

Refining 1341

Chapter 1341 – Waiting for the Opportunity to Kill

It was him!

Qin Yu's eyes flashed and he did not hesitate. He dashed forwards.

The distance was not far and with his current cultivation, he traversed in a few moments.

The air was filled with the scent of blood. A silhouette appeared in front of Qin Yu. The moment he saw the person, it was like the person sensed him too. The person turned abruptly and raised the sword in his hands, "Who is it!"

Woo –

An incredible murderous intent locked onto Qin Yu. If it detected anything wrong, it was as if it would emit a lightning strike.

Soaring Sky's face was pale and his eyes dull. As he saw Qin Yu, he merely frowned slightly before turning indifferent.

This calmness was extremely precious. The more dangerous it was, the more one had to remain calm. If not, it would only make oneself even more exhausted and die faster.

At this moment, Qin Yu's expression shifted slightly. He could sense some movements from the furnace, which had been silent...he focused on Soaring Sky.

He had something related to the inextinguishable flame on him!

Since that was the case, he did not need to hesitate. Qin Yu returned to his original self and spoke, "Soaring Sky, it has been a long time. Your cultivation has improved quite a bit."

He was speaking the truth. Soaring Sky's power had about doubled since they were in the Endless Sea. It felt like he would be able to surpass the realm he was currently in and enter the Sea of Bitterness to join the Saints very soon.

In the time when Qin Yu grew stronger, other people did not stop either and continued to improve. If not for the opportunity he had gotten in the Lost Garden, perhaps Soaring Sky would have caught up to him very soon...these talents that came from ordinary backgrounds were not to be messed with!

Soaring Sky frowned, "Qin...Mister Ninth, you are also in Bounded Zero Place?" As his gaze locked onto Qin Yu, he was initially shocked. But thereafter, his fear and caution remained.

Qin Yu very quickly guessed what he was thinking. Soaring Sky was very careful. But if it were anyone else and they suddenly met someone familiar in a place like Bounded Zero Place, they would not be able to trust easily. Even more when he was injured.

Coughing lightly, Qin Yu spoke, "Not long ago, I went to the East Sea and met a few people from the Transcendent Sword Sect. The one leading them was someone called Black Sword Fang Zhou. Do you know about this?"

Soaring Sky's face softened as he put his hands together and greeted, "Mister Ninth, please forgive me. Bounded Zero Place is extremely dangerous and I previously met a strange creature that could transform and imitate humans. It was extremely difficult to see through it, and I suffered a lot..." As he reached this point, he paused for a while before suddenly speaking faster, "Back in the Endless Sea, I made an agreement with you."

His eyes locked with Qin Yu's.

"Sly Fate Clan..." Qin Yu's mouth twitched. It seemed like Soaring Sky had really suffered a lot and was more careful than he thought. "I am not scared but if you still are not sure, you can finish saying it."

Soaring Sky bowed, "Soaring Sky from the Transcendent Sword Sect. Greetings Mister Ninth from the Peach Garden. I was being cautious. If I have offended you, please forgive me."

This brat was quick to apologize and was sincere.

Qin Yu had no time to be petty as he waved at him to stand. He thought about it, "Soaring Sky, I don't want to waste time. Let me see your injury."

Soaring Sky tore open the chest area of his clothes, exposing black flesh. The skin had torn and was extremely scary. Blood continued to seep out.

The furnace was startled.

Inextinguishable flame, this was damage caused by the inextinguishable flame!

Qin Yu's eyes lit up as he felt a sense of happiness. To search far and wide only to find it easily...it probably referred to something like this.

"Who hurt you?"

Seeing Qin Yu's happiness and urgency, Soaring Sky could not understand but he did not ask further. He lowered his voice, "I don't know who it is. I merely accidentally saw a ball of dark red flame in his hand and then I was being hunted."

He then pointed into the distance. In one of the neat cracks on the ground, there was a body. "That is one of the attackers. It seems like they are related to the World of Darkness."

Just as he was speaking, the body on the ground suddenly disintegrated and turned into a dark aura before disappearing.

This was similar to how it looked when cultivators from the World of Darkness were killed. From the outside, they looked no different from living people. This was a mysterious technique.

Cultivators from the World of Darkness!

Qin Yu frowned slightly as he cursed at his luck. Coincidentally, he managed to meet Soaring Sky who had traces of the inextinguishable flame. But in the next moment, he was not able to avoid the World of Darkness.

When facing a group that did not die, even he found it difficult. He had to get the inextinguishable flame.

It not only concerned Qin Yu's own increase in strength, it also concerned Peachy's life and he could not make any mistakes. Although he knew now that he would be facing cultivators from the World of Darkness, he could only choose to take them head on. He could not run away.

He immediately decided his next course of action. Qin Yu started to think of what Soaring Sky said.

He was silent for a while before he pointed at the injury, "Was your injury caused by the person controlling the fire?"

Soaring Sky nodded, "When the person saw me, he was extremely angry. He did not give me any chance to explain before he brutally attacked me. I was not his match and could only try to get away. It seemed like it was not convenient for him to move around and I took the chance to run away using my sword intent.

"He could not chase after me and threw out a ball of flame, that's what caused this injury..." As he spoke till here, despite Soaring Sky's calm and powerful will, his pupils still shrunk and fear showed in them.

"Very strong and very scary! At that moment, I utilized a life-saving item that I had and managed to block that ball of fire. The injury that I got was just a slight exposure to a little bit of the fire. If not for it, I would have been reduced to ashes."

Qin Yu frowned slightly, the inextinguishable flame was so powerful. With Soaring Sky's current cultivation, he was not able to block it at all. If it were him, although he might be in a better position, he was not sure how it would affect him. If he could, he must remember to try to not face the inextinguishable flame directly.

Thinking about this, he continued to ask, "Soaring Sky, you said there was a cultivator from the World of Darkness who kept chasing you even after you escaped?"

Soaring Sky nodded, "Yes." He looked down at the huge burnt injury, "It is not an accident. It has something to do with my injury. After I escaped, I kept trying to heal the part where I got burnt but I could not do it. It is as if something horrifying, causing the energy of the fire to remain, is embedded in me.

"I had tried cutting off the entire burnt part but there was no use. When the wound regrew, it immediately turned into this state once more."

Qin Yu's eyes flashed as he could not help but lick his lips. There were turbulent space waves in Bounded Zero Place and after stepping out of a world fragment, one could appear anywhere.

But according to Soaring Sky, there was an undeniable fact – the cultivator from the World of Darkness seems to have a way to cut through the turbulent space waves and could step through space. If not, they would not have been able to chase Soaring Sky.

Two difficult questions. It seemed like they could be solved together. Anyway, he had decided that he had no choice but to offend the World of Darkness...more accurately, Qin Yu had already offended them and if he could gain more from it, it would be better.

Dislike them. He had to dislike them!

It was obvious this had to be done.

Taking a deep breath, Qin Yu looked at Soaring Sky. He lifted one finger, "I can help you heal your injury. As repayment, you have to promise me not to tell anyone that you met me in Bounded Zero Place. Can you promise me?"

Soaring Sky did not hesitate as he bowed, "I swear if I ever tell anyone anything about meeting you, I will be looked down on by the heavens and will never gain a Great Dao!"

To a staunch cultivator with a bright future, this punishment was very heavy. Qin Yu smiled as he reached out, "It might hurt but don't resist."

Soaring Sky basically flew to Qin Yu. He closed his eyes and reduced his aura. It was simple. With Qin Yu's current cultivation, if Qin Yu wanted to kill him, he would not have needed to go through all this trouble and could easily have done so.

Although Qin Yu knew what Soaring Sky would choose, he was still very satisfied with Soaring Sky's behavior. Even though there were some things that may be clear, not everyone could accept it with such clarity and determination.

This was the difference between people.

Lifting his hand, he touched Soaring Sky's chest. Soaring Sky's chest was extremely hard and black like a block of rock. As if it had sensed Qin Yu's touch, the horrifying burning aura appeared and moved into Qin Yu through his finger.

The burnt smell appeared immediately as Qin Yu's finger turned black. He frowned slightly before becoming calm.

The black spot travelled from his finger to all over his palm and it continued to climb up Qin Yu's arm. The black spot appeared on Qin Yu's neck before it disappeared.

Feeling himself become better, Soaring Sky opened his eyes and looked at Qin Yu. His gaze changed, "Mister Ninth..."

Qin Yu cut him off, "Don't worry, I am not so benevolent as to sacrifice myself to save you. Since I dare to transfer the power from the fire to my body, I have a way to deal with it. You don't have to bother."

He paused before continuing, "One last thing, give me one of your sword intents and then leave...and remember what you promised me about not telling anyone what happened today."

Soaring Sky let out a sword intent through his finger. After sealing it, it turned into an illusion of a sword. With two hands, he gave it to Qin Yu, "Thank you Mister Ninth for saving me. If I have a chance in the future, I will definitely repay you!"

As soon as he finished, he did not hesitate as he flew away.

Woosh –

Turbulent space waves appeared and swallowed Soaring Sky.

Sss –

With him gone, Qin Yu no longer needed to hold back as he sucked in a cold breath. His face turned white. The power of the inextinguishable flame. It was scarier than he had thought. With just a bit of the flame in his body, it felt like he had placed his entire arm in a furnace to burn.

The feeling was extremely horrible!

But it was okay, everything would be worth it. Now that he had absorbed the inextinguishable flame, he replaced Soaring Sky.

Let it hurt!

His eyes glowed and Qin Yu transformed his appearance into Soaring Sky's. He placed the sword intent he had just received into his body and for a moment, he was invulnerable.

Everything was ready. Now, all he needed to do was wait. He would wait until the cultivators from the World of Darkness came to offer their heads!

Chapter 1342 – Great Dao Avatar

Li Zhou frowned and his expression was dark. He was annoyed. Because of his carelessness previously, someone saw the inextinguishable flame. This thing was still a secret and it could not be revealed. He tried to cover up his mistakes but while that swordsman was not very strong, he fled quickly. He even had a lifesaving treasure on him and he disappeared.

Although the swordsman may not know about the inextinguishable flame, its aura was on him. If other people knew about it, it would be troublesome. This was especially so if the World of Darkness found out about this. His journey this time would not only fail to get him achievements, it would also cause him to lose more points.

Li Zhou would not allow this to happen. He had something important to handle and he could only send men after the swordsman to assassinate him. However, three days had passed. Out of the three men he sent, two had been killed. Li Zhou was troubled.

Where did this swordsman come from? If he could handle it himself, he would personally kill the swordsman and not let things develop to this stage. He could delay this further. Although the men he had dispatched were all under him, their clan was at odds with the World of Darkness. These two parties were constantly watching each other. If the World of Darkness sensed something wrong, it would be even more troublesome.

He breathed in deeply and a flash crossed his eyes. Turning around, he sat on a stone in a cave. He retrieved a jade bottle that was filled with fog. As he uncapped the bottle, this fog rushed out and morphed into an illusion. Although the illusion's body was not clear, it gave off a strong aura.

The illusion slowly opened its eyes and scanned its surroundings. Then, it bowed, "Your Highness, what are your orders?"

"One matter. Take this fire pearl and find a swordsman from its aura. Kill him at all costs!"

The illusion frowned. After a slight hesitation, it said, "Your Highness, my mission is to protect you. Things have evolved to a critical moment..."

He was interrupted before he could finish. Li Zhou impatiently said, "With the Inextinguishable Flame, you don't have to worry about my safety. Go ahead, kill the man and hurry back after."

The illusion felt helpless as he grabbed the fire pearl. This object was as red as blood. Looking closely, he realized that the redness came from a flame that was actively burning.

The illusion turned and left in a flash.

Li Zhou coldly smirked. If this random swordsman could stand his ground against his personal bodyguard, it would be impressive.

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Qin Yu was very patient. From Soaring Sky's words he had deduced that the World of Darkness cultivator wanted to hide information about the Inextinguishable Flame. As long as Soaring Sky did not die, the other party would never give up. It would not be long before he sent a few more assassins over.

