned into an abyssal being.



In his chest, his two other hearts had fallen into a quiet state. Only the black heart of the abyss vigorously beat, pushing abyssal energy through his limbs and bones.

And what was more astonishing was that Qin Yu discovered that all of his strength was deeply slumbering just like his two other hearts, as if they had been sealed.

“The abyss and the world of the living have different rules governing them and different Laws revolving within. Since you’ve entered, you cannot use the strength of the other world. Of course, this correspondingly means that you can obtain gifts granted to you by the abyss’ Laws.” The woman smiled as she spoke.

Qin Yu asked in a quiet voice. “Just who are you and why did I enter the abyss?”

The woman’s smile didn’t waver. “I should have a name. From now on you can call me Feature. As for why you entered the abyss, that is because you fused with a part of the abyss’ source, so it’s natural for you to be brought here.”

Her contributions to this were completely skipped over and ignored.

She couldn’t say that she had wanted to take a look at the abyss for a long time and so she had him lead her here.

Harmony! Harmony was what mattered!

Without giving Qin Yu time to think more, Feature said, “I saved your life. You shouldn’t doubt this, so it’s about time that you repay me.”

Qin Yu looked at her. This woman didn’t have any aura at all, as if she were the most ordinary girl. But even if she had lost all her strength, it seemed that with her mortal body alone she could crush him to death with just a finger.

For some unknown reason, Qin Yu felt a trace of dread when facing her...it was completely without reason, but this feeling truly did exist in his heart.

Of course, what mattered more was that an ordinary woman would never have been able to save him and appear in the abyss. Although she appeared ordinary, it was just because his strength was insufficient to look past this woman’s concealment.

That’s right. When this woman said she was his savior, he didn’t doubt this at all.

If not for that, then with how the situation was before he fell unconscious he should have been swallowed up by the fire dragon and his soul dispersed into dust.

“What do you want?”

Feature looked around. She turned around and continued looking at the blowing wind and said, “I want to take a look around this world.”

Qin Yu: ...

What sort of request was that?

At this time, there was the sound of rapid clapping from outside the cave. There was a flash of a dark shadow, followed by a hail of stones as something hurtled straight into the cave.

As it came closer, Qin Yu could see that it was an abyssal being resembling a blue wolf with scales all over. Its eyes were fixed on Feature and its mouth was wide open, its fangs dripping with noxious saliva.

“Protect me.” Feature lightly said.

As Qin Yu was stunned, the blue-scaled abyssal wolf had leapt towards her.

This woman was able to save him from the Path of 10,000 Souls and even bring the two of them into the abyss. Did she actually need his protection? As his thoughts raced, he had already moved. In fact, he didn't even need to consider much before his body moved of its own volition.

Within his chest, the black heart of the abyss beat robustly. Tyrannical strength gushed out from his limbs and bones, causing the ground around him to shatter. Qin Yu rushed forward like a shadow, zipping in front of the scaled wolf and then smashing it with his fist.

The scaled abyssal wolf's claws were black and shined with a metallic luster. They were the hardest part of its body and even its fangs were two levels weaker.

As it saw Qin Yu's fist rush over, awe flashed in its eyes. But soon, this awe was replaced by the greed and desire in its eyes.

Hou –

With a deep roar, the scaled abyssal wolf sped up!

Bang –

There was a loud explosion followed by a pained howl. The cow-sized wolf was sent flying away. Its incomparably hard claws snapped at the root and its front legs broke in several places. It landed on the ground and tumbled about in pain.

Blood dripped down its face. A claw had snapped off and pierced its eye socket, stabbing through an eyebrow!

Qin Yu looked down at the faint white marks on his fist. He had a stunned expression.

The Ancient race's Undying Body was formidable but it definitely could not reach this level. When he fought the scaled wolf, he noticed that while it wasn't too strong, its claws were horrifically sharp.

But even so, they weren't able to damage Qin Yu's fist at all. Was this due to the abyssal energy transforming his body?

As Qin Yu was thinking over this, the heavily wounded scaled abyssal wolf crawled up from the ground. Its pierced eye still dripped with blood. Because its forelegs were broken, they hung in the air and swayed around constantly.

After being heavily wounded, the abyssal wolf's remaining eye revealed fear when it faced Qin Yu. But, it didn't run away. Rather, a low and deep growl came from its throat, making it seem crazier and wilder.

Qin Yu furrowed his eyebrows. He glanced at the quietly sitting Feature behind him.

Several breaths of time, something fell to the ground. In a breath of time, the scaled abyssal wolf's massive body had completely disappeared.

"Mm?" Qin Yu's complexion changed. This was because as he discovered the scaled abyssal wolf dying, dots of red light had appeared in his soul space.

Feature said, "This is your mark for killing an abyssal being. The stronger they are, the brighter the spots of light become. It doesn't have much function now, but once you return to the living world you'll discover its benefits."

She smiled, "This can be considered the path of balance...abyssal beings may swallow flesh and blood creatures, but that is not just because they taste good. Rather, flesh and blood is extremely vitalizing and nourishing to them. At the same time, if a flesh and blood creature were to kill an abyssal being, they would also have harvests. You will learn the specifics in the future, so I won't say anything more."

Qin Yu turned and looked at her, "You were the target of the abyssal being?"

Feature nodded. "That's right, there is a minor problem with my current condition. My body releases a scent that has a great enticement for abyssal beings. In short, they will stop at nothing to swallow me into their bellies. What you need to do is protect me in the abyss for as long as you can.

"Moreover, there is something else I must warn you about. As more time passes, the scent coming from my body will become increasingly intense, so it's best if you think of some other plan. Otherwise even if you hide here and don't do anything, more and more abyssal beings will be drawn in."

Qin Yu frowned. If this was true, there was an explanation for what happened.

It was no wonder that the scaled abyssal wolf didn't flee even after it was severely wounded but instead continued its desperate attack.

It seemed that Feature's so-called 'enticing scent' wasn't just enticing. It was something that made abyssal beings go crazy!

If the situation was like this, protecting her wouldn't be simple. A slight mistake and he would fall into danger.

After all, this was the incomparably terrifying abyss!

Feature's lips curled up in a smile. "I am still your savior. You can't even do this for me?"

Qin Yu said without expression, "I will do everything in my power to repay a life-saving graciousness. But if there is ever a life or death moment, don't blame me if I escape by myself."

He was willing to repay his debts of gratitude, but this didn't mean he was going to give his life away.

This had nothing to do with selfishness. Rather, he didn't believe that this mysterious Feature would die so easily.

Perhaps what he needed to do was preserve his own life instead!

Feature smiled, "At least you're honest with me. I don't blame you. If a life or death moment arrives, you can escape by yourself. However, I will tell you something. It is in your best interest if you help me survive as long as possible, because the longer I stay in the abyss, the more likely I am to give you some help...for instance, how to undo the Path of 10,000 Souls."

Qin Yu's eyes exploded with light. "Are you speaking the truth?"

Feature lightly said, "I never lie."

"Good!" Qin Yu drew in a deep breath, "I will do my best to protect you!"

Feature blinked her eyelashes, a bit surprised. "You aren't afraid that I'm lying to you."

"I believe in my intuition."

"Is this a man's sixth sense?" Feature muttered beneath her breath, curling her lips. She couldn't believe that he even believed in something like this. Didn't he know that this so-called intuition mostly just deceived people?

Qin Yu stepped out of the cave and arrived near the corpse of the scaled abyssal wolf. The sand and stone haphazardly crashed into his body.

He thought for a moment and grabbed the corpse of the scaled abyssal wolf before walking back into the cave.

"You said that I have to protect you to stay alive for as long as possible in the abyss?"

Feature looked at Qin Yu and then looked at the wolf corpse in his hands. "That's right, but what are you planning on doing?"

Qin Yu tore off the wolf's head. The corpse was still warm and a massive amount of black blood splattered in all directions. "It's simple. Since your scent will cause abyssal beings to go crazy, we'll cover it up first!"

Feature's eyes widened but before she could oppose, Qin Yu grabbed her wrist. "This is the plan I thought of. If you aren't willing, don't blame me for going back on my promise!"

Moments later, the wolf corpse was tossed to the ground. Feature was covered in wolf blood. It was black and emitted a noxious and pungent stench.

Feature clenched her jaws, "You couldn't think of another way?"

Qin Yu said, "There might be other ways, but this is the most direct and most effective one." He squatted down and started skinning the wolf. Using the softest parts, he crafted a wolfskin mask.

