

## Refining 1431

### Chapter 1431 – Not Enough Enemies

It was good that she gave a price, at least. It was better than staying silent, refusing completely, and attacking him.

Although Qin Yu knew that he had some skills, it would be best if they did not create a huge commotion with their fighting.

Stabilizing his emotions, he tried to look as calm and relaxed as he could as he extended his hand to gesture for her to talk, "Please speak."

Across from him, Thousand Faces looked at him neutrally.

Qin Yu's heart skipped a beat. She meant for him to start the offer. He thought about it, "A soul on the level of a True Saint."

Stone Pagoda had briefly explained to Qin Yu what happened to Thousand Faces. He knew what the goals of these frightening existences that liked to cross space and make agreements with humans were.

So of course, he offered the thing she would be most interested in.

Thousand Faces sneered, "Are you looking down on me?"

She was very direct and Qin Yu's heart shrunk as he looked at her. He wondered whether the compensation was insufficient and thought he needed to offer more.

Before he could speak, Stone Pagoda stopped him, "Master, don't fall for her trick. Thousand Faces probably has something she was interested in, but a True Saint's soul is enough to exchange with her. These mysterious existences are all extremely greedy. If they learn that you are willing to give more to save Thousand Faces, things will become troublesome."

Qin Yu stilled as he thought about Stone Pagoda's analysis. He paused before looking as if he was in a difficult position as he chuckled bitterly, "Mysterious being, a True Saint's soul is enough to make up for what you lose. I hope you consider it carefully."

Thousand Faces' fingers started to drum on the tabletop again. She looked coldly at Qin Yu, "Using a True Saint's soul to exchange for this woman is a good deal, but there is something about you...Saint level items are probably easy for you to get."

She paused before smiling brightly, "I know about how you killed two True Saints in the Vanquished Nation."

Qin Yu's mouth twisted. What is this? Was his wealth exposed? This mysterious being that was controlling Thousand Faces clearly knew that he had Zhou and Lin Saint's souls. That was why she did not hesitate to ask so daringly.

He had to end this quickly. If they continued to bargain, he did not know what kind of request she would raise. Qin Yu was determined as he put his hands together, "Although you are right, all exchanges in this world are equal and fair. As a mysterious being from space time, I believe you will uphold this."

He looked over, "So please tell me your price."

Thousand Faces knocked lightly on the table while she seemed to be thinking. She then laughed, "I want a complete True Saint."

She looked at Qin Yu and the speed her fingers knocked the table slowed, yet an invisible force seemed to exist, "Remember, a complete Saint. His flesh, soul, everything."

Qin Yu looked troubled. Killing Saints was not difficult to him, but if he had to suppress and control a Saint, then offer him completely...it was difficult, too difficult. There was no way he could do it.

Even if a Ruler tried, they might not be able to succeed.

Divine Saints that reached the shore had long formed their own Great Dao. Even if they could not resist being captured, they could easily end their own lives.

After all, when compared to getting sacrificed to a mysterious and strong existence from space time, death was a much more pleasant choice.

Thousand Faces lifted her hand and touched a spot in front of her face. A black flame emerged and turned into a scroll. The scroll unrolled and the tongues of the flames gave way to a strange writing.

"Sign this agreement. The next True Saint that you kill will be my offering. So things are not as difficult as you think. You just need to kill one more True Saint in order to complete the agreement."

Qin Yu's expression shifted slightly. Although Stone Pagoda did not explain much, he was filled with a strong fear towards these mysterious beings that emerged from space time. Signing an agreement with them was like dancing on sword tips. If he was not careful, he would fall and the sword would pierce through his body and he would die a miserable death. His entire being resisted the thought of it.

"You suspect that I am tricking you?" Thousand Faces narrowed her eyes and chuckled sinisterly.

Qin Yu put his hands together respectfully, "You are thinking too much, I have no other intentions." As he said this, he quickly urged Stone Pagoda to find out exactly what was written on the agreement.

Thankfully, Stone Pagoda was also well 'researched' in this area and he quickly answered, "Master, there is nothing wrong with the agreement. But you must ensure that you kill a True Saint within a month and give them to her. If not, according to the agreement, you will take their place and become her prey."

Sss –

This being was extremely sinister. From the start till now, it did not warn Qin Yu that there was a time limit.

A month did not seem short, but to a cultivator, this was merely enough for a short isolation. If Qin Yu had not found out about this and a month passed, it would have been extremely troublesome.

"Are you sure there are no other problems?"

Stone Pagoda confirmed, "Actually there is one point in which you were right. The reason why these mysterious beings are able to survive for so long is because they stick to their promises. They might

twist the rules and try to sneak in a few traps, but with regards to the main content of the agreement, they will not lie.”

Taking a deep breath, Qin Yu flicked his finger and a drop of fresh blood flew out and was absorbed directly into the agreement. The flame on the surface turned blood red for a moment. At the same time, the power of an agreement appeared within Qin Yu’s senses. It surged up to the heavens and dissipated as if linking up with some strong existence far away.

Thousand Faces smiled in content, “Since the agreement has been signed, I will release her for the time being.” Pausing, her eyes flickered, “I know that in the world you are in, it is not easy to hunt down True Saints so you don’t have to rush this. You can make your own arrangements. Until you do, I will do my best to curb my appetite and refrain from damaging her weak soul.”

He cursed internally at how scheming this being was before standing up and bowing, “Mysterious being from space time, I thank you for your generosity.”

Woosh –

Thousand Faces’ face changed again and at the same time, the control over her conscience disappeared as well. The mysterious being that had appeared was now gone.

As she opened her eyes, her eyes looked dull and listless, along with a hint of fear. Thousand Faces looked at Qin Yu and forced a smile, “Thank you junior-apprentice brother.”

Qin Yu replied, “I will not ask for the reason. I will help you deal with this...” He paused before sighing lightly, “Next time, don’t ever sign any agreement with a mysterious being. This time we were lucky, but luck will not always follow us.”

That was right. Thousand Faces was very lucky to meet this mysterious being from space time that was able to think and had a conscience. If it did not, Thousand Faces’ soul would have just been devoured after the time was up and there would have been no chance to save her.

Thousand Faces looked serious, “Junior-apprentice brother, don’t worry. I will never do something like this again...” She lowered her head to think and suddenly sighed. She put her hand into her clothes and seemed to be feeling for something.

Qin Yu’s body froze as he wondered what she was doing. Although he saved her, he did not have any other thoughts.

Woo, but thinking about it, seventh apprentice sister changed her face every day and they were all beautiful. Being with her was like having a new bride each night...tsk, tsk. Elder apprentice brother was so lucky!

Just as Qin Yu was thinking seriously about whether he should hurry and sneak out, seventh apprentice sister pulled something out.

So she was not taking off her clothes. Qin Yu breathed a sigh of relief but could not help but feel slightly disappointed. He scolded himself internally. Men were all creatures that were guided by that thing below.

Cough!

Coughing lightly, Qin Yu struggled to maintain a composed expression as he suppressed his emotions.

Thankfully, seventh apprentice sister did not notice as she held the thing in her hands and looked at him, "After the big catastrophe all those years back, I was able to survive because of this...I don't know what it is but this thing is extremely strange and has all sorts of unimaginable abilities."

Thousand Faces paused for a while before sighing, "I thought that I could have my revenge by using this thing. But it seems like I overestimated myself and could never get acknowledged by this thing. There is no point in me keeping it any longer. I will give this to you as a thank you gift."

Qin Yu wanted to reject her by saying they were fellow disciples and it was expected of him...but he could not say it or did not dare to say it. Because the thing that Thousand Faces held in her hands caused a stir in the existence within him.

The answer was clear – the thing wanted it!

Did Qin Yu dare to reject? Although the reaction from the East Sea Sword was not very intense, it was the first time it had such a reaction.

Did he want to try rejecting? Hehehe, how about I cut you into half?

Coughing once more, Qin Yu replied, "Thank you. In that case...I will accept it."

In front of him, Thousand Faces looked shocked. She had truly wanted to give it to him but never expected her junior-apprentice brother to accept it directly without even trying to reject her.

But she did not think much. Perhaps her junior-apprentice brother had sensed the mysteriousness of this thing.

He stretched out to take the little ball from her. It was as big as a fingernail and looked like a red pearl. The surface was smooth and shiny and it even glowed slightly.

When Qin Yu held it, the red pearl suddenly lit up and with a 'buzz', it disappeared.

When seventh apprentice sister saw this, it confirmed her guess. She looked moved as she glanced at Qin Yu, "Alas, this pearl was just waiting for its real owner. Now that I have handed it to you, this pearl has now seen the light once more. It is better than it collecting dust with me."

Qin Yu's mouth shifted but he ended up just smiling. It was not like he could tell her that he did not know anything and he did not even want it nor knew what this thing was called.

Cough cough. If he did, it would seem like he was trying to downplay what he got so easily.

However, through this he verified that good people would be rewarded. Although Qin Yu did not know what this pearl was, if it could make the East Sea Sword interested, it was valuable.

If Qin Yu had not helped Thousand Faces, he would not have gotten this.

This tells us that if possible, we should always try to be good people...maybe we will not be rewarded immediately, but fate will make sure we are rewarded eventually. We just need to wait for the time to come.

Turning back to the main topic, Qin Yu greeted, "I will not hide from you, I actually have a use for this pearl. I will make arrangements and you can rest assured."

Since he had taken her thing, he had to work. He had to kill a True Saint within a month...hoo, who should he kill? Although he had many enemies, those of the True Saint level were almost all dead. He did not have enough.

The black-robed True Saint from the Vanquished Nation? Or the strong power backing him? But when it came to revenge, Qin Yu was waiting to deal with it. No one would stand up and volunteer to get revenge taken on him. If the other party did not do anything, there was nothing he could do.

Sigh. After thinking about it, there was no discreet way to do it, he had to just offer his head...tsk, tsk. After all, he had enough enemies around.

As all sorts of thoughts filled his head, Qin Yu stood up to take his leave. Seventh apprentice sister had just escaped death; although she looked calm, she must be extremely emotional. It would be good to give her some time to herself.

"Junior-apprentice brother, be careful. I won't send you off."

"Seventh apprentice sister, there is no need to see me off!"

After stepping out, Qin Yu let out a deep breath as he rubbed his eyebrows. In the past, when he saved others he did not think he was that important. Could it be because he was stronger now and he thought more highly of himself?

He shook his head to suppress his feelings. He only had one month to complete the agreement; this was more urgent.

He should go back and isolate for a few days. After he comprehended the five Divine Ways, he would reach a small gateway.

As long as he could cross it smoothly, he would be considered to have properly entered and his powers would increase once more.

Hoo, this feeling of one's powers increasing non-stop was such a great feeling!

As Qin Yu rushed back to his residence to isolate, he did not know that the situation of him saving others would not end here.

Very soon, he would realize that his thoughts of 'not having enough enemies' was ridiculous. Because very soon, the number of True Saints that were going to stand at his door would be a lot more than he could imagine.

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Rice Paper's face was pale and her eyes filled with fear. She lifted her hand to cut the air. The air split open and without any hesitation, she stepped in.

The Transcendent Sword Sect was in trouble and their target was Soaring Sky. But not only him...as she thought of this, Rice Paper's body froze and her face paled even more.

## Chapter 1432 – Asking For Help

By the riverside there was a mountain that was so wide it stretched as far as the eye could see, and the highest point of the mountain was known as Transcendent Peak.

The chivalrous disciples from the Transcendent Sword Sect sat here. However, today, there was no shouting or waving of swords. The air was completely silent.

There were two figures that stood outside the main palace on the summit of Transcendent Peak, and they were sending Rice Paper through the tear in space. The expressions in their eyes were cold.

“She has left. If all goes well, she will be able to bring back the true mastermind behind Bounded Zero Place,” one of them spoke, his voice calm.

The other person was silent for a while before he spoke too. “There’s too much of a coincidence in this matter...we should be careful not to be taken advantage of.”

“Hmph! So what if they take advantage of us? We have to find that person no matter what and tear all his limbs apart to get rid of all my anger!”

The second person sighed and turned. “Let’s go and make the necessary preparations...I feel a bit uneasy; it feels like an inevitable war is going to break out.”