However, he was not sure if the main person would come this time. World of Darkness cultivators could not be killed and Qin Yu did not want to waste his time on them. After he interrogated the man successfully, he would immediately head over to where the Inextinguishable Flame originated.

With this thought, his heart started to beat faster. Qin Yu licked his lips unconsciously, and he repeated the same words in his head. Come, come on, hurry and come!

It was rumored that there was a Rain Clan in the Vast Brightness World. They would pray for rain every dry season. They succeeded every time and the reason why was simple. They prayed for rain until it came.

What Qin Yu was doing was no different than the rumored Rain Clan. His praying succeeded and he sensed a movement in the space. Then, the furnace gave him exciting news.

It was here!

He lifted his head and looked at the space; an illusion walked out holding a bright ball of blood-colored fire...no, it was a flame itself that was captured in a pearl...it was precisely the reason why Qin Yu entered Bounded Zero Place. It was the Inextinguishable Flame!

Although he was already aware of the cultivator from the World of Darkness obtaining the Inextinguishable Flame, Qin Yu was very excited to see it. It had not been easy. If he had not met Soaring Sky and the cultivator from the World of Darkness' effort to gift the Inextinguishable Flame to him. Qin Yu was sure that he would have needed more than a hundred years before he found the Inextinguishable Flame.

It was a pity that it was too small. This tiny bit was not enough to do anything. However, this was alright. A small amount was fine now; he would consume it bit by bit.

The illusion frowned. He felt tense all of a sudden and the cause of his uneasiness stemmed from the person opposite him.

His Highness wanted this guy? That's right. It was obvious from the aura that it was this swordsman. His cultivation appeared ordinary but when the illusion saw the swordsman for himself, he felt a strange sense of fear.

Forget it. Since he found his target, he would kill him and complete the task. As the shadow guard for His Highness, he was not allowed to leave His Highness. If anything happened to His Highness, he would be at fault.

The illusion reached forward and grabbed, breaking the space in front of him. A thunderous boom sounded in all directions and destroyed everything in its path.

Very strong!

Qin Yu's eyebrows raised. The person who wanted to kill Soaring Sky must have gotten impatient. It was a pity that he did not come personally but from the profile of his most recent assassin...sigh, it was probably an avatar of sorts.

Let's kill it first.

The previous description was right, the illusion was very strong and it probably had the strength of a True Saint. Unfortunately, in front of Qin Yu, it did not seem like much.

Furthermore, the illusion did not see Qin Yu as someone who could harm its life.

Intentionally killing without intent, one hit one kill!

"Master, hold on." Before he made the blow, Stone Pagoda caught his attention, "I once met a True Saint Great Dao avatar. With some preparations, you can suppress the origin of his Great Dao and extract his memory. How much you would get depends on luck, but I think you can give it a try under these circumstances. You might be able to get something useful."

For example, how the cultivator from the World of Darkness was able to ignore the turbulent space waves and teleport to his desired destination.

Stone Pagoda was not finished but Qin Yu knew what he implied. His eyes shone brightly and he asked, "How long will you need?"

"A very short amount of time. Master, please wait a while."

Qin Yu threw a punch out. The force for this blow was very much weaker than when he intended to destroy the illusion. It barely made a hole in the space and it was incredibly weak.

"World of Darkness, don't go too overboard!" He shouted as he flew. However, it felt weak and timid.

Stone Pagoda sighed. Master's acting capabilities had improved a lot from before. This shout, the shakiness in his voice, and the high pitch, together with his actions and mannerisms all looked perfect.

The illusion would definitely fall into this trap.

As expected, the illusion frowned slightly. He wondered why the swordsman would use such a method to try to escape. However, this thought quickly disappeared. Swordsmen typically trained their bodies in order to allow their muscles to withstand stronger sword intent.

Forget it, why bother thinking so much. Regardless of whatever cultivation way the swordsman chose, he just needed to kill him. However, this lad isn't that weak. No wonder His Highness' other assassins were killed. Today was his turn and he would not give his target any chance.

Trying to escape? Hehe.

The illusion stepped forward with a rapid speed, shrinking the distance between them quickly. He raised his arm to smash it down on Qin Yu's head. This speed surprised Qin Yu. It was the first time he had seen anyone move that quick.

In the blink of an eye, the illusion was close to him. A humming sound came from the sword and Qin Yu immediately turned into a sword shadow.

"Stone Pagoda, are you ready?" If this continued, he would not be able to maintain his act. He would only be able to kill the illusion directly.

A True Saint's reactions were very sharp but he could not suppress the Great Dao Origin at the moment of death. He had to leave immediately or the Origin would break apart.

"Soon!"

The illusion laughed coldly, "You can't run, admit defeat!"

Shoosh –

He shot forward at lightning speed.

Qin Yu whipped around sharply and raised his hand to block. With a 'bam', he was thrown backward. Blood spurted out of his mouth and his complexion grew pale as he fell to the ground.

A loud 'boom' followed as the ground shook from the impact and dust rushed into the sky.

The illusion frowned. The swordsman was tough, he managed to survive his attack.

Cultivators like him were pests. They were like this back then too.

Yet, no matter how tough the lives of these pests were, they would be crushed in a few more blows.

Hidden in the ground, Qin Yu felt helpless. Would he need to sustain another blow? As though he had sensed Qin Yu's frustration, Stone Pagoda finally completed the last preparations. He said, "Done!"

Shoosh –

There was a shrill sound through the air as the illusion pierced through space and closed in on Qin Yu.

The killing intent in its eyes was sharp.

Finish this.

One blow!

Bam!

A deafening explosion sounded as sweeping forces rushed out in all directions. The tremor was like an awakening volcano, tearing apart the surrounding earth and destroying everything in all directions.

Violently deformed, the illusion was thrown back into the sky. His mind was in a mess and there was a single thought running through his head: no way. How could this be?

His target had been a weak sheep ready to be crushed by his hand. Death seemed inevitable for it. How did things turn out this way?

Before the illusion could think, another explosion came from the ground. Qin Yu shot towards him and delivered a heavy blow.

Bam...

A loud hollow sound like a mountain dropping from the heavens came. The deformed illusion froze in his spot.

'Crack crack'. Like cracks creeping through a broken mirror, Qin Yu's blow crushed the illusion.

The blurry figure appeared. Fear and anger flashed through his eyes and he tried to flee.

"Stone Pagoda!"

Chapter 1343 – Securing Teleportation

Bom –

Stone Pagoda's illusion appeared. It was as if it opened its mouth and swallowed the small person.

In the next moment, a strange and sinister aura was released from within.

A thick layer of ice appeared on the surface of Stone Pagoda's illusion, wrapping him in it.

Qin Yu's eyes flashed. It seemed like it had gone smoothly. He could not help with this and could only wait for the results.

Hopefully, he could retrieve more memories...

As soon as he thought this, a 'bom' sound could be heard from within Stone Pagoda's illusion. He twitched and the ice shattered.

It was too fast!

In such a short time, it was difficult to retrieve enough memories. Qin Yu frowned slightly, but he could not blame Stone Pagoda. If he had not made the suggestion, Qin Yu would have killed the Great Dao avatar and similarly would not have been able to get anything.

"Master, his reaction was too fast..." There was a hint of weakness in Stone Pagoda's voice.

Qin Yu waved, "I don't blame you. The opponent is a True Saint after all, it wouldn't be easy."

Stone Pagoda paused before continuing, "...Although his reaction was fast, I was not slow either and managed to get some memories. For example, why the cultivators from the World of Darkness are able to move around as they wish in Bounded Zero Place."

Qin Yu was delighted, "Really?"

Stone Pagoda replied, "Of course, I would not dare to talk nonsense. Master, you will know when you see it." Very soon, a thought was transferred.

Qin Yu closed his eyes and accepted it. It was really a memory that had been forcefully extracted from the Great Dao avatar. As he went through it, he suddenly understood.

The World of Darkness was at the boundary of Bounded Zero Place and this created the four Eyes of Darkness of Darkness Origin. Each of them was located in a corner and was used as a landmark. At the same time, the power of the Eyes of Darkness was able to cancel out the effect of the turbulent space waves.

Opening his eyes, Qin Yu was extremely amazed. He did not know what kind of price the World of Darkness paid for this but it must have been a huge effort.

The boundary of Bounded Zero Place contained the greatest turbulent space waves after the small world fragmented and was where the broken rules were most severe. At the start, that area still had some small world fragments, but it was unable to withstand the immense pressure from the external world and slowly vanished.

Only those people that could not die would dare to put their 'life' on the line to slowly build the Eyes of Darkness.

That was one of the biggest secrets the World of Darkness had in Bounded Zero Place.

Of course, the Eyes of Darkness were something that only cultivators from the World of Darkness could use. Even if others knew about them, they would not be able to use them.

But this was not a problem for Qin Yu. He was even able to pretend to be a Darkness True Saint; was it difficult to fool the Eyes of Darkness? Even if they were powerful and the construction process was extensive, they were still just objects!

He would try it now.

Qin Yu's eyes lit up as he was excited. At this moment, the furnace let out a growl and he suddenly realized that he had forgotten about it.

Woo..that pearl with the Inextinguishable Flame.

Alas, one could not be too excited or they would forget important things. No wonder the furnace growled angrily.

Qin Yu glanced over and found the pearl lying on the floor. He reached out to take it but in the next moment, his expression changed.

Boom –

The pearl immediately exploded and released a dark red flame. In a blink of an eye, it turned into an endless sea of fire, engulfing Qin Yu.

A horrifying burning aura shot to the heavens!

The air was pulsating as the ground seemed to be melting. Everything within the fire was getting destroyed.

Hiding in the Furnace, Qin Yu's mouth twitched as he watched the dark red flame engulf everything on the outside. He cursed himself for being too careless. If not for the furnace, he would have suffered despite having managed to kill the Great Dao avatar.

Thankfully, he had the furnace. Back then, the furnace was created through the heavens' catastrophe and transformed. Now, it was not scared of any flame...whether it was the Fire of Eternal Night back then, or the Inextinguishable Flame now.

The ferocious sea of fire rapidly grew smaller over time. Very soon, it was swallowed by the furnace. Qin Yu realized that numerous tiny lights had appeared inside the furnace...it felt like the galaxy map in his God Mark. There were definitely some similarities.

The furnace creating Great Dao. It sounds simple but it was like a miracle that was in defiance of the natural order. Initially, Qin Yu could not understand why the furnace could do this. Now that he saw the small lights that appeared on the inside of the furnace, a thought popped into his mind – could the basis of the furnace's Great Dao be because it had some attributes related to the heavens and earth?

For example, carving the world within its body meant that the furnace would represent the heavens and earth and be able to exercise its privileges and help cultivators create Great Dao. If it really were the case, it would be very similar to the True Saint Path that Qin Yu was on and they could have mutual benefits.

Looking intently at the small lights in the furnace, Qin Yu took a deep breath and pushed this to the back of his mind. He could think about this next time. Now, the most important thing was to test if he could use the Eyes of Darkness to teleport within Bounded Zero Place.

With this, even if he could not think of a good plan to get the Inextinguishable Flame from the Darkness Faction, he might have a chance even with a stupid plan.

He left the furnace, stored it, and flew to the edge of the small world.

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Bom –

Behind Li Zhou, a gigantic rock exploded into pieces from the power of the inner strength he had emitted.

Opening his eyes, his face was pale as his eyes were filled with shock and anger.

His shadow guard was dead!

Damn it. How could this happen when it was just a puny sword cultivator?

The shadow guard's death was not what Li Zhou had expected. Moreover, after he found out that the explosion of the Inextinguishable Flame did not kill the swordsman, he became suspicious.

He knew very clearly how powerful the Inextinguishable Flame was. Even if the person was a True Saint, he would be severely injured after getting touched by the Inextinguishable Flame.

However, not only did the sword cultivator not die, he could sense that the ball of Inextinguishable Flame that he had released had vanished completely.

At this moment, numerous plots ran through Li Zhou's mind. He even thought of his siblings who he was in conflict with.

No!

