

Refining 1351

Chapter 1351 – Heaven Decides the Clan Numbers

That bone-deep hatred. Even if the world was wiped out, it could not be wiped away...damn them. They should all die and not leave a single mark.

Qin Yu's consciousness was struggling amidst the murderous intent. At this moment, there was a slight doubt. He had met numerous enemies in his life but had never had such a strong, uncontrollable murderous intent for any of them.

On the opposite side, in the Vast Brightness' shadow, the World of Darkness. The Mysterious Clan were gathering all their strength in Bounded Zero Place. The outside world had never heard news about them.

Qin Yu was sure that before they met in Bounded Zero Place, they had never crossed paths. Their first clash was when they argued at the entrance. It was not possible that he would develop such an intense hatred towards them from that.

What was the reason?

Qin Yu could not be bothered to think further as the doubt he felt became covered by the murderous intent. With a growl, his eyes turned red as he dashed towards the two cultivators from the Mysterious Clan who were escaping.

"Hurry, let's ask for help!"

One of them shrieked. He could sense the murderous intent from Qin Yu and developed an intense fear.

Ever since he arrived at the southwest fragmented area, in order to investigate Bounded Zero Place, he had experienced numerous deaths...but it was the first time he felt this kind of fear.

The light arrow shot into the air and burst into fireworks. The signal to call for help from his clan had been sent. He would soon have backup.

But they may not have time to wait for backup.

Dong –

An explosive sound could be heard as Qin Yu punched the cultivator from the Mysterious Clan. His eyes bulged out as the veins in his eyes burst. Fresh blood flowed from the corners of his eyes. As he flipped in circles in the air, he broke into fragments.

Beads of blood flew out and gathered. Under normal circumstances, cultivators from the Mysterious Clan possessed bodies that could not die. After they 'died', their blood would coagulate before being brought away through the energy from a treasure in the Mysterious Clan.

However, after the blood coagulated from the person who had just died, it broke down as if it had been heated at a high temperature and turned into vapor.

A distorted face appeared in the blood cloud. It was the cultivator from the Mysterious Clan who had been killed. He stared at Qin Yu with absolute fear. With a 'pa' sound, the face broke and disappeared with the blood cloud. The remaining half of the blood was transported into the distance.

“That’s impossible! Impossible. There is no way for you to actually kill people from my clan...” The other cultivator from the Mysterious Clan was in disbelief.

It was fine if he did not believe it, because Qin Yu was about to send him to accompany his clanmate. He would experience it personally.

The murderous intent had overwhelmed his conscious. Murderous Qin Yu emitted a greater power than when he was clear-headed. It was as if he had lost control.

When he attacked, he did not hold back at all. With the power he was using, killing was easy.

After another explosive sound, the surviving cultivator followed the same path as his fellow clanmate. Only a small portion of their blood got transported away while the rest evaporated as vapor.

The color of blood in Qin Yu’s eyes faded as the movement in his chest reduced. His heavy breathing grew calmer. After he killed two of the cultivators from the Mysterious Clan, that intense murderous intent disappeared as if it never occurred.

However, the scent of blood in the air had yet to fade away...Qin Yu immediately stopped breathing and his face was solemn.

He turned to leave. The fight would have attracted other beasts. Qin Yu did not hesitate as he dashed off the small world fragment. This time, he did not use the power of the Eyes of Darkness to guide him. He allowed the turbulent space to bring him away and he disappeared.

At this moment when he could be followed by others wanting to kill him, not having a direction was the best choice.

Even Qin Yu did not know where he would end up, hence no one else would be able to estimate his location.

Amidst the vibration, he frowned deeply as he was unsettled...there was an issue. There was something between him and the Mysterious Clan. Or rather, it was something that he did not know but it was definitely an unerasable animosity!

Who...who are they...how can I not know my own enemies...what exactly happened?

Woosh –

The turbulent space opened and dumped Qin Yu out. The teleportation had ended.

Hmm? There was someone!

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Alarm bells were ringing and echoing through the palace. The people gathered there looked shocked and angry.

The reason was simple. Two of their clan members had been killed in Bounded Zero Place. Although these kinds of things did not happen often, it was possible given that they were going through all corners of Bounded Zero Place in their search.

But this time, it was different. More than half of the life source of the two clan members had dissipated and they were still trying to be rescued.

They had yet to awaken and the others did not know what happened. All they knew was that the two who died had sent a signal for help.

After learning that the Inextinguishable Flame was in Bounded Zero Place, the entire clan had made a move and spared no efforts in the search. Then all of a sudden, something like this happened. With no warning, this made the higher levels of the Mysterious Clan startled.

The alarm bells had stopped but the expressions of those in the palace did not soften at all. Instead, they became even darker.

The Rites Master had been working for a while. The revival was usually a very simple thing, but the longer they took, the more obvious it was that it was going to be difficult.

Finally, footsteps could be heard. The Rites Master looked solemn as he walked out. He nodded towards everyone, "The life source of the two cultivators suffered too much damage. They will be placed in the life spring to recuperate. We still do not know what happened."

There was sorrow on everyone's faces. The life spring could save them by slowly adding to their life source and allowing them to be reborn. When they awakened, they would still be themselves, but also different people.

The Rites Master looked at the people in the palace. He paused for a while before continuing, "Additionally, to ensure that these two members can be revived, the power of the secret treasure has been greatly reduced. We cannot allow something like this to happen again. We have to quickly understand what happened and find out who hurt them."

"Yes, Rites Master!" Everyone bowed. As the only person in the clan who could communicate with the secret treasure – the critical thing that allowed the clan members to be 'immortal' – he was highly respected even though he was not the strongest.

Their clan leader had yet to arrive and was just present as an illusion now. He thought for a while, "Rites Master, the only people who can truly hurt our clan are those from the same blood. Many years ago, I once sensed an aura belonging to our clan...however, there are no records of this person in our books."

The palace was silent.

Everyone frowned and seemed to be thinking. With regards to what happened back then, many of those who personally experienced the thing were now in the life spring. Very few members knew about it now.

Most of them only heard things as they spread as unspeakable rumors. No one dared to speak about it openly.

Almost all the clan's strongest members were gathered in the palace today. Something was not right as their clan leader asked the Rites Master about the incident all those years back.

Unexpectedly, the Rites Master's expression was calm as he listened to the clan leader's question in front of everyone, not seeming to find it inappropriate.

He paused for a while before speaking slowly, "Ever since our clan was created, the numbers in our clan were decided by heaven. We will not decrease or increase. Back then, the incident was a one off and it was something that we could not have predicted. Even the Great Desolate's will would never have expected it. In order to protect our clan's future and not allow change to throw us into turmoil, we took back the bloodline and wiped out all traces...so Clan Leader, the thing you are worried about will never happen."

Through the illusion, the Clan Leader looked at the Rites Master and bowed slightly, "I hope things are as you say." He turned and disappeared.

Everyone bowed, "We will be leaving."

They all left and very soon, only the Rites Master was left in the palace. He lowered his eyelids and slowly closed his eyes. No one knew what he was thinking right now.

The one in a million was also this clan's evil portent and would cause this clan to die out.

This was the warning given by the Great Desolate's will and it could not be wrong. Hence, everything he did was for this clan.

After a long time, the Rites Maser lifted his head. His bright and intelligent eyes became slightly vacant. Could it be that he was reborn?

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If he could not understand it, he would not think about it for the time being. Otherwise it would just waste his energy and have no use.

Qin Yu knew this logic very well. But this time, it was very difficult to suppress the thoughts within him. He had to try very hard before he could do it.

This had nothing to do with the strength of his will or how determined he was...he could describe it as an indescribable instinct creating trouble.

Qin Yu was sure that in the coming future, he would find himself tangled with the Mysterious Clan in Bounded Zero Place.

It was either he would be killed or he had to kill them!

As long as he had enough power, killing was easy. And a clan was just made up of more people. If he was willing to spend some time and energy, he would soon kill them all without a problem.

Even though Qin Yu did not like to kill, he had already grown used to it. Hence, when it came to killing, he did not feel scared or find it hard to accept.

What he felt strongly now was that he had to find out what his relationship with the Mysterious Clan was.

Before Qin Yu understood how he had turned into the mortal enemy of an extremely strong clan, Stone Pagoda decided to tell him a secret that he had been keeping.

It was because Stone Pagoda had decided that he did not need any other reason. It had been proven that Qin Yu was his best partner. The difference was that he knew why he wanted to take revenge while Qin Yu was still stuck in a phase when he was not able to find a reason.

“Master, back then, the ones who destroyed my homeland, killed everyone around me, and sealed me in eternal darkness were the Mysterious Clan.”

Since he was going to say it, he would not hold back. Using short simple sentences, Stone Pagoda explained everything.

Chapter 1352 – Guessing From White Pagoda

A long time ago, Qin Yu already knew that Stone Pagoda was hiding a big secret. He also guessed that the reason why Stone Pagoda was willing to submit to him and help him develop was to use his power in the future to fulfill his own goal.

It was very normal and Qin Yu was not thrown off. He had also mentally prepared himself to agree as long as it was within his power.

After all, his abilities as an encyclopedia were very useful to Qin Yu and had helped him quite a bit.

But Qin Yu never expected that Stone Pagoda’s enemy was the Mysterious Clan, which he had just labeled as enemies.

But strictly speaking, this was a good thing. If they both had a common enemy, they would work together and Qin Yu would save a lot of trouble. So he rubbed his brows and asked, “Could you explain a little clearer?”

When it came to gossip, Qin Yu admitted, as a human, he was naturally curious. But at this moment, he was not in the mood. The reason why he asked this was very simple. He wanted to learn more about the Mysterious Clan through Stone Pagoda’s story.

Knowing yourself and the enemy will help win battles. Since he already knew that they would be his mortal enemy, he wanted to try and understand them and prepare. This was absolutely necessary – if you wanted to live.

Stone Pagoda said, “Of course. Even if you did not ask, I would tell you everything for you to be prepared.”

Pausing for a moment, he seemed to be trying to remember what happened a long time ago. That memory he did not want to recall, “A long time ago, in the Vast Brightness World, there used to be a cultivation holy land called White Pagoda...”

When he spoke about White Pagoda, Stone Pagoda suddenly said a lot and sounded like a naggy old person. When he spoke about the past, he had endless things to say.

Qin Yu did not cut him off but remained quiet as he listened for a long time.

In summary:

In the past, there was a holy land called White Pagoda in the Vast Brightness World. They were very powerful, even more than the Peach Garden and Western Mountain's abilities now.

Then one day, they were suddenly attacked by a group of mysterious and strong cultivators.

At the end of the war, the White Pagoda holy land was completely devastated and those mysterious cultivators then summoned darkness to cover everything.

White Pagoda became history. There was only one pagoda left, as timid as a mouse, trying his best to suppress his aura and managing to survive using a strong concealment method.

But through Stone Pagoda's bitter tone, as well as the emotions in his voice, Qin Yu could tell that he had simplified how he managed to survive.

But that was more or less how the story went. Without going too much into detail, Stone Pagoda definitely had his own troubles; there was no need to rub the wound.

It was obvious. The strong and terrifying cultivators who attacked back then were known as the Mysterious Clan today.