"Take this and wear it. Without my permission, you cannot take it off."

Feature might have ordinary looks, but there was a strangely intangible charm to her. Qin Yu didn't want this to cause any unnecessary troubles.

After being soaked in wolf blood and covered in a horrific smell, Feature looked at the roughly made wolfskin mask and opened her mouth a few times. Finally, she accepted it, as if she had given up all resistance.

But her teeth were clenched even tighter right now. She roared in her heart: You brat Qin Yu, just you wait. The account book between us is growing increasingly thick!

### **Chapter 1036 – Blood Refining**

After putting on a suit of wolf blood and a wolfskin mask, Qin Yu didn't stop there. He dismembered the entire scaled abyssal wolf and tossed it in a hole in the cave.

With this, it should be possible to block nearly all of Feature's scent, right? Qin Yu didn't know the answer and could only allow time to prove whether it was true or not.

"Humph! Do you not know that abyssal beings like to devour each other to grow stronger? This scaled abyssal wolf's blood aura will soon attract hunters from all around. At that time, things will only become increasingly troublesome for you."

Qin Yu sat down cross-legged. "If they come then they can come. I welcome them." Although his cultivation had been sealed, after he entered the abyss he obtained a similarly formidable strength.

For instance, this scaled abyssal wolf. While he had no idea of its relative level of strength within the abyss, killing it was as easy as killing a chicken. While this might be a little exaggerated, the truth was that it wasn't too difficult.

If it weren't for the fact that he was testing the intensity of his own strength, there wouldn't have been a white mark left behind on his fist.

Certainly, the faint white mark left behind by the wolf's claws had long since vanished.

Coldly snorting a few times, Feature turned and sat down. But when she glanced at Qin Yu's back, brilliance sparkled in her eyes.

Putting aside his determination and wisdom, this boy's luck was extremely good.

After she entered the abyss she had completely sealed away her strength. If she exposed any of it, she would be detected by the abyss' will.

So, she really didn't have any ability to defend herself.

Unless she decided she had played here long enough and wanted to leave, only then could she truly release her aura.

If Qin Yu had woken up just a little bit slower or if the scaled abyssal wolf had arrived a little earlier, she might have been forced to leave already.

This one thing seemed simple but it actually had a far-reaching impact. It meant she could continue staying in the abyss and carefully observe this world!

And reality proved that Feature's words were correct. The blood of the scaled abyssal wolf attracted other hunters.

Unfortunately for them, none of them were too strong. After a quick skirmish none of them were able to take away the scaled abyssal wolf's flesh and blood and they instead left behind their own corpses.

So as more and more time passed, more and more body parts of abyssal creatures were scattered throughout the cave. The ground was nearly soaked black with blood. The strong and foul smell that exuded from it was so rich that just taking one sniff made a person want to barf.

But there was some good news. Besides since the first arrival, none of the other abyssal creatures were able to discover Feature's scent.

It seemed that Qin Yu's plan was useful. By borrowing the smell of the abyssal creatures' flesh and blood, she could cover up her own scent.

Feature had said that she only wanted to stay in the abyss for a period of time. She had never stated any special requirements about location or environment.

If so, this cave was a good choice!

But if what Feature said was correct, as time passed her scent would grow increasingly strong. Eventually, the smell of these abyssal creatures wouldn't be enough to cover it up.

Perhaps he would need the flesh and blood of a stronger abyssal being to do so.

Qin Yu furrowed his eyebrows in contemplation. Then, he let out a deep breath. These were all considerations for the future. He would take things one step at a time first.

He closed his eyes and took a deep breath, continuing to study the abyssal strength within his body. Perhaps because he had fused with a part of the abyssal source, as time passed he came to know many things about what happened in the abyss.

For instance, these abyssal creatures that were attracted by the smell of blood. When he saw them, he could determine their approximate type and power level.

Of course, the abilities of the abyssal source weren't limited to just this. After careful meditation, he slowly came to learn a type of cultivation method.

Its contents were similar to what Feature said before about the abyssal beings devouring each other to grow increasingly stronger. This technique was born from the abyssal source. After perceiving it, it directly branded itself onto Qin Yu's soul. It didn't have a name to begin with.

"Then let's call it...Blood Refining."

Shua –

Qin Yu opened his eyes. He walked out of the cave and arrived next to the corpse of an abyssal creature. This corpse was shaped like a lion and it was 20 feet long. Besides being covered in scales, it also had a lone horn jutting out from its head. Even though it had died, faint traces of black lightning continued to linger around this horn, constantly releasing a light crackling sound.

Dark thunder demon lion. Amongst the abyssal beasts, they could be considered at the upper end of the food chain. They were formidable existences, but their numbers were scarce.

Using this as an experiment was an appropriate choice.

He took a deep breath and squatted down. He placed a finger on the dark thunder demon lion's body.

With a thought, the Blood Refining Art immediately activated. Faint traces of blood red light instantly appeared on its surface, gathering and flowing up Qin Yu's finger and entering his body.

"Mm? This feeling..." Qin Yu revealed an intoxicated expression. As the blood energy poured into him, he could clearly feel the heart of the abyss beating with more and more power. Heat surged through his limbs and bones, making him feel amazingly comfortable.

By the time the last wisp of blood energy was plundered, the dark thunder demon lion's corpse had withered away as if it was a piece of wood that had laid in the sun for 10,000 years. With a light 'pa' sound, it crumbled into powder.

Qin Yu opened his eyes, a blood red light in his pupils. He licked his lips, an impatient urge in his heart. It was like ants were crawling all over him. He vividly wanted to use the Blood Refining Art again and immediately start plundering more blood energy.

This was wrong!

Qin Yu took a deep breath and forcibly suppressed his racing heart. Only after a long time did his racing blood energy finally calm down.

Feature's voice sounded out, "At least you are smart. While that plundering technique can be used to strengthen yourself, it has an equally great shortcoming. If you cannot restrain its temptation, you will soon fall into madness and plunder too many foreign existences, causing your own bloodline to become overly mixed. In the end, your bloodline will storm out of control and you will become something that is neither a human nor a monster. You will lose all of your intelligence and become a brainless beast that only knows death and slaughter."

Qin Yu's heart chilled. There was no reason for Feature to lie to him. As expected, when he felt something was wrong, he was fortunate enough to resist the temptation to continue devouring.

"I called this technique Blood Refining because it could be used to seize outside bloodlines to strengthen myself. But now it seems that the flaws are too great to ignore."

He had nearly been unable to suppress the desire to swallow and swallow. Someone with a weaker will would have drowned themselves in it.

"Blood Refining..." Feature muttered this name under her breath a few times before nodding, "This name is appropriate. The foundation of any abyssal being is their own bloodline. Through cultivating or plundering others, they constantly strengthen themselves and can hold more and more abyssal energy within themselves, finally causing the will of the abyss to descend."

She looked at Qin Yu, "There are myriad methods in the world. No matter how perfect they appear, they each have their own flaws and shortcomings. Because in this world, true perfection never existed to begin with. The bloodline technique you perceived from the abyssal source might affect your mind, but as long as your willpower is sufficient, you aren't blinded by bloodthirst, and you also control the amount of times you utilize it, it can be considered a heaven-defying cultivation method.

“Of course I must give you a warning. This sort of cultivation method can only be utilized in the abyss, because it is a way of strengthening yourself that has been approved by the will of the abyss. You must never use it in the outside world! Moreover, the more your cultivation deepens and you obtain more strength from the Blood Refining technique, the greater of an effect it will have on your mind.”

Qin Yu had a dignified look, “There is no perfection in the world...” He whispered to himself. His eyes lit up, as if he had a harvest.

After several breaths of time, he composed himself and cupped his hands together, “I thank Miss Feature for the reminder.”

Feature closed her eyes, “It’s nothing. I just hope that you can help me stay in the abyss for a bit longer.”

Seeing that she wasn’t willing to say much else, Qin Yu turned back to the cave entrance and started to sense the changes occurring within his body.

What the Blood Refining technique plundered was the bloodline of the dark thunder demon lion. It was now in the heart of the abyss. Qin Yu’s consciousness gathered there, and he could even see a miniaturized version of the dark thunder demon lion struggling and roaring in the heart of the abyss.

What he had to do next was completely refine the bloodline. After stripping it of all impurities, he could take it for himself.

This process wasn’t fast and would consume a massive amount of energy. But only like this could he obtain a pure bloodline that wouldn’t cause him any damage.