They would not dare. No matter how intense their conflict was, no one would dare to act brazenly when it came to the southwest desolate region.

If there was even a tiny leak, they would suffer a horrendous death. Previously, there had been an example of this and no one dared to go against it.

If not them, could it be a trap by that group? In Bounded Zero Place, the only people that could go against the Darkness Faction was them.

But that was not right. If it were them, after they realized the existence of the Inextinguishable Flame, they would have gone crazy. Things would not be as peaceful as they were now.

Li Zhou frowned harder. He simply could not understand. But there was one thing he was sure of...the sword cultivator who escaped definitely had a problem. He could sense an unknown pressure settle on him, as if foretelling that something bad was about to happen.

Damn it!

He looked at the bottom of the cave. There was a flame that was currently burning, and within the ball of flame, a vague black shadow seemed to appear, as if it was creating something.

It had not been easy for him to get this and he could not give it up halfway. If not, it would be almost impossible to find it again.

Thankfully the refinement seemed to be nearing the end. Once it was done, the first thing he would do would be to kill that sword cultivator.

Once he got the thing in the cave and could control the Inextinguishable Flame, it would be easy to kill these people!

As he thought of this, Li Zhou took a deep breath and suppressed the annoyance within him. The quiet dancing flame was reflected in the sweat beads that had drenched his temples. His face was slightly pale.

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The first time he tried, he failed.

In the second that Qin Yu stepped out of the small world fragment, he could sense the aura of the four Eyes of Darkness and he successfully built a connection with them. But soon, the connection was cut off and he could not borrow their power.

After going through another familiar uncomfortable tumble in space, Qin Yu appeared on another unfamiliar world fragment. He was even given a small colorful present – A poison-spitting beast.

The beast did not attack Qin Yu first but it was Qin Yu who accidentally stepped into its nest the moment he emerged from the chaotic space.

Taking a full breath of brightly-colored toxic gas, his eyes glistened.

As a way to repay the beast for that enthusiastic welcome, Qin Yu ended it...

He had no time to waste. Once he was done, he immediately went to practice. This was the most important thing now.

The second time was an exact copy of the first, without the colorful present.

The third was the same.

In his fourth try, he met another colorful present. But this time, it was not immediate; he was attacked as he was rushing back.

There was no choice, he killed it.

He continued until his twelfth try.

Taking a deep breath, he stepped out of the world fragment and the turbulent space waves immediately engulfed him. In his conscience, the position of the four Eyes of Darkness appeared and he adjusted his aura to match. He split the turbulent space and chose his direction...

Woosh –

Qin Yu disappeared!

After a few moments, he appeared on another world fragment.

Success!

Qin Yu subconsciously clenched his fist as delight shone from his face. As someone who could pretend to be a Darkness True Saint, this was nothing.

The Darkness Faction would never be able to imagine that the four Eyes of Darkness, which they had painstakingly built, would be secretly used by others.

Not only that. Qin Yu, who had managed to use their Eyes of Darkness, was soon going to become their nightmare!

Because when Qin Yu practiced two more times and successfully used them to travel around, Stone Pagoda spoke, "Master, actually other than the message that I had sent to you, I also managed to retrieve some badly damaged memories. I did not tell you before because if you were not able to master the teleportation, it would be useless even if you knew...but now, the decision is in your hands."

A thought was sent over. Qin Yu's eyes lit up immediately after he read it – I finally found you. The controller of the Inextinguishable Flame!

Although the memory was very badly damaged and there were many gaps, it was enough to make a rough guess – in the World of Darkness, the cultivator controlling the Inextinguishable Flame was currently trying to create something important, hence he was not able to personally chase Qin Yu.

The key thing was that this treasure required the use of the Inextinguishable Flame. Additionally, using the Inextinguishable Flame would cause great damage to one's own body.

This also meant that the cultivator from the World of Darkness was currently in a weak state!

Coincidentally, the memory fragments contained a location...perhaps it was too important and of high concern, hence the memory was especially clear.

Chapter 1344 – Good Person's Rage and Embarrassment

He found the cultivator who had the Inextinguishable Flame. He was moving and he appeared weak.

A sullen look crossed Qin Yu's eyes. Did he need to think twice? If the cultivator was not going to come to him, he would head over!

I will find you if you don't come for me.

While this was risky, the world was fair and he needed to pay a price if he wanted gains.

Taking a deep breath in, Qin Yu shot into the sky. The instant he crossed the small world, he instantly sensed the four Eyes of Darkness.

Shoosh!

He flashed and disappeared.

The World of Darkness must have taken a long time to construct the four Eyes of Darkness in Bounded Zero Place. However, this did not mean that the cultivators from the World of Darkness could teleport freely as they pleased within.

There was a limit to its use. For instance, there was a limit to the distance of teleportation every time. If it was too far, they would not be able to reach the destination. Furthermore, there would be a small deviation each time. The Eyes of Darkness would expend some energy with each teleportation.

The biggest problem in using the Eyes of Darkness teleportation was that it required energy! The cultivators from the World of Darkness would not use the Eyes of Darkness teleportation unless it was the last resort. If it was pushed beyond its limits, it might cause harm to the World of Darkness cultivator's body.

However, this did not bother Qin Yu at all. He did not know about this, but so what if he did? What would he gain from helping the World of Darkness? Hehe!

As such, before he could determine how long it would require for the supporter of the Dark Fire to be refined, he needed to hurry.

At the end of every teleportation, he did not stop even if he met cute creatures along the way. He would end their lives very quickly.

Teleport!

Teleport!

Teleport!

Shoosh!

Qin Yu appeared on a small world fragment and his eyes scanned his surroundings. After verifying that things were okay, he sat down.

Even at his cultivation rank, he felt the depletion of his energy after so many teleportations. He was very close to his destination. If he was lucky, he would be able to reach it with one more teleportation. But if he was unlucky...

The moment this thought appeared, Qin Yu turned his head and shook it away. His expression changed; he would not think about things that he did not want to happen. Suddenly, his breathing changed and dark energy surged out and covered his body.

In the next instant, the space vibrated and two cultivators from the World of Darkness stepped out. They stared at Qin Yu and sensed darkness aura on him. Instantly, they frowned.

“Who are you? Why are you here?”

In the darkness, Qin Yu quickly came up with an idea. He laughed coldly, “I was ordered to guard this small world fragment and prevent anyone from entering. Who are you guys?”

The two cultivators were stunned by the question. One of them frowned, “You don’t recognize me?”

His heart jumped and Qin Yu cursed under his breath. It seemed that this person had a high status. He might be exposed before he reached his destination. Since he was already discovered, he needed to be vicious and kill the two people in front of him.

A red flash crossed his eyes. But before Qin Yu attacked, the World of Darkness cultivator suddenly asked, “Are you with His Highness?”

Qin Yu’s eyes flickered and his tone grew arrogant, “Since you know who I am, why aren’t you guys reporting your names?”

“How dare you!” As the man shouted, he pressed forward, “How dare you disrespect a general. I will crush you and bring you to His Highness!”

The other person laughed. “General Tiger Roar has a high status and he has a place in front of His Highness too. You are asking to die!”

The dark energy around Qin Yu started to crumble apart and he was pressed onto the ground. His face turned pale and he panicked internally.

“General, please spare me!”

General Tiger Roar yelled, “Bring him along. I need to ask His Highness. Is this how he treats me?”

“Yes, General!” The other man grabbed onto Qin Yu and then they jumped into the sky.

Buzz –

Space waves surrounded him and General Tiger Roar suddenly groaned. The energy from the Eyes of Darkness slowed and he was caught off guard by the sudden space waves.

“General, are you alright?” The person grabbing onto Qin Yu asked.

General Tiger Roar shook his head, “It is fine.” His expression darkened, “There is actually a depletion of the energy within the Eyes of Darkness. What in the world did His Highness do to cause such a sharp drop in the energy?”

The ‘captured’ Qin Yu’s eyes flashed. If he was right, this was caused by him.

No way was he going to tell them that.

He was still wondering how he would sneak an attack and deplete the energy from the weakened camp of darkness. It was very easy, the supporter of the Dark Fire was refining something and he could not move. There must be guards around him.

If he was captured by these men, it would not be easy to get rid of everyone.

Time was tight and he had to hurry...however, before Qin Yu thought of a plan, the person in question came forward.

It was as though he had infiltrated the enemy camp and beaten them senseless. It was so easy.

A good person, what a good person!

The Great Dao avatar he met before was from General Tiger Roar. Qin Yu had a good impression of the cultivators from the World of Darkness.

Thousand Saint wanted to kill him previously but he ended up delivering the Fire of Eternal Night to him. Hundred Saint had also considered him an ally till his death. He even sacrificed himself for Qin Yu.

How touching, maybe he should be kinder...sigh, never mind. People ought to take responsibility for their own lives.

This was a realization!

Shoosh!

The scene in front of him brightened. The teleportation was over. Qin Yu looked at his surroundings and could not help admiring General Tiger Roar.

His name was boring and he had a simple aura. Yet, his skills were good and he managed to get where he wanted in one shot. There were people from the World of Darkness guarding the area.

However, when these cultivators saw General Tiger Roar, they immediately turned respectful and they bowed, “Greetings to General Tiger Roar!”

“Mm.” He coldly acknowledged them before stepping forward, “Where is His Highness? I am looking for him urgently.”

The person behind him threw Qin Yu forward, "This man was outrageous and he disrespected General Tiger Roar. Lock him up first. We will deal with him after the general meets His Highness!"

"Yes yes yes, General, please rest assured. I will look after him properly." The guards nodded their heads continuously. He looked at Qin Yu...hm, he had not seen this man before. Was he new?

He was bold to offend General Tiger Roar. His Highness was fighting for power now and he needed General Tiger Roar's support to make his life smoother.

This lad was going to be in deep trouble. Hopefully his background was good. Otherwise, he would be crushed instantly!

Qin Yu felt the looks of mockery, pity and many other complicated emotions. He thought about it. Should he take action now?

His time was precious. Furthermore, with General Tiger Roar here and the many other World of Darkness cultivators all gathered here, it would be easy for him to be surrounded.

He could not wait any longer!

Qin Yu raised his head and looked at the crowd. On his pale face, he suddenly revealed a smile.

This lad actually dared to smile? Was he crazy? The thought of 'lunatic' crossed their minds, but then their hearts suddenly stopped in the next instant. Wild forces rushed for them and enveloped them as an intense fire burnt them clean.

There was only one chance for him to act. A large scale group attack was the best choice.

While he might not be able to kill too many people, it was a good chance for him to cut the forces of the World of Darkness by half.

If they were injured, were these men still going to be a problem for him?

"Ambush!" One World of Darkness cultivator screamed. Fresh blood spurted out of his mouth and his face had been slit open. Blood poured out from his wound and quickly, his entire face became as red as the devil.

This man's aura was strong and his eyes were firm despite the sudden attack. He showed the style of a leader.

If Qin Yu did not kill such a person first, would he let him live and cause trouble in the future? With this thought, Qin Yu made his next move. He stepped forward and closed the distance between them in a flash. The man's eyes narrowed and he punched out in anger.

His reaction was fast and his determination was strong too. Knowing that he could not avoid it, he put in all his power for his blow. If he could defend himself, he could also obtain the support from the surrounding men. This was his best bet.

He was a smart person!

However, since Qin Yu wanted to kill him, he did not let this man have a chance to breathe.

Bam!

A loud 'bam' sounded, like a ripe persimmon falling from a branch to the ground. It crashed apart and its juices spilled out.

Oh, such a nice scene. The live body split apart like the persimmon. Of course, there were no juices that seeped into the ground. Everything was absorbed by the darkness aura.

Cheat! If he did not kill that man, what was the point? Qin Yu sometimes felt that the World of Darkness men were pretty good, they just did not have morals.

Many thoughts rushed through his mind after that first blow. Qin Yu did not stop and he swept his arm forward. Another two cultivators from the World of Darkness were blown backwards. They crashed to the floor with 'bam' sounds and their bodies twitched. Very reluctantly, they turned into darkness energy and dissipated.