There was not much useful information, but it was not like he did not get anything from it. For example, why did the Mysterious Clan suddenly attack the White Pagoda holy land?

Qin Yu had this question. According to Stone Pagoda, they merely killed everyone but did not take anything.

Instinct told Qin Yu that there was a problem!

"Master, it seems like you have found the reason why the Mysterious Clan attacked. For a long time, I could not understand. But after coming to Bounded Zero Place and realizing that the Mysterious Clan had always been positioned opposite to the World of Darkness, I suddenly have a guess..." Stone Pagoda paused as his voice deepened, "Bounded Zero Place is where a Ruler died. Ninety-nine percent of the cultivators that risk their lives to enter all do so in search of items left behind by the Ruler. After they get an opportunity, they will attempt to fill the position of Ruler in the Vast Brightness World. It can't be because of the scenery here that the Mysterious Clan and the World of Darkness would spend so much energy and time.

"A long, long time ago, the leader of White Pagoda holy land was widely known as a Saint who was high above all others. None of his enemies could match up to him. He was the most likely to break through the barrier and become a Ruler. At that time, there were even rumors that he would transcend to the next realm and become a Ruler within a thousand years...perhaps it was because he was too powerful and hence disaster befell him."

Qin Yu's eyes lit up, "So you are saying that the Mysterious Clan was aiming for the Ruler's position and the reason why they annihilated White Pagoda holy land was to get rid of anyone who posed a threat to their goal?"

Stone Pagoda replied, "Without sufficient evidence, I am not sure. But that is a possibility." He paused before continuing, "If it really were like this, Master, since you are also aiming for the position of Ruler, sooner or later you will clash."

This explanation was reasonable. The reason why White Pagoda holy land was destroyed could be like what Stone Pagoda said.

Mysterious Clan...World of Darkness...they were both secretive. Where did they come from and how did they get such strong powers?

According to Stone Pagoda, the leader of White Pagoda holy land possessed powers close to a Ruler. Even such a powerful person could be killed. He could imagine the Mysterious Clan's true abilities.

Moreover, considering that the Mysterious Clan acknowledged the World of Darkness and they were fighting in Bounded Zero Place, the World of Darkness obviously wasn't any weaker.

And these two powers existed almost invisibly in the Vast Brightness World. Something was not right.

Qin Yu had a feeling that maybe they did not come from the Vast Brightness World...since the Abyss existed, could there be another world outside of it?

If he thought from this position, everything could be explained. With the World of Darkness as an example, why did the number of True Saints keep changing and why was having a permanent True Saint so significant? It was obvious: there must be a huge restriction on True Saints from the outside world entering the Vast Brightness World. Or maybe, they could only stay for a short period before they were forced to leave. Maybe it was because of this that the World of Darkness was so fervent and not caring about rewards. If they helped cultivators from the Vast Brightness World complete their darkness transformation, they would become permanent Darkness True Saints and secure their position in the World of Darkness.

Additionally, both cultivators from the World of Darkness and the Mysterious Clan possess the 'immortal' ability when they were in Bounded Zero Place. It was most likely because of some special ability they had from their world.

If it were really as Qin Yu was thinking, a group of cultivators not belonging to the Vast Brightness World were trying to get the Ruler position? There must be a reason.

Qin Yu suddenly realized that he may have unintentionally come across a huge secret. The Rulers must know about this but chose to remain silent about the existence of cultivators from the World of Darkness and Mysterious Clan. It was definitely not because they enjoyed entertaining guests.

Taking a deep breath, he suppressed the intense thoughts in his mind. Qin Yu forced himself to stop guessing. These were all guesses and even if they were the truth, it did not help his situation now.

Now, the most important thing was to find a way to get the Inextinguishable Flame. Until that happened, he needed to avoid trouble.

Since the Mysterious Clan had already interfered, the World of Darkness would definitely follow suit. This meant that if nothing out of the ordinary happened, he would soon be hunted by both factions.

Just thinking about it made him feel sour yet invigorated!

Chapter 1353 – Scaredy Bird

No rush, he had to carefully analyze the current situation.

The reason why he was being chased was because he had the Inextinguishable Flame from Li Zhouyi. It was evident that both the Mysterious Clan and the Darkness Faction wanted the Inextinguishable Flame.

It was precisely because of it that the clashing factions were able to locate Qin Yu through some mysterious measures.

In order to hide from his pursuers, Qin Yu had to find a way to hide the aura of the Inextinguishable Flame. The furnace was useless in this aspect.

Thankfully, aside from the furnace, Qin Yu had obtained a Fire Spirit. With the Array Spirit's consciousness in it, it was currently asleep.

Based on what Stone Pagoda said, he had to wait for the Fire Spirit to be awakened. With its ability to control fire, it should be a piece of cake for it to cover the aura of the Inextinguishable Flame.

As long as Qin Yu could last until the Fire Spirit awoke, he would be able to rid himself of his greatest danger and go invisible.

Being invisible did not mean that Qin Yu would stay away from the warring factions. In fact, with Qin Yu's current strength, it was highly unlikely for him to be able to find the Inextinguishable Flame by himself.

His best option to solve this issue was to rely on the World of Darkness Faction. Since they could obtain fragments of the Inextinguishable Flame, they would definitely be able to locate the main body.

Qin Yu breathed in and suppressed his thoughts. It was useless to think too much; he first had to last till the Fire Spirit awakened.

It wasn't that he was not confident. However, after listening to Stone Pagoda's briefing about the factions, Qin Yu felt that they were much stronger than he initially thought.

Qin Yu was not affected much by True Saints in Bounded Zero Place. Even with three to five of them allying together, he was confident of escaping.

However, what if someone stronger than a True Saint appeared? This was a possibility. Qin Yu only had one life and he could not take such a risk.

What should he do?

Continuously moving was his best option. With the space waves in Bounded Zero Place, he could constantly shift his location.

But relying on this alone was not enough. Who knew what kind of techniques the World of Darkness and the Mysterious Clan had?

Stone Pagoda said, "Master, you can create an avatar with a portion of the aura from the Inextinguishable Flame to attract the attention of the other parties. You can protect yourself in this way."

A wave of consciousness entered Qin Yu's mind and it quickly gave him more information, "This is a very simple way to create a puppet. Master, you can try it."

He looked over it and asked Stone Pagoda some questions. After confirming that nothing was amiss, Qin Yu decided that the puppet-making technique was not too difficult. After two tries, he created a fire ball in his palm. Contained in it was a small amount of Inextinguishable Flame.

Although the construction of the puppet would use the Inextinguishable Flame in his hand, he ignored this for now.

Firstly, it was only a small amount. Qin Yu was using a technique to increase the aura of it to lead people wrongly.

Secondly, such a small amount was of no use to him anyway. Once the Fire Spirit awakened, Qin Yu would be one step closer to finding the real Inextinguishable Flame.

Third and most importantly, this was for his own safety. If he was alive, what belonged to him belonged to him. But if he was dead...sorry, everything he had would go.

For him to give his life up for a valuable treasure was a stupid thing that Qin Yu would not do.

The puppet constructed out of the aura of Inextinguishable Flame had to find a medium. Qin Yu was prepared for this.

There were many living creatures in Bounded Zero Place. Because of the broken rules and the chaotic space, many creatures had weird forms. There was one type of creature that Qin Yu encountered a few times and he had a deep impression of it.

Hmm. As mentioned before, the creatures in Bounded Zero Place had unique appearances, and Qin Yu called this creature the Scaredy Bird.

The reason for the naming was simple. This creature, like other creatures, had a violent personality and they would scream at strangers and fight them without a second thought.

If the bird killed its opponent smoothly, the prey naturally became its meal.

However, if it made a mistake and its opponent was stronger than it thought, it would flee immediately. The demon energy that it used to scare its opponent would be absorbed back.

Furthermore, it would never stop as it fled and it would get itself as far away from danger as it could.

Qin Yu had a deep impression of this creature, but not because of its lightning speed as it fled. There was one occasion where he coincidentally bumped into the same Scaredy Bird that fled from him. It had been running for over a day after meeting him.

It flapped its wings violently and a screeching wail came from its throat. As though it was being chased by a mad creature, it would fly into the sky and rush into a small world fragment that disappeared into the turbulent space waves...it looked exactly like it did when it first fled.

Qin Yu had been speechless when he saw that scene and he marveled at how much the bird valued its life.

As such, the Scaredy Bird name was very appropriate. Calling it 'Afraid To Die' Bird was also appropriate.

That's right, Qin Yu chose this bird as the medium for the Inextinguishable Flame puppet.

A bird that would not stop running after being frightened was the best choice for him.

If the Darkness Faction and the Mysterious Clan fell for his trick and chased the bird...hehe, they were going to be busy!

He was going to do it.

Qin Yu turned to find this species. Perhaps this bird did not like cleanliness; it did not bathe for many years. As such, their feathers gave off a light but distinctive stench.

With the Rule System Body, Qin Yu was very sensitive to smell. Additionally, this bird was keen on exploring the landscape and it was common to see it in Bounded Zero Place.

After exploring two small world fragments, Qin Yu successfully found it. His luck was good and he met two birds at once.

These two birds seemed to have been together for a short while. If Qin Yu had not disturbed them, the two birds would have mated and had children of their own.

As such, Qin Yu spoiled their day and the two birds were outraged. Allying together, they attacked him, determined to teach him a lesson.

Evidently they overestimated their strength. Qin Yu was no weakling that they could bully.

The so-called partner birds separated instantly when they met danger. Besides, they weren't mates in the first place. Who would be in the mood to mate anymore? Hurry and fly away!

Qin Yu could not distinguish the sex of the birds and he could not be bothered about it. He casually flung the Inextinguishable Flame puppet forward. This entered the body of one of the birds.

Although he did not understand the bird's emotions, he saw its eyes widen and its feathers stand. Its body shrank and stiffened and it was completely fearful of the Inextinguishable Flame aura.

In the blink of an eye, the scared bird took off. It flew a few times faster than Qin Yu thought it could. Wow, its potential was frightening!

This outcome exceeded his expectations and Qin Yu was very pleased with his choice. However, he did not have the time to praise himself. There was another bird fleeing.

Since he wanted to divert attention and hide himself, it was necessary for a few to have measures. Of course, the main reason was that creating a new diversion was easy.

Qin Yu had not put much effort into chasing the birds before. If he did, they would not be able to run away.

The bird before him pulled its wings back but it could not avoid Qin Yu's hand. Instantly, his hand reached out and formed a vice-like grip around the bird's neck; he almost snapped it.

Qin Yu laughed, "Don't struggle or your neck will really break. Don't blame me then, I will not take on this responsibility."

The moment he said this, the bird's eyes stared pitifully at Qin Yu, begging him for mercy.

These pitiful eyes tugged at his heartstrings.

What a play!

“Stay calm and don’t move.” With these words, Qin Yu quickly motioned actions of an array.

The moment he released his hands, the bird’s wings twitched. Then, it stiffened and abandoned all thoughts of escaping.

A ball of fire appeared in Qin Yu’s palm. Looking at the shivering bird, Qin Yu smirked, “You are smart. All I can do is wish you good luck.”