Qin Yu closed his eyes and stimulated his heart of the abyss to beat. The heart contracted and expanded, constantly tempering the dark thunder demon lion’s bloodline. Feature suddenly opened her eyes and glanced over, a strange look in her eyes.

After fusing with the abyssal source, Qin Yu would be able to perceive a method of inheritance of the abyss’ royal family from the abyss’ will. This she already knew.

But she never imagined that what Qin Yu would obtain was the Blood Refining technique...it had to be known that this art that seized others’ bloodlines to strengthen oneself had a great shortcoming, but its ability to increase one’s strength was terrifyingly fast.

With the characteristics of abyssal creatures, after obtaining it they wouldn’t even need any other type of cultivation. As long as an abyssal creature lived long enough they could eat their way into becoming a new Abyssal King.

With Feature’s understanding of the abyss, Qin Yu’s Blood Refining technique was incomparably precious even to the abyss’s royal family.

Perhaps only the most formidable royal bloodline had fragmented inheritances of this.

This boy’s luck was truly invincible!

And this was just the first inheritance method he had awakened so far. After fusing with the abyssal source, he should be able to awaken at least two different talents!



“I really want to know just what type of ability he obtains in his second awakening.” She whispered to herself, looking at Qin Yu.

Luck was the most illusory existence. No one could say exactly what it was, but it did exist.

Out of the countless trillions of cultivators, how could some people leap up and reach the highest heavens? And why did some people perish early in their paths, becoming nothing but soil?

There was nothing else, only luck!

This wasn't a falsehood, but something she had concluded after living long enough and seeing enough shockingly talented geniuses that put forth enough hard work.

Of course, luck was left to those who put forth their best effort. Those that stood around and waited for death could only pray to be a lucky bastard.

Entering the abyss was just a casual fanciful thought that Feature had; she thought she would soon be chased out. She never imagined that Qin Yu would come up with such a roguish method.

The longer she stayed, the better it was for her. Moreover, she also wanted to know what Qin Yu's next change was going to be like.

“I hope I can stay for a few more days...but if he relies on this method alone, it won't last much longer...”

At this time, Feature frowned. She looked up into the distance.

Strong winds whistled and rocks and sand recklessly flew. There wasn't anything out of the ordinary in this vast and boundless world, but she seemed to have sensed something.

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A black iron cart wrapped in some kind of thick animal skin was moving through the strong winds. What pulled the cart were two giant horned demon cows. White clouds of steam came from their noses. No matter how the rocks and sand crashed into their bodies, it only felt like itching to these thick-skinned abyssal demon cows.

Suddenly, a whistle sounded out. The giant horned demon cows came to a stop and the black iron cart opened up. A group of people in thick robes stepped out.

Their heavy robes touched the ground and their appearances were almost the same as humans'. But the abyssal energy lingering around them proved their true identities.

“My lord, it's not too far up ahead. There are many demon beast corpses there, and some of them are of formidable strength. I do not dare to approach any further.”

A tall abyssal demon bowed as he spoke.

### **Chapter 1037 – Beast Tide**

The great lord that the group of tall abyssal demons respectfully spoke to was wearing deep black and purple robes that covered their body. However, their petite figure was enough to indicate that this person was unexpectedly a woman.

She looked up ahead, a trace of purple light flashing in her eyes. Invisible strength surged around her body. All of the falling stones instantly froze before dropping in place.

“Recently, holy energy has been gushing out frequently and there have been signs of restless agitation. While the time isn’t right, according to my observations, a beast tide will soon erupt again.”

A cold voice came from beneath the long robes. The complexions of the surrounding abyssal demons changed, their pupils shrinking with fear and panic.

The abyss was endless and no one knew where the end of its depths lay. Even throughout all the generations of abyssal demons that had survived until now, no one knew where it eventually led.

In this vast layered world, besides the abyssal demon race, what was even more was the endless demon beasts.

To a degree, it could be said that the abyssal demon beasts were the true masters of this world.

Things were fine on normal days. While there was chaos caused by the demon beasts from deep within the abyss, with the abyssal demon race suppressing them, order and stability could still be found.

But every now and then, when the demonic energy erupting from the abyss became unstable, the demon beasts would gradually fall into a berserk state.

At that time, countless trillions of all sorts of demon beasts would gather together and attack the regions dominated by the abyssal demon race. The records of the abyssal demons showed that over the years, innumerable cities had been crushed and destroyed by the rioting demon beasts, and the deaths and injuries were incalculable.

This was the beast tide.

The young woman beneath the robes came from a deeper layer of the abyss. Her strength was mysterious and formidable. Although she hadn’t been here here for long, she had obtained the approval of the others based on her own performance.

No one dared to suspect her words. So as time passed, the faces of the abyssal demons became increasingly ugly.

Once the beast tide erupted, all abyssal demons had to hide in their cities. They had to rely on the thick and tall city walls to withstand the onslaught.

And everything caught outside of the cities would be thoroughly smashed and torn apart by the raging storm of demon beasts.

Disregarding all else, just this alone caused an inestimable amount of losses.

“My lord, if this is true we must immediately return to the city. We must summon our clansmen to escape into the city right now!” A tall abyssal demon said.

The purple light in the woman’s eyes grew thicker. She slowly said, “There is still some time before the beast tide erupts. We must verify the situation in front of us first...I suspect that because of the outbreak

of holy energy, a formidable demon beast has arrived here from the deeper abyss. If we cannot kill it before the beast tide erupts, then once that happens, I fear it will dominate over 10,000 demon beasts!”

“10,000 beasts level?” The numerous abyssal demons cried out in alarm, shock in their eyes. With the strength of the city they were in, if they really encountered the impact of 10,000 beasts the walls would most likely be breached. At that time, everyone would die!

The more formidable a demon beast was, the more their mind would be corroded by holy energy. This would lead to them being unable to maintain their intelligence. Driven by instinct, they would kill and devour anything in their path to constantly strengthen themselves. The scene of slaughter in front of them was actually similar to this.

The demon turned around. His appearance was similar to that of a human, but his face was entirely covered in dark black textures that resembled scales. “My lord is right. For the safety of the city we must investigate this situation first and see what is happening. If there really is a 10,000 beast-level demon beast here, we must slay it before the beast tide erupts!”

“Yes, commander!” The surrounding demons roared out loud, violent killing intent erupting from their bodies as their eyes turned red.

Beneath her robes, the woman relaxed. Fortunately, she had a good reason, otherwise these crow tribe demons might not be willing to take the risk.

Purple light flashed in her eyes again. There was a bit of nervousness there.

Just what was hidden there? Could it be what she was looking for?

If it was true, then these crow demons were just walking to their death. But none of that mattered. They were just a lowly clan. If they died they died, what did that have to do with her?

As long as she determined that what she was looking for was there, she had a way to obtain it.

Thinking of this, her nervous eyes began to shine with a bit of anticipation.

“Move!”

With a roar, over a dozen brave crow clan warriors stepped into the blowing sand and stone.

They were all experienced warriors. As they moved, the sounds they emitted blended in perfectly with the flying debris in the air.

Soon, the unique blood scent of the demon beasts reached their noses. The crow clan warriors that stepped into this hell all revealed intense expressions.

There were too many corpses and they were all torn into pieces. The corpses covered the ground as far as they could see and dyed the earth black.

As they entered deeper, their eyes started to reveal alarm and fear. Because amongst the ruined corpses they saw many astonishingly strong demon beasts.

Scaled abyssal wolf. It was a type of hunter that was formidable and quick. Their claws were especially sharp and even leather armor crafted from the hide of demon beasts would find them difficult to resist.

But now, half a wolf corpse had been thrown to the ground. From how far it was buried in the sand it had been dead for at least two days. Its broken claws and limbs could still be clearly seen.

Spotted demon snake. This was a creature whose body was covered in different colored scales. It was a horrifically ugly snake, and the longer it survived, the more colors would appear on the scales' surface.

This scaled demon snake had been torn into several pieces. Looking at it, one could see that there were seven or eight colors, meaning that it had lived for at least 300 years. It was extremely strong and at least ten crow clan warriors would be needed to bring it down. And it would be difficult to avoid taking some casualties in the process.

There were other terrifying creatures such as the groundbreaker beast, eight-legged blood boar, and black steel spider. In particular, the latter had an incomparably hard body. Even sharp weapons would find it hard to break through its shell, but it was now dismembered into pieces without a single complete piece.