The first person nodded. Even though he hated that he could not kill that person right away, being able to destroy everything that the West Desolate had painstakingly built for many years was not an easy task. Not a single mistake or rash decision could be made.

Both of them turned and with a single step that caused the air to ripple, they disappeared just like a stone that had sunk beneath the water’s surface.

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In the cultivation room, Qin Yu let out a long breath before opening his eyes. A wave of energy surged in the air. He could not hide his happiness.

He had broken through!

The process was harder than he imagined, but it was also well within his expectations. After all, nothing worth having in this world came easy. The more powerful the five Divine Ways were, the harder it would be to cultivate them.

Taking a deep breath to calm his feelings of anxiety, Qin Yu tuned everything out and focused on his body. He let out a smile.

Even though he had not tried using the Divine Ways yet, he could sense that after breaking through, the Divine Ways had undergone a terrific change.

Having cultivated to this level meant that he would no longer be able to break through as fast or as easily as before.

The process of cultivation would only become more time-consuming from now on. He had to train bit by bit, and he would not see any visible results until his next breakthrough.

With this breakthrough, it meant that his closed-door meditation had come to an end. Thirteen days had passed since he signed the agreement with that mysterious being. There were still seventeen more days for him to kill a True Saint and offer them as a sacrifice to that mysterious being.

Time was tight. He could either kill any random True Saint and be done with it without caring about the consequences, or he would have to start planning his course of action now.

It was time to go and ask third apprentice brother whether there were other True Saints with ill intentions, other than Zhou Saint and Lin Saint who had already been killed.

He opened the door and rushed towards White Phoenix's courtyard.

The good news was that as the Peach Garden's official ambassador, White Phoenix was extremely busy. He needed to attend to a lot of matters, so he had not gone into closed-door meditation yet. However, the bad news was that Qin Yu did not get the answer that he wanted from White Phoenix. Qin Yu refused to give up and asked repeatedly, "Are you sure there isn't anyone?"

White Phoenix nodded his head. His eyebrows were knitted together as he asked Qin Yu in a suspicious tone, "Junior-apprentice brother, is something wrong?"

Qin Yu waved his hand dismissively. "Personal matters. It has nothing to do with the Peach Garden; please do not worry, third apprentice brother."

White Phoenix raised his brows. "Junior-apprentice brother is a member of the Peach Garden. Your problems are our problems too."

After being so direct, it seemed that White Phoenix came to a realization of how much weaker than Qin Yu he was and so his stance suddenly weakened. "Even though we might not be able to help, maybe you can share your problems with us and we can help you think of a solution."

Qin Yu laughed bitterly to himself and took a glance at White Phoenix's serious expression. If he continued to beat around the bush, he might really be disrespecting third apprentice brother.

Such a secret was impossible to keep, and sooner or later, third apprentice brother would learn about it. Thus, Qin Yu decided to let him know about the matter. "For reasons I can't say, I need to kill a True Saint within seventeen days...yes, third apprentice brother knows that I don't really like to murder innocent people, therefore I want to find someone that I can kill for a good enough reason. That's why I came here to consult you."

Qin Yu was very direct and straightforward about this matter; he did not conceal anything at all. But why did it sound strange...since when did killing a True Saint become something that could be mentioned so casually? Thinking about it carefully, it indeed was not very strange when it came to Qin Yu. After all, he had killed Zhou Saint and Lin Saint very recently.

As expected, I can't be of any help!

White Phoenix's lips twitched. "Junior-apprentice brother, you should reconsider this...it is extremely difficult to reach the cultivation level of a True Saint. If you kill one of them for no reason at all, I'm afraid that he or she would be greatly wronged."

Damn it, I am overstepping the boundaries here.

I'm just a pathetic Half-Saint, yet I am participating in this discussion about killing a True Saint. I even gave a suggestion!

Hiss –

However, I really think that it would be quite an easy task for Qin Yu to kill a True Saint. If he really wants to kill someone, that person would most likely end up dead!

Indeed, humans are adaptable...I've started to accept that Qin Yu can easily become a True Saint murderer.

Qin Yu bowed, "Thank you third apprentice brother for the reminder, I will be careful."

Unable to get the information that he wanted from White Phoenix, Qin Yu started to feel even more rushed for time. Without any delay, he said his goodbyes to White Phoenix and left. He felt that he could no longer keep staying in the Peach Garden. He had to go to the outside world to find a better opportunity to kill a True Saint.

After all, the Vast Brightness was undergoing a time of tribulation and turmoil was everywhere. The True Saints there would most likely be making their moves.

As Qin Yu was wondering whether or not to head towards the East Sea...hmm, killing a dragon sounded kind of thrilling to him. However, Qin Yu did not have such an intention, after all; the Dragon Saint had a rather good personality.

The Dragon Saint had even 'gifted' Qin Yu the East Sea Sword, and Qin Yu had personally witnessed its killing power. Apart from that woman, this sword was one of his most powerful cards.

Purely based on this alone, Qin Yu was not willing to repay kindness with vengeance by killing the dragon. He wanted to go to the East Sea to make a deal with the Dragon Saint, something along the lines of "I can help you kill an enemy, if you give me something in return."

Hehe, it was like getting an unexpected reward whilst fulfilling his mission.

Since the East Sea had 'gifted' him the East Sea Sword which was extremely precious, in Qin Yu's mind, their generosity had increased by a few notches.

Just when Qin Yu had made up his mind and was getting ready to head out, someone outside of the Peach Garden requested an audience with him.

Qin Yu's position in the Peach Garden meant that he was well worthy of becoming the Spring Master's successor. Every apprentice in the Peach Garden saw him as their protector, so naturally, Qin Yu's matters were the top priority. Even if there was a long line of people who were waiting to get his attention, the fastest way was still to communicate to him via a jade slip.

He used his divine sense to activate the jade slip and saw who was requesting an audience with him. He raised his brows before raising his head and saying, "Send her in."

She guessed that her request would not be declined, but to be able to meet Qin Yu so quickly made Rice Paper smile gleefully. This meant that Mister Ninth had no intentions of evading.



She quickly entered the Peach Garden without having the time to appreciate the atmosphere of the Vast Brightness' finest Holy Land and came to the outside of Qin Yu's courtyard.

"Mister Ninth, Lady Rice Paper is here."

Qin Yu's voice could be heard along with the sound of opening doors, "Let her in."

The Peach Garden cultivator who led the way for Rice Paper stepped aside and bowed slightly, "Please enter."

Rice Paper nodded her head and quickly entered the courtyard, her gaze landing on Qin Yu who was in the center.

"Greetings, Mister Ninth!"

Qin Yu looked at her and said, "You seem flustered. Did something happen?"

Rice Paper hurriedly replied, "Mister Ninth, something has happened to the Transcendent Sword Sect!"

In his head, he thought of Soaring Sky, before looking at Rice Paper whose face was filled with anxiety. He then said, "Tell me what happened in detail."

Rice Paper immediately told him about what she had been scouting so far, trying her best to be objective and not outrightly telling Qin Yu that there was a threat to him.

"That's basically what happened. They have been interrogating the Transcendent Sword Sect members about Bounded Zero Place. I did not dare to delay this matter any further so I came directly to the Peach Garden."

Qin Yu reached up to massage his forehead. "What you're saying is, you already infiltrated them, and then you withdrew."

Rice Paper nodded her head.

Qin Yu sighed internally, looking at her but not saying a word. Rice Paper was a smart lady, and she could tell what was going on just by examining the look in Qin Yu's eyes.

Her expression changed to one that looked pale and helpless. "What Mister Ninth is saying is that they've already realized I'm a spy, and they let me go on purpose?"

Qin Yu replied blandly, "There are Half-Saints, and even Soaring Sky in the Transcendent Sword Sect. The only people who are able to suppress them are True Saints. There was no way the True Saints were not aware of you entering and leaving the Transcendent Sword Sect. They did not do anything to you probably because following you would lead them to me...but since there has been no activity yet, then it could be because of another possibility."

Rice Paper paled even more. "What possibility..."

Qin Yu replied, "They're trying to lure me to the Transcendent Sword Sect."

He paced up and down, looking up at the peach blossoms that had already bloomed. "It seems like they are setting up a trap specially for me over there."

Rice Paper was almost as white as paper now. She bit her lip, not able to say a word at all. She knew that Qin Yu's guess was most likely correct.

This also meant that the Transcendent Sword Sect had been used as bait. How could she convince Qin Yu to rescue Soaring Sky? But if Soaring Sky was not rescued...it would only be a matter of time before the True Saints found out the truth. Then, they would inevitably come for both of them.

Just this thought alone was enough to cause Rice Paper to break out in a cold sweat.

Qin Yu continued pacing up and down with a calm expression on his face that hid his inner thoughts. Truth be told, he was experiencing a big dilemma now.

He was just trying to find a True Saint to kill, and right on time, there were two being sent to his doorstep. Since these True Saints were trying to find out information about the Bounded Zero Place, they must be from either the West Desolate or that clan.

Killing them was not emotionally burdensome for Qin Yu at all. However, there was one consideration. Since they had so obviously set up this situation for him, they must have some sort of certainty that they would win.

The West Desolate and that clan were extremely powerful. No one knew if they had any sort of extremely terrifying secret tricks up their sleeves. Even with Qin Yu's current abilities that were comparable to those of a Ruler, it would be a problem if he fell into their trap.

He would fight only if he could predict the level of danger beforehand or if he had a strong guarantee that he would be able to escape unscathed.

There was a high chance that he could win if he used the East Sea Sword. If he wanted even more certainty, it would be best if he could get that woman to fight alongside him. After all, with her level of cultivation, even lifting a finger could instantaneously change the outcome of the battle.

Having these thoughts, Qin Yu looked at Rice Paper who could not hide her anxiety-ridden expression. Unfortunately, he was unable to reassure her. All he could say was, "Please wait here for a while!"

He then turned and walked into the cultivation room and activated the restriction spell. He also sealed the aura fields inside and outside of the cultivation room.

Then, he took a deep breath and started to experiment...hmm, there's no harm in trying, right?

They were acquaintances, after all, and when she left last time, she did not say anything about not contacting her.

Whilst reassuring himself, Qin Yu raised both his hands up. The next moment, a Sun Moon illusion appeared and floated on top of his head, their light mixing with each other.

Ordinarily, Qin Yu should be chopping downwards using that sword, but since this was just to find someone, he did not need to use that move.

After a few moments, the Sun Moon illusion shone and the voice of an annoyed woman rang out from within, "You little rascal, what do you want this time?!"

Over the moon, Qin Yu quickly replied, "Greetings, Ruler!"

Afraid that she would cut him off immediately, he hurriedly explained his situation. "Something happened to the Transcendent Sword Sect today, and the main target was actually me. If I just ignore this matter, I will feel uneasy. So..."

"Hmph! So you just want to find a safeguard for yourself. If something happens to you, then I will be the one cleaning your buttocks!"

Qin Yu went rigid for a second. It was indeed exactly as you have described, but no matter what, you are still a lady. Isn't it quite rude for you to speak to me like that?

Evidently, the Ruler couldn't care less about whether Qin Yu felt embarrassed. She laughed coldly, "I can be your safeguard, but there is no free lunch in the world. I will give you an assignment afterwards, and you had better complete it without any mistakes."

There was an unspoken threat that if Qin Yu was unable to finish his assignment, then...we are all adults, there are some things that need not be spelled out, as long as one understands the meaning.

Without giving Qin Yu any space for negotiation, the Sun Moon illusion extinguished with two 'poof' sounds, like two lightbulbs that had been blown out. Clearly, the Ruler was unhappy that she was disturbed by him once again.

Qin Yu laughed bitterly, feeling like he had been sold to the Ruler. Whatever she wanted him to do in the future would definitely not be easy. However, this was something that he had already agreed to a long time ago; even if this matter had not occurred, he would still be unable to negotiate.

Forget it, he would deal with it when the time came. What was important was that the Ruler would not let him die like that.

He collected himself and pushed the door open. When facing Rice Paper, he became that calm and dignified Mister Ninth again. He said, "Let's go, let's pay a visit to the Transcendent Sword Sect!"

### **Chapter 1433 – 'Somewhat' On My Side**

In the Vast Brightness, there existed small worlds. Like islands found in the ocean and stars scattered in the night sky, they were innumerable.