The puppet only contained a small amount of Inextinguishable Flame. If its aura was deliberately released, it would be used up very quickly. And if the bird was not found then, it would be able to keep its life.

As such, Qin Yu felt that he was already being kind for leaving a way out for the bird. He waved his hand and the bird immediately flapped its wings. ‘Shoosh’ the bird flew away in a flash.

His two ‘avatars’ were complete!

Qin Yu turned and left. This was not enough, he had to double his efforts at minimum.

After all, the more ‘avatars’ there were, the safer he would be.

Half a day later, Qin Yu waved his hand and released the Scaredy Bird. He sighed deeply.

The twenty-first one!

More than half of the Inextinguishable Flame in the furnace had been used up. No matter how much more Qin Yu urged, it was not willing to spit out more.

Thinking about it, twenty-one avatars was a bit much. If he was still found even after all this, he had rotten luck. Even if he created a few dozen more avatars, he would still be discovered.

What he needed to do next was to follow his ‘avatars’ and urge the Fire Spirit to awaken. From the furnace’s senses, he did not need to wait too long.

Shoosh!

Qin Yu’s body flashed and he headed for the boundary of the small world fragment!

Chapter 1354 – Big Bird Wants to Cry

Crack –

The teacup in Li Zhouyi’s hand was smashed into pieces and the hot tea splashed onto the floor. The cultivator who made the report shrunk timidly and his face contorted in anguish. If he had a choice, he would not have come.

However, this was his fate. He was the unlucky one who stood out from the crowd and won the lottery.

Everyone was aware of the position the sixth prince was in. If he failed, he would be discarded. How twisted was his heart?

If he lost his mind and made a scapegoat, the cultivator would be the best choice...with this thought, the cultivator's expression turned even more bitter and he held back his tears.

Thankfully, Li Zhouyi was sensible. He knew his current circumstances. It was not possible to get the Inextinguishable Flame back by himself and he had to borrow the strength of his subordinate.

Venting his anger would give him a momentary sense of relief. In the end, he could only betray those close to him and cut his life short.

He took a deep breath in and slowly exhaled. With a calm face, he said, "I understand, you may leave."

A huge sigh of relief passed through the cultivator's heart and he felt like he escaped death. Without a second of delay, he left hurriedly.

There were twenty-two moving Inextinguishable Flame auras. These were obviously decoys and there was only one real one. Li Zhouyi was not concerned with how that man did this. However, he knew that his third brother would definitely know where the real Inextinguishable Flame was.

In other words, if his third brother wanted, he would be able to find the Inextinguishable Flame and achieve success anytime he wanted. With this achievement, the next person in charge of the Inextinguishable Flame would be the third prince. It was even possible that the third prince would become the heir to the Desolate King because of this!

As to why the third prince had not entered Bounded Zero Place...to avoid creating suspicion, the Desolate King loved to protect himself. If he did dishonorable things, he would not leave a stain on his body.

After all, as the West Desolate King, it was dishonorable for him to scheme against his own son.

He was waiting for the situation to worsen. Once it became extremely dangerous, he would send the third prince over to turn the tides and leave everyone speechless.

Li Zhouyi's heart turned icy cold and he was hateful of this. However, he knew that the Desolate King valued his reputation above all else and this was also his chance to redeem himself. But it was impossible for the third prince to take back the Inextinguishable Flame in such a short period of time.

This was his original plan. After he sensed the twenty-two moving auras of the Inextinguishable Flame, it was very hard to pinpoint the real one.

Despite this, he had to bite the bullet and carry on. Opportunities did not drop from the sky and he had to seize this one while he could.

Shoosh!

Li Zhouyi stood up and walked outside, "Call everyone and pass on my orders to find the Inextinguishable Flame as fast as possible! I will reward the first person who can find the real Inextinguishable Flame."

"Yes, Your Highness!"

The group of cultivators from the World of Darkness flew off.

Three True Saints appeared beside Li Zhouyi. One of them frowned, "It is going to be hard for the Eyes of Darkness to support a mass teleportation in such a short amount of time. If it exceeds the limit, it might cause irreparable harm."

Li Zhouyi's eyes remained expressionless as he questioned, "So what?"

The True Saint was just about to add on when Li Zhouyi cut him off, "Don't worry. Once we return to the southwest fragmented area, I will take all the blame."

The Eyes of Darkness were very important and if any harm happened to them, the West Desolate would conduct an investigation. Since Li Zhouyi was willing to take on the responsibility, the three True Saints had nothing to worry about anymore.

On the other hand, a look of admiration crossed their eyes. They originally intended to help because of the Desolate King's orders.

It seems that the mediocre sixth prince was not too bad after all. At least he was unwavering and determined in critical situations. This was rare.

Admiration was just that. Unless Li Zhouyi could turn the tide completely, they needed to leave a way out for themselves.

Li Zhouyi scanned the three True Saints with a calm face. He could guess their thoughts.

He was not resentful as he understood that this was natural. They had to protect their own lives and no one would be willing to risk everything to help him.

"Let's go."

Shoosh!

Li Zhouyi shot into the sky with a look of determination. He did not believe that he would be ruined here. If there was a slight chance, he would give his all. Perhaps a turning point would come.

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A similar situation happened in the Mysterious Clan. After discovering the twenty-two Inextinguishable Flame auras, they made their preparations. Splitting into four groups, they chased down the aura. Although there were twenty-two leads, one of them was real.

If they were lucky and fast, they would find it!

As such, Bounded Zero Place was very lively. The cultivators who came from the Vast Brightness World suddenly found the two factions to be moving rapidly. These men were like hunting dogs and they looked like they were trying to find something.

Obviously, something had happened here. Did they find a key clue about the Ruler's treasure? Even the calmest cultivator could not help feeling greedy then.

Hurry hurry hurry! Send the news out so that the elders back home would not miss out on this chance.

Therefore, the outcome was that the obscure inn in Dark Hole City suddenly boomed with business. Many people arrived there.

The inn's boss was excited. After so many years, was that day finally going to come?

Everyone felt very competitive. However, they were ignorant of what actually happened. Only Soaring Sky could make a rough guess of the truth, and he was in admiration.

As expected of Mister Ninth of the Peach Garden, he was a person who attracted a lot of attention no matter where he was. Even in Bounded Zero Place, he created so much noise on his journeys.

His intuition told him that the movements from the two factions were related to the ball of flame he unintentionally encountered.

Under his cold exterior, he had ambition. Otherwise he would not have gotten to where he was now.

Qin Yu saved him from the World of Darkness cultivators because of that ball of flame. What on earth was it?

Soaring Sky had to admit that he was greedy. This was something no one could avoid when faced with an opportunity. However, he quickly suppressed his thoughts and maintained his calm.

Although the chances were good, it all depended on whether he had the capabilities.

The Transcendent Sword Sect was not a superpower and he was also not a top fighter in Bounded Zero Place. One of the reasons why he entered Bounded Zero Place was because he was curious. The other reason was because he wanted to cultivate his sword will in this dangerous terrain.

Qin Yu's senses were right. Soaring Sky reached the edge of the Sea of Bitterness and he entered it. He had resisted the temptation to embark on the Saint Path for a long time because he wanted to solidify his foundations and increase his potential.

Becoming a Half-Saint was never his ambition in the first place. He wanted to go further!

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In a small world fragment, the two camps confronted each other in a fierce manner. It was a tense atmosphere and the area was full of killing intent.

There was a source of Inextinguishable Flame aura that was closing in here. It would reach this place very soon.

"The Inextinguishable Flame belongs to the West Desolate. It is too outrageous if you want to interfere!" A World of Darkness cultivator glowered.

The Mysterious Clan men laughed coldly, "The southwest fragmented area originally belonged to us. It is you guys who are going overboard!"

"What rubbish. Are you going to leave?"

"Humph, no way."

The World of Darkness cultivator threatened, "The Inextinguishable Flame belongs to us. Even if we have to fight till there is only one of us left, we will not let you take it!"

Mysterious Clan men countered, "We will not back down either and we will kill anyone who tries to stop us!"

A great battle was about to begin!

Fifteen minutes later, a sharp shrill reached their ears. It drew closer and there was the sound of flapping wings. A smelly smell lingered in the air.

Just like this, the Scaredy Bird was exposed. It was extremely unlucky to be surrounded by two parties.

Unprepared for what it saw, the bird trembled violently as it sensed the auras from both sides.

The two camps were not only feared by Vast Brightness World cultivators. The creatures in Bounded Zero Place recognized how fearful both parties were long ago.

The bird spun around as quickly as it could; its neck almost snapped in the process. Then its wings beat down and it bounded for another direction desperately.

It was struggling for its life. It could sense the eyes of everyone on it.

What are you looking at me for? I am just a passer-by. If you guys want to fight, carry on. Why look at me so fiercely?

At that moment, the bird wanted to cry.

It did not know that the people gathered here almost broke down after they saw it.

The Inextinguishable Flame aura came from the bird. If they had not seen it themselves, they would not believe it.

How did he do it?

More importantly, the two parties were familiar with the Scaredy Bird. If their opponent chose it to be a puppet, he was really scheming!

Bam!

A loud explosion followed as the Scaredy Bird was crushed into pieces. The Inextinguishable Flame aura floated out of its body, circled in the air a few times, and then disappeared. Everyone was rooted to their spots, their most dreadful guess was real!

Scaredy Birds would flee with all their might once they were frightened.

No wonder the twenty-two Inextinguishable Flame auras were constantly on the move. This explained everything.

Why would they confront each other or fight now? They needed to report this to their superiors!

The intense atmosphere pressing down on the area was gone in an instant. The World of Darkness and Mysterious Clan cultivators left in a frenzy.

Chapter 1355 – Comfortable as an Old Show

The first unlucky bird met its demise.

As he sped along, Qin Yu suddenly felt a shudder and he turned around to take a look.

The Inextinguishable Flame puppets were made by him and he could sense their existence. The disappearance of one meant that it was killed.

The speed at which the two parties found the birds was much faster than Qin Yu expected. But this was fine, unless he had terrible luck, he was confident in escaping.

Based on the furnace, the Fire Spirit was refined already and it would wake up very soon.

He would cover up the aura of the Inextinguishable Flame then and go invisible. This would allow him to go closer to the World of Darkness Faction.

Of course, he was not going to be rash. Until the Fire Spirit woke up, Qin Yu would take precautions.

Otherwise if he was surrounded by the two factions, Qin Yu was not confident that he would be able to escape.

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Creatures in Bounded Zero Place did not have real names and hence the bird was named the Scaredy Bird for now.

After learning about Qin Yu's tricks, the World of Darkness and Mysterious Clan gritted their teeth angrily.

They cursed at him for his vicious ways. How could he have thought of such a detestable trick?

Mysterious Clan men rubbed their foreheads in exasperation. To find the Inextinguishable Flame required a lot of manpower and time. Li Zhouyi snickered at this.

He knew the power of the Inextinguishable Flame more than anyone. It was not easy to create a puppet from the Inextinguishable Flame to throw people off track.

Unless he had a good understanding of the Inextinguishable Flame and he made preparations...Desolate King, did you not realize that favoring your beloved prince was a very big flaw? Who else would have such methods in the West Desolate?