Gulp –

The crow clan warriors gulped. The red color in their eyes faded away and the courage they possessed just moments ago had all but vanished.

Standing here and looking up, they could barely make out the outline of a low mountain peak. All of the demon beast corpses were distributed around this mountain peak. Without accident, that demon beast that came out from deeper in the abyss was likely lurking inside.

However, even though their goal was close at hand, none of them had the courage to continue forward.

Those that came today were the strongest warriors of their clan. Jiao Li was also the son of the Patriarch and had a holy artifact that possessed great strength. But in the face of such a terrifying demon beast, these crow clan warriors still lacked any and all confidence.

If these crow clan warriors knew that the corpse of a dark thunder demon lion was here not too long ago, they would have turned their heads and fled.

That was a dark thunder demon lion. A trace of the demon dragon bloodline flowed within them and they had an infinite potential for growth. They were themselves incomparably strong demon beasts that could reach the 10,000 beast level!

The purple-robed woman followed close behind. As she made her way forward, the purple light in her eyes grew deeper. At this time, something flickered in her mind and her nostrils flared out. Her eyes widened with shock.

This place was covered in demon beast corpses and their stench stung the nose. But, she could still smell a very unique smell. It wasn't strong, but it carried with it a special characteristic that dove straight into the mind. It instantly detonated all of the desire in her heart.

Fine scales quickly emerged from her skin. They were translucent like polished crystals, covering her face.

There wasn't much ferocity in her appearance and she even gave off a strange and different type of beauty, like a maiden carved from crystal.

Her purple eyes stared straight at the low mountain. She could even see the pitch black hole. Her intuition told her that the source of the smell was in that cave...but what a pity, no matter how hard she tried, she couldn't catch that smell anymore.

Even so, her instincts told her that no matter where this smell came from, she had to obtain it!

"Brave crow clan warriors, you are born not knowing fear and you possess the ability to tear apart even the hardest defenses, ripping down everything that stands in your path! Now is the time to expose your great strength!" A cold voice came from beneath the long robes. Each syllable was cold but contained a formidable ability to fascinate and mislead.

The hesitation and fear in Jiao Li's eyes quickly faded away. He felt that this woman behind him was incomparably important to him, and to protect her he was willing to sacrifice everything.

He lifted a hand and demonic energy surged. A black leather drum appeared. Its surface was worn and the patterns that decorated it had become blurred.

But as it appeared, the surrounding abyssal energy seemed to have been attracted. It started to gather in from all sides.

Gathering and condensing!

Woo –

Woo –

A figure appeared within the abyssal energy. It was a strange demon beast with eyes so red that they seemed soaked in blood. It stared at the cave and growled.

"Go!"

Jiao Li shouted out loud. He ruthlessly struck the drum in his hands. Although no sound came out, the blood-eyed demon beast phantom within the abyssal energy seemed as if it received an overwhelming order. It rushed straight towards the cave.

Bang –

There was a dull ringing sound as if a mountain had crashed down from the skies and struck the earth.

The blood-eyed demon beast phantom broke apart like a bubble and dissipated.

The abyssal energy that formed its body collapsed and shot out in all directions. It formed a circular impact that swept away all the flying sand and stone between the heavens and earth, turning this area blank for a moment.

The drum in Jiao Li's hands split apart. Those around him could hear a cry of despair.

Then, he spat out a mouthful of blood. His spirits immediately languished and the resolve and courage in his eyes deflated like a popped rubber ball. All that was left was fear.

The crow clan warriors all widened their eyes as they saw a figure walk out from the cave. This person wasn't too tall, and compared to them, they were much larger and sturdier

But now, the aura this figure emitted caused them to feel endless fear...as if they were facing a hunter that stood at the apex of the food chain. With just a glance, he could kill them all.

### **Chapter 1038 - Mian Ya**

Beneath her long robes, the woman's purple pupils shrank and her beautifully scaled face was left shaken. She never imagined that she would encounter a royal in this remote place, and one who was considerably powerful.

The royals had precious statuses and lived in the center of the abyss. They wouldn't easily reveal themselves, so why was this person here?

Could it be that he realized something? And that previous smell, how was it related to him?

Countless thoughts raced through her mind and her purple eyes became increasingly dignified...no matter what was happening, encountering a formidable abyssal royal in the territory of the Crow Clan could not be considered good news.

"R-royal..." With shivering voices, the crow clan warriors fell to their knees, their bodies quaking.

The laws of the abyss were cruel and brutal, and strict levels of hierarchy were in place. An honored abyssal royal had a dignity that could not be provoked.

The strength of the Crow Clan could only be considered to be at the middle and lower tiers amongst the various abyssal tribes. And the strongest member of their tribe had only reached the boundary of a Demon General. It was impossible for them to resist the rage of a royal.

Even if this person killed all of them, it wouldn't cause any trouble for him. In fact, their entire clan would have to humbly kneel at his feet and beg for forgiveness.

Jiao Li's face was covered in anguish. Then, a light flashed in his eyes as if he had grasped onto a final straw. He turned and knelt down, "My lord, please save us, I had absolutely no intention of offending this honored royal lord!"

Coming from the deeper abyss and having purple pupils were signs of the higher abyssal clans. The reason the Crow Clan had committed such a blunder was because they had obeyed her orders. Since they were now in grave trouble, it was natural to ask her for help.

This was their final chance!

The woman was silent for some time. Then, her two white and delicate palms overlapped in a greeting of the higher abyssal demon clans. She said in a cold voice, "The imperial spirit demon clan's Mian Ya greets your royal excellency. Today's matter is a misunderstanding and I am willing to pay compensation in exchange for your understanding and forgiveness. Please pardon us for our offenses."

Imperial demon spirit race...

Jiao Li's eyes brightened. When she pulled her hood down he could see a beautiful and flawless face, one that was cold and without expression. Two delicate horns jutted out from the top of her head.

They were saved!

Although the imperial spirit demon clan wasn't the abyss' royal family, they were still a considerably formidable clan among the abyssal tribes. They didn't have many clansmen but they grasped the potent imperial spirit inheritance. Even when facing abyssal royals, they had the qualifications to speak as equals.

Qin Yu furrowed his eyebrows together before calming down. "Immediately leave this land."

"Ah...yes, yes, yes, we will immediately leave. I thank your royal excellency for being so merciful...thank you..." Jiao Li trembled with excitement.

The crow clan warriors all left in a hurry. All of them felt as if they had somehow lost their lives and picked them back up.

Mian Ya was surprised; she hadn't thought things would be resolved so easily. Her eyes sparkled for a moment before she looked at the cave entrance. Then, she bowed and said, "I thank your royal excellency. Then, farewell."

Mounting the large black iron cart drawn by the horned demon cows, the crow clan warriors raced away without hesitation. It was only after they were a long distance away that they relaxed.

The abyssal royal family was powerful and regarded ordinary demon clans as servants. It was normal for them to slaughter anyone that annoyed them. For them to escape today's calamity, they could only bless themselves for having good luck.

Jiao Li bowed, "Thank you for helping us Lord Mian Ya, otherwise I fear we would all have died today!" He lowered his head as he spoke. His face was covered in darkness, making it difficult to see him.

Mian Ya pulled her hood back on, disguising herself once again. She said, "There is no need to be so polite. I inadvertently placed you in a dangerous situation, so that was what I should have done." She stood up and said, "I have been here for quite some time already, so I'll be leaving today."

Soon, with a whistle, the giant horned demon cows stopped and Mian Ya stepped off the black iron cart. With a few light steps, she quickly disappeared into the howling wind and sand.

Jiao Li's complexion was uncertain. Finally, he clenched his teeth and said, "Let's go!"

"Young master, there is a problem with that woman. She purposefully misled us before and we are going to allow her to leave like that?" A crow clan warrior asked in a low voice.

Jiao Li's complexion turned ugly. "And what if she did? The strength of the imperial spirit demon clan isn't something that can offend. Stop talking and hurry back to the city!"

The great horned demon cows hurried forward once again, pulling the black iron cart and rumbling into the distance.

As the crow clan warriors left, space rippled and Mian Ya's figure appeared. She looked at the direction they went in, a cold light flashing in her eyes.

These lowly and pathetic clansmen actually dared to have disrespectful thoughts towards her. If she didn't want to cause any more trouble right now she would have already killed them all off.

Turning around, Mian Ya looked in the direction she came from with a thoughtful expression.

After a brief hesitation, she started walking backwards. Then, like a shadow, she vanished from sight.