To get to these 'islands', one had to first cross the 'oceans'. A very small number of small worlds had teleportation channels built between them, but getting to the remaining majority of small worlds required skill and strength.

Of course, this was not an easy feat, because the 'oceans' that separated the small worlds were known as the Outer Void. It was a place with virtually no signs of life.

On the other hand, the small worlds in the Vast Brightness occupied a total area that was less than half of the entire land. The remaining space was occupied by the pitch-black nothingness of the Outer Void.

In such a boundless space, there were many terrifying and unique creatures that existed throughout the Void. Cultivators who had the opportunity to interact with these creatures referred to them as 'Void Creatures', which were known to be extremely dangerous.

Currently, Qin Yu was holding onto Rice Paper's hand as they progressed through the Outer Void at an outstanding speed. Suddenly, they stopped.

Even though they could not see very well, they had strong abilities to sense their surroundings. They had just sensed a humongous tentacle that missed them by a hair, and the aura that it gave out made Rice Paper extremely fearful.

Earlier on, her master had mentioned that Void Creatures loved to hunt strong cultivators. The more powerful a cultivator was, the more likely it was that he or she would attract the attention of these creatures. It was almost as if swallowing these cultivators' flesh and souls would bring them huge benefits.

When she was rushing towards the Peach Garden, she had also encountered Void Creatures, but they were nowhere as strong as the one that she just sensed and they also did not show as much interest in her.

But today was different!

Thinking of all the kinds of legends that she heard about Void Creatures before, she could not help but feel afraid.

Qin Yu calmly said to her, "Stay here, don't move."

Then, he let go of her hand and zipped past her.

A few breaths later, a deafening explosion could be heard, sending vibrations in all directions. Then, very quickly, there was silence once again.

Qin Yu went back to Rice Paper, grabbed her, and continued on their way.

He's so strong!

Even though she had heard about what had happened in the Vanquished Nation and how Mister Ninth defeated Zhou and Lin Saint by himself, she truly became well-aware of Qin Yu's terrifying powers only today.

A tentacle from that Void Creature was enough to send shivers down her spine. Yet, it was easily defeated by Mister Ninth...could it be that he had reached the cultivation level of a Ruler?

Nah, I don't think he has yet. There would be signs if he had already attained such a level. It was impossible to hide it.

Even if he had not reached the cultivation level of a Ruler, Mister Ninth was at least at the level of a True Saint. With him around, they definitely had a chance of saving Soaring Sky and cracking the schemes that were awaiting him at the Transcendent Sword Sect!

These thoughts gave Rice Paper a huge amount of reassurance, and the apprehension in her heart dissipated bit by bit.

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Standing on the grass plains were palaces with red walls and black roofs. They looked solemn and magnificent. Outside the palaces, countless devout followers that were wearing coats made with thick fur knelt and prayed for protection.

The monks, who were bald and wearing red robes, held scriptures in their hands. They had a compassionate and peaceful expression on their faces as they looked at the numerous worshippers. They chanted ceaselessly, and the mixture of their murmurs meshed together created a spiritual atmosphere.

Suddenly, like a mirror that was punched, the red walls of the palace were smashed to smithereens.

Qin Yu and Rice Paper emerged from the rubble, and they looked around for a few moments. Then, without even a pause, they disappeared and reentered the Outer Void once again.

Whilst they were rushing, it was necessary to keep checking their position along the way, in case they deviated from their planned journey. If they were too engrossed in their journey and forgot to check where they were, they might end up in a random place. This had happened to many cultivators before.

To them, it was a simple way of checking their location. However, to the monks in the red-walled palace, their holy palace had been desecrated. They were furious that cultivators from another land had barged into their sacred space. It was the greatest form of disrespect.

But, they started to chant again. It seemed as if they had suddenly reached a realization, and they all turned to face the palace to bow. Following the befuddled gazes of their followers, one of the monks spoke solemnly and warmly, "That was the gods paying a visit, as you all can see, we are very lucky today."

Instantly, the crowd went into a frenzy and fell to their knees, kowtowing continuously. The sound of chanting intensified.

Yet, what these people could not see was that within the red palace, in a room dimly lit by a candle, there was an old man who was dressed in long robes lined with red and golden threads. His presence was majestic yet serene, but now, he was wiping away the sweat that had formed on his forehead.

He raised his head and with a wise expression in his eyes, he stared at the aura that appeared above his head. The aura disappeared shortly after. He then said to his apprentices, "That person who appeared just now is extremely powerful. He has the power to annihilate the lands; we cannot provoke him."

"Yes, Teacher!" the apprentices replied respectfully, but their eyes were full of shock. To them, their teacher was the most divine person they had ever seen. How powerful was that person just now such that he could make their teacher this afraid?

Extremely powerful, could he be a Saint from the legends?

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Using the Furnace, Qin Yu created his own Great Dao. Of course he had the right to be known as a Saint. But thinking about it, he was on a True God Path; it was strange that he could create a Great Dao and become a Saint.

Of course, Qin Yu was not aware that he had managed to frighten a few powerful cultivators on his journey. With his cultivation level, cultivators who were not Saints were merely ants to him. Why would he bother with how an ant would feel about him?

Furthermore, his mind was fully occupied by the fact that he had an impending battle to fight at the Transcendent Sword Sect. It was not a good feeling to step into a trap knowingly.

The only assurance he had was getting that woman's guarantee to "Wipe his buttocks," if something dangerous happened to him.

Hmph!

The way this woman talked was so coarse and unruly...even thinking about it now made him angry! However, safety was more important than his emotions right now. So, he could put up with her.

Beside him, Rice Paper, who was filled with endless respect for him, would never believe that Mister Ninth was having such spineless thoughts. If she knew about it, her eyes would definitely widen in disbelief.

Qin Yu punched outwards, and the dark nothingness in front of him shattered. He pulled Rice Paper along with him and stepped into that 'portal'.

It was bright, and the sun was directly overhead. It was scorchingly hot so they had to squint to examine their surroundings to make sure that they were at their destination.

They had finally reached the Transcendent Sword Sect.

He used his divine sense and realized that the sword intent in this small world had diminished, but it was still dazzling, like a lighthouse in the night.

He looked at Rice Paper, who bowed and said, "Mister Ninth, this place is the Transcendent Sword Sect."

Qin Yu pulled her along and took a few steps forward. In the boundless space in front of them, there was a huge river.

The river and mountains stretched continuously, as far as the eye could see. Sweeping their eyes across the scenery in front of them, they could quickly identify Transcendent Peak which was taller than any mountain.

Eh? This aura...

For a split second, hesitation and shock flashed in Qin Yu's eyes. However, very quickly, he hid these emotions and put a calm expression on his face again.

After thinking for a few moments, he turned around and said, "You shouldn't continue anymore...yeah, you should stay further away. Until I come back, don't come closer at all."

Rice Paper was well-aware that her cultivation level was much lower and she would be of no use to Qin Yu, so she could only respectfully reply, "Mister Ninth, please be careful."

Qin Yu nodded his head and teleported to the entrance of Transcendent Peak. From the corner of his eyes, light seemed to flash across. He smirked slightly before stepping into Transcendent Peak.

It was as if he had descended into a body of water as the air around him rippled and then, his silhouette disappeared. Rice Paper, who had seen all this, could feel the nerves rising in her heart. She turned to leave, and with a 'whoosh' sound, she flew to someplace distant.

From the outside, one could see the many palaces on Transcendent Peak. However, after stepping into the place, one would realize that the palaces were merely an illusion. It was pitch-black on Transcendent Peak, as if an eternal night had fallen upon the place, absorbing any light that dared to enter. It felt similar to when Qin Yu was traversing across the Outer Void.

However, something was different here. He could see some light in front of him. Was it trying to lure him over?

Qin Yu rushed towards the ray of light. Since he had knowingly stepped into the trap already, there was no point in overthinking it. The mastermind behind this set-up would also quickly show themselves instead of wasting time looking for him.

It turned out that the ray of light was coming from the main palace. It was dim, like a candle that was lit in the dead of winter. With silent footsteps, Qin Yu walked towards the main palace and pushed open the doors. At the place where the light was coming from, there was a chair. Soaring Sky, who looked clean and proper, sat on the chair. His face was pale, and when he saw Qin Yu coming through the doors, his eyes were full of bitterness.

"Mister Ninth, you shouldn't have come here." Soaring Sky's voice was hoarse, as if he had been shouting nonstop for days.

Qin Yu's expression was calm. "Whether I should or not, I am already here anyway, so you don't have to say these useless things to save your energy and save yourself from getting tortured even more."

Qin Yu's gaze lowered. As expected, Soaring Sky had only said one sentence, but blood started to seep through his clean robes.

Qin Yu was sure that apart from Soaring Sky's face, it would be difficult to find a patch of flesh on him that was untouched. When facing powerful cultivators, torturing just the physical body was not sufficient...Qin Yu was well-aware of this by looking at Soaring Sky.

Soaring Sky was a Half-Saint, but now, he was so weak that he could not recover from his wounds. Yet, in this situation, he still had not exposed Qin Yu's identity to the mastermind...Qin Yu shook his head, not knowing whether to praise Soaring Sky's iron will or to criticize him for being dull and unadaptable. However, he did gain a lot of admiration for Soaring Sky.

Soaring Sky laughed bitterly, not because Qin Yu had taken a dig at his misery. Since Mister Ninth was here, Soaring Sky knew that he had already planned everything out. Soaring Sky felt extremely touched.

"Be careful, Mister Ninth, they've already..." Soaring Sky winced, not being able to complete his sentence.

Hong –

The whole palace collapsed and fell apart in an instant. A terrifying aura came from all directions, trapping Qin Yu from within. He raised his head and through the broken roof of the palace, he could see the pitch-black sky.

“Don’t worry, it’s not a problem,” Qin Yu said blandly.

Footsteps could be heard, followed by a cold laughter. “The ninth disciple of the Peach Garden, Qin Yu...I did not think that it would be you who was coming today.”

Qin Yu turned to look, and with the help of the faint glow that came from Soaring Sky’s feet, he could faintly see a shadow.

“You’re from the West Desolate?”

This person replied monotonously, “It seems that Mister Ninth knows quite a lot of secrets.”

Qin Yu said, “It was easy to guess after seeing the darkness. However, I’m curious about why you have such huge guts to face me alone!”

From the darkness, a figure stepped out. Its face changed, and the figure disappeared once again. The next moment, the darkness twisted violently. Like a huge gaping mouth, the sound of sharp teeth grating against each other could be heard.

Whoosh –

The mastermind’s figure appeared. If it had not asked for help, it would already have been dealt with. Thinking about this, its face became ashen with anger.

“Good strategy, Mister Ninth. No wonder you were able to kill two True Saints in the Vanquished Nation!” It paused for a while, before the tone of its voice became even more sinister, “But today, since the West Desolate has planned this set-up for you, it means that we have made all the necessary preparations. No matter whose help you have gotten today, they too will be damned...of course, Mister Ninth, you are no exception!”

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The sound of footsteps rang out again. One figure after another started to walk out from the darkness, and soon, five True Saints could be seen. Their auras were completely intertwined with the darkness, giving out a strong suppressing feeling.

“There was something that you got wrong, Mister Ninth. Since we know that it’s you we’re going against, of course I would not show up alone.”

Then, the faint glow from Soaring Sky’s feet extinguished.

When everything was dark again, the five Darkness True Saints made their move. It was like the darkness around Qin Yu had come alive, its suffocating energy rushing towards him in all directions, about to crush him alive!



It was extremely terrifying, not just because it was five Darkness True Saints that had combined their power to attack him, but also because this patch of darkness around him was not ordinary.

Even if it was a Vast Brightness Ruler that was trapped within this darkness, it would not be an easy task to break away.

This set-up was done by the West Desolate; they were absolutely confident that whoever turned up today would die without a doubt! Indeed, this darkness was terrifying. Even though Qin Yu was extremely powerful, he was not a Ruler. His cultivation level was rather far from becoming one.

He was powerless to retaliate.

Thankfully, Qin Yu was slightly familiar with things related to the Darkness. Even if he was unable to fight against the five Darkness True Saints, he could infer the source.

Therefore, he had realized a long time ago that this darkness could somewhat be seen as someone that was on the same side as him.