Li Zhouyi could feel the pity from the three True Saints. Evidently, they knew something too.

Hehe, this was a surprising find. Even if he failed this time, there were others who would anger the Desolate King.

"It is alright. Even though these birds flee quickly without any pattern. There is one among them that is real. We just have to be patient."

Actually, the three True Saints were surprised to hear Li Zhouyi say this. The sixth prince appeared more refined than they originally thought.

Patience...this was said easily. However, not everyone could do it. Li Zhouyi had calmly said this despite being anxious. This was a quality that was very valuable.

The chase for the birds began!

Both sides – the World of Darkness Faction and the Mysterious Clan – worked concurrently. Their combined strength was frightening. Under such tough circumstances, the birds were continuously captured. However, the two camps expended so much effort but they received nothing.

Seventeen Inextinguishable Flame auras left.

Fourteen left.

Nine left.

Seven left.

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As time passed, the chase grew more tiresome and the targeted area shrunk. No matter how lucky their target was, his available space to run became smaller and smaller.

There were only five other Inextinguishable Flame auras left. This also meant that the next Inextinguishable Flame aura they chased had a twenty percent chance of being the real thing.

The exhausted cultivators were irritated but their eyes flashed with passion again.

Soon!

Very soon!

They were going to capture him soon.

This bastard. Once they got their hands on him, they would definitely make him understand pure torture!

At the same time, the tension between the two parties was at an all time high. Chasing the Inextinguishable Flame auras resulted in small confrontations every now and then. Both parties sustained losses every time that happened.

There was no choice; they fought even when they did not want to. Every Inextinguishable Flame aura had a chance of being the real one, so who would give them up?

In fact, soon after the hunt began, the Fire Spirit woke up when there were only fifteen puppets left.

It was very smart and it did not show any resistance. It collaborated with the furnace smoothly and covered the aura of the Inextinguishable Flame.

As such, the aura from the Inextinguishable Flame on Qin Yu had long since disappeared. To prevent this fact from being exposed, he quickly captured another Scaredy Bird and made an Inextinguishable Flame puppet for it.

Neither party realized that the target they were trying to hunt down had covered up his aura and vanished a long time ago.

This was probably the most useless thing they have done since the beginning.

Their confrontations and the resulting beatings were pointless too.

The only person who knew everything was Qin Yu. But would he bother telling them the truth? Hehe, no way.

Both parties were idiots who were trying to get him. The more intense their conflicts were, the better.

Tell them? Hehe, he would take this to his death!

Was there anything more comfortable than taking a side seat and watching others fight it out? The two enemies were ignorantly battling each other...this feeling was so pleasing.

That's right. He had changed his appearance into that of a cultivator from the Vast Brightness World.

He had encountered people from the two camps four times. The most recent one was a group from Mysterious Clan. They were only a hundred meters from him.

However, it was a pity that they did not realize that the person they were desperately trying to find was right in front of them.

If they knew the truth, the group of them would spit out blood from anger.

For the fifth remaining Inextinguishable Flame aura, the two parties fought it out and finally captured a bird again. Out of frustration, they tore the bird apart. It was a pitiful sight.

A moment of silence for the bird!

With the fourth remaining aura, a similar situation happened. Another group from each party battled it out in a fiercer manner. More casualties resulted from this.

When the third remaining aura was being chased, the death toll increased. Both parties were going mad from anger. If they were not absolutely confident of their own abilities to lock onto the Inextinguishable Flame aura, they would have thought of the scary possibility.

However, they could only attribute this outcome to a fearful thought. The sinister bastard was very lucky to have survived till now.

There were only two Inextinguishable Flame auras left!

Throughout the entire process, both sides had been worried that their target would continue to make Inextinguishable Flame puppets.

Perhaps, there was a limit to the number of puppets that could be made. Hence, their greatest worry did not come true. That also meant there was a fifty percent chance the next Inextinguishable Flame aura they chased would be the real one. The winner would be decided soon!

Li Zhouyi was perplexed as to why his third brother was still not in Bounded Zero Place. Was he unaware of what was going on?

This feeling was suppressed at the bottom of his heart. He did not believe that the third prince did not have any subordinates in Bounded Zero Place.

Since the third prince was aware of everything, why was he continuing to spectate? Wasn't he worried that Li Zhouyi would obtain the Inextinguishable Flame?

He could not understand! Never mind.

Li Zhouyi sighed deeply and he scanned his surroundings. In a cold voice, he said, "The Mysterious Clan must not obtain the Inextinguishable Flame aura. Convey my orders: we must obtain the Inextinguishable Flame at all cost!"

Almost at the same time, the Mysterious Clan members with Number 327 and Number 418 received the same orders.

As such, the greatest battle between the two camps ensued for the last two Inextinguishable Flame auras.

There were about five hundred cultivators in the two camps and during their battle; the skies tore and the earth shattered. Every second, a life was being taken.

Although none of them could die, one fewer person in Bounded Zero Place was detrimental. Waiting for them to be revived would take too long.

Both parties were growing weaker and weaker!

The powers that erupted during the fight was so strong that the turbulent space waves in Bounded Zero Place started to disperse. The small world fragment that housed the battle appeared clearly in the senses of all cultivators in Bounded Zero Place.

Their hesitation lasted a second before their hearts started to quiver with desire. No one was going to give up on such an opportunity.

Why were the two parties fighting so intensely? What were they fighting over? Everyone wanted to know the answer to these questions.

"Let's go!"

"Let's go and take a look!"

"Everyone has a chance, us too!"

"Even if it is just spectating the battle, it is worth it!"

Shoosh, shoosh!

Bodies flew towards the battlefield. The incredible powers had cleared the area.

Soaring Sky wrapped himself in a black robe and withdrew his sword aura. He hid in a corner.

A cold, burly and tall man with a muscular body standing behind him. This man appeared very frightening.

When Soaring Sky looked at the person, he stared back at him. Soaring Sky's eyebrows were raised and he felt some familiarity from this gaze.

However, he did not think much of it. There were a lot of sounds in the small world fragment. The battle between the two factions grew more intense.

Soaring Sky seemed to hear a few sentences about the aura disappearing. Apparently there was only one left. His eyes narrowed; the reveal was going to be exciting.

The other Inextinguishable Flame aura had suddenly disappeared. There were a lot of possibilities for this. For the two camps, the likeliest possibility was that the puppet had used up all its energy.

As such, this must mean that their real target was here, where the last Inextinguishable Flame aura was!

What else was there to think? Kill!

Chapter 1356 – The Chaos was Becoming More Chaotic

I am called 'Scaredy Bird'. I know this name does not sound nice, but I have no choice because I did not give myself a chance to be named.

But this is not important. What is important is that I am extremely anxious now because there are a lot of people fighting. Even though I am just a big bird, I also feel very strongly when I see such a bustling atmosphere.

If these people had gone somewhere else, maybe I would have just gone to find some nuts and watched the show. But why do they have to fight around me? Who did I offend?!

Thinking about how it had recently been attacked by some shameless person and had some frightening thing thrown in its body, it had been unable to sleep for several days. It kept running and ended up here.

Before it could get any rest, this shitty thing happened. I feel like I am extremely unlucky.

Why didn't I try to escape?

Nonsense, if I could escape, I would have. But the problem was there was no way out.

There were so many people in this huge fight that the battlefield filled the entire place, blocking the exits in all directions. If it took the risk, it would definitely get dragged into it.

If it got implicated...the energy in the air was extremely powerful. Even sensing it from afar gave it goosebumps.

It could not leave!

Now, the only choice was to hide and wait for these bastards to finish fighting before it could make a quick escape.

Hmm?

Wait, damn it. What is going on? I actually laid an egg! And it was an egg in flames. This must be a powerful egg.

Why did I not feel anything? This is not normal!

More importantly, as a male, how can I lay an egg? This world has gone crazy!

Piak –

With a light sound, the egg cracked.

In the next moment, the surroundings quietened. The horrifying battle sounds had completely disappeared.

I am called 'Scaredy Bird'. I don't like this name but I really want to know what is going on now.

I keep feeling like I am going to die!

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Behind Soaring Sky, the cold-looking and well-built man, giving off a 'do not approach' aura, was now rubbing his chin. There was a strange look in his eyes.

In the next moment, a thought popped into his head. If everything progressed well, the chaos today would become even more chaotic.

That's right. The extremely muscular and toned cultivator was an illusion that Qin Yu had created.

He had to admit that this sword cultivator's sense was extremely strong. Using his Rule System Body and the innate spirit energy, even True Saints could not see through his disguise, yet this guy could sense something.

He was quite capable!

But now was not the time to think about this. As the creator of the Inextinguishable Fire puppets, Qin Yu could sense whether they were alive. And if they were close enough to him, he would also be able to sense their current condition.

For example, an extremely frightened and jittery 'Scaredy Bird' that was in this small world fragment. Now, Qin Yu's sense was like a lamp in the dark night. He could tell with just a look.

The process to create Inextinguishable Fire puppets was the same each time. They all contained about the same amount of the Inextinguishable Fire within them. At most, the process in which they were created would differ slightly and affect how long they lived.

The puppet that just disappeared did so because it used up all its energy...as for this one, under normal circumstances, it could last another half a day. This was one of those that he had created later on.

Qin Yu licked the corners of his lips as a light flashed in his eyes. That was under normal circumstances. But as the creator of the puppets, he had some control over them, especially if they were close to him.

For example, controlling the Inextinguishable Flame puppets and causing them to die faster. How do you think the World of Darkness and Mysterious Clan would react?

Qin Yu did not know but he thought that it would be interesting. Since he had a chance to try...then he had to do it!

He subtly lifted a finger and lightly tapped twice in the direction of an area in this small world fragment...

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Li Zhouyi was high up in the sky. His long hair was being blown by the wind and his long robe was floating. His gaze was icy as he glared at the cultivators from the other group. His entire face was grim.

Opposite him, the people from the Mysterious Clan had the same expressions. Their eyes were sinister.

They all believed that the Inextinguishable Flame belonged to them and the other party were the ones that were trying to steal it. Therefore, they had to kill them!

The murderous intent from the both of them interlaced. They continued to clash and the air was filled with the sounds of their collision, 'bom' 'bom'. It was like they were in a huge boiling pot of porridge that was splattering due to large air bubbles bursting.

Beneath them, the war was like a wildfire. The highly skilled cultivators from both sides stared at each other. Although the massacre had yet to start, everyone knew that it would be a bloody war.

The Inextinguishable Flame was extremely important and no mistakes would be tolerated. Perhaps they would even have to use some secret techniques.

Li Zhouyi did not know what the three True Saints behind him thought, but he had decided to put his life on the line.

He could not back down from this. Rather than returning to the West Desolate as a failure and accept His Majesty's harsh punishment, he would rather give his all in this battle...even if he died. Li Zhongyi would rather die in Bounded Zero Place.

Mentally prepared to give it his all, he felt much calmer as he faced the cultivators from the other group. They were just waiting for the Inextinguishable Flame to be found before they started the massacre!

Right at this moment, the aura of the Inextinguishable Flame in this small world fragment disappeared. Like a candle being blown out.

It was as if you were racing and all of a sudden, you realized that there was no road in front...

That shock and anger!