Facing the crow clan warriors, Qin Yu had only done one thing. All he did was defeat the blood-eyed demon beast phantom and then the crow clan warriors had been overcome with fear.

“Royal...” Qin Yu furrowed his eyebrows. He looked at Feature who had a lofty yet serene look, as if she had nothing to do with him.

“The issue is with your appearance.” Feature rolled her eyes at Qin Yu, “The abyssal race is different from those of the living world. The stronger their bloodline is, the more external characteristics they share with humans and vice versa.

“And only the abyssal royal family, because their clan had a powerful King who obtained the approval of the abyss’ will, had their bloodline promoted to the peak and thus have an appearance that is exactly the same as the human race. So when they saw you, they treated you as a member of the royal family.”

Hearing her speak, some information appeared in Qin Yu’s mind. Knowing that she was right, he understood the reason for the crow clan’s fear.

A formidable royal, as long as they had sufficient reason, had enough strength to destroy an entire tribe of lower status. And they wouldn’t provoke any trouble in doing so.

“You seem to understand the abyss a great deal?”

“If you pay attention long enough you’ll eventually understand some things. But this is all superficial knowledge. If you want me to help you undo the Path of 10,000 Souls, this amount of time is far from enough.”

“How much time do you need?”

“The more the better.”

Qin Yu rubbed his forehead, giving up on this meaningless line of questioning. “Will there be any problems from allowing those demons to leave?”

“The crow clan is only a lower status abyssal tribe and their strength is limited. Since they have recognized you as a royal, they will not provoke you again.” Feature paused, her lips curving up, “But that girl is a bit interesting. She likely won’t give up easily.”

Qin Yu frowned, “What does that mean?”

Feature winked, “You should ask her this question yourself. You’ll get a better response.”

Qin Yu’s complexion changed. At this time, the heart of the abyss within his chest gave a warning.

His thoughts changed and he stood up, walking out of the cave. Without expression he said, “Miss Mian Ya, may I ask why you have returned?”

No matter how the sandstorm howled, it couldn’t stop his cold voice from spreading far and wide. After several breaths of silence, space rippled and the purple-robed Mian Ya appeared.



“The royal family is indeed worthy of their name to have such sharp senses. I feel nothing but admiration.”

Qin Yu didn't respond. His complexion became increasingly chilling.

Mian Ya took a deep breath and lifted a hand. Demonic energy surged and an object appeared in her palm – it was a black heart that had been crystallized.

“This is my most precious treasure. It is a heart left behind after an Abyssal King perished. Although the abyssal source within this heart had dispersed, it still contains traces of aura from an Abyssal King. With this, you can greatly increase your degree of closeness with the holy energy of the abyss and enhance your speed of cultivation.”

As she spoke to here, Mian Ya paused for a moment. Purple light surged in her eyes, “I hope to use this object to make a transaction with you!”

Qin Yu narrowed his eyes, “Leave this place!”

“Your excellency!” Mian Ya shouted out loud, “The function of this crystallized heart will surely satisfy you. You may as well listen to me. All I ask for is something by your side. There is no reason not to conduct a trade.”

Qin Yu stepped forward. Where he walked the ground shattered and cracks spread out like a spider web.

“I will only say this once more. Leave...or die!”

Mian Ya's pupils fiercely shrank. At this moment she could feel a fierce killing intent coming from Qin Yu. She didn't doubt his determination. If she refused to leave, he would immediately attack.

How hateful!

Mian Ya's expression was ugly, but as she welcomed Qin Yu's glare her heart became increasingly cold. She took a deep breath and bowed, “It was I who took the liberty to ask you this. Since your excellency is unwilling, I will leave first.”

She turned and walked away, her figure vanishing into the sandstorm. When she disappeared, her voice was transmitted from afar, “A beast tide will soon erupt. No matter what your reason is for staying here, it is best if you leave first...this information can be considered as my apology.”

Qin Yu furrowed his eyebrows. Beast tide?

He turned and looked at Feature deep in the cave.

“She should be right. The abyssal energy is restless and there are many chaotic and unstable fluctuations. It is indeed a sign of a coming beast tide; it should erupt in around five days.” Feature smiled and suddenly changed her tone, “That little girl should have sensed my aura. Even with your brain you should have also realized this, so why didn't you kill her? Could it be that you thought she was beautiful so you were moved by compassion?”

Qin Yu's lips twitched. “The reason I didn't kill her is because I didn't have the confidence I could do it.”

Feature clapped her hands, "At least you are self-aware. That girl is not easy to kill. It was correct for you not to attack." She blinked her eyes and said, "But she didn't tell you about the beast tide out of the kindness of her heart. I think you will soon meet her again."

Qin Yu said, "If she continues to bother me then even if I don't know if I can kill her or not, I will still try." When it came to undoing the Path of 10,000 Souls, he would not allow anyone to interfere. Moreover, he didn't dread killing others.

Much less, she was just an abyssal being. As for trouble that could be caused by this...if he couldn't avoid it, he could only face it calmly.

### **Chapter 1039A - Pendant of Disguise**

Great Deer City was a city that was built on the back of a mountain. An endless canyon was in front of it and only a bridge made of woven demon wood connected the two sides of the canyon together. The terrain was steep, so when the beast tide approached, it became the best choice for the abyssal tribes from all around to avoid this great misfortune.

Only four days had passed since news about the incoming beast tide had arrived, but the entire city was now flooded with people. Even so, a massive number of abyssal demons still rushed it, making the city environment increasingly anxious with each passing hour. The prices of all commodities and materials skyrocketed, and some businesses were able to make a killing in profit.

"An honored guest has arrived!" A blue tail demon at the front door called out loud. The noisy and crowded hall fell into silence and countless eyes gathered.

At this time, this was a complete seller's market. Coupled with the numerous visitors, it was good enough if someone was even greeted. For someone to have such treatment, they had to be a genuinely distinguished guest.

To receive such treatment in Thousand Eye Temple, it naturally had to come from a vast amount of demon crystals. The expenditure had to be at least in the tens of millions.

What entered everyone's eyes was a large and calm fellow. He stood almost ten feet tall and his body bulged with iron-hard muscles. He released a valiant and dangerous aura. With just one glance, everyone was able to determine that this person wasn't someone good to provoke. They immediately withdrew their eyes.

On ordinary days, order was maintained within Great Deer City. But the approaching beast tide had caused the situation to change. If someone were to die at this time, no one would care about them.

"Mister Liu Huo, you've made it. The steward has already given orders for you to be directly escorted in after you arrive. Please." Women of the fox race were known for being charming with explosive bodies that radiated sultriness. She wore a short dress that revealed her white and slender thighs and her large and abundant chest attracted everyone's attention.

After smiling and bowing, she turned and led the way. Her flame-colored tail continuously wiggled back and forth.

Liu Huo was expressionless. Briefly nodding, he followed behind the fox woman. He didn't care at all about the eyes that still lingered on him.

This performance caused the expressions of many demons to change. After mulling over it, they decided to toss away any thoughts of causing trouble.

Demon crystals were tempting, but one had to be alive to enjoy them. No matter how they looked at it, this Liu Huo wasn't someone they could target.

After leaving the hall, the noise and commotion in the air vanished. At the end of a spotless passage was a large reception room.

The steward of Thousand Eye Temple was an old fox demon wearing loose black robes. He had clearly received the news ahead of time and was waiting here. "Mister Liu Huo, please come in."

The fox woman restrained herself and put on a blank and friendly expression. She smiled and started to boil water and brew tea in front of a short table.

The tea that abyssal demons drank came from a tea tree that was rooted in the abyss and grew by absorbing demon energy. It was greatly useful to the demon races in cultivating. And because it was scarce in quantity, it was absolutely more valuable than demon crystals. It was something only high level individuals had the qualifications to enjoy.

The guest and host took a seat. The old fox reached out a hand, "Mister, please have a taste."

Liu Huo faintly said, "I didn't come to Thousand Eye Temple to drink tea."

The old fox's eyes flashed. "It seems that mister is in a hurry. Then, I won't delay any longer." He clapped his hands.

The fox woman laid down the tea set and cleaned her hands. Then, she went behind the reception room and came back holding a black box forged from demon crystal, placing it in front of Liu Huo.