As for why the word 'somewhat' was used, it was because Qin Yu was still unsure why it would be on the same side as him.

#### **Chapter 1434 – Master's Aura**

The five Darkness True Saints stood around the palace of Transcendent Peak. A thick layer of darkness emanated before them and their hearts were filled with killing intent. Yet, they could not help being surprised and even in slight admiration of Qin Yu.

The ninth disciple of the Peach Garden, Qin Yu, was truly strong. Despite having five True Saints standing before him with the Eye of Eternal Night, he could not be killed directly. This was shocking and unbelievable.

This was exactly what was happening before them and the five Saints were in admiration and also shock.

Qin Yu must only be a small cry away from having the Ruler realm. If they were not careful enough, the trap they set up today might bite them in the back. This could be their grave.

Thankfully, this pitiful and scary scenario would not happen. No matter how strong Qin Yu was, he was being suppressed. The five Saints expected some resistance from him and they assumed that it would only be a matter of time before he was killed.

They had already asked the Eye of Eternal Night and gotten their answer from His Excellency.

However, things in this world were not always what they seemed to be. This was especially so for a thick layer of darkness that could not be seen.

As such, the five Saints did not think that this would happen.

Qin Yu was not so strong that he was only a small step away from being a Ruler. On the other hand, he was far more relaxed than they thought.

He did not seem bitter nor was he struggling desperately. The crushing pressure that came from all directions did not seem to affect him at all and it disappeared in the darkness before him.

He was similar to them!

Qin Yu frowned and cupped his hands together, "Eye of Eternal Night. Although you helped me today, I have to ask you the reason why. Don't take it as good will to answer me. I have to understand this."

From the thick blanket of darkness, a cold but calm voice rang, "You have the aura of Master on you."

Honestly speaking, Qin Yu had guessed many possibilities. One of them included how he had extraordinary luck and must have obtained a valuable treasure. Now, he knew that it was pointless to daydream. All he did was waste his time.

Hm? Wait, was the Eye of Eternal Night suggesting that I am possibly a reincarnation of his master? By now, Qin Yu knew that reincarnations were real.

As though it sensed his thoughts, the Eye of Eternal Night coldly said, "You are not my Master."

Qin Yu coughed lightly and tried to maintain a neutral expression. He asked, "Then what are you talking about? And, who is your master?"

"My master is still alive in this world and he is so powerful, he transcends all other beings." There was a hint of passion in his voice.

Qin Yu's lips twitched. He had a few guesses before, and today, he proved his point another time.

For how strong the Eye of Eternal Night was, his master must be even more powerful. Coincidentally, there was a person meeting that exact description backing up Qin Yu.

By pure elimination, the Eye of Eternal Night must be referring to her...That woman was related to the West Desolate!

This could also explain why the enraged Eye of Eternal Night left voluntarily in the East Sea in the past. From the start, he had sensed the aura of that woman on Qin Yu.

"Do not disrespect my master!"

The shout came from the darkness and a sinister aura locked onto Qin Yu.

Qin Yu's heart jumped. Despite knowing how strong the Eye of Eternal Night was, after feeling the aura for himself, he realized he was far scarier than what he imagined.

However, Qin Yu did not reveal any fear on his face and he lightly said, "I am very respectful to your master. You don't have to worry about that."

Goodness, where did this master and servant pair come from? He could also guess Qin Yu's thoughts at a glance!

Alright, Qin Yu had to admit that he was a little jealous. If he had this ability, things would have been much easier for him.

"Hmmp!" The Eye of Eternal Night scoffed coldly and his eyes turned unfriendly. Qin Yu's lips twitched. This brat must have sensed something else again. Was he looking down on me?

Damn it, how dare he read my thoughts? This is too much...no, I must learn it too, definitely!

He tried to maintain calm and distract himself from these thoughts. He continued, "Eye of Eternal Night, although you have shown me mercy many times before, I have to verify this."

There was a moment of silence in the darkness before the voice rang again, "Can you call Master's consciousness?" The voice was emotional and there was some disbelief in it.

The disbelief was very little but Qin Yu captured it. His first thought was that the Eye of Eternal Night was not going to be welcomed.

Although the Eye of Eternal Night called her master, it was obvious that she did not hold him in high importance. He did not even know how to communicate with her.

Qin Yu smirked and he felt that he finally had the upper hand. Coughing lightly, he provoked, "What else? Since you called her your master, you have to verify her identity. Don't worry, this is very simple; I have done it many times before."

Humph, you dared to yell at me. I will definitely let you know the consequences of being a show off.

The Eye of Eternal Night grunted slightly, seemingly catching on to what Qin Yu purposely wanted to tell him via the strong wave of consciousness.

He finally closed his eyes and Qin Yu raised his hands. With a thought, an illusion appeared above his head. It was bright and dazzling.

At that point, Qin Yu was focused on calling the Ruler and he did not sense that at the same time as the Sun Moon Illusion appeared, darkness covered him. Suddenly, he jumped as though he caught sight of something terrifying.

He threw the bait out and he could not reveal his feelings. Otherwise, he would be mocked for acting so obnoxiously.

One breath, two breaths, three breaths...right as Qin Yu was feeling anxious, a very impatient voice came, "You are pretty useless aren't you?"

Qin Yu's lips twitched. Before he could say anything, a figure appeared in front of him and dropped to its knees, "Blacky greets Master!"

His voice was choked with tears and he was overwhelmed by emotion. This was the first time Qin Yu witnessed someone being so emotional with just a single sentence.

At the same time, he heaved a sigh of relief. Since the Eye of Eternal Night was a subordinate of the Ruler, his life would be much easier.

He thought of the five True Saints who were burning with murderous intent. Qin Yu could not help taking a moment to feel sorry for them. With this strong backing, it would be easy for him to kill them.

The mission of killing Saints was done and it was completed in a much better way than he thought. Pfft...things changed before he could make plans for it!

"Blacky, why are you here?" A silhouette started to form amidst the Sun Moon illusion.

Qin Yu could not help feeling anxious for the Eye of Eternal Night. One of the most powerful existences in the World of Darkness had such an awkward name. It would be an embarrassment for anyone to forget his name.

The Eye of Eternal Night was very touched. It was his ultimate honor to be remembered. He respectfully said, "After the great calamity back then, Master, you went missing. I fell into the hands of the West Desolate and was sent to the southwest fragmented area because of my abilities...I thought I would never see you again in this life so I didn't expect to meet you again!"

The cold and hostile tone from earlier was no longer there and he seemed like a lost black dog who was so excited to meet his master again.

"Master, please allow me to follow you by your side in the future. I will swear on my soul to serve you!"

Qin Yu cringed at his passionate words. The Eye of Eternal Night must have been a blindly loyal disciple of that woman in the past.

As though he sensed Qin Yu's thoughts, the Eye of Eternal Night's body swivelled around and he gave Qin Yu a deathly glare. However, something jumped into his head and he quickly looked down again. "Master, he...he..."

"Like you thought, I am old and my foresight isn't as good. So I settled." She made a simple comment that showed that she was not interested in explaining further. She calmly said, "Since you are here, then I won't have to wipe his ass anymore."

She yawned lazily and turned to leave. Suddenly, a thought jumped into her mind and she said, "Qin Yu will be helping me with something soon. You should have a way to bring him into the West Desolate safely right?"

The Eye of Eternal Night was so agitated his body started to shake from excitement. He exclaimed, "Don't worry Master, I will make sure all your wishes come true!"

"Very good, then I will go now." With that, she turned and left.

Woosh woosh –

After a few moments, the Sun Moon illusion disappeared.

Qin Yu's mouth twitched. The Ruler really did not have a big heart.

"Hmph! ...Although you are...but for Master, you better be respectful to her!" The Eye of Eternal Night frowned and his tone turned hostile again as he warned Qin Yu.

Mm, Qin Yu could confirm his thoughts.

He pondered for a moment. Then, he suddenly said, "Eye of Eternal Night, do not examine my thoughts without my permission in the future!"

Qin Yu was met with silence, but just when he thought his test was a failure and that their relationship would be awkward, the Eye of Eternal Night's body stiffened and he bowed, "...Yes!"

His voice was filled with hate and unwillingness. Yet, Qin Yu had unexpectedly succeeded and he felt a moment of excitement and fear.

He thought of the conversation between the Eye of Eternal Night and that woman. His words formed at his mouth, "Just now..."

The Eye of Eternal Night cut him short, "I will not explain what Master did not."

Qin Yu snorted and made a 'hmp' sound before saying, "I said that you are not allowed to read my thoughts without my permission!"

The Eye of Eternal Night jumped and he reluctantly said, "That comes into effect from now onwards."

Qin Yu glanced at him. Although he did not get the information he wanted, he was glad to have obtained a guarantee of protection.

Also, Qin Yu could roughly grasp his own position through the interaction with the Eye of Eternal Night.

He had the upper hand!

"You shall answer my questions. It doesn't involve the Ruler but it is related to my future tasks. Don't hold back."

The Eye of Eternal Night simply replied, "I will judge according to the situation."

Qin Yu ignored his useless struggles. He raised his index finger, "The first question. What is the relationship between the World of Darkness and the West Desolate? What is the background of its establishment?"

The Eye of Eternal Night glanced at Qin Yu and said, "The West Desolate has never given up on wanting the southwest fragmented area. The only pathway to enter it is in the West Desolate and this is a widely-known fact.

"The pathway to enter the southwest fragmented area is restricted for True Saints and beyond. Hence, the World of Darkness was created as a temporary measure for the strong to prepare against the unexpected."

Qin Yu frowned, "Is that all?"

The Eye of Eternal Night replied, "The World of Darkness is a frontline and the West Desolate has constantly been using it to investigate how to transform the pathway to allow True Saints and beyond to go through it. However, this has been really difficult and not much progress has been made in this area."

Qin Yu's heart trembled. Thank goodness that the West Desolate had not been successful. If True Saints could come to the Vast Brightness World, they would annihilate all the superpowers in it. Not to mention Half-Kings who were stronger than True Saints, and even stronger existences beyond them!

His mind spun quickly and Qin Yu asked, "What is a Half-King?"

Eye of Eternal Night frowned, "Your mission involves a Half-King?"

Qin Yu dismissed him, "Reply to my question!"

There was a moment of silence before the Eye of Eternal Night replied, "The realm of the King is above a True Saint and is the most powerful existence in the West Desolate...when it comes to them, you better not ask about much above them!"

Hiss –

What kind of requirement was that? He had to be extra careful in the future!

Qin Yu held up three fingers, "My last question...wait, never mind. I will ask you again when I need the answer next time."

What kind of a strategy was that?

The Eye of Eternal Night's breathing grew heavier. He gritted his teeth, "Since there is nothing else, let's discuss how you are going to enter the World of Darkness."

Qin Yu's eyebrows were raised and he asked, "What do I need to enter the World of Darkness?"

The Eye of Eternal Night replied, "I told you before, there is only one pathway linking here to the Desolate Area. The other side is within the West Desolate and that place is the World of Darkness. If you want to enter the Desolate Area to complete the mission Master gave you, you can only go via this path."

Qin Yu questioned, "Don't you know my relationship with the West Desolate? If I have to enter the Desolate Area through the West Desolate, I would rather consider myself dead."

The Eye of Eternal Night lightly answered, "You can just change your appearance and aura."

Qin Yu glanced at him. This guy knows about me, he must have been observing me since a while back already.

He rubbed his chin and scoffed, "I can only deceive True Saints and any being below them. I am not too sure of stronger opponents. The West Desolate will definitely have some Half-Kings. Unless, the pathway is not guarded by strong men from the West Desolate."

The Eye of Eternal Night confirmed, "Yes, there is a Half-King guarding it. But as long as you have one thing, it should not be a problem to hide your identity."

Qin Yu's eyes brightened and he asked, "What is the thing?"

If he could hide his appearance and aura in front of a cultivator in the King realm, he would have a much easier time for his future missions with a greater guarantee for his security.

After all, according to that woman, he had to go into the West Desolate for his next mission. Once again, his intuition was right. He could not stay in the Vast Brightness World much longer.

The Desolate Area...

He guessed that this was a vast world with numerous strong opponents...and limitless opportunities!

Nervousness came to him naturally and he was scratching his head over the difficulty of the mission. However, deep within him was eagerness.