Li Zhouyi's expression changed as he turned to look at where the Inextinguishable Flame aura had been. His eyes were filled with shock and anger.

Damn it! Damn it! Damn it!

How could this happen? The Inextinguishable Flame had been just there, a mere distance away that he could have touched it.

But now, it had suddenly disappeared like a bubble with a 'pop'.

A cold and sinister feeling rose from deep in his heart and flooded every inch of him.

Twenty-two places with the Inextinguishable Flame's aura. The one in front of him was the last. If it disappeared, then wouldn't everything they did have been a joke?

No, this cannot be happening!

The Inextinguishable Flame lasted forever, and its aura would flood the space unless its owner, after getting its acknowledgment, wanted to hide it.

But to convince the Inextinguishable Flame was an impossible thing. The West Desolate had tried many times and failed. This was the best example.

Li Zhouyi could not believe that anyone could get the Inextinguishable Flame to submit in such a short time.

Deceiving in the open and operating in the dark...could it be that group acting in secret? Li Zhouyi glared at the people in front of him but realized they had similar expressions as they looked at him.

Shock, anger and disbelief!

His heart fell. Instinct told Li Zhouyi that this was not the doing of that group. One person could act but all the people in front of him were reacting the same and there was not a single loophole.

What was going on?

Amidst the insuppressible commotion and din, a thought flashed into his mind, causing his body to stiffen.

Could all of this have been arranged by His Majesty? Was he trying to use this to test him?

Wasting time and causing severe injuries, resulting in him not being able to find the Inextinguishable Flame. Even causing irreparable damage to the Eyes of Darkness...when all of these were put together. It would be enough to shut the previous Desolate King up and prevent him from interfering.

From this angle, it would explain why the third prince had yet to step into Bounded Zero Place. No wonder third brother was not worried about whether he would be able to find the Inextinguishable Flame. It was obvious he had already known that anything he did would be useless.

Some things were like this. Once he missed a step, he was gone. With someone else deciding his fate, Li Zhouyi was just struggling in the web of schemes and drifting further and further.

He had a moment of silence for the previous Desolate King. Without doing anything, he would be blamed for several things because of his own son.

Should he just succumb to fate?

No, I cannot accept that!

Although the aura of the Inextinguishable Flame was gone, the person controlling it must still be around. With the horrifying attribute of the Inextinguishable Flame, it would be difficult to seal and suppress it for a long time. If he could lock this place down, he would be able to find the person.

Yes, just like that!

Li Zhouyi took a deep breath before lowering his voice, "Collaborate with me. Let's seal this small world fragment and then we will search with our own abilities. How about that?"

Across him, the Mysterious Clan cultivators immediately understood. Number 327 stepped forward, "Okay!"

A straightforward decision with no hesitation.

There were many cultivators who were born in an advantageous position and did not learn anything. But they were in the minority. If those born with a silver spoon were properly groomed and taught well, they would be far more outstanding than average people.

A moment ago, they were ready to fight it out. However, as the situation changed, they collaborated.

Li Zhouyi was like this. After he heard their response, he pointed, "Banish them!"

He was pointing at the cultivators from the Vast Brightness World who had gathered outside of the small world fragment. Since they were going to close the doors, they first had to get rid of onlookers to narrow their search.

The logic was simple. Number 327 turned and waved, "Fellow cultivators, today, our clan has something to do here. We ask that you temporarily leave. Otherwise, don't blame us for offending you."

Comparatively, he was even more polite than Li Zhouyi but the meaning was the same – hurry and get lost. If you dare to stay, I will kill you!

The cultivators from the Vast Brightness World were slightly shocked and angry. They were hoping to gain something from this battle. At this moment, they were angry but also slightly flustered, as if their thoughts had been read.

It was obvious from the scene in front of them that the two groups were looking for something extremely precious. Since they had the chance to come across it, how could they just leave?

But if they did not leave, the World of Darkness and Mysterious Clan would not allow it and it may become a messy fight. The two clans were not scared of dying, but they were...it was a battle concerning life and death, yet not everyone had the same foundation. Thinking about it made them feel uneasy!

Chapter 1357 – Drawing a Boundary

"Damn you assholes! Everyone can enter Bounded Zero Place. Is this your house? Must we leave because you say so? I won't leave!"

A shout broke the silence. It was like lightning striking flat ground and everyone could hear him clearly.

Very good, scold them. But to say this now, are you not afraid of dying? Let's see who exactly was this brave soul. Hurry and have a look now so that they could pay homage after today.

Soaring Sky was someone who was calm and strong internally. At this moment, he was also stunned by the various gazes that had turned on him. If he was really the one who said it then maybe he would expect it. But this had nothing to do with him at all?

Hesitating slightly, Soaring Sky shifted to the side and exposed the muscular man behind him, who was folding his arms.

“What are you looking at? That’s right. I said it. You group of bastards. If you are capable, then come get me!”

Everyone froze as their eyes jugged out. There was only one thought in their minds – crazy. This man has gone crazy!

The two groups ruled Bounded Zero Place and had never been cursed at or humiliated in recent years. Maybe in the past there had been a few occurrences. However, all those that did it had their graves dug extremely deep.

Soaring Sky looked at the muscular man who was smirking. Although the man behaved in such a coarse way and seemed arrogant, he admired the man slightly.

In the current situation, even though Soaring Sky was angry, he would not dare to do something like this.

He was really a madman!

Li Zhouyi lifted a hand and pointed, “Border Cliff Saint, kill him!” He no longer cared about the agreement made with the Ruler. He had to kill the person now to set an example. If it became chaotic, the cultivator with the Inextinguishable Flame might take the chance to run.

Boom –

An enormous energy erupted, “Nonsensical person, you are asking for death!” One of the saints lifted his hand and pressed down.

Soaring Sky’s eyebrow raised, he believed that everyone was like him and did not expect the muscular man to have such lightning-fast speed.

They also saw him land before he disappeared like a ghost. He did not seem clumsy at all. Instead, it was the rogue cultivators behind him that got unlucky and were hit hard.

“Border Cliff? At least you know yourself that you are as dumb as a rock, hence the name. Come, come, come. I am here. If you can hit me, I will consider you strong!” Qin Yu cocked his head and mocked emotionlessly.

“Despicable!” Border Cliff Saint’s eyebrows raised. He finally got a chance to show off. As a Saint from the West Desolate, after so many years, no one had dared to be rude to him. “I will show you what it means to create trouble for yourself because of what you say...die!”

With a holler, he punched out.

The Saint was furious. Even in Bounded Zero Place, the energy he emitted was extremely frightening. Perhaps because of his cultivation method, blood red light appeared from his punch and a vague ghostly illusion appeared as it opened its mouth and reached out to swallow Qin Yu.

It was not a divine way but more like something that formed from a particular way of cultivating. It molded a person’s energy and blood together to bring out this kind of power.

A 'buzz' sound could be heard beside Qin Yu's ear as his conscience wavered. This ghost face created by the blood red light had some sort of absorption power. Thankfully, his soul was sufficiently strong and he managed to escape. As his feet landed, he exposed a strong physique that managed to escape time and time again.

The unlucky ones...were those next to him. Following a 'bam', several cultivators were engulfed by the blood red light. They were startled as they cried out miserably. Their exposed flesh started to rot as if it had been exposed to acid.

"Just this? You won't get me. You are merely venting your anger on others. What a joke!" Qin Yu guffawed.

Border Cliff Saint was embarrassed as a vein twitched. This bastard. You were the one who dodged and hurt others. How dare he say that I was the one venting? I have to cut you into a million pieces!

The expressions of the cultivators from the southwest fragmented region had changed. Border Cliff Saint didn't believe that they could not tell that it was an accident. It was obvious they knew but were pretending not to. This showed that they were thinking of interfering. How brazen!

Li Zhouyi decisively allowed him to act in order to scare the rogue cultivators from the southwest fragmented area. But it seemed like the opposite reaction was achieved. Although Border Cliff Saint did not intend to die for Li Zhouyi, he would lose face if he could not even do such a simple thing.

"I will kill you!" With a growl, Border Cliff Saint dashed out. He absolutely hated Qin Yu for embarrassing him and was extremely brutal.

If they were outside, Qin Yu would not be able to dodge when a True Saint came flying at him. However, in Bounded Zero Place, avoiding was very simple.

Chasing and dodging, they moved all over the place. Wherever Qin Yu went, everyone quickly moved away, afraid of getting caught up in the black punch. But even so, there were a few unlucky people who suffered from Border Cliff Saint's attack.

Qin Yu continued to scold as he fled. His words made Border Cliff Saint's face turn both green and purple as he chased, and finally a bright red. His entire head was like a bright and ripe red apple. The only thing that was ruining it was the vein that was pulsing in his forehead. It made others worry that his vein was going to burst open.

Howls and wails could be heard as people scrambled around. Qin Yu glanced at the faces of some Vast Brightness cultivators that had been forced to back away and felt like the time was about right.

Behind him, Border Cliff Saint was about to attack. Qin Yu pretended to misstep and suffered a huge hit. With a groan, he was thrown back. Panic finally showed on his arrogant and crazy face.

"Everyone, the cultivators from the World of Darkness and Mysterious Clan do not dare to fight with us. Otherwise the person that they are trying to catch will escape. We don't have to be scared! Hehe, I am tired now and will not play with you anymore. Goodbye!"

He turned and left, leaving feathers all over the floor.

Border Cliff Saint growled, "You bastard, you cannot escape!" When he first got angry, he was still conscious of his appearance. But now, he was absolutely furious. A True Saint like him got led all around by a junior cultivator like him. If he could not kill Qin Yu, he would become a joke.

Now, his opponent had suffered a hit and was obviously injured. Where could he run? I am going to kill him!

Woosh –

Li Zhouyi lifted his hand but could only watch as Border Cliff Saint disappeared into the distance like a bull that saw red.

Bastard!

He believed that Border Cliff Saint was definitely furious and he really wanted to kill that man. But he also believed that Border Cliff Saint was just trying to avoid the huge upcoming battle! Now, he had gone to chase. After 'struggling' for a while, he would come back and things were have already ended here.

Since he could avoid the dangerous battle, he would not need to bear the responsibility. At most, he would come up with the excuse of having behaved too rashly and not considered the big picture. It didn't hurt and was harmless.

But very soon, Li Zhouyi was in no mood to continue cursing. What Qin Yu said before he left had struck everyone. In the unease, their eyes lit up.

That's right. Why did we not think of that!

With how the World of Darkness and Mysterious Clan worked, if they wanted to ban us, they would have already done so. When faced with people who could not die, it was difficult to put up a resistance as they all only had one life.

The more stubborn the cultivators became, the more empty they felt...they were really worried that if a fight broke out, they would lose the person that they wanted to lock in the small world fragment.

Number 327 sighed internally. The sixth prince of the West Desolate, Li Zhouyi, was smart and determined but he was still a bit too fresh. When he proposed the collaboration, couldn't he have just sent a mind message? Why did he have to say it out loud so that everyone knew.

Now, the scenario that he dreaded most was occurring. The rogue cultivators were realizing what was going on and that forcing them out would be difficult.