"Protect His Highness!"

"Stop this man at any cost!"

Screams and shouts. Qin Yu had killed another two men in the meantime. Were they protecting him or did they need to save him?

General Tiger Roar mentioned His Highness. These men also spoke of His Highness. It seemed like the person who sent the Great Dao avatar over was him.

This also meant that the Inextinguishable Flame was with His Highness...perfect!

In the deep cave, General Tiger Roar met with His Highness. He coughed lightly but before he could continue, he heard a commotion outside.

In order to avoid being sensed by the outside world, there were a lot of arrays inside the cave. Hence, he could not hear properly.

Li Zhouyi frowned slightly before his expression turned calm again, "It must be a creature that barged into the small world fragment. It will be resolved soon. We don't need to worry."

He smiled...he could not speak and his smile was frozen. Right at that moment, the cave shook and screams were heard.

It was like a slap to his own face.

Li Zhouyi's expression turned dark.

Opposite him, General Tiger Roar waved his hand, "Wolf Guard, you head out. We need to talk privately."

General Tiger Roar was giving him a way out.

Wolf Guard was the cultivator who had been following him all along. He bowed and said, "Yes, General." After he bowed to Li Zhouyi, he turned and left.

Looking at his back, Li Zhouyi sighed, "I heard that your subordinate, the Wolf Guards, are powerful people. Meeting one of them today, it seems the rumors were not a lie."

A pleased look crossed General Tiger Roar's face. In the West Region, the Wolf Guards were considered top notch, "When Your Highness returns victorious, Tiger Roar Mansion will send ten Wolf Guards to be your personal bodyguards."

This was akin to a promise and it also expressed his support. Of course, there were prerequisites that he had to fulfill and this was just General Tiger Roar's way of saying that if Li Zhouyi wanted his support, he first needed to prove himself.

It was very reasonable!

Li Zhouyi burst into laughter, "Good, then I will wait for your men. I have to say I want the best of the best."

Bam!

A hollow explosion cut off the conversation between the two young men.

Wolf Guard who had been sent out just now was thrown onto a rock. Blood spurted out of his chest from a wound and he desperately struggled to say, "General, there is... a strong enemy outside!"

Although a quick glance was all he had before he was attacked, Wolf Guard had seen clearly. The person who the general brought back was the enemy. However, how could he say this in front of Li Zhouyi? That would be stabbing his own general.

What Wolf Guard did not know was that his pitiful and bloody sight was a slap to General Tiger Roar's face already. It was a loud and clear slap.

He had even talked about sending Wolf Guards over to Li Zhouyi. Yet suddenly, this scene happened in front of him. General Tiger Roar's expression stiffened and he sighed as he cupped his hands, "We were interrupted at a critical moment. An enemy has attacked us outside; I will personally kill him!"

A look of worry crossed Wolf Guard's face but he could not say anything anymore. After one last breath, he fainted.

Killing intent rushed through General Tiger Roar's face. He hesitated and his face turned colder.

Li Zhouyi coughed, "With General here, I have no need to worry."

He did not speak anymore. Actions were always louder than words. General Tiger Roar was going to bring the head of the enemy to him to wash away his embarrassment.

General Tiger Roar nodded his head and then left. As he crossed the boundaries to the outside world, ear-piercing screams and the pungent smell of blood immediately flooded his nose.

His eyes narrowed and a cold glare flashed. Once he stepped out of the cave, he locked onto the enemy.

He stood rooted to his spot.

Instantly, his face turned red and he finally understood why Wolf Guard stammered! Rage and embarrassment filled him.

Chapter 1345 – Main Actor Qin Yu

Amidst the screams and cries of the cultivators of the World of Darkness, there was also anger, surprise and disbelief.

After so many years, there had never been anyone who dared to take on the World of Darkness. Even that other clan would be fearful.

However, someone dared to scheme and take on this whole gang of World of Darkness cultivators. Although they did not really die, descending into the World of Darkness again required a high price and they would hold a grudge for that.

Either that guy was mad, or he was fearless!

At that moment, the cultivators from the World of Darkness who were still alive recovered from their initial shock and anger. They discovered that their attacker was the man General Tiger Roar brought back. Was this related to the contest for the leaders in the West?

This surprised everyone and fear flooded their faces. If this was the case, it was not a good thing for them to be dragged into this.

Suddenly, General Tiger Roar gave a cry as he entered the scene.

My goodness.

Even General Tiger Roar...damn, they had to kill this man and maintain their honor.

The general sighed deeply and killing intent surged out of him. He would end this nonsense!

“General Tiger Roar!”

The surviving World of Darkness cultivators cried and backed off. Their wide eyes were full of fear.

No one was dumb and they had the same thoughts.

If their guesses were right, the fact that General Tiger Roar was here and not His Highness meant General Tiger Roar might have killed him.

With this thought, their faces turned even more ghastly. If His Highness was killed after descending here, the power struggle would shift greatly and all of them would be dragged in!

They stared at the scene in front of them and their chests filled with hatred. General Tiger Roar spurted out blood and his eyes were as black as the night.

What were these bastards thinking? He was the great General Tiger Roar of the West. Why would he do something so stupid? However, it was true that the attacker was brought into the camp with him. Although he could come up with an excuse, people might not believe him under such circumstances.

If his enemy caught hold of this matter, he would be put to shame and this would be a major headache for him.

Kill! He must kill this man by his own hands in order to resolve the entire matter.

After a few angry breaths and mouthfuls of blood, the killing intent around General Tiger Roar grew thicker. He was the revered great general but at this point, his desire to kill was so strong it was suffocating. Demon energy dissipated from his body and turned into the illusion of a white tiger above his head. Its eyes were dark and cold as it glared at Qin Yu.

Boom –

A loud explosion caused the earth to shake. General Tiger Roar rushed out. His body flashed quickly and he threw a heavy punch. It was easy to deduce the true force of his punch and Qin Yu's expression turned serious.

A True Saint!

He had already sensed that the general was a strong foe but he was sure now.

How many True Saints were there in the Vast Brightness World?

At this point in time, in addition to the dead Black Turtle, Qin Yu had already met five True Saints from the World of Darkness. This did not include the Eye of Eternal Night but it was definitely not the full picture. It could only be considered a small portion.

What on earth was the World of Darkness? How could there be so many True Saints? They were so mysterious that even the Saint circle were unsure about their existence.

There was definitely a problem here.

Qin Yu guessed that there was a mysterious and big secret behind the World of Darkness. However, his understanding of the World of Darkness was too limited and he could not reach a conclusion.

It was not a good idea to provoke them...what should he do? He had already offended them in the East Sea.

If his identity was exposed in Bounded Zero Place and the World of Darkness learned about him again, it might risk everything to kill him.

Qin Yu felt disheartened by this thought.

However, this was life. The ideal scenario would not happen and problems would arise at any moment. One could only bring themselves to continue walking down this path.

Bam!

General Tiger Roar's face twitched. A mountainous force rushed into his body and the power threw him off balance as he retreated backward. Every step he took caused a deafening sound as he stomped through the earth.

A few unlucky World of Darkness cultivators were thrown aside by the residual shock waves and their bodies shivered. They had no choice and although they knew that there would be trouble, they could only bite the bullet and carry on.

After taking a blow, Qin Yu remained unfazed. He continued his onslaught against General Tiger Roar. His target had not shown himself and this must mean that he was in a critical moment of his refinement. He could complete the refinement at any moment.

While General Tiger Roar was powerful, Qin Yu did not fear him. However, if the lord appeared with the Inextinguishable Flame, it would be troublesome for him.

Since he chose to attack, he would end it quickly and then rush into the cave to steal the Inextinguishable Flame.

His plan was straightforward and if he was determined, he would not hold back. General Tiger Roar could feel the intense coldness from Qin Yu as well as his murderous intent. This guy was mad!

General Tiger Roar was one of the top individuals in the West. If he could establish the General Tiger Roar mansion, how could he be killed so easily? The him right now was just a puppet made out of dark energy and he was not able to unleash a lot of skills. If he was real, he would crush his enemy with a single hand.

You want to kill me? Go and die!

Anger burst out of General Tiger Roar and he yelled to the sky. The demon energy white tiger suddenly merged into his body.

Crack, crack!

A white body of armor appeared, binding tightly together and enclosing his body beneath. After it was fully formed, it revealed only his pair of eyes.

The armor had a fierce tiger head and its eyes were bright red. This redness was so sinister; the eyes looked like they came from the devil.

Boom!

With the armor around him, General Tiger Roar released his aura and his powers surged. A crushing pressure formed in the air and ear-piercing cries filled the area. It sounded like thousands of men and women, old and young, were desperately crying for help. It was heart-wrenching.

"I will kill you. This is General Tiger Roar Mansion of the West!" A deep roar came from him as General Tiger Roar unleashed his powers with a punch that split the air. Like a meteorite that fell from the sky, it made everyone's hearts clench.

The West!

Qin Yu's eyes flickered. He had captured the key that General Tiger Roar revealed. It was that strange name. When he returned, he would ask the Spring Master and see if anything would come out of it.

Why was he able to capture such an important point in General Tiger Roar's words in this critical moment? It was simple. Although General Tiger Roar unleashed his full power and put on the white armor, this was useless in front of Qin Yu.

Rules were nullified in Bounded Zero Place and when nature and True Saint Phenomenon collided, there would be a devouring. The Great Dao would be harmed in this process.

As such, True Saints did not come here easily. Even a small release of Great Dao aura... either way, their strengths were greatly reduced in this place.

In the outside world, Qin Yu could easily contest with True Saints and even kill a few of them. Why would he be worried here?

Boom –

A ball of energy from the innate spirit was burnt in his body and his powers surged. Taking a deep breath in, he jumped into the sky and released his power.

The previous introduction given about Bounded Zero Place was not detailed enough. After Qin Yu entered it, he finally understood. This place was not friendly to True Saints, but this did not mean that cultivators who were not True Saints would be spared.

Without rules, the environment in Bounded Zero Place was a chaotic space. Any living creatures who entered it would be under its influence. A True Saint experienced this effect more seriously but other cultivators would be weakened too.

This was especially so for cultivators who cultivated the rules. In Bounded Zero Place, if rules were broken, how would they go forward? Even in the best case scenario, the powers released would be pathetic.

As such, for cultivators in Bounded Zero Place to fight each other, they required either a strong physical body, some treasure, or strange techniques that did not require rules.

Because of this, General Tiger Roar's attack appeared very rough and it did not have the usual elegance and splendor that came from a True Saint. This was the only way for him to stand his ground in Bounded Zero Place.

With the Rule System Body, the innate spirit, and the ability to transform into the Abyssal Titan, would Qin Yu be afraid of him?

Hehe, if Qin Yu could battle against a True Saint in the outside world, he would not be afraid to fight three of them in Bounded Zero Place!

If this was not the case, after Stone Pagoda forced out the memory from the Great Dao avatar and learned that his target had a strong guard, Qin Yu would not have voluntarily triggered a fight. Taking chances as they came may seem risky and reckless. But his actions now were a far cry from that.

Qin Yu was the main actor in Bounded Zero Place!

Boom!

A thunderous boom came as General Tiger Roar, clad in white armor, was thrown away. He cried angrily.

Crack –

Crack –

Small cracks appeared on the white armor and stretched out like a spider web. Although it did not seem significant, the force from Qin Yu's blow had reached General Tiger Roar's bones. This was also a force he sustained after the white armor absorbed most of the impact. If he had been hit directly, he would not be crying angrily now. Instead, he would be spitting out blood and fighting for his life.

Cold sweat dotted his forehead. There was one thing General Tiger Roar was sure of: his attacker was not a True Saint. However, he was incredibly strong. If he used his Great Dao, he would be in such a pitiful state. However, this was Bounded Zero Place. Igniting his Great Dao was like committing suicide.

Damn it!

Li Zhouyi, you idiot. What in the world did you do to anger such a powerful enemy?

Chapter 1346 – General Tiger Roar Ran

Cultivators in Bounded Zero Place had the same motives. Who would risk their lives for nothing?