"My Thousand Eye Temple has already prepared the things you wanted. Inside this, there is the blood of a six-eared yin monkey that is especially precious, and it was an unexpected harvest. The value of this item surpasses the demon crystals you paid, but because my Thousand Eye Temple wants to express our trust in mister, we will not ask for any extra payment. We only hope that Mister Liu Huo will continue cooperating with our Thousand Eye Temple in the future if you have need of anything." The old fox sincerely said.

Liu Huo said, "I understand Thousand Eye Temple's sincerity." He opened the black demon crystal box. Inside it were eight clear and transparent tubes. There were liquids of different colors within each tube, all of them flashing with iridescent light.

After carefully picking up each one and examining them, Liu Huo closed the demon crystal box and stood up, saying, "Everything is in good condition. It was great cooperating with you."

The old fox smiled, "Today's transaction is the largest one that the temple has had in the past six months. With the city being so noisy and chaotic right now, if Mister Liu Huo is willing, you can rest here for a few days. That fox girl over there will take care of all your personal needs."

The indifferent fox woman's face flushed red. She boldly looked over, her eyes nimble and sharp like two small hooks.

But what a pity, this performance that would have caused an ordinary man's mouth to turn parched wasn't able to arouse Liu Huo's interest in the least. He didn't even glance at the fox woman before directly refusing, "I have other matters to attend to, so I will bid my farewells here first."

He stood up and walked away.

The old fox smiled, "Very well. Men, escort this gentleman outside."

When Liu Huo disappeared, the fox woman looked up, a curious look in her eyes. "Why did you let him leave so easily?"

The old fox frowned, "That person isn't good to provoke. With the beast tide coming, it's best to have as little trouble as possible. So be it."

When Liu Huo left Thousand Eye Temple he disappeared into the billowing streams of people on the street, soon vanishing without a trace.

Moments later, several abyssal demons came to a stop, their complexions pale. The person they had been tracking had disappeared under their watch.

How hateful! A fat sheep had managed to escape!

Creak –

The courtyard doors were pushed open and Liu Huo walked in. After carefully inspecting his surroundings and seeing that no one had touched his arrangements, he turned and gently closed the door.

"You've returned?" Feature walked over. When her eyes fell on Qin Yu she couldn't help but reveal a strange expression. "Your Manifestation bloodline ability is quite useful when used for disguises and escaping."

She didn't think that Qin Yu would awaken his second bloodline inheritance so soon. But this time, his luck didn't seem to be that good.

Manifestation. As long as he obtained a part of the other party's body, whether it was their blood, hair, scales, or anything else, he could transform his appearance into theirs. From the current testing, there was no limit to the races he could copy. After manifestation, he could even obtain a part of their abilities...

If it was just this, it could be considered a decent bloodline ability. After all, if he obtained a part of a tyrannical creature to use as the medium for this ability, he would be able to burst out with a terrifying power for a brief period of time.

But what a pity, after Qin Yu transformed, everything was fine only when he didn't make a move, otherwise the medium he used would crazily burn away.

The stronger the erupting force, the faster it burned. In Feature's judgment, this was a very weak and discounted ability.

However, if this were purely used to disguise himself as she said, it was a fierce ability. All in all, it could be considered a comfort prize.

Qin Yu had a calm expression. When fusing with the abyssal source, the bloodline abilities that accompanied it were only accidental harvests.

It was good if they were strong, but if the abilities were weak he didn't mind much either way.

"These are the things you wanted. Take a look."

He had only put on an act when he checked them in Thousand Eye Temple; in truth he had no idea what was inside.

Feature's eyes brightened. She turned and took the demon crystal box away. Soon, her voice sounded out from within the room, "There's no problem. I'll give it a try."

Qin Yu called out in response and returned to the courtyard to take a seat. He calmly looked around.

He had no idea who Liu Huo actually was. When he was bringing Feature with him on the road to Great Deer City, this fellow had jumped out of nowhere, completely blind to death or danger. He wanted to purchase the dirty maid next to Qin Yu but was sternly refused. However, he refused to give up and finally tried to steal her.

Qin Yu had no other choice. He expended a considerable amount of effort and eliminated Liu Huo as well as his subordinates. This was how he received his rich resources here.

Only when he was looking through the goods did he discover that Liu Huo was a fierce demonic refining master.

This was an occupation that only existed in the abyss. The general scope of the work was to use various foreign objects to help the demon race strengthen their bloodline.

The abyssal tribes, strictly speaking, were built on various bloodlines. The stronger the bloodline, the greater the strength.

A demonic refining master was a considerably high-end occupation. In addition to Liu Huo being someone of passable talent, he had an immense amount of demon crystals with him.

Feature got her hands on a book. It was unknown how she managed to read it, but she really did understand it and found a way to hide her aura.

The items in the demon crystal box he picked up from Thousand Eye Temple were all materials he needed to use.

While he had no idea what the effect would be like, the value was astonishing. He had used up nearly all the demon crystals he took from Liu Huo.

And it was because of this that he was announced by Thousand Eye Temple as an honored guest...

After all, even for the superior demons who spent great deals of money, spending tens of millions of demon crystals was still an astonishing show of wealth.

Although it didn't take much effort to obtain them, it still hurt to give them away. But he had wasted two days for this matter, so it had better have some effect.

Otherwise, Qin Yu would have to think of another way to conceal Feature's aura.

A massive number of demons had gathered here in Great Deer City, and many of them were tyrannically strong. At the very least, in these last few days he had sensed some auras that left him feeling dread.

If these people discovered Feature's existence, then even if Qin Yu lived up to his words and fled alone, he still might not be able to escape Great Deer City.

He had inexplicably entered the abyss and even fused with a part of the abyss' source. But no matter what he tried, he couldn't figure out a way to undo the Path of 10,000 Souls.

So right now, Feature was his only chance. He had to do everything in his power to ensure her safety.

All sorts of thoughts raced through Qin Yu's head. A long time later, there was a long bang. He stood up and rushed toward Feature's room.

Bang –

Pulling open the doors, smoke gushed out into his face. Feature laughed out loud, "Hahaha, I really am a genius; I succeeded on my first try!"

Qin Yu relaxed. As the smoke dispersed, the room cleared up to reveal Feature's figure. He glanced at her and stiffened, slowly backing away, "Since you've succeeded, go and test the effect."

He walked away as he spoke.

### **Chapter 1039B - Pendant of Disguise**

Feature glanced at Qin Yu's back and looked down at herself. Because of the explosion, her dress was ripped up all over. She sneered. This was just a leather skin anyways, so he could look all he wanted. She didn't care, so what was he feeling so embarrassed about?

Hoho, what a false gentleman!

Casually tugging at her clothes and covering the exposed parts, Feature looked at the thing in her hand with enthusiasm. This was a jade-like ornament, round and about the size of a child's palm. Its surface constantly flowed with colors and it was quite attractive.

"Qin Yu, Qin Yu, hurry and find something to string this up so I can wear it!"

When Qin Yu saw Feature shouting and running out of her room, his eyes twitched. He hadn't noticed that this woman's chest was so overly abundant.

But what was pleasing to the eye was only pleasing to the eye. When facing this incomparably mysterious woman whose status was unknown, he always felt a hint of dread in his heart.

Completely without reason, he was worried. Although Feature didn't look as if she cared about it now, if he kept on looking, he felt that he would be in for a great deal of bad luck in the future.

"Cough! I'll go and look for something. Wait in the courtyard and don't walk around if you don't need to!" Qin Yu hurriedly pushed open the door and left.

He returned moments later. He tossed something to Feature and said, "Go change your clothes first. I'll help you string it up."

Feature humphed twice, "Qin Yu, am I not attractive?"

"You are."

"Then if I am, why do you want me to change clothes?"

"I fear death."

Feature covered her mouth and laughed. "Brat, I've discovered that you are very discreet." She rubbed her chin as if thinking of something. Then she nodded and said, "Although I don't care about it too much, what you've said makes sense, so I'll go and change clothes."

A cold sweat covered Qin Yu's forehead.

Why is there some truth in what I say? If I look at you a little bit more will I really die?

Shit, this is just like standing outside and being hit by a meteor all of a sudden. If I wasn't alert I would really be killed by you!

With a dark face, Qin Yu used a string made of animal skin to hang the ornament. Then, after Feature changed clothes, he carefully sensed her.

Mm...her aura seemed to be a bit different...

But Qin Yu wasn't a pure abyssal being, so he would have to reconfirm the effect of this thing.

"You're right. Go, go, let's take a walk through Great Deer City!" Feature said, excited.