In the Vast Brightness World, there were numerous strong Saints fighting over the empty seat of a Ruler. It was a hot seat that did not need more people fighting over it. There might be other opportunities waiting for him elsewhere!

Furthermore, the Mysterious Clan was also in the West Desolate...although so many years had passed by, Qin Yu had never revealed his strong desire to know his own identity. With the clue that he discovered, he had to investigate it to the end.

Otherwise, it would be truly pathetic to live if he did not know where he came from.

### **Chapter 1435 – Lure**

He breathed in deeply to calm himself down before he raised his head and looked opposite him. There was no point in pondering over this now. He had to confirm how he was going to enter the Desolate Area.

Eye of Eternal Night lightly answered, “The crown of the Darkness Ruler.” His voice was calm and monotonous, revealing no emotion. Qin Yu frowned and a look of doubt and anger crossed his eyes.

“Are you referring to...the rumored Darkness Ruler in the World of Darkness?”

Eye of Eternal Night nodded in confirmation, “That’s right. The crown that he wears is a treasure of the darkness. Once you have it, your strength will be intensified and this would be enough to ensure that your identity will not be seen through by a King realm cultivator.”

Qin Yu raised his hand to rub his forehead. He could not help laughing bitterly to himself. Even if what Eye of Eternal Night said was true – that the crown would be effective – how was he going to get it?

Darkness Ruler...the name alone was enough to allow him to infer the entire situation. Furthermore, if the World of Darkness did not have the power to protect itself, why would the Rulers of the Vast Brightness World keep its existence a secret till now?

Obviously, the Rulers did not have a good sense of the actions and intentions from the West Desolate. There must have been some deals and compromises here.

Regardless of whichever it was, the two parties needed to be approximately the same level in order for a consensus to be reached.

Qin Yu placed his hands down and sighed deeply. He continued, “What rank is the Darkness Ruler?”

Eye of Eternal Night replied, “Realm of a True Saint.”

Qin Yu frowned, “Let me change my question. How strong is he in the World of Darkness?”

Eye of Eternal paused for a while before he said, “Comparable to a Ruler.”

As he expected!

Qin Yu glared at Eye of Eternal Night. Is this guy trying to harm me purposely because of jealousy and hate? Comparable to a Ruler...just with this, there was no further room for discussion. It was suicidal to steal his crown!

Qin Yu was fuming and his voice deepened as he asked, "Do you think I can succeed?"

Eye of Eternal Night lazily answered, "Since I suggested it, there is a possibility of success." He glanced at Qin Yu and continued, "It is better than sending you straight to your death."

Bastard!

Qin Yu felt that he was reading his thoughts again. He gritted his teeth and demanded, "Tell me more!"

Eye of Eternal Night explained, "Actually, it is very simple. The Darkness Ruler is comparable to a Ruler in the World of Darkness but once he is out of it, his strength is only comparable to a True Saint."

Qin Yu frowned, "Do you have a way to lure him out?"

Eye of Eternal Night raised his hands and pointed to the thick blanket of darkness, "Kill them. I will do a cover up and lure the Darkness Ruler here. You can take action then."

A look of absurdity crossed Qin Yu's face and he asked incredulously, "You want me to kill him?"

Eye of Eternal Night nonchalantly replied, "You have a very strong aura hidden in you."

He must be referring to the sword from the East Sea.

Qin Yu frowned, and anger rose in his heart. How could Eye of Eternal Night sense so many things on him?

Although it was a good technique to scare people off, he could not do a sneak attack on others if all his hidden cards were already revealed.

Buzz –

There was a soft hum of a sword in his mind. In a direct way, the sword was telling him that he was too weak. He could not even hide the aura of the sword, why blame the sword?

Qin Yu felt incredibly wronged!

His expression turned darker. He could not live like this. Was he the master or was the sword the master?

However, he could only hold this in for now. He would find a chance to correct the sword in the future.

Calming himself down, Qin Yu began to think deeply about the suggestion given by Eye of Eternal Night. Firstly, he had to kill the five Darkness True Saints. This was what Qin Yu wanted to do and from this angle, the two of them would be collaborating together to kill the Darkness Ruler. He would not need to beg Eye of Eternal Night for help. Of course, this was a small issue. The real question was what was the possibility of winning against the Darkness Ruler? What if Eye of Eternal Night was wrong in his judgement? What if he ended up digging his own grave by luring the Darkness Ruler here?

Qin Yu asked in a deep voice, "This matter is very important. I have to ask if you can confirm what you have just said."

"Of course I can."



“Will you help me?”

The question was asked and a strange look appeared on Eye of Eternal Night’s face. “Am I supposed to watch you die by not helping you?”

He was being held in disdain again!

This guy truly was unhappy and unwilling.

Qin Yu could not be bothered to argue with him. He needed Eye of Eternal Night’s help later and he could teach him a lesson after the matter was done.

Hmph hmph!

Your master does not have a big heart but do I need to have one? Sooner or later, I will teach you the truth.

He smirked coldly at himself. He wiped the emotions off his face and said, “Then, let’s discuss what we should do next.”

Eye of Eternal Night nodded.

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A thick blanket of darkness covered the sky like a veil, isolating it from all sight and perception. Not even Darkness True Saints were able to tell what was inside.

Although Eye of Eternal Night’s help to kill Qin Yu virtually guaranteed success for them, things were proceeding really slowly.

A lot of time had passed by but there was only stillness from the darkness. The five Darkness True Saints frowned at how tough Qin Yu was.

Right as uneasiness settled in their hearts and they wanted to inquire about the situation, Eye of Eternal Night’s consciousness drifted into their minds.

“Qin Yu has been killed. Two people should come in and clean up.” As he said this, a pathway that led into the thick darkness opened.

The five Darkness True Saints jumped for joy. They exchanged looks and the two people who were chosen bowed before they flew into the darkness.

From afar, the two Saints observed a figure appear before them. It was Qin Yu, currently being suppressed by the darkness.

His face was pale and he stood still. The aura around him was thin and dispersed and he was like a wilting corpse.

A realization formed in the two Darkness True Saints’ minds at the same time. No wonder Eye of Eternal Night took so long to kill Qin Yu, he was preserving Qin Yu’s physical body.

This was understandable. With how strong Qin Yu was, his body could be refined to become a powerful darkness puppet once he was brought back to the World of Darkness.

Doing this would also grant the two Saints a lot of recognition in the West Desolate.

As these thoughts crossed their minds, the two Darkness True Saints drew closer. Right at that moment, Qin Yu's eyes suddenly opened. His eyes were cold and there was a look of mockery in them.

Oh no!

Their hearts jumped in fright but the two Darkness True Saints reacted quickly. Vigorous forces exploded from their bodies but they suddenly stiffened as the Darkness Great Dao in their bodies came to a standstill.

Although this lasted only a split second, it was enough for Qin Yu to attack forcefully and kill the two Saints.

Bam bam!

Two clear, distinct sounds reverberated through the air as a hole appeared in the forehead of each of the Saints. Red and white gunk seeped out from the holes and the life in their eyes disappeared.

Killing Saints seemed complicated, but sometimes, it could be done in a very simple way.

In the end, it all boiled down to strength. It would be incredibly difficult for the weak to kill a Saint, but if one was strong enough, one would only need an opportunity and a single killing strike.

Of course, Qin Yu had to thank Eye of Eternal Night for the help he gave. He would not have gotten off so easily if he had operated by himself.

There was anger and fear in the depths of the two Darkness True Saints' eyes. Evidently, they never expected that things would become like this.

The number one guardian of the World of Darkness, Eye of Eternal Night, had allied with an enemy against them!

As unbelievable as it seemed, this was the truth.

He killed a Saint with each hand. Qin Yu narrowed his eyes as he looked at their corpses. As he expected, before the two corpses dropped to the ground, their bodies faded like they had been erased by an eraser.

There was another erasing right after and the two corpses vanished, as if they had never ever been there before.

Qin Yu's eyelids twitched. He knew that this was the move of the mysterious being hidden deep within time and space. He was taking the sacrifices.

This technique was really amazing and Qin Yu did not notice the slightest flaw despite witnessing the entire process first hand.

However, Qin Yu suddenly frowned. He felt that something was off...he quickly regained his senses and his expression darkened. He felt as if he had been taken advantage of.

He had agreed to sacrifice only one True Saint, but two True Saints were taken away.

If this was the past, Qin Yu would not care about how these dead bodies were treated.

But now was different. He had the Blood Jade Coffin and the Ghost Path technique from Close Saint. The souls of True Saints were rare treasures that could enhance his strength.

Damn it!

Sure enough, there was a hidden clause in the contract that he had not picked up on. Stone Pagoda had not noticed it either, what a useless fool.

Qin Yu's heart clenched as he wondered whether there were other clauses in the contract. If he was tricked, he would be in deep trouble.

"Stone Pagoda! Come out!"

"Don't worry, Master. I can assure you that there is nothing else that is wrong with the contract." Stone Pagoda quickly reassured. "Don't be too angry over the stolen corpse of the True Saint. These beings hidden in time and space have always been fair. Since he took something from you, he will definitely return the favor in the future."

Qin Yu could mildly rest assured, "Are you sure?"

Stone Pagoda confirmed, "Yes."

Thank goodness. If there was anything else, Qin Yu was not sure if he would be able to take it.

Before Qin Yu could think about it further, Eye of Eternal Night suddenly spoke, "Mysterious existence within time and space?" His voice was full of jealousy and it became obvious that he knew about this.

"Qin Yu, I have to remind you that it is best for you to avoid them. These mysterious beings possess a lot of power and many strange techniques. But the majority of them are crazy and being in touch with them will only bring you trouble."

This could be considered a kind reminder but Qin Yu sighed deeply and waved his hand dismissively, "Don't worry, I know what I am doing. There are another three Saints outside; let's continue."

Qin Yu did not reply to him directly and Eye of Eternal Night frowned. After all, he was Master's chosen man and he could sense that Master was protecting Qin Yu. Compared to Master, these strange, powerful beings were nothing.

The third Saint received the instructions from Eye of Eternal Night to enter the darkness and help the two Saints.

What was going on? Wasn't Qin Yu dead already? Why weren't two Saints enough to clean up the scene? Just as suspicions clouded the Saint's mind, his consciousness froze and eternal darkness fell upon his eyes in the next instant.

### **Chapter 1436 – Darkness Ruler**

The blanket of darkness was constructed by Eye of Eternal Night and the inside was hidden from the Saints on the outside. As such, the two Darkness True Saints who remained outside were feeling puzzled and lost.

Right at that moment, there was movement from the blanket of darkness. The Darkness True Saint who went in came out with a dark expression.

Looking at his expression, the remaining two Darkness True Saints' expressions changed and they hurriedly asked, "What happened?"

The Darkness True Saint smiled bitterly, "There is really a problem. Qin Yu has..." He suddenly drew closer to the two Saints.

Suddenly, the two Saints felt their bodies freeze out of the blue.

The Darkness True Saint's hands pressed forward at lightning speed and with a soft boom, a hole appeared in the foreheads of the two Saints.

Their eyes were full of disbelief and shock. Qin Yu's figure shifted and he changed back to his original appearance as he stared at the disappearing corpses.

Five True Saints – each of them would be considered top tier in the Vast Brightness World. Even though their statuses were shaken because there were traces of a Ruler descending, they were still absolute powers...yet they were killed just like that.

Despite the fact that he had personally killed the five Saints, Qin Yu could not help having some strange thoughts...so killing Saints was so easy!

However, this also showed how strong Eye of Eternal Night was. And he was only the second seat in the World of Darkness...it showed how powerful the Darkness Ruler was.

It was not going to be easy to kill the Darkness Ruler and Qin Yu knew that he might lose his life if he was not careful.

Just as these nervous thoughts crossed Qin Yu's mind, Eye of Eternal Night's cold voice came, "Prepare yourself, I will lure the Darkness Ruler over."

So simple...was he not going to consider it again?

It felt like the two of them discussed such an important matter very hastily before they made their decision. Things felt sloppy.

Yet, it was evident that this was not what Eye of Eternal Night thought. He gave a reminder to Qin Yu and did not leave any room for discussion.

Kaboom!

All the darkness in the surroundings started to rumble like a tide. A deep, dark killing intent flooded the sky and covered the entire fantasy area of Transcendent Sword Sect. It became as fragile as a mirror and it was smashed apart into pieces easily.