Taking a deep breath, Number 327 stepped forwards and spoke in a deep voice, "Everyone, my clan allows all of you to stay but you cannot step into the small world fragment. If you do, you will be the enemy of my clan and we are willing to break the contract and offend the Ruler when that happens!"

He paused before softening his tone, "Of course, as a promise from my clan. If we are unable to find our target or if he escapes the boundary of the small world fragment, we will not interfere if you attempt to find him using your own abilities."

This was drawing a boundary.

We will look within the boundary and you all can wait outside. If we cannot find our prey or if he escapes past the boundary, then you can try.

Truthfully speaking, these terms were not fair. But in this world, 'fairness' did not exist. Everything was built upon power. The two groups were above everyone else.

And the Mysterious Clan was clearly superior!

They had occupied Bounded Zero Place for a long time and had many strong cultivators. Even when they clashed with the World of Darkness, they often had the upper hand.

So his words weighed a lot. It also meant that this was the last offering. They either took it or they clashed.

No one wanted to offend the Mysterious Clan because they were fully capable of conducting a massacre – this had been proven more than once in the past.

The rogue cultivators from the Vast Brightness World had been getting restless, but after hesitating slightly, they finally accepted. The important thing that made them compromise was that they could remain here.

Although they still did not know what the two groups were looking for, they were certain that once either party found it, there would be a huge battle. They would find an opportunity then.

To take advantage of a crisis, they first had to be near the crisis. Hence, to those rogue cultivators from the Vast Brightness World, these terms were acceptable.

Actually, Li Zhouyi had the same thoughts. Number 327 thought that he was too inexperienced, but did not know this sixth prince was equally qualified in terms of scheming.

There was no need to re-explain the difference between the two groups. The Mysterious Clan was already stronger to begin with. Now, the third prince had seven True Saints with him and was nowhere to be found. Moreover, the cultivators from the West Desolate that were in the Bounded Zero Place may also not follow him.

So in terms of strength, the West Desolate were disadvantaged. If there really were a battle, their chances of winning were extremely slim.

Hence, Li Zhouyi had emphasized 'finding someone'. He was waiting for the other cultivators to realize and participate in the final struggle.

Only if the situation was chaotic would they be able to reduce the strength advantage of the other group. That was his only chance to get the Inextinguishable Flame!

He had silently planted this and changed the power play for himself. For this, he deserved some praise.

Number 327, who had settled the crowd with just a sentence, looked at Li Zhouyi coldly.

He was still unsatisfied as his tone was cold, "Let's begin!"

Li Zhouyi turned solemn as he nodded. He put on an appearance as if he was angry but suppressing his anger.

The cultivators from the World of Darkness and Mysterious Clan split up. Each of their auras exploded into a circle and sealed the small world fragment.

“Number 327, Li Zhouyi must have intentionally exposed it and attracted the rogue cultivators to interfere. Maybe they will choose to collaborate.” Number 418 lowered his voice. At this moment, he still had the rash and angered look but his eyes also flashed with wisdom.

In this world, everyone had many faces and you never knew if you were looking at their true face.

Number 327 fell silent before nodding. “I know.”

Number 418 smiled and then moved aside.

With the two groups colluding, they were ready to search every nook and cranny in a carpet bombing manner. As they searched, they reduced the perimeter of the circle.

On the other hand, Border Cliff Saint, who was really furious and was also trying to get out of the fight, had finally caught up to Qin Yu.

The turbulent space in Bounded Zero Place was really annoying. In a blink of an eye, he wouldn't know where someone went.

But if he did not care about the limits of the Eyes of Darkness, he could still pinpoint quite accurately. After all, the Eyes of Darkness had been damaged and Li Zhouyi was responsible. Border Cliff Saint could not be bothered.

Seeing Qin Yu's face light up with surprise and anger, Border Cliff Saint sneered menacingly, “Little boy, why don't you continue to run? I thought that you were good with words, continue to scold me!”

Reaching out, the air was suddenly flooded with endless amount of energy. It was as if an invisible mountain had fallen on Qin Yu and was burying him underneath.

“Border Cliff Saint, our Vast Brightness Ruler had made a contract with the World of Darkness. Are you not afraid of suffering the wrath of our Ruler if you kill me?!” Qin Yu shouted, expressing a tough exterior but seeming weak internally.

Border Cliff Saint laughed, “Ruler of the Vast Brightness World? He he, a group of shattered generation that can only run wild in this fragmented world! If I say that today, you were the one who offended me first and caused me to kill you, even your Ruler cannot save you!”

Qin Yu growled, “Nonsense. The Ruler is in the most powerful realm and is the most powerful in the Vast Brightness World. Killing you will be easy!”

Border Cliff Saint looked impatient, “You are such a young one and do not know how big the world is. A Ruler is the cultivation limit? What a joke! In the West Desolate...” As he said this, he was suddenly alarmed as he looked at Qin Yu, “A dead person need not know so much. I will kill you!”

Qin Yu thought that it was a pity. He could have dug out so many things but this person was not that foolish. On the other hand, when someone smart was on the enemy side, they were the most annoying. If he could, he would kill them as fast as possible.

Want to die faster? Easy. I will satisfy you!

Boom –

An enormous force surged forth like a volcano erupting as well as a landslide.

Border Cliff Saint's eyes widened as his heart was filled with comical terror. The harmless little white rabbit had turned into a man-eating tiger in front of him.

Even if they changed the script, how could it be like that!

Chapter 1358 – The Basics of Being an Actor

The perimeter continued to shrink, inching closer to the center of the small world fragment. The search area was shrinking, yet the search was not going any faster. In fact, it was becoming evidently slower.

The World of Darkness and Mysterious Clan formed an alliance, gathering a large number of people to help lock down the small world fragment and started to conduct a thorough search, strongly believing that the person controlling the Inextinguishable Flame was still here.

There would be less and less space for the culprit to hide in as time passed.

Both forces were even more alert now that they were reaching closer to the center of the small world fragment, knowing that the culprit could attack them anytime now.

For someone to be able to hide from the World of Darkness and Mysterious Clan...haha, it was impossible to even think about.

With such a thorough search, if the culprit still managed to escape, these cultivators would be extremely furious.

The culprit is not here...not here...he's not here either...

It was an unlucky day for the creatures in this small world fragment; they were all seized and killed in a violent manner.

Other than these cullings, there was virtually no movement elsewhere at all.

To prevent either side from covering up the truth or from getting ahead of the other clan, the cultivators from both sides were randomly arranged around the boundary. Cultivators from both the World of Darkness and Mysterious Clan would supervise the search together.

Yet, there was zero discovery!

Li Zhouyi sighed deeply. In front of him, there was a shallow valley covered in thick fog. That was the center of the small world fragment; would the culprit be hiding there? Did the culprit know that his chance of escaping would drop as time passed?

The valley was small enough for the cultivators of both clans to cover every corner. If something was to happen, they would be prepared. It was an inescapable net. There was no way the culprit could escape this time! As someone who could create twenty-one puppets to hide his aura, would he really be so dumb to hide here?

Li Zhouyi felt uneasy, thinking back to a time not long ago, when the last Inextinguishable Flame that was found here had suddenly disappeared. Would there be any surprises this time?

Pui, pui, pui!

No, there would not be any surprises this time. Definitely not. They had already surrounded this area; it was impossible for the culprit to escape. He must be in this part of the small world fragment, he must be.

That's right, I must not be flustered!

Yet, as time passed, Li Zhouyi started to panic.

The fog that shrouded the valley just now had already been dissipated by the cultivators from both clans, offering him a panoramic view of the valley. Yet, all he could see was a few trees and a field of grass. Other than that, there was nothing...nothing...nothing at all.

Li Zhouyi suddenly felt giddy. If he was not a physically strong person, he would already have collapsed onto the ground.

Impossible, this is impossible!

He never would've thought that the person who had obtained the Inextinguishable Flame had already perished shortly after the search had begun. That's right, it was the 'Scaredy Bird' who had thought it was going to die. Its instincts had been right.

Li Zhouyi turned to look at Number 327, whose gaze was dark as well. Number 327 had sacrificed a significant number of people from his clan for this search: two members of the Mysterious Clan had been unlucky and fell into the Death Stream. It was all for naught. How could they accept such a result?

"Go in and continue searching!"

Li Zhouyi clenched his jaw. "You guys have to go in too."

It was the last place left to search, which also meant that it was their last hope of finding the Inextinguishable Flame. The two groups of cultivators that had entered the valley searched every nook and cranny, careful not to miss any spot.

However, the valley was not that big, and since many people had joined the search, it was not long before they had thoroughly searched the place. The trees were uprooted and the grass was turned, causing the terrain to look so disorderly as if it had been plowed hundreds of times.

This was the reality...there was indeed nothing here. Nothing at all!

The air had gone quiet again.

The Mysterious Clan felt like they had expended too much of their efforts and gained nothing in return. It was unacceptable.

Li Zhouyi was in despair. At that moment, he just wanted his life to end.

In addition to all his mistakes in the past, he could not find the Inextinguishable Flame as well. He knew he would be in for a miserable time the moment he returned to the West Desolate.

At this point, let's praise the unbreakable spirit and willpower of our beloved Li Zhouyi.

Because in an instant, Li Zhouyi's dispirited eyes lit up.

Even though the cultivators from the World of Darkness and Mysterious Clan had gone into the valley to conduct the search, there were still some cultivators that were left behind to keep a lookout for rogue cultivators and to catch the culprit just in case there had been a loophole for him to escape.

Until now, they had not been alerted, which meant that there was no activity on the outer boundary and that no one had escaped at all. Just because they did not find anyone, it did not mean that the culprit did not exist. Maybe the culprit was using a very strong concealment spell, or maybe someone had not been careful while searching. The culprit could also have been set free by someone on purpose, after all, not everyone in the World of Darkness was aligned with him. There were many possibilities; it was not the time to completely give up yet.

Yes, this must be the case!

Letting out a deep sigh, Li Zhouyi roared, "Everyone, turn around and search outwards. Search every inch and every corner, the culprit must still be here!"

Everyone was aware of the sixth prince's situation; if he failed to retrieve the Inextinguishable Flame, it would be over for him. He was like a beast that had been forced into a corner, desperate and trigger-happy.

In such a situation, whatever the sixth prince said, goes. No one dared to rebuke him, or else they would definitely be killed. Only those who were sick of living would dare to go against him. Thus, the World of Darkness cultivators immediately heeded his words.

Number 327 felt slightly excited. The West Desolate's sixth prince indeed had a strong willpower. Number 327 began to believe what Number 418 had told him earlier...he had indeed underestimated the sixth prince.

Number 327 waved his hand and said, "Continue searching!"

The perimeter that shrunk previously now expanded again, albeit at a slower rate than before. Li Zhouyi walked around the area to supervise the searching process, stopping only to shout orders at the cultivators.

"Slower, go slower!"

"There, search that area carefully!"

"Dig into the ground and search every inch of this place!"

He refused to believe that the culprit could just disappear into thin air.

He combed the area, searching frantically, and he did find something – just a few, small creatures that had managed to hide deep into the ground, which helped them escape the initial search. Unfortunately they still failed to escape in the end, and died a violent death as well.

Yet, the main target of the search still could not be found.