The World of Darkness' greatest enemy was that clan. However, the characteristics of that clan were very unique and their cultivation art could not be mimicked. If they exchanged blows, they would be able to sense that clan.

Other cultivators from the Southwest Desolate Region would not dare to enter Bounded Zero Place, especially if they were True Saints. While there might be a few Half-Saints who were outstanding, there was no way they had such strength.

Who was this person?

This thought sped through his head like a bolt of lightning and surprise filled his eyes.

While Li Zhouyi was strong, he was far from the role of leader. There were a few who were more outstanding than him who had reached out to General Tiger Roar.

As the great general in the West Desolate Region, General Tiger Roar had a stable position. Before he saw the full picture, he would not easily take action.

This time, he was going against his normal ways by reaching out to Li Zhouyi first. He even allowed his darkness puppet to enter the Southwest Desolate Region. The reason was the Inextinguishable Flame in Li Zhouyi's hands.

This item caught the attention of all the powerful people in the Southwest Desolate Region and many people had a lot of hopes for it.

Although Bounded Zero Place was large, the World of Darkness had searched it for many years. They covered every inch of the place and did a thorough search. Nothing came from it and they were unable to locate any treasures.

There were two possible explanations for this. Firstly, there wasn't any treasure left by the Ruler. Secondly, it was hidden in a place that people could not access.

General Tiger Roar did not know the underlying reason. However, the Desolate King seemed to have a way to confirm that there was a treasure of the Ruler in Bounded Zero Place.

It was possible that the treasure had already been taken. The only place in Bounded Zero Place that the World of Darkness had not touched was the burning Mountain of Flames.

The Inextinguishable Flame in Li Zhouyi's hands was something that the West Desolate spent numerous years and experience to obtain. It was for them to enter the Mountain of Flames.

With this thought, General Tiger Roar's heart turned cold and his eyes narrowed. Did this person desire what Li Zhouyi had? Was he going to foil General Tiger Roar's plans?

After the Great Massacre back then, the West Desolate entered a period of internal chaos. The undead cried for hundreds of years. Who was still willing to take the risk?

Logically, the possibility of this was very small. But the attacker was not from that clan. There was also no identity this person matched up to. So where was he from?

Furthermore, the first time General Tiger Roar met this man, he had a very pure darkness aura that was definitely real. Otherwise, General Tiger Roar would not have fallen for the trick so easily.

General Tiger Roar had a lot of mixed emotions. If this man was from the desolate region, his power could be explained.

There were many strong cultivators in the Great Desolate. Some of these talented cultivators did not have a high cultivation rank but they were incredible in combat. It was common for such cultivators to fight beyond their cultivation rank. For these people, entering Bounded Zero Place was easy and they did not need to consider the rules restriction. They could even crush the puppet of a True Saint.

The more he thought about it, the greater this possibility seemed.

General Tiger Roar had a throbbing headache. Opposite him, Qin Yu was unaware that so many thoughts ran through his head at once.

Even if he knew, he could not explain it.

Concealing his identity was of utmost importance to Qin Yu. The more General Tiger Roar thought about it, the more happy Qin Yu would be.

Boom –

A ball of innate spirit energy burned. Qin Yu closed the distance and unleashed an attack, directly breaking apart the white armor. Was he close to killing this puppet of the True Saint?

I will take your life while you are in pain!

He was thrown backward again and the cracks in his white armor deepened. The entire chest section of the armor was full of cracks.

A sharp pain shot through him. General Tiger Roar could feel the complete break down of the puppet's chest. At most, it would only be able to withstand one more blow unless he risked everything, including his Great Dao.

At this point, the thought of retreating crossed General Tiger Roar's mind.

In fact, before he guessed the background of his opponent, he already knew that he ought not to be involved in this.

This person dared to commit such crimes and he even attacked Li Zhouyi at such a moment. For him to risk everything for the Great Desolate and stop his superior, he was no ordinary person.

Many images of people filled his head; some were men and some were women. However, the common point they shared was that they were not to be provoked.

The Desolate King would investigate this matter thoroughly. If he left now, he would be involved in a much lesser extent. Otherwise, he might be dragged into a deeper trouble.

More importantly, General Tiger Roar was not willing to lose his puppet body. Entering the Southwest Desolate Region was not easy, especially with the strict guidelines for a True Saint. He had expended a lot of energy in order to create this puppet.

Knowing this, why would he continue to cause harm to his puppet?

Seeing Qin Yu rush towards him, General Tiger Roar yelled, "Stop! I will retreat now and take my hands off this matter!"

Qin Yu was stunned. Which general would leave his superior and run for his life?

The World of Darkness cultivators in Bounded Zero Place would not really die. Furthermore, this was just a puppet body that was going to be killed. There was no urgent need for General Tiger Roar to flee.

Many thoughts rushed through Qin Yu's mind and he scanned his surroundings. General Tiger Roar appeared fearful and tired. A sudden thought popped into Qin Yu's mind. Did General Tiger Roar overthink? What did he think Qin Yu's background was?

A lot of times, things were like this, seemingly illogical. However, changing a perspective to look at things would paint the picture in a brighter light.

Should he let General Tiger Roar go? Qin Yu hesitated before making his decision.

Yes!

He could not be killed so why bother with a puppet? Letting General Tiger Roar go would also make people doubtful of his identity.

Qin Yu straightened himself and stopped attacking, "It seems that you have also realized. I am operating under orders; please do not blame me."

This was a confirmation of what General Tiger Roar thought. His eyes narrowed and his heart beat faster. Who on earth was he to be so confident? He directly admitted it!

Were they not afraid of the Desolate King's investigation? Unless...this incident was directed by the Desolate King himself.

It was long rumored that Li Zhouyi was recognized by the previous Desolate King. However, the current Desolate King looked highly upon the third prince, Li Yun. If this matter involved the contest between

the two generations of Desolate King, General Tiger Roar's intervention would be akin to digging his own grave.

Cold sweat came from General Tiger Roar. He glanced at Qin Yu and then sighed, "I will not tell anyone of today's matter. Goodbye." He turned and left, ignoring the Wolf Guard left in the cave. The only thing he wished for now was to be able to run faster.

As General Tiger Roar rose into the sky and tore through the turbulent space waves to leave, Qin Yu's mouth twitched. Being smart was tiring. He did not even do anything but General Tiger Roar was scared away.

However, Qin Yu was glad that General Tiger Roar was willing to retreat by himself. He took in a deep breath as his cold eyes scanned his surroundings, "General Tiger Roar has retreated. Are you guys still going to stop me?"

The crowd of World of Darkness cultivators were hesitant. They were frightful after what just happened. To them, it was obvious that Qin Yu came from the West Desolate and he was an assassin sent by Li Zhouyi's opponent. Qin Yu's background was scary. Otherwise, General Tiger Roar would not back off on his own accord without cursing at Qin Yu.

If they had a choice, they would want to leave. However, Li Zhouyi was still in the cave. If they left without putting up a fight, the consequences would be dire.

They would not really die but they would lose an avatar...

"Protect His Highness!"

Someone barked out an order and the World of Darkness cultivators rushed to attack.

Qin Yu sighed to himself; if only he could scare them away.

He was already surprised that things turned out this way. Do not be too greedy. Since these men were not going to run, Qin Yu would send them on their way.

Qin Yu raised his hand and punched out. Powerful energy rushed forward like a wave, trapping three World of Darkness men within.

At this point when Qin Yu began his massacre, a World of Darkness cultivator turned and entered the cave.

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Li Zhouyi frowned as he turned to look at the entrance. General Tiger Roar had been gone for quite a while but he was not able to resolve the issue. It felt like a massive earthquake came from outside. It must be a powerful enemy.

The first thought in his mind was that the enemy was from that clan. After all, they were the only ones who dared to offend the World of Darkness.

Could that swordsman be from that clan too? Was he attacking now to steal the Inextinguishable Flame in his hands?

Li Zhouyi sighed and anger and surprise filled his chest. If that was the case, it was troublesome. He glanced at the deep end of the cave. There was only a little left of the thing hidden under the Inextinguishable Flame.

It looked like it could be refined at any time. However, its energy did not complement the Inextinguishable Flame and it was a critical moment now. Previously, Li Zhouyi was still willing to backtrack; he had to persevere forward and see it through.

Otherwise he might have to withstand the backlash from refinement when he called off the process. The consequences would be dire.

Damn it!

Faster, hurry up!

Once he completed the refinement, his control over the Inextinguishable Flame would surge. Even if it was that clan, he was still confident that he would be able to teach them a good lesson.

Kaboom –

The commotion grew closer. The enemy was truly strong. Li Zhouyi could only rest assured knowing that General Tiger Roar was close by. With his strength, even if he could not kill the enemy, he could hold them off.

Li Zhouyi only needed an hour at the most and he would finish the last step. At that point, he would take the opportunity to show General Tiger Roar his strength and win the general's trust.

That's right, that's how he would do it!

Li Zhouyi's eyes sparkled. Regardless of who the enemy was, Li Zhouyi would not let him off easily for trying to disrupt his plans.

Right at that moment, there was a loud sound as a World of Darkness cultivator rushed into the cave in a frenzy and knocked his head. He wailed, "Your Highness, Your Highness, General Tiger Roar ran away..."

Chapter 1347 – Cursed Backlash

There was a ringing sound in his head and Li Zhouyi's vision turned black. How dare you do this! Li Zhouyi recognized General Tiger Roar's strength. As the general of the West Desolate, he was one of the most powerful True Saints.

Although his strength would be greatly reduced in Bounded Zero Place, everyone was weaker here. Who could have scared him away in such a short amount of time? Furthermore, there was no need for General Tiger Roar to run away. Although a puppet body was valuable, he did not have to risk offending Li Zhouyi.

He took a deep breath in and suppressed the hatred in his heart. Gritting his teeth, Li Zhouyi demanded, "Speak, what happened?"

The cultivator's face turned pale, "Your Highness, the reason why General Tiger Roar ran away is likely because the attacker is from the West Desolate..."

Li Zhouyi's expression changed drastically.

Shock and anger flooded him. His guess was wrong, the attacker did not come from that clan. It was a backstabber.

Damn it, how dare they do this? Aren't they afraid of the Desolate King investigating this? They will all be doomed!

No, it could not be that simple. General Tiger Roar would have thought of this before he ran. Unless he knew that the attacker's background was scary, he would not have run away like that!

Who? Who was it!

All of a sudden, Li Zhouyi froze. His eyes widened in alarm.

The only way for an attacker to be unafraid of consequences and scare General Tiger Roar off...could this be an order by the Desolate King?

An image of the Desolate King's cold expression crossed his mind and Li Zhouyi's heart jumped. Although the Desolate King was his birth father, Li Zhouyi did not understand why he had always been cold to him.

If it wasn't for the previous Desolate King's order, he would not have obtained the rights to control the Inextinguishable Flame. Li Zhouyi knew that the Desolate King would not be happy about this and hence he was determined to make full use of this opportunity.

After the battle, if he made big achievements, even if the Desolate King did not like him, he would have received recognition. Otherwise, his life would be destined to be wasted and there would be no hope for the future.

Nonetheless, Li Zhouyi never imagined that the Desolate King would hate him to this extent. I am your child and we have the same blood flowing through our veins. Why do you favor your third son more? I am not happy!

His breathing grew rougher and he slowly lifted his head. Blood dotted the sides of his lips from where he bit down too hard, "Get out, defend against the attacker at all cost! If you succeed, I will reward you heavily. If you fail, don't even think about living!"

His orders were already implied for all puppets who descended into Bounded Zero Place. The cultivator's expression turned ghastly and before he could reply, he was chased away by Li Zhouyi's command, "Get out immediately!"

"Yes...yes..." He struggled to stand up, then he turned and headed for the exit of the cave.

'Wheeze, wheeze'. Li Zhouyi breathed in deeply. The blood around his mouth pooled and a sharp glare filled his eyes, "I will not admit defeat. Never. Even if it is the Desolate King, I will challenge him!"