Endless darkness gushed out from it like a river overflowing its banks. The darkness swept out and instantly covered a wide area over a hundred miles wide.

The darkness was as sticky as blank ink and loud crashing sounds could be heard. A bone-chilling aura was released into the air.

Rice Paper's eyes widened and her face filled with shock as beads of sweat covered her, soaking her shirt and causing its hems to stick to her body. It was an uncomfortable feeling but she could not be bothered about that now.

What a terrifying sense of darkness energy. It felt like an eternal night that would devour everything. Thank goodness she was far away or she would have been dragged into it...just thinking about the consequences that would follow from there caused her to break out into cold sweat.

She thought of Mister Ninth within it. Although she knew that he was very strong, she felt nervous about him.

Nonetheless, she had no place to interfere here and she could only grit her teeth and continue retreating backwards, further away from the darkness.

At the same time, many cultivators who were in the world where the Transcendent Sword Sect was could feel the terrifying waves of energy. Numerous gazes followed the source of the trouble but no one dared to investigate it.

Nonsense. Such powerful waves of energy already made them feel utter despair despite being so far away from the source.

Why investigate it and court your own death?

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Pitch black darkness was a constant in the World of Darkness.

On a silent, wide plain, stood a palace that was entirely shrouded in darkness. Around it was a mountain range formed via the accumulation of sand. This mountain range surrounded the palace and felt like a large shackle that bound the palace in place.

Suddenly, this old palace started to sway.

Buzz buzz –

The sound spread far and wide through the darkness and a figure slowly appeared in the grand hall. He wore a luxurious, oversized robe that hid his entire figure. This made him appear very mysterious and powerful.

If everyone looked at him now, they would see an endless abyss.

This was because he was formed purely out of the darkness of the world!

Shoosh –

A pair of eyes appeared in the hall. There was a calm, indifferent look in the eyes. Without any flicker of light within, the eyes appeared to be absent of life.

Right at that moment, a gust of wind circled the palace. The mountain range that was made out of sand suddenly had numerous cracks in it.

There were many tiny cracks that were densely packed and it looked like tiny sharp knife blades had continuously carved into the mountain. They also looked like arrows that were pulled back on a bow.

There was an aura that was locked on the palace. The figure wore a calm expression, as though it had no feelings towards what was happening. It appeared like he was already used to all of this.

It was highly likely that he had already gotten used to it.

He waited calmly. The cracks along the mountain range by the palace appeared to have sensed something or gotten permission to do something.

Without any forewarning, the cracks disappeared without a sound. It was as if everything had been an illusion. Of course, the person in the palace knew that this was not an illusion. This was a forbidden technique that the West Desolate used to imprison him.

So many years had passed without a chance to leave...he did not know when he would be able to obtain freedom.

There was a flicker in his eyes that disappeared quickly. The person in the hall stepped forward and he vanished without a trace.

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The blanket of darkness where the Transcendent Sword Sect was shaken like a tide. Qin Yu focused himself as time ticked by.

No movement.

No movement.

Still no movement!

Just as Qin Yu started to wonder if Eye of Eternal Night had been lying and the plan was about to fail, he suddenly said, "He is coming."

There had been no warning and these simple words carried a heavy meaning that caused people to tremble.

Either Qin Yu would ally with Eye of Eternal Night to kill the Darkness Ruler and obtain his crown or they were digging their own graves and they would die here.

He hoped that Eye of Eternal Night was not lying and he placed his faith in the East Sea Sword. All of a sudden, Qin Yu felt like his own strength did not have a decisive role in the matter.

This was a very harsh and ironic fact!

Qin Yu laughed bitterly to himself but this thought was quickly suppressed in him.

At this stage, unrelated thoughts would just be a waste of his energy.

Boom –

There was a deafening explosion. The skies above the Transcendent Sword Sect suddenly began to crack.

Yin and Yang energy seemed to reverse in that moment as darkness swallowed everything. There was no more trace of the sun that hung high in the air.

The Darkness Ruler was here!

Qin Yu felt like his five senses had been sealed. Everything in front of him was pitch-black and he could not hear a single sound. He felt like he had been banished into a space that was completely isolated from the outside world.

Thankfully, this feeling only lasted a split second before Eye of Eternal Night's voice rang in his head, "Since you knew that this was a trap, why did you jump in voluntarily?"

The moment he heard this, Qin Yu's heart clenched tightly and a very uneasy feeling rushed up him. His first thought was, "Oh no, the Darkness Ruler must have known about this." They were stabbing themselves with this.

The other voice that came sounded as calm as still water and the warm night sky. His voice was almost soothing, the kind that would put others to sleep.

Qin Yu bit hard down on his tongue and he forced himself to be clear-headed from the pain. He quickly calmed himself down but horror filled him. The Darkness Ruler, this was the Darkness Ruler. His voice alone felt so threatening.

"This is the only time that I can attack you. This is a trap, but it is also an opportunity that I have been waiting such a long time for." He paused and then laughed lightly, "If I absorb you, I might be able to break through the shackles on me. The shackles that the West Desolate placed on me."

Eye of Eternal Night calmly said, "You can give it a try."

Violent waves of forces exploded from the two and smashed fiercely against each other.

Eye of Eternal Night had set up a protective barrier around Qin Yu and he was not affected by the force. Despite that, he could sense how terrifying the two forces that clashed against each other were.

This was what he meant by a power slightly above the True Saint realm? No way! You bastard, your words are so unreliable!

The two of them were on a whole other level!

The only thing that Qin Yu could find comfort in was that Eye of Eternal Night was much stronger than he initially thought. He could fight against the powerful Darkness Ruler and stand his ground.

Right as this thought passed through Qin Yu, his expression suddenly changed.

Eye of Eternal Night's voice rang in his head, "I suffered a heavy injury previously and I have not fully recovered. I can only hold on for a little while longer; you better be prepared to attack."

Qin Yu recalled how Eye of Eternal Night was forcefully called upon in Bounded Zero Place previously. He must be referring to that moment.

Bastard!

If he knew that he was not fully recovered, why force this? Was it so important to act all mighty in front of that woman?

Never mind, he really could not understand Eye of Eternal Night. If he called forth that woman, she should be able to control the Darkness Ruler.

“We should not disturb Master for things that we can handle ourselves.” Eye of Eternal Night’s calm voice came again, “I think you will agree with me.”

Qin Yu’s body jerked as he sensed a heavy warning directed at him. It seemed like he would be given a ‘mark’ if he shook his head.

By then, he would not even be able to call forth the Sun Moon illusion and that woman. He would be taken care of immediately!

Mad, Eye of Eternal Night had gone mad. To be acknowledged by that woman, he dared to do something so crazy.

Qin Yu knew that he had such insane thoughts and he even dared to act upon them.

Was he being trapped by a crazy man? Bastard!

His expression stiffened, however there was nothing he could do now but bite his lip and accept the hard truth.

He would give it a try. Who knew if they could smoothly defeat the Darkness Ruler. If all else failed, it would be worth it to risk it.

He refused to believe that Eye of Eternal Night would stop him from calling for help if they were at death’s door.

Even if he was mad, there should be a degree to his insanity.

“You are so harsh!”

He gritted his teeth and yelled. The sense of satisfaction that came when he killed the five Saints easily previously was now completely gone.

Eye of Eternal Night, you idiot. Just wait, don’t let me get a chance or I will make sure you understand the taste of regret!

### **Chapter 1437 – Sacrifice Great Dao for a Strike**

Feeling scared was something that was very useless because it did nothing to help the current situation. He could only vent these emotions in the future.

However, no one knew what the future held. Qin Yu did not even know whether he would have a future.

He wanted to curse!

Qin Yu tried very hard to control this desire. Right now, he ought to focus on how to survive.



He could only have a future if he lived!

He breathed in deeply to calm himself down. The Great Dao that he formed using the power of the furnace hummed lightly as it was activated.

Back in Bounded Zero Place, Qin Yu had used it for a strike when he was forced into a corner.

The power that it unleashed was strong enough to force back Soft Peach who had merged with a Ruler's avatar.

Back then, the Great Dao was only half formed and it was far inferior to the complete Great Dao he had today.

As such Qin Yu was confident that his next strike was going to be very strong. But he did not know exactly how strong it would be.

After all, this could be considered the first time that the East Sea Sword would unleash its full potential after many years.

Buzz –

A soft hum of a sword rang in Qin Yu's mind. In the obscure darkness, there seemed to be anticipation from the sword.

Evidently, this sword had been tired of being kept in the dead waters for so many years and it could not wait to be used again. Qin Yu refined his Great Dao from the furnace and his powers could qualify as being worthy of the sword.

As such, Qin Yu and the East Sea Sword were both excited and eager for the next sword strike.

After so many years, will my sword strike still be sharp?

Eye of Eternal Night had been very straightforward with his instructions. He truly could not hold on for long and the turbulent sea of darkness suddenly became stagnant.

Although this lasted only a split second, it was enough to determine the fate of this powerful being.

A light chuckle came from the Darkness Ruler. It was full of excitement and anticipation as though he envisioned the moment that he killed Eye of Eternal Night.

Qin Yu's heart clenched but his expression was calm and he did not reveal any nervousness.

The reason why was simple. He did not believe that the confident Eye of Eternal Night would fall so simply.

As he expected, Eye of Eternal Night's voice boomed in his head in the next instant, "Right now!"

Qin Yu had prepared his blow beforehand and there was no way to back out now. He could only trust in Eye of Eternal Night's judgement.

With a low grunt, he jumped forward, causing the ground beneath him to shake violently. Numerous cracks burst open in the ground like a fine spiderweb that continued to stretch out in all directions.

He clenched his fingers shut and the silhouette of a sword appeared. Within a split second, the silhouette materialized.

The edge of the sword vibrated slightly and invisible auras gushed out of it into the surroundings, directly cutting everything in its path.

The Great Dao in Qin Yu's body suddenly whimpered, as though it had suffered a huge blow to its head.

'Crack crack'. These sounds echoed through Qin Yu's ears but they sounded like deafening thunder. There was a dull pain in his chest, compressing his lungs such that it made it difficult to breathe. Qin Yu withheld the urge to spit out blood.

As he expected, once a Great Dao was refined, it would become closely connected to his physical body.

While he had guessed that the cracking of the Great Dao would do him harm, this backlash was harsher than he imagined.

His vision blurred but thankfully, he did not need to see where the Darkness Ruler was. The Darkness Ruler was an endless abyss that flooded the world and shrouded everything in darkness.

Gritting his teeth, Qin Yu sliced his arm forward roughly. There was a buzzing sound and it felt like his consciousness was leaving his body. This time, he was much stronger than he was in Bounded Zero Place. He bit down on his tongue again to force himself to stay awake. In the past, he had not even known how he made his sword strike.

Because he stayed conscious, Qin Yu had the time to think and he suddenly grew worried because of Peachy in the Peach Garden.

His Great Dao was destroyed and that also meant that Peachy lost her lifeline. Had elder apprentice brother awoken? The letter he left behind would be discovered soon.

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Elder apprentice brother was awake.

Not long after Qin Yu left the Peach Garden, elder apprentice brother finally passed the last hurdle to break through his Great Dao. He had survived.

The breaking of a Great Dao would kill a True Saint!

This was the will of the Vast Brightness World. Despite the furnace giving elder apprentice brother a chance to change his fate, there were a lot risks and dangers that he had to go through.

In the beginning, the condition of the sleeping elder apprentice brother was far worse than what Qin Yu described. It was only through trust in the furnace's ability that he finally stabilized his condition.

All in all, he had survived the ordeal of his Great Dao breaking. After the recovery of his Great Dao, he also managed to stabilize his cultivation base.

Qin Yu could not really be considered a Saint but apart from him, the Peach Garden had another True Saint guarding it.

As such, the Peach Garden could celebrate after the ordeal. Once the news was spread, many groups of people started to seek the Peach Garden out. Their numbers grew exponentially.

Firstly, the ninth disciple of the Peach Garden killed both Zhou and Lin Saints in one go. He was exceptionally powerful and his actions shocked the world.

Furthermore, the eldest disciple of the Peach Garden, who had always remained mysterious, broke through two realms to become a True Saint. His powers surged through this.