When the search had gotten near the edge of the small world fragment, Li Zhouyi's eagerness started to wane. They searched once more and he had personally supervised the search this time; there were no slip-ups at all.

They had searched through almost the entire small world fragment. Li Zhouyi's heart was filled with despair, and he wondered if he should search it once more.

But it was clear to him that even if he had searched one more time, two more times, or even a hundred more times, the end result would be the same.

The air was silent, and everyone could tell how depressed the West Desolate's sixth prince was. Then, 'Border Cliff Saint' returned.

That's right, I'm sure you can tell from the quotation marks that something is wrong. The gist of it is that the real Border Cliff Saint had already been sent off by Qin Yu.

This 'Border Cliff Saint' was actually Qin Yu who had changed his appearance and sneaked in. He had thought about this before; once he had covered up the Inextinguishable Flame aura on his body, he would then try to get closer to the World of Darkness Clan to obtain their Inextinguishable Flame as well.

This was a great opportunity for him. It was all part of his plan, which was why he decided to put up with that punch from Border Cliff Saint. Even though he was not injured badly, it still hurt.

'Border Cliff Saint' was holding someone's bloody head in his hand, the head mangled beyond recognition. It was easy for the people here to assume that this head was likely Qin Yu's, since 'Border Cliff Saint' had returned, and Qin Yu had not.

Soaring Sky sighed softly. It was regrettable that that muscular man had died.

'Border Cliff Saint' gripped onto the head and squeezed tightly until it burst, like a red and ripe persimmon. Qin Yu then bowed to Li Zhouyi and said, "Your Highness, I've returned."

Li Zhouyi looked as if he had barely heard what Qin Yu had said, because he was not in the mood at all. He looked at the small world fragment in a daze, his whole body limp and lifeless.

Qin Yu thought to himself that in such a situation, if he were to suddenly attack Li Zhouyi, he could definitely burst his brains easily. However, it was merely a thought to himself that he very reluctantly dismissed.

It was never his intention to kill someone, much less someone who could not be killed in this small world. What Qin Yu really wanted was to obtain the Inextinguishable Flame from the World of Darkness.

The cogs were turning in his head, but the show had to go on. It was the basics of becoming an actor.

He was a 'Saint', but his words had been ignored. It damaged his reputation, and a bitter expression flashed across his eyes.

Saints were well-respected and highly-regarded in the West Desolate. They were always invited to the Desolate King's banquets.

The other Saint looked at him, and quickly gave him a side-eye to hint to him that the sixth prince was a loose cannon, and the slightest thing could set him off.

It seemed to this other Saint that 'Border Cliff Saint' would not live for very long, so it was no use to try and get through to him. If things went south, he might even be implicated.

Chapter 1359 – Li Little Strong

At this moment, Li Zhouyi suddenly spoke, "Border Cliff Saint, he is going to die anyway, why do you care?"

Qin Yu froze. This tone along with what he said gave an extremely unnerving feeling.

Why? Was it that he played with this prince too much and caused the prince to go crazy? That should not be. I still have things prepared for you. If you go crazy, I will have to rewrite the script.

He cursed him for having weak willpower, unworthy of such a high 'prince' title.

But as a qualified actor, he did not lack achievements. So no matter what he thought, he still answered as his character should.

Hence, 'Border Cliff Saint' frowned slightly, with a slight dissatisfaction and hesitance. He looked at Li Zhouyi, "If it were me, I would not have any apprehensions. When I was born, I suffered over a hundred restrictions and I don't care after I die!"

Li Zhouyi fell silent for a while before taking a deep breath and putting his hands respectfully, "You are right, I have learned from you." He stood up and looked at the heavens before looking at the small world fragment in front of him. He muttered, "The ending has been ruined. Even if there are more problems, so what? I have nothing else to lose."

He lifted his hand and reached out to the heavens and grabbed. An enormous aura burst forth. What seemed like a wilting plant a moment ago, burst forth with incredible power.

Qin Yu took a few steps back, thinking that he had underestimated Li Zhouyi. This little brat had faced so many disappointments but he was still filled with vigor. It was incredible and he was worthy of the nickname – Li Little Strong!

Not bad, not bad. Young people these days were filled with energy. Only this way could Qin Yu use him without worry. He would not have to be concerned about going overboard and destroying him.

But what was he doing? Could it be that in the unknown world of the West Desolate, they had an ability similar to his titan's ability? But even so, what could he do? Was he going to break the small world fragment?

It was not that Qin Yu looked down on him but this small world fragment was a huge one. It had undergone wear and tear and shrunk until it reached this size and continued to remain here. If not, it would not have been able to tolerate the turbulent space waves. It was extremely sturdy.

The deeper in they went, the sturdier it was. Otherwise the World of Darkness and Mysterious Clan would have thought of breaking this place up into pieces. Hehe, if you did not think of this, it means that you are still far from being good cultivators.

Qin Yu then realized that he really just underestimated Li Zhouyi. He was not going to transform but the impact that he created was bigger than a transformation.

“Woo, as a prince of the West Desolate, I am calling upon the highest energy of the fragmented area! Activate now!”

Li Zhouyi’s low bellow, contained some kind of bizarre rhythm as it rang through everyone’s heads, causing their souls to shake.

“Your Highness, no!”

“Stop!”

The two True Saints were frantic.

Qin Yu reacted a beat slower and after realizing, he quickly adjusted his expression and spoke. It was not something a qualified actor should be doing.

Hence, after a moment of silence, he said softly, “Alas, it is as I guessed...”

Beside him, the two True Saints heard him and went crazy, “Border Cliff, why did you not stop His Highness? This is not appropriate!”

Qin Yu was expressionless, “His Highness had already said it, unless the both of you did not hear him. How do you want me to stop him other than killing him?” I don’t know anything but I can talk like I know what is going on. Everything is under control.

This was called power!

Both True Saints were stunned. Their mouths moved but they said nothing.

With a single sentence, he was able to stop their questions. If others knew about this, he would be able to boast for half a lifetime.

Boom –

In Bounded Zero Place, turbulent space waves existed. With the addition of the broken rules, everything was in a chaotic state. The sky was the same. It was grey and gave those who looked at it a murky and chaotic feel.

But today, this chaotic movement was flowing aggressively in the sky and all of a sudden, it turned dark. It was extremely sudden as if someone had thrown black ink into it. If one extended their hand forward, they would not be able to see their fingers.

Qin Yu's face changed. He could sense a cold and strong familiar aura.

No, it was colder and stronger.

If now was the full extent of the power, then previously, it was just half of it.

Eye of Eternal Night!

This name appeared in Qin Yu's head. The dark and black sky suddenly broke.

The feeling was as if someone had thrown a stone and broken the mirror's surface.

Strong, ruthless...it could not be stopped!

Even if they could not see past their hands now, everyone could clearly 'see' the eye descending. It was pitch black, like an eternal night. It was the source of all the darkness.

The incredible power surged forth like a wave and flooded in all directions!

Crack –

Crack –

This was the sound of the sky cracking and also the shattered rules that were cutting through the Eye of Eternal Night, causing multiple cuts on its surface.

In the next moment, a horrifying energy erupted from the Eye of Eternal Night and surged toward the small world fragment. Then, it was like a walnut being cracked open as the energy burst in all directions.

Explosions, cracks and separation...following an enormous explosion, the small world fragment was broken into multiple pieces. Each of these pieces shattered further, becoming smaller and smaller, covering the entire area with sand. The incredible energy shifted it, causing it to fall down in all directions like a sea of sand.

The Eye of Eternal Night disappeared with cracks all over it. It was obvious that descending in Bounded Zero Place and breaking the small world fragment had inflicted severe damage.

Qin Yu's heart palpitated as he realized the power of the Eye of Eternal Night. But he had more questions...because it seemed like the Eye of Eternal Night had detected his existence. Or rather, it had seen through Qin Yu's disguise.

Even though it was only for a second, the fear that was in Qin Yu when the Eye of Eternal Night descended could not be mistaken.

Qin Yu had mentally prepared to fight for his life. But the Eye of Eternal Night did not expose him. It merely broke the small world fragment and left.

Could it be because it suffered huge damage from this attack and was not able to do anything else? No, no, no. Even if that were the case, it could still pass a message to Li Zhouyi and the others to expose Qin Yu and ruin his plans.

Why did it choose to hide it? Was there tension between the Eye of Eternal Night and the World of Darkness, or did it have something to do with him? They met for the first time in the East Sea. From that time, Qin Yu already could not understand why it chose to leave without doing anything.

Adding on what happened today...Qin Yu felt that his second guess was more likely. But he had barely had contact with the World of Darkness and even killed a few of their high-ranking people. He did not have any positive relationships with them and there was no reason for the Eye of Eternal Night to help him.

Taking a deep breath, he calmed himself down. As per usual, if he could not understand, he would stop thinking about it. He had to act cautiously to prevent the Eye of Eternal Night from intentionally desensitizing him and then turning to kill him when his guard was down.

Even Qin Yu was shocked by the power of the Eye of Eternal Night, much less everyone else. This included the Mysterious Clan. They could not help but stare and think that Li Zhouyi was going crazy. He actually dared to forcefully summon the Eye of Eternal Night into Bounded Zero Place. This damage would take hundreds of years to recover from.

More importantly, it was such a huge price to pay for nothing...the small world fragment that was completely turned to dust could not hide anything.

Yet, the aura of the Inextinguishable Flame still did not appear...this also meant that the person was not here. The two of them had colluded to lockdown the small world fragment and searched the entire place, twice but it was all for naught.

In other words, both groups had been utterly played with. More embarrassingly, they still did not even know who the one that duped them was. It made them so uncomfortable they wanted to throw up blood!

Mysterious Clan cultivators paled as they realized what was going on. They looked around menacingly as they could not wait to catch the person and destroy him.

But if these people knew that the person they wanted to tear apart was actually right in front of them, standing next to Li Zhouyi, how would they feel? They probably would not just throw up blood.

Of course, the one who was suffering the most was Li Zhouyi...he was wrong. He was wrong from the start till the end.

He had been played. Perhaps, he had been fooled right from the start when the twenty-two auras of the Inextinguishable Flame appeared.

That scheming person who was probably hiding in some dark corner must be feeling extremely proud after playing with the sixth prince of West Desolate in his hands.

But now, Li Zhouyi was in no mood to be angry or embarrassed...because he was completely finished!

It was the first time that Li Zhouyi felt resigned to his fate. He would probably never get the Inextinguishable Flame back.

Looking at the dejected back of the prince of the West Desolate, Qin Yu coughed lightly. He knew he had to act now or Li Zhouyi would be destroyed. He had to lift his spirits.

“Your Highness, you must know better than anyone what they would do if they got the Inextinguishable Flame.”

Strictly speaking, this was completely rubbish.

Li Zhouyi had previously controlled the Inextinguishable Flame. Of course he knew what it was used for.

But as Li Zhouyi heard this, it was like sweet rain pouring down on his dried-out heart, or like a spring breeze blowing off the dust. It was like he saw the light at the end of the tunnel.

Not everyone was worthy of this name, Li Little Strong. His eyes turned as he started to think.

Border Cliff Saint was right!