If he lost the Inextinguishable Flame, he would be thrown into the abyss.

There was no turning back, he could only bite the bullet and carry on!

Outside the cave, Qin Yu's powers were outstanding and the injured World of Darkness cultivators could not stop him. If they had not used cheat methods, they would already be dead. Their corpses would pile as high as mountains and the pungent smell of rotting flesh would permeate the area.

They were beaten to pulp. The pathetic World of Darkness cultivators struggled, and finally, their partner returned. However, his first words made everyone's faces fall.

"His Highness has ordered us to stop this man at any cost...otherwise, we will all die!" The surviving men were suddenly envious of their companions who were already dead.

Stop? How were they going to stop him?

General Tiger Roar was almost killed by the other party after a few blows. If he had not run quickly, his puppet would be cold now.

Even if these men gave their all, they were still worthless. It would be a matter of minutes before they were killed.

"Everyone, let's do our best!" A World of Darkness cultivator uttered in a low voice, "With the Forbidden Technique we might have a chance to live. We have followed His Highness for many years, and we know that he definitely lives up to his words."

It was not said to them but they knew that if they succeeded, His Highness would reward them massively.

Those who heard 'Forbidden Technique' were surprised. Their eyes took on a haunting look, darting around in their sockets. There was no other way. Even if there was a sea of swords before them, they could only suck it up and continue!

"That's right!"

"Come on guys!"

"Kill this man with all we have. We will get exponential returns in the future!"

Qin Yu swept his hand forward and directly slaughtered a World of Darkness cultivator. His body broke apart and he turned into darkness aura and disappeared.

Afterwards, he realized that there was no one in front of him. The World of Darkness cultivators who had been rushing forward, unafraid of death, were now gathered in front of the cave.

He frowned slightly but did not think more of it. Stomping down, he flew forward.

He was not interested in killing people who could not die. They were like a thorny bush in front of him. If he wanted to proceed forward without being injured, he could only brandish his knife and cut them off.

After a while, Qin Yu locked onto the cave. His eyes burned with desire.

His real target was inside!

Buzz –

Suddenly, he felt faint. Something seemed to pierce him and pain shot through him. The sharp pain tore through his consciousness but it stopped abruptly in the next moment.

A purple seal formed between his eyebrows. The World of Darkness cultivators who were gathered outside the cave started wailing.

Large black patches suddenly appeared on their skin. Then, their flesh started to rot and a disgusting goo oozed out of them that turned their bodies sticky. The decay did not stop there, but continued to penetrate all the way through their bones and finally their organs.

It was as though these World of Darkness cultivators were thrown into a large cauldron of acid. Little by little, they corroded away like snow under the sun. Anyone who witnessed such a sight would be haunted and their hair would stand on end!

“Ah!”

“Why is it like this?”

“Help me! Your Highness, save us!”

“No, no. My physical body is rotting away!”

These piercing screams were chilling.

The curses!

Rules in Bounded Zero Place were broken and the effect of this on different divine ways was large. Absolute strength, treasures, and other secret techniques were the best ways to kill someone here.

A curse was regarded as a secret technique.

The World of Darkness had surveyed Bounded Zero Place for many years and their understanding of it was deep. Every cultivator who descended here would learn a secret method that sacrificed their lifespan for a powerful curse.

The most terrifying thing about this curse was that it could be superimposed. The more participating members, the more lifespan sacrificed and the more powerful the curse was.

This was what Qin Yu just experienced.

Crackle –

A sharp cracking sound emerged and Qin Yu knew that it came from the curse of the Endless Sea between his eyebrows.

Almost there, he would not be able to hold on for long!

As such, when Qin Yu felt the piercing pain, he knew that it was the curse breaking through the seal.

Slight fear started to grow in his heart. Looking at the pitiful states of the cultivators in front of him, Qin Yu knew how terrifying the curse was.

If he did not block this curse, he would be in deep trouble. Not to mention stealing the Inextinguishable Flame, he might not even be able to escape.

This time, it was not because he was careless. He had made all necessary preparations but there was nothing he could do. A curse was one of the most mysterious and incomprehensible powers in this world.

He had to thank the Sea Spirit who cursed him before its death, the furnace with amazing defense, and the sea beasts in the Endless Sea. If not for them, he would not have obtained this curse imprint.

Qin Yu had never believed in going the extra mile now to reap benefits in the future. He was certain of being able to enjoy the spoils next time.

However, this seemed to be true now!

A few World of Darkness cultivators collapsed onto the floor, their bodies rotting quickly. This time they did not change into darkness aura, instead their bodies turned into corpses.

Qin Yu instantly came to a realization. These people were truly dead; there was no chance for them to survive.

He did not feel any pity for them. These idiots dared to mess with him and they deserved everything that came their way now. They were lucky he did not...

Urgh, no no, he would not do it. This gross mess was too disgusting!

If he did not see it, he would be blinded to the mess. They could just die.

Qin Yu jumped towards the cave and did not hesitate before entering it. Very quickly, a barrier appeared in front of him.

With so many people outside, they still set up a barrier. This person was very cautious but he was unfortunate to meet Qin Yu.

Punch!

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Li Zhouyi had a very clear understanding of the Forbidden Technique in the World of Darkness. Further, he also knew that his subordinates would know what he wanted after he told them to stop the attacker at all costs.

They would not dare to feign ignorance as they would die. Whereas if they stopped him with all they could, they would have a chance to live.

With such choices presented, did they need to think twice?

Considering the time that had passed, the Forbidden Technique should have been used by now. With so many people sacrificing their lifespan, they should be able to stop a True Saint.

Furthermore, Great Dao was useless in Bounded Zero Place. A curse was the most effective skill.

If his attacker was killed, that would be the best outcome.

However, it was unlikely that this would happen. Since the Desolate King ordered this attack, he would have made the necessary preparations.

Li Zhouyi was alright with this and he did not have much hope. He did not demand his subordinates to kill the attacker. If they could just delay the attacker, Li Zhouyi would finish his refinement very soon.

Of course, he sped up his refinement with a cost. At that point, his expression was pale and his eyes were dull. He took ragged breaths and he looked extremely tired.

Right at that moment, there was a deafening explosion that caused the cave to shake violently. Rocks tumbled off the cave walls.

Li Zhouyi's head whipped around and he looked towards the entrance. Damn it, a bunch of useless idiots!

Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!

There was one final bit left but he would lose control of the refinement object at any moment. He had to complete it in one last breath!

A few seconds later, a second explosion came and more rocks crashed down.

The third and the fourth followed soon after without any stopping.

Smack –

Someone landed on the ground. Qin Yu looked at the deep end of the cave and saw Li Zhouyi sitting cross-legged there. He paused and coldly said, "I knew you were cautious but I didn't think that you would be this prepared. It is a pity that I am faster, apologies in advance."

With that, he unleashed his attack!

Chapter 1348 – The Fire Spirit

My name is Li Zhouyi. I was born in the Southwest Royal Family. I belong to the most precious bloodline in the Great Desolate, with plenty of great resources. However, I don't know why but ever since I was young, I could never make my father happy. No matter how hard I tried.

Everyone said that the Third Prince is His Majesty's most favored son and would definitely inherit the throne of the Great Desolate.

I really tried very hard but I always failed. Every time, His Majesty always only looks at me with cold, indifferent eyes.

I once thought of giving up and actually tried to. But in the end, it was my third brother who kept pushing me to the corner.

I endured it until the realization hit me one day. When it came to the fight for the throne, there were only two ending scenarios. Either you ride the clouds and become the dragon or you fall into the abyss and never make your way out.

I am not willing to die. Hence, I can only push myself to try all ways and methods. Finally, I got the approval of the previous king.

This was the reason I managed to get the most important secret of the West Desolate – the Inextinguishable Flame!

I don't know exactly how much it involves but there is one thing I am sure of. As long as I can control it, I will be able to find the thing left behind by the Ruler in the Mountain of Flames. It would be a tremendous achievement.

At that time, even if the king did not like me, I would get recognition from everyone and become the next in line to the throne!

I spent so much energy and prepared so much, finally managing to catch the thing in the cave. It is reaching the critical moment and about to finish.

But right at this moment, the barrier in the cave was shattered by an extremely powerful force and an enemy arrived.

The opponent addressed me as Your Highness and did not seem to want to hide his intentions. This show of not caring whether I found out verifies my earlier assumption – Desolate King, I am also your son. Your bloodline!

Why? Why would you target me?

My name is Li Zhouyi.

In order to get to this point, no one except me knows how much I sacrificed.

I know how much I suffered and how much effort I put in. I also know even more clearly what would become of me if I failed.

So I cannot lose!

The final step...refine, hurry and refine!

Crack –

This sound was like music from angels. Maybe the heavens noticed how much I tried and persisted and finally decided to give me a chance.

The thing in the mountain was finally created!

Then, as per the wishes of the Desolate King, mysterious cultivator from the West Desolate, are you prepared to die and be buried here forever?

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Qin Yu was never one for many words. Especially when it was at the critical moment and the person suddenly acted haughty, spouting a load of rubbish. There must definitely be a reason.

And the reason was the person who broke the barrier in the cave and saw Li Zhouyi. From the first glance, Stone Pagoda recognized the thing that was created from the Inextinguishable Flame.

Fire Spirit!

A very special spirit that was born out of fire and could control all things related to its attribute.

But it was not considered a real living thing. It only had a basic consciousness. Or rather, it could be said to gain a portion of the world's consciousness and was the collective body of flame rules.

How it was created was not clear, but there was one thing for sure. As long as the Fire Spirit could be created, the ability to control fire would greatly increase.

The reason why Li Zhouyi stayed here and refused to leave was because once it was completed, he would be able to control the Inextinguishable Flame.

Qin Yu knew all this and saw what was happening in front of him now. His first thought was that he had to kill Li Zhouyi.

He had thought this and was prepared to do so. However, before he could take action, Stone Pagoda called him. Stone Pagoda spoke rapidly and told him many things. In general, he said that the Fire Spirit was born out of the flame managed by the controller, and without its consciousness it would be as good as dead and create a 'fire grief'.

He did not say what a 'fire grief' was and Qin Yu could not be bothered to ask. With the 'fire grief', he had a way to control it and make the Inextinguishable Flame become weak. After that, with the furnace to suppress it, they could cut off its relationship with its original owner.

What Qin Yu needed to do was to kill Li Zhouyi as quickly as possible while Stone Pagoda suppressed it.

If they succeeded, he would then be able to obtain this Fire Spirit created by the Inextinguishable Flame. It would be like plucking a ripe peach.

If they failed...Li Zhouyi would gain control of the Inextinguishable Flame once more and his power would drastically increase. It would be almost impossible to kill him then and they would need to escape as fast as possible.

Honestly these were not great options, but in a blink of an eye, Qin Yu made his decision.

He would wait, he was going to wait until Li Zhouyi finished the refining...he chose to take the risk!

It was not that Qin Yu was being foolish and choosing the more difficult route. It was simple reasoning – the World of Darkness had obtained the Inextinguishable Flame a long time ago but they still had to put in so much effort to create the Fire Spirit. There must be a reason.

Instinct told Qin Yu that this would be important to him too. He only used a few seconds to break the barrier and enter, and he did not have the time to weigh the pros and cons. He could only use his instinct to make a decision.

Moreover, the creation was about to be complete!

“Stone Pagoda!”

Qin Yu growled. With a subtle 'buzz', Stone Pagoda's illusion appeared in the cave above the silently burning Inextinguishable Flame.

With a wave of his sleeve, the furnace came flying out. It was like a hungry ghost and did not need any urging as it pounced.

The best outcome would be if it was like how it swallowed the Flame of Eternal Night and it could directly swallow the Inextinguishable Flame. But with a 'bom', the furnace, which had been flying towards it, got kicked like a ball and shot off in the opposite direction – if the fire had teeth, the furnace would have definitely been bitten.

Alas, when Stone Pagoda made the suggestion, he already knew that the Inextinguishable Flame would not be so easy to deal with.