Ever since entering the abyss, she had been stubbornly kept back by Qin Yu. She hadn't truly looked at how the demons lived within the abyss world.

But what a pity, Qin Yu vetoed this proposition without hesitation. What nonsense, if this thing was truly effective then that was for the best. But if not...hoho, he had no plans of dying together with her.

Moreover, according to Qin Yu's estimations, the highest likelihood was that he would die by himself. Feature absolutely wouldn't die with him.

"Wait here. I will grab some abyssal demons and come back." After suppressing Feature's protests and leaving behind these words, Qin Yu left once more.

There was almost no sense of order in the current Great Deer City. As long as one didn't cause too great of a commotion, there were few demons that would care. In addition, the demon races were naturally cruel and brutal. Countless conflicts occurred in the city every day and it was unknown how many corpses appeared.

Qin Yu easily captured four abyssal demons, each one from a different clan. One of them had a long nose. From their appearance, they should have the bloodline of an abyssal hound flowing within them. Their olfactory senses should be astonishing.

After waking up the four abyssal demons, Feature wore a veil and walked in front of them. Facts proved that the effects were excellent. The four abyssal demons didn't discover anything and only howled and begged for mercy.

With the effects confirmed, he ended the lives of the four abyssal demons. As a stowaway from the world of flesh and blood, he had no qualms about killing abyssal beings. And each abyssal being he killed represented an unknown reward now.

Strictly speaking, Qin Yu had received similar rewards before. Prior to entering the Path of 10,000 Souls, the first abyssal being he slayed caused him to receive a gift from the world.

And that was only one. If a massive number were superimposed together, just what kind of harvest was that...? Qin Yu was anticipating what sort of reward this would be.

"As the first treasure I have refined in the abyss, it has the qualifications to have me personally name it..." Feature paced back and forth. She had changed into a popular purple dress that women of higher abyssal clans wore. It was tight-fitting and outlined her elegant curves.

Qin Yu thought of the scene before and suddenly felt his nose itch. He turned his eyes away and coughed.

Feature curled her lips. She looked at Qin Yu and said, "This pendant is made to cover up my aura, and it is a method of disguise. I will call it the Pendant of Disguise!"

Qin Yu was without expression. He thought that this name had nothing to do with him so he absolutely would not show any second-hand embarrassment. Otherwise, it would just be too shameful!

In fact, Qin Yu never imagined that Feature would wallow in the experience of being a demonic refining master, even unable to free herself from it.

Although he suggested to her that she should become the fiercest demonic refining master in the abyss, he laughed out loud in the depths of his heart.

But when Feature said that the work process of a demonic refining master would help her understand the abyss world better, Qin Yu hesitated for a moment before nodding in agreement.

Even if Qin Yu still didn't understand what she meant by understanding the abyss world.

However, as long as she didn't leave this courtyard then she wouldn't be discovered by the abyssal demons. If so, it didn't matter what she did.

And Qin Yu also had some other calculations in his heart. Regardless of whether she succeeded in obtaining the title of strongest demonic refining master in the abyss, all of this showed that Feature had some talent in this aspect.

If that was the case, she might be able to refine even stronger things that could conceal her aura. This was something that Qin Yu would love to see.



So whatever she wanted to do, she could feel free to do so.

But soon, the speed at which matters progressed proved that Qin Yu underestimated Feature's enthusiasm and that he had also put himself in a wrong position.

A bystander? Hoho, he was too naive!

"Before, I told you that I cannot use my strength when I enter the abyss. And in this demonic refining master occupation, there are certain times when one needs the assistance of abyssal energy to continue."

"Don't look at me that way. The success of the Pendant of Disguise is only an exception and doesn't represent anything. In short, you must be my assistant. When I need you, you need to complete certain steps in the refinement for me.

"Of course, you can also refuse. But I want to remind you of something. If I am not in a good mood I will become excited, and when I am excited the intensity of aura my body releases will increase. At that time, it may attract the abyssal demons. Don't say I didn't warn you beforehand!"

Qin Yu had a darkened expression. He wanted to shout out loud that no one would believe her! This woman was bad and her reasoning was simply ridiculous!

Even though he knew that at least 80% of her words were likely nonsense, Qin Yu didn't dare to gamble on it. Taking 10,000 steps back, even if Feature needed his help and asylum, since this was related to the Path of 10,000 Souls, he was inevitably put in a passive position.

Without much hesitation, the first assistant of the future strongest demonic refining master of the abyss officially took office.

Feature had a face of smug satisfaction, her smile so wide that her eyes were nearly hidden. "These abyssal jade slips were left behind by Liu Huo. They list essential conditions for how to become a true demonic refining master. I've already looked through them and you meet all the necessary requirements. What you need to do now is to understand what a demonic refining master is and familiarize yourself with the scope of their work and other matters.

"You don't need to be proficient in everything. Just remember to do as I say. So you can take your time to look through these things. Right now, what is more important is that I need you to help me find some materials...mm, let me think about it...what type of item should my second work be."

The next day, a dark-faced Qin Yu manifested as Liu Huo again. He quickly closed the courtyard doors and left.

Even though only one day had passed, there were clearly many more abyssal demons in Great Deer City. The city was flooded with restlessness.

Qin Yu soon witnessed demons clashing seven or eight times. The most brutal one was where both sides spat out truefire, directly revealing their true demon bodies. They bit and clawed at each other, their intestines spilling onto the ground and dragging out long lines of blood.

He couldn't help but admire the strong vitality of the abyssal demon race. Even after receiving such severe injuries they completely disregarded them and continued to fight.

He swept his eyes around. When he heard the sounds of Great Deer City's demon guards arriving at the scene, he quickly turned and left to avoid any unnecessary troubles.

Sometime later, Thousand Eye Temple came into sight.

As the largest chain-like organization in the abyss, they were known as a place where all abyssal tribes had a branch division stationed.

Whether this was true or false didn't matter. But what Qin Yu knew was that they were considerably strong. During the last transaction, while the expenditures were high, they had managed to collect everything he needed by the agreed time.

Oh, to be accurate, they were things Feature needed.

But no matter who needed what, they were a powerful partner. Even if they showed a trace of ill intent, they hadn't acted on it. And in Qin Yu's mind, it was better than wasting more time looking for some other organization to help.

So when Feature needed new materials, Qin Yu chose the Thousand Eye Temple.

Just like last time, Qin Yu's arrival caused the blue-tailed demon standing at the entrance to shout out loud, "An honored guest has arrived!"

Without accident, a massive number of surprised looks turned to him, many of them shining with dark intentions.

Today, there were more demons in Thousand Eye Temple than there were yesterday. All sorts of discussions and negotiations were mixed together, the sound loud and confusing.

The fox woman he met before soon appeared in front of him. She bowed and said, "Mister Liu Huo has come again today. May I ask what you need?"

When she spoke, there was some bitterness in her eyes.

As expected, she was part of the fox race that was known for being affectionate and skilled at manipulating the hearts of others. With just one glance she showed her skills.

Qin Yu said, "I've come to make a transaction. I hope Thousand Eye Temple can help me."

The fox woman smiled. "There are too many people here. Mister, please follow me."

Qin Yu waved his hand dismissively. "It's just a small transaction. There's no need to go through that much trouble."

The fox woman shook her head, "Mister is an honored guest of my Thousand Eye Temple. No matter where you are, you will receive the highest level of welcome. If you don't agree, I will be punished. Although you may have no interest in my body, I ask that you please feel some compassion for me."

This fox woman's acting skills were indeed exquisite. Qin Yu could feel the eyes of the abyssal demons around him changing. He thought that if he declined again, someone would surely leap out to protect her.

Hoho, the abyssal demons were truly impulsive idiots!

Qin Yu cursed inwardly and said, "Please lead the way."

In his current situation, it was best to avoid trouble if he could.

### **Chapter 1040 - The Merry Forest**

The fox woman's sadness turned into a smile. After gesturing a hand, she swayed her hips and guided Qin Yu out of the hall.

"Who is that person that he can receive such a courteous reception even in Thousand Eye Temple?" An abyssal demon asked quietly.

Another demon said, "I saw that person yesterday. His name is Liu Huo. I have no idea what background or origin he comes from, but it definitely isn't poor."

"Hehe, to have that fox woman try to seduce him with so much effort isn't something that can be accomplished with wealth alone!" Another demon sneered as he spoke.

After a brief silence, the hall became noisy once again. But, there was an uncertain look in everyone's eyes. The beast tide was coming. Unless someone obtained special amnesty from Great Deer City, they all had to mount the city walls and help resist the crazy impact of demon beasts.