Although the Inextinguishable Flame was powerful, it was like a double-edged sword. If it did not acknowledge its user or its user could not find a way to use it, it would not become anything precious.

The reason why it was extremely valuable and could cause the World of Darkness and Mysterious Clan to fight over it was because it was a precious key.

Since it was a key, it must be used to unlock...since they could not find him today, they just had to wait at the lock for him to appear by himself.

Chapter 1360 – Blood Sacrifice

After getting beaten to a pulp by Qin Yu, Li Zhouyi had revived to his full power once again. This gave him hope that he might be able to change the playing field.

Of course, he had the third prince to thank, who had been absent all this while. With the third prince’s power, he could send Li Zhouyi back to the West Desolate with just a command. Without the third prince here to obstruct him, in the southwest fragmented area, Li Zhouyi was the first-in-command, with the highest amount of power. This also meant that as long as he did not give up, he could continue to push on for however long he wanted.

While Li Zhouyi’s fighting spirit was reinvigorated, Qin Yu’s mood was lifted as well. Things were going better than he had expected.

They were already rushing towards the Inextinguishable Flame now. If things went according to plan, he just had to find an opportunity to light the furnace once they reached their destination. Then, he would have fulfilled the goal of his journey here in Bounded Zero Place.

Swish –

The teleportation ended and the cultivators from the World of Darkness appeared in a barren small world fragment.

Qin Yu quickly glanced over the scene in front of him and knitted his eyebrows uncontrollably. Could the Inextinguishable Flame really be here? He could not sense its aura at all. Even though he was unsure, he could not let it show. He had to put on a calm expression.

He needed to play the part of a Saint from the West Desolate. If he wanted to put on an act, he needed to be considerate of every detail. He could not afford to make a mistake.

Fortunately, time was tight. Li Zhouyi was constantly worried that his third brother would suddenly arrive at Bounded Zero Place. Thus, Li Zhouyi got straight into business the moment he reached this barren place.

Li Zhouyi waved his hands and they started to glow. He conjured a four-sided mark, and the barren land started to roll violently, as if a gust of strong wind blew it over, creating waves.

The mark spread out towards all four corners, releasing a constraining aura. The turbulent space waves surrounding the area disappeared. Simply put, the mark prevented anyone from entering the place via turbulent space waves.

Buzz –

The array continued to radiate light and spread out. It became brighter and brighter, warping the space around it.

The light rays separated, creating a tear in space in the form of a large door, and Qin Yu could feel the strong and terrifying aura of the chaotic energy on the other side of the door. It was ten times stronger than the aura of the turbulent space waves in Bounded Zero Place. Even though Qin Yu had dialed down his senses, the aura given off by the chaotic energy made him feel stifled and suffocated.

“Let’s go!” Li Zhouyi led the forces forward.

Together with the two Saints from the West Desolate, Qin Yu flew towards the door without any hesitation.

He felt a strong force pulling him apart while he teleported to the place beyond the door, which made it hard to breathe. Luckily, the sensation only lasted for a while. In a flash, new scenery appeared in front of him.

Qin Yu squinted his eyes. He had many ideas about where the Inextinguishable Flame would be found, but never once would he have imagined that it was not in Bounded Zero Place to begin with. If he were to use the traditional method of searching for the flame, he would never have found it!

On the horizon, there it was – the Mountain of Flames. Its dancing flames burnt defiantly and flickered violently, giving off an intimidating aura. It burnt ceaselessly, never to be extinguished!

It was exactly how the Spring Master had described it, and it was also the Inextinguishable Flame that Qin Yu had been looking so tirelessly for. Today, he had finally seen it for himself!

The turbulent space waves...who would have thought that the Inextinguishable Flame would be hidden within? Even if someone had suspected that it would be found here, they would not have been able to access it.

Although Qin Yu was excited at first, he quickly realized that he had been too optimistic. Even though the Inextinguishable Flame was right in front of him, it was being trapped by the turbulent space waves. It was clear to him that this Inextinguishable Flame was the source of the chaotic energy that he felt just now.

Now that he was standing closer to the source than ever before, he was able to more acutely feel its aura. He was even more aware of the terrifying extent of this Inextinguishable Flame’s power.

The furnace was extremely excited and almost went mad on the spot. If it were not for Qin Yu who stopped it from acting out, it would have rushed out on its own.

Internally, Qin Yu laughed to himself. He could understand the furnace's reaction. The temptation of the Inextinguishable Flame to the furnace was probably a hundred times stronger than the temptation of a man to hit on a pretty woman.

Yet, he had to control the furnace. "Calm down! Do you see the turbulent space waves? I don't think I am powerful enough to withstand their aura, so what makes you think that you would be able to break through them? Please, let's not be hasty, there must be another way."

It wasn't easy to coax the furnace through giving it a scare, but at least he had prevented it from rushing out on its own. However, the furnace implored Qin Yu to come up with an idea quickly, otherwise it would rush out to try and seize the Inextinguishable Flame, regardless of the dangers.

Qin Yu stopped to observe his surroundings. On either side of the Mountain of Flames were two small world fragments. The terrifying aura of the chaotic energy and the extremely high air temperature created a harsh environment, so there were definitely no signs of life on the fragments. They were both charred black.

The two small world fragments were separated by some distance. In the middle of this empty space, slightly above the fragments, there was a ship that floated in the air. The ship was not big, and its hull seemed to have been painted black originally. However, because it had been stationary for a long time, the power of its surroundings had engulfed it, causing its surface to become mottled. It also had red streaks on it.

When Li Zhouyi's gaze landed on the ship, his heart started to race and his eyes lit up. He was too rash before, because he was too fixated on trying to get the Inextinguishable Flame back. However, if he could obtain this ship, then despite losing the Inextinguishable Flame, he knew that he would not be punished too harshly.

Apart from this, he was still uncertain...if this had been the Desolate King's intention from the start, the third prince could have made his appearance when the Fire of Eternal Night was being extinguished. The third prince could have achieved two things – 'retrieving' the Inextinguishable Flame, and completely destroying any chance of Li Zhouyi ever rising to power again.

Therefore it was strange that there had been no trace of the third prince at all. Li Zhouyi had gathered his forces here, waiting for the perfect opportunity to 'retrieve' the Inextinguishable Flame, preventing the third prince from having a chance to steal his limelight.

What was the king trying to do? Li Zhouyi was unable to discern the king's intentions, and he was even starting to wonder if he was overthinking everything. Perhaps the king had never intended to steal the Inextinguishable Flame from the beginning.

However, Li Zhouyi calmed his thoughts immediately. Regardless of whether he was right or not, it wasn't important anymore. What was important was that he needed to retrieve the Inextinguishable Flame in order to stay alive. Otherwise, he would definitely be sentenced to a gruesome death.

The cultivators from the World of Darkness flew to the small world fragments to guard the people in this place.

“Greetings, Your Highness!” The cultivators bowed to Li Zhouyi.

“Did you catch anyone trespassing?” Li Zhouyi asked.

“No.”

Li Zhouyi relaxed, and turned to give orders. “Stay alert. Do not even let a fly come through!”

Just at this moment, the space around them started to vibrate. A large group of cultivators descended upon them – it was the Mysterious Clan. They also wanted to catch the perfect opportunity to seize the Inextinguishable Flame, and they would not give this opportunity up so easily to the World of Darkness.

Qin Yu tried to hide his unhappiness. When he saw the two small world fragments beside the ship, he had his suspicions. It seemed that his suspicions were right. The Mysterious Clan and the World of Darkness were aware of where the Inextinguishable Flame was all along, and had always been trying to get access to this place. However, the World of Darkness had been a step ahead.

Both clans wanted to enter the Mountain of Flames... but they needed the ship. Getting in and out of this place required an array formation, which meant that this ship could only be used within this place – to access the Mountain of Flames that was surrounded by extremely strong turbulent space waves.

However, there were two large clans, but only one ship. What was the meaning of this?

Li Zhouyi glared at the Mysterious Clan for a while before entering his encampment to recuperate, getting ready for the upcoming battle with them. In this encampment, of course the West Desolate Saints held the most respected positions. Qin Yu was going to make full use of the advantages that came with this position.

More importantly, Qin Yu had seen a few figures flying out from the small world fragments and entering the ship for a few moments before leaving. Meanwhile, the cultivators from the World of Darkness that were standing by on duty noticed this, but did not have any reaction whatsoever. It was as if entering and leaving this ship was a normal occurrence.

After pondering for a few moments, Qin Yu walked over to these cultivators.

“Greetings, Saint!” They all bowed hastily towards him.

Qin Yu waved his arm. “At ease. I saw a few cultivators from the other clan entering the ship just now, so I’m going to check on the situation.”

One cultivator responded in a respectful tone, “Please do not worry. The ship is in a state of induction; the other clan would not dare to make any rash moves.”

Qin Yu knitted his eyebrows, not saying a word.

Another cultivator quickly added on, “Of course, it does not hurt to be cautious in such a situation. If you are free now, I can escort you there.”

Qin Yu nodded his head, “Lead the way.”

The second cultivator who spoke turned around and gave some instructions to his comrades before walking to Qin Yu and bowing respectfully, "Please follow me. This way."

They flew towards the skies, and the cultivators from the Mysterious Clan glanced at them for a while before looking away.

When they were near the exterior of the ship, Qin Yu could immediately smell the scent of blood.

He frowned, finally understanding what those red streaks on the ship were. Dried blood!

There was so much of it that it covered a big portion of the ship. The most terrifying thing was that these dried blood marks seemed to have come from the inside of the ship, and had permeated through the exterior.

If the smell of blood was so strong from the outside already, he wondered what the inside of the ship would look like.

Qin Yu wondered how many massacres had to occur for such a massive amount of blood to spill.

'Border Cliff Saint's' expression seemed to have fallen a little bit. The cultivator who had escorted him smiled politely and said, "It's normal to be a bit shocked since it's your first time here. We have been here for many years, so we're used to it."

Qin Yu pointed at the blood stains and asked, "How did these..."

The cultivator hesitated for a little while before replying, "It's actually a secret, but since Your Honor has asked me for an answer, I hope you will not tell others what I am about to tell you."

When Qin Yu nodded, the cultivator continued, "You must know by now that the turbulent space waves are especially strong around the Mountain of Flames. We created an alliance with the Mysterious Clan, and can only rely on this ship to shuttle back and forth to the Mountain of Flames. However, this ship is not perfect. Activating it requires a huge amount of energy...and the fragmented area is unable to supply this amount of energy, so we rely on the West Desolate to provide it.

"To minimize the consumption of energy, we found out about the Blood Sacrifice method. By carving a seal on the ship, we used this method to draw energy from the Blood Demon which then drives the ship. This is why there are so many blood stains."

Qin Yu frowned, "Blood Sacrifice? Whose blood..."

"To prevent the Ruler of the fragmented area from being alerted, which might bring us unnecessary trouble, we were unable to target powerful cultivators. We could only hunt some insignificant living beings within the fragmented area to harvest their blood. It was necessary for us to meet the demands of the Blood Demon."

The cultivator coughed lightly and continued explaining, "It's not honorable, and people would definitely protest if they knew about this and the West Desolate's reputation would be damaged, which was why I asked Your Honor not to let word of this spread."