Did they need one hundred thousand questions before they thoroughly understood its power? Or was this person hiding something? After thinking about it, Qin Yu stomped the floor and flew forwards.

Li Zhouyi's face was filled with shock and anger.

Just a second ago, he thought that he had moved the heavens and was able to finish the creation of the Fire Spirit.

But soon, in less than a few seconds, reality taught him a lesson. It made him understand that all things could change.

The Inextinguishable Flame was being suppressed!

An illusion of a Stone Pagoda and another unknown furnace. With just these two things, they actually managed to suppress the Inextinguishable Flame.

Back then when the West Desolate took the Inextinguishable Flame, someone of half gold standard actually had to personally take action and in the end they still suffered major injuries and died.

The royal family from the West Desolate was shocked!

Whatever the Inextinguishable Flame touched would be burnt to dust. He had been controlling the Inextinguishable Flame in his body and if he had not seen it happen for himself, he would never have believed it.

But thinking of how this was from the will of the Desolate King, everything seemed to have a reasonable explanation. After all, he was the Ruler of the West Desolate and someone the entire Desolate Region had to pay respects to.

No!

I cannot give up!

With how horrifying the Inextinguishable Flame was, it would not be suppressed for long. He could not lose his puppet body before that.

More importantly, it was not that he had nothing left to count on!

“Ah!”

Li Zhouyi bellowed and endless darkness flowed out from within his body. It was abundant and did not stop as if he was in a perilous situation. Layer by layer it covered and shielded him the inside.

In the next moment, Qin Yu arrived!

Dong –

A loud and heavy but suppressed sound could be heard. It was as if a huge stone had fallen on a thick stack of leather. The layers of darkness vibrated as an incredible force hit them, causing a dent and the two sides distorted.

Qin Yu frowned slightly; this power of darkness was like a swamp. After he punched it, the power was spread out.

As the energy dissipated, the dent healed and returned back to its original state...this Highness was not easy to kill.

His eyes glanced into the layers of darkness. In it, Li Zhouyi was sitting down; he was in a weak state and would not be able to defend against Qin Yu's attack. The only thing he could do was to try his best to control the Inextinguishable Flame and help it break through in the shortest time possible!

"Master, there is not much time. You have to hurry!" Stone Pagoda's anxious voice could be heard.

It looked like he was under pressure.

Buzz –

Buzz –

This was the furnace rushing him!

Taking a deep breath, Qin Yu activated the innate spirit energy within him. His eyes became sinister.

If one punch was not enough, then he would do ten. If ten was not enough, then a hundred! He was going to see how long this darkness shell could withstand it.

Bom –

The second punch was thrown. The dent which had not yet been fully repaired sunk deeper and the distortion was more exaggerated. Then the third punch, the fourth punch, the fifth punch...

Dong –

Dong –

Dong –

The low hitting sound resembled thunder. One sound after another, it did not stop.

Under Qin Yu's crazy attacks, the darkness protective layers were like an ocean during an earthquake. They kept shaking.

Li Zhouyi, who had closed his eyes to control the Inextinguishable Flame, suddenly opened his eyes. As he saw Qin Yu's rapid punches and how he did not seem to be stopping, his face was filled with disbelief.

Such a strong and explosive energy. It was still normal for three to five times. But to do it over ten times was very difficult. Yet now, Qin Yu's punches were not stopping and he had thrown over ten punches in such a short time. Moreover, the power in each was not decreasing.

No, not only did it not weaken, as time passed, it grew stronger with every punch. It was as if Qin Yu was adapting how much power he was releasing as time passed!

Impossible, this was impossible! Even the cultivator with the strongest physique in the Desolate Army would not be able to maintain such fast and power punches. Even if they had enough power, their physical body would not be able to stand emitting continuous bursts of power.

Under normal circumstances, tens of punches would not be able to break the darkness protection and Qin Yu's bones should be broken instead! But it was obvious he was not showing any signs of injury and it looked like he would have no problem throwing tens of punches more.

The darkness protection ultimately also had a limit, and Li Zhouyi could sense that it could not hold on for longer.

A bitter mocking look appeared on his face. To try and control him, the Desolate King was putting in so much effort. He actually found such a horrifying killing machine.

So what if he was indignant?

In the next moment, after shaking violently, the darkness protection suddenly stilled as its layers started to vanish.

Bom –

The last punch landed on Li Zhouyi's chest. He stared directly at Qin Yu as if to memorize his entire being.

His whole body then exploded and the ball of black energy dispersed.

Pa –

In the moment that Li Zhouyi was killed, Stone Pagoda's illusion broke. The fragment started to disappear and the Spirit Array dropped from within.

"Master, I have to recuperate for the time being..." A weak voice could be heard but disappeared before completing its sentence. In the next moment, swallowing power appeared and grabbed the Spirit Array ball. Without giving any time to react, it was pulled into the Inextinguishable Flame.

Qin Yu's expression faltered. He put in so much effort to kill Li Zhouyi and he was about to get this ball of Inextinguishable Flame. He did not wish for any problems.

Frowning slightly, his eyes locked onto this ball of Inextinguishable Fire...in the next moment, it was as if it gave up resisting and was sucked in by the furnace.

The furnace shuddered as little lights appeared and very soon glowed brightly and then it ended. The feeling that it gave was like it was just charged but all the battery was used up in an instant...it was not enough!

Moreover, why was the Spirit Array taken into the Inextinguishable Flame?

Closing his eyes, Qin Yu communicated with the furnace. After a few moments, he opened his eyes. He looked happy with a hint of strangeness.

He was happy because the furnace had successfully absorbed the Inextinguishable Flame and had a vague sense. Although it was not super clear, it was sufficient for Qin Yu, who was able to teleport using the Eyes of Darkness. He would be able to find when the Inextinguishable Flame really was sooner or later.

As for the strange look...the Spirit Array had actually merged with the Fire Spirit. Or rather, it became the consciousness that was created, forming the new Fire Spirit!

Chapter 1349 – The Mysterious Clan Joins the Hunt

The Southwest Desolate Region was changing. His Highness' puppet had been destroyed. His Majesty was furious and sent people to question him three times. Everyone was feeling down.

When the order came for house arrest, temporarily restricting the movement in and out of the prince's palace until the prince was dealt with, a sudden cry could be heard.

Even though it was said to be temporary, everyone knew the truth. A series of crimes would soon be brought against him and he would be held under permanent house arrest.

Because similar things had happened numerous times in the royal family. The outcome was so miserable and frightening that it made people's hearts ache.

Li Zhouyi accepted the king's decree indifferently but as soon as he returned to his room, he started to cry. No matter how horrifying, he could not express it and could only bear it by himself.

As part of the West Desolate royal family, he had the most precious bloodline in all of the Great Desolate. Li Zhouyi was extremely ambitious and could not accept this.

Wiping away his tears, his expression was calm, giving away nothing except his slightly reddened eyes. But under his outward calmness, he was bursting inside.

He had turned into a discarded chess piece. The only way he could turn things around may be to create havoc and try to change something then.

Coincidentally, Li Zhouyi had one more path he could take. The West Desolate Region would suffer if he took it and lost. But if I am under house arrest permanently, what has the West Desolate got to do with me? However, if he succeeded, the loss that West Desolate faced would be repaid ten or a hundred times more.

Your Majesty, you are the one who forced me!

It was nighttime. After locking himself in his room for an entire day, His Highness finally walked out. He called for all the servants and performers in his residence to prepare for a banquet.

The king's decree for house arrest had yet to really take effect after only one day. Ultimately, he was still a prince and no one dared to disobey him.

But whether it was the servants that prepared the banquet or the performers that forced a smile as they danced, all their eyes were filled with despair.

His Highness was already a broken bottle and was choosing to drink and be merry in order to numb himself. They knew what was coming for them.

They were right. Li Zhouyi drank until he was drunk and pulled more than ten women into his room with him, playing until the sun rose.

"I cannot accept this...I cannot accept this...the Inextinguishable Flame is mine...it is supposed to be mine..." He mumbled under his breath as he moved faster and faster. Soon, it was as if all his energy was sucked out as he fell heavily on the snow-white bodies of the ladies and fell asleep.

Someone came in to clean up. Li Zhouyi was brought to wash up and all the women were given medicine before they were taken away. Not anyone could carry the bloodline of the royal family, especially not a bunch of lowly women. They were just toys to him.

Xue Ru bid goodbye to her fellow exhausted and fearful sisters. When she got back to her room, she prepared hot water and soaked in it. It was so hot that her skin turned red from the heat. This was her habit after so many years. It was only this way that she felt slightly cleaner.

But this time, there was something different. As she soaked in the water, her fingers touched the bottom of the bathtub and she felt a thin and almost transparent jade, with faint lines on the surface.

As she looked at the jade in her hands, her eyes lit up. After so many years, she never thought that she would be able to use it.

Falling silent, she pursed her lips together. With some difficulty, she smiled slightly – after all these years, the humiliation and torture that she had been through did not go to waste.

With determination, she bit her finger and allowed her blood to drip onto the jade and then into the water. A faint red circle appeared in the water.

As her blood dripped down, the hot water rapidly turned red until her face became pale.

Finally, it was as if the jade had been activated as it started to absorb the fresh blood and, in a few seconds, the transparent jade turned red.

Xue Ru stuck the jade on her forehead and after a few moments, with a 'piak' sound, the jade shattered and turned to powder. Closing her eyes, she let out a soft sigh filled with satisfaction and indignance. An image from her childhood appeared in her mind.

Green mountains, huge trees, her mother growing a flock of ducks. And her younger sister, smiling happily as the sun shone on her body.

For all these years, she did not dare to think of this. She had been afraid that she would contaminate the memory and she was not worthy of it.

Now, she finally could not care anymore as she allowed herself to think about it.

One more thing...I am not Xue Ru, I am Sang.

Leaning on the bathtub, she gently closed her eyes. Her expression was peaceful.

The hot water in the wooden bathtub was turning redder and redder, like a flame wrapping around her pale white body.

In the dark of night, the door to her room was pushed open and footsteps could be heard coming nearer. Li Zhouyi stood in front of the wooden tub and looked at the cold woman, his face apathetic.

“Take her away. Clean out all traces of her.”

Behind him, a few men acknowledged his order. Two men went to clear the tub and the body while the rest went out.

His Highness’ order was clear. To remove all traces of her, it would mean that everyone she had interacted with or who had seen her was within the boundaries.

“Ah!”

“Help!”

“No, don’t kill me!”

Frightened shouts filled the air, along with despair of death.

The smell of blood in the air grew stronger. Li Zhou stared at the bloody water and a sinister look appeared on his cold face. This world was dangerous and difficult and everyone was trying to survive. Everything I am doing is to save myself...if you want to blame something, just blame your fate!

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In the depressing and dusky underground palace, there was only one candle. It shone on the figure hunching over and writing. He had an old face and every wrinkle hid his old aura.

All of a sudden, a lantern exploded. In the quiet underground palace, the sound was extremely clear.

On the hand that was writing, his palm had numerous moles. His hand was so skinny it was like the thin skin wrapped directly around his bones.

He froze as he heard the sound of the lantern exploding. He slowly placed his pen down and turned to look at the candle. There was sorrow in his eyes.

Maybe because he had lived for too long and seen too many goodbyes, his eyes soon turned calm once more. He stood up and bowed towards the candle. After a few moments of silence, he reached out and grabbed. The tips of his five fingers lit up with a flame and soon turned combined into a thin jade.

It was red in color as if it had eaten its fill of blood.

Closing his eyes, the old man sensed the message from the jade. His eyes shot open and vitality rapidly exploded as his eyes lit up with energy.

He turned and sat, quickly flipping the book he had yet to finish writing. Numerous words appeared and disappeared on the paper.

After a few moments, the old man shut the book with a 'pa' sound. Without any hesitation, he reached out and pulled on an unassuming bell under where the candle was. A clear and urgent ringing sounded through the underground palace!

In the next moment, it was as if numerous existences in the darkness were starting to awaken.