Two True Saints in one place!

Many people were in amazement about what happened. The Peach Garden must have been very lucky. Because of the Spring Master's death, the Peach Garden's standing declined and they had to go through a great catastrophe soon after. Everyone thought they were doomed thereafter.

Unexpectedly, through twists and turns, the Peach Garden did not falter but it instead became stronger in a short period of time. Their strength and status became better than when the Spring Master had still been around.

Yet, just as everyone outside remained in amazement of the Peach Garden, there was internal chaos that came without any warning.

Peachy suddenly spat out blood and her aura dissipated very quickly. Anyone who saw her state thought that she would die at any moment.

The servant serving her gasped and screamed in panic. If anything happened to Peachy, she would not be pardoned.

The first person who got the news was Lei Xiaoyu and she immediately informed elder apprentice brother. True Saints could be relied on. Then, she dashed into Qin Yu's manor.

Brother Qin and senior sister Peachy were engaged and everyone knew his concern for her. After such a thing happened, he had to be informed as fast as possible.

Qin Yu had announced that he would be closing himself away in cultivation. Yet, Lei Xiaoyu realized that he had left the Peach Garden a long time ago. There was no trace of him again. Instead, there was a letter placed on the table. It stated that anyone could open the letter only if elder apprentice brother was around. Lei Xiaoyu sighed in relief that she informed elder apprentice brother first. With nothing else she could do, Lei Xiaoyu took the letter and rushed to Peachy's living quarters.

Every disciple in the Peach Garden came out of their closed cultivation and gathered there.

White Phoenix frowned and he asked in a deep voice, "Where is junior-apprentice brother?"

Lei Xiaoyu smiled bitterly, "Third apprentice brother, Brother Qin has already left the Peach Garden. I do not know where he is." Right at that moment, her heart suddenly jumped and she looked at the small yard where Peachy was. A startling thought crossed her mind and she started to tremble – could Peachy's condition be related to Qin Yu?

The moment this thought appeared, she felt a huge sense of unease. Lei Xiaoyu thought about the letter in her hand and urgently asked, "Where is elder apprentice brother? Brother Qin has a letter for him!"

"I am here." The steady but warm voice came as the space in front of her parted and elder apprentice brother stepped forward.

His expression was calm and there was not a hint of panic in his eyes. As the most senior disciple of the Peach Garden, he had to be calm and composed.

However, he used his teleportation skills when it was just a distance as short as a few steps. This showed his true thoughts and emotions.

Lei Xiaoyu quickly gave the letter to him and as elder apprentice brother glanced at its contents and read it, his expression changed slightly but he quickly calmed himself down again.

He pressed his fingers together and the letter tore into pieces that scattered across the ground. He surveyed the crowd and said, "I know Peachy's situation. Everyone, go out and wait. There should not be anything wrong."

White Phoenix heaved a sigh of relief. He cupped his hands together and said, "If that is the case, thank you elder apprentice brother." He turned and left but soon realized that Lei Xiaoyu was still rooted to her spot. He was just about to say something but he suddenly frowned.

Worry was wiped across Lei Xiaoyu's face. She thought of something and bit her lip, "Elder apprentice brother, is this related to Brother Qin?"

Elder apprentice brother knew that Lei Xiaoyu had a close relationship with Qin Yu. However, there was no time for him to do any explanation and he said warmly, "Let me save her first. Please leave."

Sometimes, not answering was an answer in itself. Lei Xiaoyu was briefly stunned but she bowed and then left.

White Phoenix was surprised. It was junior-apprentice sister Peachy who was in trouble. Why was this related to junior-apprentice brother?

However, since elder apprentice brother did not say anything, it was not White Phoenix's place to continue asking. Lei Xiaoyu smiled weakly as she shook her head, "Third apprentice brother, I was just making a guess and I don't know the specifics. Let's just wait for elder apprentice brother to explain later."

Peachy finally regained consciousness. Her first words were that Qin Yu was in trouble. Elder apprentice brother knew the situation already and he could only sigh internally.

"Junior-apprentice sister, don't worry. Back then, my Great Dao was almost destroyed but I was saved by junior-apprentice brother. He is reliable, you don't have to worry."

Although elder apprentice brother said this to reassure Peachy, he was feeling conflicted.

The destruction of a Great Dao was different from it being almost destroyed.

It was also a hard rule in the history of the Vast Brightness World that no True Saint would survive their Great Dao being destroyed...elder apprentice brother could not be certain with Qin Yu's situation.

Peachy must have sensed what he was thinking as a complicated look crossed her face. Nonetheless, she shut her eyes and remained silent.

Elder apprentice brother sighed. He wiped the few droplets of sweat on his pale face. After instructing Peachy to rest well, he turned and left the room.

Once outside, he glanced at White Phoenix and then Lei Xiaoyu. After a moment of silence, he admitted, "You are right, junior-apprentice brother is in trouble, but I believe that he will be able to return safely."

There were two reasons he considered before he made this judgement. First, Qin Yu had a mysterious and powerful furnace that could heal the Great Dao. Secondly, Qin Yu had prepared a letter for him and this meant that he had predicted that he might end up in trouble during his journey.

With Qin Yu's intelligence and strategic mind, he must have made the necessary preparations. Perhaps everything that had happened had been in his considerations from the start.

Elder apprentice brother pushed aside these thoughts. He turned to look at Peachy's manor with a complicated look in his eyes. He finally understood why his master died; it was because of this.

Junior-apprentice brother was willing to give so much to save her...relationships were moving.

Before this, Qin Yu had made many contributions to the Peach Garden, even saving it from the brink of destruction. However, elder apprentice brother always felt like there was an invisible barrier between Qin Yu and the Peach Garden. This had made elder apprentice brother feel uneasy.

These worries were slowly disappearing. Junior-apprentice brother could be trusted...the only wish was that he would return back safely soon!

Beside him, White Phoenix frowned. Even though he could not be bothered with internal affairs, he already guessed that Peachy was connected to Qin Yu.

Lei Xiaoyu unconsciously bit her lip. Her eyes stared blankly into the distance as she thought of something.

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Like a thunderbolt from the heavens, the sword strike penetrated through thick layers of clouds and sliced through the endless abyss.

A muffled scream came as the Darkness Ruler was injured by the sword strike that was created from the sacrifice of a Great Dao.

The strike was meant to kill the enemy in a single blow. But the fact that the Darkness Ruler had screamed meant that it had failed.

Eye of Eternal Night had purposely revealed a loophole to lure the Darkness Ruler to attack. This gave Qin Yu a chance to attack.

Kaboom!

All the darkness in the surroundings of the Transcendent Sword Sect gathered together and was swallowed clean.

Everything happened in the blink of an eye and the eternal darkness scattered. Then the sun hung high in the air. As though it was seeking revenge for what just happened, it shone with the brightest light.

Sun rays hit Qin Yu's body as he kneeled on the ground, revealing his face that was as pale as a sheet.

The sword in his hand had disappeared but there was a soft nagging in his ear. The voice was full of dissatisfaction and annoyance. It was obviously very annoyed by the blow.

I was almost drained by you but you are still blaming me? Qin Yu laughed bitterly to himself and he immediately restrained the consciousness of the sword. He lifted his head with much effort.

Although he had attacked along with Eye of Eternal Night, the short but terrifying battle had not reached the end.

In other words, it was not known who would have the last laugh.

Right now, there was a long wound that stretched across his chest. His robe drooped lazily over his body, revealing the hideous wounds. Blood continuously poured out of him; the scarlet blood dyed the cloth. No matter how honorable this man once was, he now looked extremely dishevelled.

The only pity was that the Darkness Ruler's face could not be seen. His expression after he suffered the sword strike was hidden.

#### **Chapter 1438 – The Attack From the Mysterious Being**

That thought quickly vanished from Qin Yu's head. He realized that even if the Darkness Ruler was not wearing his oversized robe, Qin Yu would not be able to see his face.

Right at this moment, the darkness dispersed and when light shone onto the Darkness Ruler, he was lit aflame.

That's right, the fire started out of nowhere and it quickly enveloped his entire body.

Actually, the fire was not started. Instead, it looked as if the Darkness Ruler was unable to withstand the scorching rays from the sun. The moment his flesh was exposed to light rays, he was ignited.

This might be a trick by Eye of Eternal Night.

No wonder the world fell into pitch black darkness when the Darkness Ruler descended. He had to live under strict environmental restrictions and not many people must have known about this fact. Thankfully, Eye of Eternal Night was one of them.

Qin Yu could finally rest assured. Not even a Ruler would take a sword strike from the sacrifice of a Great Dao well, not to mention this imitator.

Now that the darkness dispersed and he was exposed to the sun, he was being burnt. How would he be able to flip the situation around?

These thoughts crossed Qin Yu's mind. However, there was a slight unease in his mind. It felt like he had missed out on something important. This should be related to what he saw in front of him.

Just as he frowned and pondered hard, a calm voice rang in his mind. There was a calmness as silent as the night and this came from the burning Darkness Ruler in front of him.

“Extreme darkness would give birth to light. I thought you would have known such simple logic. What a pity that it seems you still don’t understand it.”

Qin Yu’s heart tightened sharply and he finally realized the source of his uneasiness.

Light and darkness were two sides of a coin. As someone who knew both sides, it was a huge mistake for him to overlook this.

Who was the person in front of him? The powerful Darkness Ruler was a terrifying opponent even to Vast Brightness World Rulers, even though the World of Darkness was now under the control of the West Desolate.

Evidently, the Darkness Ruler had a deep mastery and control of darkness and Qin Yu could not compare to him at all. Otherwise he would be the embodiment of darkness itself. Anyone who looked at him would see the endless abyss. Naturally, the Darkness Ruler would be insignificant to him then.

Since Qin Yu had comprehended the Light and Dark Body, why couldn’t the Darkness Ruler have done so too? Obviously, the Darkness Ruler’s mastery was far superior to his!

In other words, the Darkness Ruler appeared to be ‘burning’ and about to perish. However, the blow had done nothing to him.

After all they had done to kill the Darkness Ruler, Eye of Eternal Night’s plans had fallen into a void!

Like he had prepared to confirm Qin Yu’s thoughts, the burning flesh on the Darkness Ruler quickly turned into a scorched sticky mess that dripped down. The flames also disappeared soon after.

The man who appeared before Qin Yu now was a skinny, pale young man who looked like he had never seen the light of day before. He was charming and there was a smirk on his face. Suddenly, he reached his hand forward and gripped the air. A round bead appeared. It was black without any impurities inside, seeming like it was made from the darkest depths of the night.

As his white fingers gripped onto the bead, it vibrated continuously, trying to escape from the grasp. Small cracks started to appear on the handsome young man’s fingers silently until his red flesh could be seen.

“Eye of Eternal Night, we have known each other for a long time and I thought we had an understanding of each other...however, looking at things now, you didn’t really understand me, but I knew you very well. You tried to expose me to light and absorb all my darkness at once. How does it feel to be bitten in the back? Never mind, I will resolve this for you very quickly.”

With that, he devoured Eye of Eternal Night like he was eating a grape. Qin Yu’s eyelids twitched as he watched this. Was this the end of Eye of Eternal Night? That was so pathetic!

Before he could continue to curse and lament, Qin Yu suddenly shuddered as an overwhelming sense of fear surrounded him. He looked up and saw that the Darkness Ruler, who had just swallowed Eye of Eternal Night, was now smiling at him.

“Mister Ninth of the Peach Garden...I should have guessed that only someone like you who rose up the ranks in power like a comet would be bold enough to disrupt the status quo and challenge the West Desolate and Mysterious Clan. You seem to be fearless of the consequences.”

He surveyed Qin Yu intently and his smile grew even brighter, “The Rule System Body and a God Mark from the True God Path. There is also something in you that I cannot see...hehe, you have many secrets on you.

“Under normal circumstances, if you had sufficient time, you might have been able to achieve my level of power very soon as with your growth trajectory. However, it is a pity that you revealed yourself too early. You have only your carelessness to blame.”

The Darkness Ruler licked his lips and a sudden flicker passed his eyes, “Aren’t you wondering why I am speaking so much?”