Although Great Deer City had never experienced a time when the demon beasts had broken through, all of the previous beast tides had an enormous amount of recorded casualties.

No one had confidence in being able to safely live through the beast tide, so during this period of time they were all doing their best to figure out ways to increase their strength.

This was why business in Thousand Eye Temple was so brisk.

With such a fat sheep here, if they could swallow him up it would be enough for them to buy some more protective armor and some life-saving demon medicines.

As for the risk of robbing?

Hoho, they all lived in the abyss and on what day were there no dangers? Even when just walking down a road there was a chance they could be leapt upon by demon beasts and eaten, or they could be captured and their bloodlines extracted to make demon medicine.

If one wanted a harvest, they had to pay a price. The abyss was a place where someone couldn't live if they were cautious all the time.

Qin Yu followed the same tunnel as yesterday. But this time, he wasn't brought to the old fox steward, but was brought to another reception room.

The fox woman began to boil tea, an apologetic look on her face. "Because he had no idea that mister was coming today, the steward made other arrangements and he is currently receiving other guests. However, I have already passed on a message. I ask mister to please wait here. The steward will soon arrive."

Qin Yu took out a demon crystal card. This was a card especially refined using demon crystals. It was similar to jade slips in the living world and could record information.

“The reason I came is to purchase some materials. The list is here. There should be no problem troubling the steward to come.”

The fox woman hesitated and then picked up the demon crystal card. After looking through it, there was some doubt in her heart but she didn't reveal any of it. She smiled and said, “All of these materials are within my transaction authority. If mister is in a hurry, I can go and prepare them now.”

Qin Yu nodded, “Thank you.”

The fox woman bowed and excused herself. She soon returned and placed a demon leather bag on the table. “Mister, please take a look.”

Qin Yu picked it up and said, “I trust in Thousand Eye Temple's reputation. How many demon crystals will this be?”

“Mister is an honored guest of my Thousand Eye Temple and can enjoy the highest level 20% discount. After rounding the cost, 20 thousand demon crystals will be sufficient.”

Qin Yu's heart twitched. He never thought that the relatively ordinary materials in Liu Huo's records would be so expensive.

Fortunately, he still had at least 20,000 demon crystals in hand. If he couldn't take it out then that would be truly embarrassing.

After the payment was complete, he didn't wait for the old fox to come. He stood up and bid his farewells.

The fox woman sent him away as usual. When Qin Yu stepped out of Thousand Eye Temple, she hesitated for a moment and said, “Guest, you should be careful.”

Qin Yu glanced at her, “Thank you for the warning.”

He stepped out and mixed into the street of demons.

Glancing at his back, the fox woman turned and left. When she returned to the reception room the old fox was standing there, a thoughtful look on his face as he held the demon crystal card.

“He left?” Putting down the demon crystal card, the old fox turned and looked at the fox woman.

The fox woman respectfully said, “Yes, I reminded him to be careful, but I'm afraid it will be difficult for him to escape those that are tracking him today.”

The old fox lightly said, “That is his own matter, it has nothing to do with us.” His eyes flashed and he tapped the demon crystal card. “How interesting. A demonic refining master of minor fame completed a transaction worth tens of millions yesterday, but today he came to purchase such low-level materials. Even I do not understand what he is trying to do.”

The fox woman nodded. She suddenly remembered something, “Steward, the guest who is looking for someone has contacted us again. Has there been any news?”

The old fox had a calm expression, "Not right now. Tell her to wait for the time being. As long as that person is in this level of the abyss, our Thousand Eye Temple will be able to find them."

"Yes!"

The fox woman bowed and left.

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After leaving Thousand Eye Temple, Qin Yu noticed that he was being targeted. His eyes flashed. Unlike yesterday when he threw them off his track, he thought about it and veered off into a remote area.

Although the current Great Deer City was overcrowded with people and there was basically no place that was quiet, there were still some blind spot areas. Even if an accident occurred in these places, there were basically no demon guards around who would care about it.

For instance, an alley called the Merry Forest that Qin Yu was headed towards.

No matter what the place was, there were always areas the light could never penetrate. The Merry Forest in Great Deer City was one such place.

What lay in front of him were low buildings stacked up on top of each other. Cold eyes looked down from all sides and an invisible and disturbing atmosphere flowed through the air.

Seeing Qin Yu enter the Merry Forest, the complexions of the demons that chased after him changed. After hesitating, some of them decided to retreat and leave.

But not all demons dreaded the reputation of Merry Forest. Although it was said that strong dragons could not suppress a local snake and powerful outsiders had to be cautious of local gangsters, that was only relatively speaking.

Under the threat of absolute strength all else was ground to dust, so of course there was nothing to fear.

But the Merry Forest was notorious all around. Since they only came for wealth, it was better to have insurance.

"I want to work together."

"After killing Liu Huo, we will equally divide the harvest."

"Fine!"

In the end, the abyssal demons who decided to enter had reached a temporary alliance. They merged together and raced into the alley. In the blink of an eye, they vanished from sight.

After entering the Merry Forest there was no more need to conceal themselves. The demons raced ahead, soon catching up to Qin Yu.

"Stop!"

With a loud shout, an abyssal demon fiendishly grinned. He raised his hands and thrust them forward.

Bang –

Abyssal demon energy erupted, transforming into a giant axe that cut down at Qin Yu's head!

Qin Yu didn't turn around but he seemed to see the attack that came from behind. He flickered and dodged.

The ground shattered and a long gash was torn open. Many of the low-stacked houses on both sides of the alley collapsed.

Behind the windows, the originally indifferent abyssal demons started to stand up, unfriendly looks in their eyes.

The air filled with a yin chill!

The abyssal demon that attacked smiled. "We have come for him. After killing him we will leave. The lot of you had better not provoke trouble for yourselves..."

Whoosh –

There was the sound of howling air. The demon's complexion changed and his eyes widened as if he had realized something terrifying.

With a yelp, he stepped backward, storming away.

But at this time a shadow fiercely accelerated, passing directly through his chest. Blood gushed out from his back.

Opposed to demon beasts, the blood of abyssal demons was red. However, compared to humans, the color was somewhat deeper.

"It's been a long time since someone has dared to cause trouble in my Merry Forest. You outsiders have guts...then, none of you can leave!" With a cold sneer, the demons that surrounded them separated to open a path.

A demon youth stepped forward. He couldn't be considered tall and strong, and when compared to most demons, he was light and thin. But when the surrounding demons looked at him, there was awe and respect in their eyes.

"Horned Python Clan!" One of the demons that chased after Qin Yu roared out loud, his face paling.

When the others saw the dense gray textures that marked this demon youth's skin, they also revealed horrified looks. They never expected that they would encounter a master of the Horned Python Clan in the Merry Forest.

The abyssal tribes differentiated the strong from the weak based on their bloodline. And, the status of the Horned Python Clan was second only to some powerful royal families. Amongst the top tribes, they were ranked amongst the best.

The people of their clan were born with infinite strength. After becoming adults the horn on their head would fall off. With some refining, their horns could be forged into the strongest weapons that were sharp and nearly indestructible.

And the most important point was that this youth had killed the abyssal demon with just one move. He displayed an absolute difference in strength.

This was at least a Demon General-level, and an outstanding one at that!

He likely wasn't far away from the level of a Demon Commander.

The aggressive and threatening demons that intruded into the Merry Forest all deflated like punctured balloons. Their arrogance disappeared and all that remained was a rising fear.

"Misunderstanding, it's all a misunderstanding. We have no intention of provoking the Merry Forest!" An abyssal demon hurriedly said.

The horned python youth sneered, "You trash think you are worthy of provoking the Merry Forest? Just die!" He lifted a hand and grasped forward. The black shadow that killed the abyssal demon howled back out.

Puff –

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The sounds of breaking flesh and blood rang out, making one's scalp tingle. The smell of blood was thick in the air.

"Flee!"

"Run away!"

Numerous demons fled in a panic. But what a pity, their speed wasn't faster. Even after running away they were overtaken by the shadow as it pierced through their chests.

Several short breaths of time later, the horned python youth raised his hand and a black spear landed in his palm. All of the abyssal demons that came chasing after Qin Yu had died on the spot.

He turned and coldly looked at Qin Yu. "To be chased down by so many people, you must be a fat sheep. Give me whatever you have on you. Maybe you can buy back your own life!"