The old man released the bell in his fingers as he looked around. He let out a low and hoarse sound. Perhaps it was because he had not spoken in a long time but his voice was hoarse as if it was difficult for him to talk, and it sounded restrained.

"The West Desolate has obtained the Inextinguishable Flame. It is most likely in the southwest fragmented area!"

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Number 327 was solemn and his mood was not good. He had not found a suitable spirit array until now and they were not able to proceed on with the next step.

Initially there was a spirit array that was able to stimulate the energy of the array and could satisfy the requirements. They were clearly almost able to touch it but in the end, they crossed paths with it...because of that their entire group had waited at the entrance for seven entire days!

Every time he thought about this, Number 327's mood would sour and he would grit his teeth. That person pretended to be strong externally, but he was actually a coward and ran.

I remember your aura. You better never ever step into Bounded Zero Place or I will make you regret.

At this moment, Number 327's face changed. He stretched out his five fingers and light shone from the tips of them and a jade piece appeared.

He closed his eyes and sensed it. After a few moments, his eyes shot open as anger and delight shone in his eyes. Little beads of sweat appeared all over his forehead.

Damn it! The West Desolate Region was one step ahead and had gotten the Inextinguishable Flame!

If not for Prince Li Zhouyi of the West Desolate royal family getting into an accident after entering Bounded Zero Place and the group finding out, they would still be in the dark.

If they were able to use the Inextinguishable Flame and enter the Mountain of Flames, they would be able to get the thing inside...

Without any hesitation, Number 327 lifted a finger and tapped the air. A light arrow shot into the sky and exploded into fireworks.

Very soon, the sound of things cutting through air could be heard from all directions and several people in green robes flew over.

Number 418 had the head of a beast in his hands. Its body was half destroyed but it was still not dead and continued howling.

"Number 327, what happened?"

Number 327 waved his sleeve and turned the message in the jade into light dots which were displayed in front of everyone. "The West Desolate has obtained the Inextinguishable Flame. It has now been left in Bounded Zero Place. Our clan has orders for us to do anything to retrieve the Inextinguishable Flame!"

Everyone's expression changed slightly as they lifted a finger to touch the light dot, confirming the order. Their faces were filled with shock and anger. They were still trying to find the spirit array that could control the array. While they tried to open up another path, the West Desolate Region actually managed to obtain the Inextinguishable Flame.

This was a resounding slap!

At the same time, they all recalled a timid bastard.

If they did not waste seven entire days on him, perhaps they would have found the spirit array that could enable their array to transform.

...Coincidentally, that bastard's spirit array was what they wanted!

They were getting angrier!

The beast in Number 418's hand let out a wail. The rest of its body suffered a huge blow and was reduced to ashes.

His whole body was splattered with fresh blood as his eyes looked murderous, "The thing in the Mountain of Flames belongs to our clan. Whoever tries to take it will die!"

"Get the Inextinguishable Flame!"

"Find it!"

Number 327 took a deep breath and lifted his hand, "Let's go!"

Woosh –

Woosh –

A group of murderous cultivators shot into the air.

All over Bounded Zero Place, similar scenes could be seen.

The Mysterious Clan had found out about the Inextinguishable Flame being left behind and was now joining the hunt!

Chapter 1350 – Kill! Kill! Kill!

It was previously mentioned that the Darkness Faction and Mysterious Clan both saw the other as the biggest opponents and monitored each other's actions closely.

In Bounded Zero Place, when the Mysterious Clan reacted, the Darkness Faction immediately found out about it and quickly went to confirm the news – the movement of the Mysterious Clan meant that the news of the Inextinguishable Flame had been leaked!

The news reached the West Desolate the quickest. The king was furious and ordered the army to break into Li Zhouyi's residence and take him.

Soon, the previous Desolate King came out and had a secret discussion with the current Desolate King. Half a day later, with two princes leading a group of ten True Saints, they appeared in the Imperial Palace Array.

Through this array, they gathered numerous puppets and entered the Southwest Desolate fragmented region. They were not going to hold back anything to get the Inextinguishable Flame.

Third Prince Li Yun smiled as he held his hands respectfully and spoke softly such that only his brother could hear, "I have to say, sixth brother, your plot was good."

Li Zhouyi smiled and paid him respects as well, "Third brother, what are you talking about. I don't understand."

Li Qingyun's smile deepened, "It does not matter if you do not understand, as long as the Life Death Contract that you signed is real. You have to work hard. If we are unable to find the Inextinguishable Fire, no one will be able to save you."

His breathing faltered as Li Zhouyi lifted his head, "Third brother, don't worry. I will try my best."

Buzz –

The sound of the array starting could be heard as everyone entered the stone building and sat down. They surrounded the array carved onto the ground. There were several different big and small stone buildings surrounding it.

The inner layer of the stone buildings was the largest and they grew smaller as they were further away. Although they sat outside the array, they still belonged to the array.

As the southwest fragmented area was half separated from the Great Desolate, they could at most summon cultivators of the True Saint level and below. Moreover, there was a limit to the number.

The two princes along with the ten True Saints were far from the West Desolate's true abilities, but it was at the limit of what the array could support.

The stone door closed and darkness flooded in, engulfing Li Zhouyi inside. The calm facade he had on broke; he gritted his teeth as a sinister look flooded his features.

There was one thing that Li Qingyun was right about. To get this chance, he had bet everything he had. He had to succeed!

He definitely could not fail. Whoever dared to stop him...must die!

His ears started to ring and Li Zhouyi's consciousness was jolted for a second. The sinister expression on his face faded as he lowered his head, seeming to fall asleep.

At this moment, it was as if his consciousness was riding a very bumpy mountain train and it was rapidly descending on the last part of the journey.

Going down, down, going down all the way!

A stifling and suffocating feeling continued to attack him.

He could not hold on any longer.

In the next moment, it was as if he had been pulled out of water and his first reaction was to take big gulps of air.

Breathe –

Breathe –

In the darkness, Li Zhouyi opened his eyes. He stood up to get a feel for his new puppet body. He pushed open the door and walked out.

Of the ten True Saints, only three appeared in front of him. Their expressions were not great as they greeted him, “Your Highness.”

He frowned before turning calm again. Li Zhouyi turned to look at the stone doors that were still closed behind him. He waved and growled, “Let’s go!”

Woosh –

Woosh –

The four of them flew up into the sky above the clean and spotless palace and over the high black soil mountain. In a few seconds, they disappeared from sight.

After they left, the rest of the stone doors started to open. Li Qingyun was the first to walk out of the palace. As he looked in the direction Li Zhouyi had disappeared in, a mocking look appeared on his face.

“Your Highness, will there be trouble if the sixth prince complains to His Majesty that we are not cooperating?” A True Saint frowned and asked.

Li Qingyun waved his hand, “Don’t worry. Sixth brother is smart. When His Majesty ordered him and I to come to the southwest fragmented area, he already knew. He won’t waste time on this.”

And this was why he had shown that mocking smile.

An abandoned prince had to keep being tormented. Other than making people irritated, what other use was there? Why couldn’t he just accept his fate?

Another True Saint asked, “Your Highness, what should we do now?”

Li Qingyun smiled, “Nothing. I have always been curious about the southwest fragmented area. Since we are here, I want to look around.” He paused and his smile deepened, “Sixth brother is more anxious so let’s allow him to work a bit more. Since that group has heard about the news, they will not let it go so easily.”

He stepped out, “Let’s go. Hopefully I can meet a beautiful lady here and do what is supposed to happen.”

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Qin Yu tried to determine the position of the Inextinguishable Flame. Initially, he thought that since he had already obtained a portion of the Inextinguishable Flame, this would not be difficult. But very soon he realized that he had thought too positively.

Although the furnace could sense the Inextinguishable Flame's existence, it could only sense its general direction. It was as if the Inextinguishable Flame's aura was being covered by some kind of power.

This was slightly troublesome.

The small world fragments in Bounded Zero Place had always been circulating at random. Along with the turbulent space waves, they were always moving. It was not possible to accurately determine the position. Once too much time had passed, the small world fragment that the Inextinguishable Flame was in would move far away and the effort to find its previous location would be wasted.

The situation was better than before. At least now, Qin Yu was sure that the Inextinguishable Flame existed and could definitely help the furnace's transformation. This was good news. However, to use a dumb method to find it was very difficult.

Qin Yu was slightly troubled. He had spent so much effort and suffered so much. How could he just leave after a small mouthful?

However, it was not that he had no ideas. Since the Darkness Faction could obtain the Inextinguishable Flame, it means that they were able to locate it.

Since they could build the Eyes of Darkness at the boundaries of Bounded Zero Place, Qin Yu was confident. Although he could not do it himself, the Darkness Faction would definitely have a way. This seemed like a good choice.

But the problem was, as a group of fraudulent people who could not really die, it would be extremely difficult to force any information out of them.

Unless, he could really threaten their survival.

Curse? Qin Yu had seen this before and suffered quite a few of them. He had one high quality curse mark on him as well.

However, its main use was to defend. Moreover, Qin Yu did not have much knowledge when it came to curses.

If there were things he did not understand, he could just ask Stone Pagoda!

With the ability to answer a hundred thousand questions, along with his mysterious double attribute aura, Qin Yu had high hopes.

Stone Pagoda had hardly let anyone down. According to him, he coincidentally did some research regarding puppets back when he was stuck in darkness.

Stone Pagoda spoke a lot but the summary was that there was one called Breakthrough Mark that could directly hit the actual body through the puppet.

This kind of mark had to coordinate with the cultivation and form a source energy. In Qin Yu's opinion, it was not difficult to learn.

From Stone Pagoda's tone, Qin Yu could tell he was a bit surprised at Qin Yu's opinion. Usually Qin Yu would be proud of this response, but he was in no mood to be.

After trying a few times and confirming that he could activate the Breakthrough Mark, Qin Yu's eyes lit up. Now, all that was left was to find a few cultivators from the World of Darkness to try it on.

This time, before Qin Yu could find some to attack, they were brought to him. There was movement in the space and he could sense it beforehand. He hid his aura and hid.

Qin Yu had always been doing this to minimize contact with other cultivators and reduce trouble. But very quickly, his expression changed. Because the cultivators who appeared on this small world fragment did not hesitate as they dashed in his direction.

They were here for him!

Qin Yu's first thought was that the cultivators from the World of Darkness were here. Since he had killed the puppet of a prince and left many others dead, they would not let him go.

And from having had a small portion of the Inextinguishable Flame, having a small part of its aura was normal.

Fine, to be honest. Qin Yu thought that after the furnace swallowed the flame, it could hide the aura. However, things were different from what he assumed.

Without time to be impatient or regret, his opponent had reached him. He could either wait or attack...he just had to kill them.

Bom –

A loud sound could be heard from the ground as Qin Yu shot up to the sky and was ready to fight.

Soon, he realized that he was wrong. The ones that had arrived were not cultivators from the World of Darkness.

The aura was familiar...the Mysterious Clan!

It was them.

Qin Yu frowned. He could not understand why the cultivators from the Mysterious Clan had to interfere. Weren't they also enemies with the Darkness Faction? Did they collude to attack him?

Seeing delight on the two people's faces, Qin Yu confirmed that it was not a misunderstanding. They were here for him. Since he could not understand, he could not be bothered. They were already here to attack him. Was there really a need to understand what was going on?

He could not be bothered. Fight first then think!

Boom –

Boom –

Following two loud explosions, the delight on the two cultivators' faces turned to anger.

With their mouths wide open, blood spurted out. The two of them were like kites that got cut off as they flew off into the distance.

The smell of blood permeated the air. The wind blew it towards him and Qin Yu subconsciously breathed in.

His expression changed immediately.

An intense murderous intent erupted in him like a volcano. In that moment, it completely covered his emotions. Above his eyes, tiny veins appeared on his forehead. Blood flowed into his eyes, turning them red. He looked as if he was about to cry tears of blood.

Kill!

Kill!

Kill!

In that moment, Qin Yu's breath became heavy as a murderous intent flooded his chest, completely taking over his consciousness.

All that was left was an instinct...kill them and turn them all into ashes!