Qin Yu thought about it and replied, “You are delaying for time.” It was a simple deduction. The Darkness Ruler had devoured Eye of Eternal Night decisively and it was only natural he would have the same thoughts for Qin Yu. As such, it was easy to deduce that the Darkness Ruler was only stalling for time. Otherwise, did he change his mind about Qin Yu?

The man in front of him was dashing and anyone who looked at him would praise his good looks. A smile crossed his eyes and the Darkness Ruler said, “I have to admit that I can’t see through your intentions. You know that I am stalling for time but you are still letting me have my way.”

He shook his head and said, “Under different circumstances, or if I broke through the shackles on me, I might have spared your life. After all, smart people are rare in this world. It is a pity to kill you.”

By the time he said this, his preparations must have been complete. It seemed that he had already suppressed the resistance from Eye of Eternal Night.

The darkness around Qin Yu slowly started to dissipate. The edge of the darkness shifted slightly and it looked like a black flower that had bloomed.

Evidently, although the Darkness Ruler comprehended the Light and Dark Body, he was more in favor of using the power of darkness.

Qin Yu grunted lightly as his vision turned dark instantly. The reason why he went along with Darkness Ruler despite knowing that he was stalling for time was because he needed time as well. He had to sort out the chaos within himself that resulted from the backlash of his Great Dao destruction.

This was the only way for him to control his strength and have a chance to survive.

Granted, Qin Yu knew that this chance was very slim. He had never imagined that he would have to rely solely on himself for this.

It was very dumb and there was hardly any chance of success for that. Qin Yu refused to be dumb.

His goal was to defend himself from the killing strike by the Darkness Ruler. Then...he would run for his life!

Pfft!



This was all because of Eye of Eternal Night. If he had not been determined to reveal the Darkness Ruler's face and stopped boasting, things would not have become like this.

Qin Yu's opinion was that he should call that woman directly. Even if the Darkness Ruler was stronger than he was now, that woman would be able to crush him with her hand easily.

As for now...hehe, Qin Yu could only hope that the absorption of the Darkness Ruler was not as powerful as his cultivation. Otherwise, even if the Ruler came and rescued Eye of Eternal Night, Eye of Eternal Night might not have his full form.

Qin Yu's vision turned dark, indicating that it was time to take on the Darkness Ruler. He urgently tried to summon the woman. All of a sudden, he heard a groan and the large black flower around him suddenly withered.

Surprised, Qin Yu raised his head and saw that a small hand had sprouted in front of the Darkness Ruler.

This hand was smooth and beautiful. It was flawless and eye-catching. Anyone who saw the hand could not help thinking of the appearance of the woman it belonged to.

Yet, the Darkness Ruler was in no mood to admire the hand that came out of nowhere. His handsome face turned stern and his pupils contracted. He instantly gave up on trying to devour Qin Yu's dark energy and this showed how nervous the Darkness Ruler was now.

What followed next confirmed this point. He did not falter as he retreated backwards quickly. Like the wind blowing against a field of weeds, there was a sense of mysteriousness as he fled backwards.

It did not seem like he was moving very quickly but in the blink of an eye, he had increased the distance between him and Qin Yu. Nonetheless, his expression was still stiff and he only grew more serious as time passed.

The reason why was simple. The beautiful hand was like a shadow that followed him closely. If he slowed down, it would quicken and in a short period of time, he knew it would be his ending.

"Hmph!" The Darkness Ruler grunted angrily and forced himself to stop. At the same time, an explosion occurred where his head was and a black void was formed. This void appeared endlessly deep and it felt like it would suck things into a terrifying place.

Right before the hand touched the void, it sensed the threat of the void. In the next second, it vanished in the same way it appeared; there was no warning.

Suddenly, the hand appeared again and it pressed on the chest of the Darkness Ruler. It coincidentally landed on the spot Qin Yu's sword strike targeted before. There was now a gaping wound across the Darkness Ruler's chest.

'Crack!' The sound ruptured from the Darkness Ruler's body like a hard object was forcefully torn apart.

The voice of the Darkness Ruler came from deep within the void but it felt very distant and muffled.

"You have been fooled..." His words were abruptly cut off because black blood suddenly spurted out of his chest. The blood that was supposed to land on the hand went right through it like air and the hand remained unstained.

A light laughter that sounded like the chime of a bell echoed through the air. Qin Yu felt like someone came very close to his ear and whispered, "I have paid back what I owed you."

The mysterious being hidden in time and space!

At this moment, there was an energy fluctuation from the contract in his body. Qin Yu confirmed the attacker's identity through this.

Both Eye of Eternal Night and Stone Pagoda had been fearful and hostile of the mysterious power. However, her beautiful and mesmerizing voice told Qin Yu a different story.

None of this was important. Even if this mysterious existence was an absolute beauty, there was no way for Qin Yu to have any relationship with it that went out of the natural boundaries of the world.

Furthermore...

Qin Yu realized that the binding force from the contract in his body did not dissipate. Instead, it felt like there was an external force had been injected into the contract, making it more stable.

The feeling was similar to a worker being promoted. Qin Yu was utterly bitter. This was not the outcome he wanted.

Since the contract had been fulfilled, shouldn't they both go their separate ways? Why were they bound together?

Stone Pagoda was silent and it was obvious that he was not prepared to give an explanation. Either way, Qin Yu did not have time to be bothered about this.

The Darkness Ruler had suffered heavy injuries because of the blow from the mysterious being from time and space. He was not in a favorable condition now.

With a grunt, the Darkness Ruler stumbled. There was a gaping hole in the middle of his chest.

Unexpectedly, no blood flowed out of this hole. It was just a pitch black hole that looked like a mouth!

Terrifying forces rushed out of the black hole, madly absorbing the blood and flesh of the Darkness Ruler. It was about to devour his entire being.

It was Eye of Eternal Night who was doing this, having been devoured by the Darkness Ruler a moment ago. This was what the Darkness Ruler deserved for being greedy.

Previously, the Darkness Ruler had mentioned that he had been eyeing Eye of Eternal Night for a long time, trying to seek an opportunity to devour him and break the seal.

In fact, it was only right to turn the situation around...you want to eat me? You have to be prepared for me to want to eat you too.

This was a brilliant opportunity for Eye of Eternal Night. Having suffered multiple heavy blows, the Darkness Ruler had no way to fight back.

Qin Yu's eyes sparkled and he stomped down. His body flew forward and he pressed his palm down heavily.

Bam!

With a low blow, the flesh around the Darkness Ruler's chest exploded and turned into waves of bloody mist. Before the bloody mist could disperse in the air, it was sucked into the black hole.

This attack was a combination of Star Retrieval and Royal Attack. Moon Embrace could devour the target's soul and it was a shortcut to raise his strength. Similarly, Star Retrieval could do the same with the target's physical body.

Of course, the same limitations applied to both techniques. Shortcuts should not be used too often or problems would arise.

Star Retrieval was a technique to steal the target's physical body and it was not as effective as Moon Embrace which targeted the soul.

This meant that the shortcut for Star Retrieval was not as harmful as for Moon Embrace. Also, all Divine Ways in the world had to be used according to the situation.

With Moon Embrace robbing the Darkness Ruler's physical body and the menacing black hole in his chest, the two-fold attack was terrifying.

Very soon, the black hole had widened. It was obvious that the blood and flesh of the Darkness Ruler that could no longer be seen had been devoured by Eye of Eternal Night!

#### **Chapter 1439 – Reforming Great Dao**

It was going to be hard for the Darkness Ruler to escape!

Qin Yu did not hesitate as he flicked out his second finger and joined hands with Eye of Eternal Night, sending the person into the Abyss.

But just at this moment, there was a huge holler as the Darkness Ruler lifted his hand and hit his chest, splitting his body into two.

Through this, he was able to split apart and block the swallowing power from Eye of Eternal Night.

Abandoning his bottom half, he only dragged his upper body. The Darkness Ruler growled angrily as he punched the air and flew into the hole in the space.

Having lost the control of the Ruler's will, the bottom half of his body that was abandoned was quickly swallowed by Eye of Eternal Night and the darkness became deeper.

Woosh –

A single eye appeared. It looked at Qin Yu and a strong thought was transferred to his mind, "Once you have recovered, follow my aura and enter the World of Darkness!"

Buzz –

In the vibration, Eye of Eternal Night disappeared. It was going to chase the Darkness Ruler who had escaped.

Qin Yu took a deep breath as he suppressed the murderous intent he felt. Since Eye of Eternal Night requested for him to go after recovering, he must know something.

Although this attack had caused severe damage to the Darkness Ruler and he even lost half his body, in the World of Darkness he was still an existence equivalent to a Ruler.

So if he wanted to kill the Darkness Ruler, he could not take too long. Otherwise, the Darkness Ruler may have some way to recover as well.

Qin Yu felt the urgency but no matter what, he had to deal with the things in front of him first.

Woosh –

Qin Yu flew to the Transcendent Sword Sect. Using his divine sense, he detected Soaring Sky's aura. He was quite lucky. Although he was severely injured, it was not a big issue.

Waving his sleeve, the debris covering Soaring Sky was thrown off. When he saw Qin Yu, his face filled with gratitude.

"Mister Nine, thank you!"

Although he did not personally witness everything that happened today, he was able to sense it.

Qin Yu lifted his hand and touched the air. The restriction around Soaring Sky broke as he spoke, "I have something urgent to do and can't stay long. I will leave this place to you."

As he spoke, the sound of someone flying through the air could be heard. It was Rice Paper who had been hiding far away. After she saw the fight end, she finally dared to appear.

"Mister Nine!" She bowed respectfully, her voice filled with admiration.

Having seen Qin Yu's terrifying power, Rice Paper thought that Mister Nine was the strongest after the Rulers in the Vast Brightness World.

It was to the point that if Mister Nine were to face a Ruler...Rice Paper did not think that Mister Nine would definitely lose.

Qin Yu nodded, "Rice Paper, stay here for the time being to help Soaring Sky deal with the Transcendent Sword Sect." He paused for a while before continuing, "Don't worry, something like this will not happen anymore."

This was not a lie.

If there were no incidents, the Darkness Ruler would definitely not be able to survive this. After getting rid of him, Qin Yu would get the crown and become the new controller of the World of Darkness – although Eye of Eternal Night did not explicitly state this, this was most likely its plan. Only as a Darkness Ruler would he get a chance to enter the West Desolate.

At that time, no one would ask about what happened in Bounded Zero Place.

Having Qin Yu's promise, Rice Paper felt relieved as she agreed.

Without it, she would not have dared to stay any longer at the Transcendent Sword Sect. For if someone with malicious intent saw her, she would be the unlucky one.

Lifting his hand to stop Soaring Sky from speaking, Qin Yu said, "I will be leaving first!"

He then lifted his hand to pull and a door suddenly appeared where the air was shaking violently.

It was made of thick and sturdy peach blossom tree wood. This was the Peach Garden's Peach Wood Portal Door. Initially, because he was not sure where the Transcendent Sword Sect was located, he had no choice but to cross over the nothingness.

Now that Qin Yu was here, he was the strongest and clearest indicator and could call on the Peach Wood Portal Door to forcefully open a route back to the Peach Garden.

Of course, a cultivator had to be of a certain level to teleport such a long distance. But to Qin Yu, this was nothing.

After waiting for the portal door to completely form, Qin Yu pushed it open and stepped in.

Buzz –

After a faint vibration, variegated and messy lights appeared. Qin Yu waited until the lights stabilized before he pushed open the door and successfully reached the Peach Garden.

The movement from the teleportation could not be hidden from White Phoenix, who was controlling the defensive screen over the Peach Garden, as well as elder apprentice brother, who was now a True Saint.

When Qin Yu stepped out, the two of them were already waiting outside. Seeing that it was him, they both looked visibly relaxed and they smiled.

Elder apprentice brother was smiling as he spoke, "I knew that you would be fine." But after he said it, he looked Qin Yu up and down and his expression changed slightly.

Qin Yu knew that he had found out about his Great Dao getting destroyed. He said, "Don't worry, I am not like normal cultivators. Even if my Great Dao is not present, it is not life-threatening. Elder apprentice brother, don't worry." He paused and lowered his voice, "How is Peachy?"

Elder apprentice brother replied, "Junior-apprentice brother, don't worry. After seeing your message, I took action immediately and she is stable."

Qin Yu sighed in relief. This was the true reason why he rushed back to the Peach Garden. He had to first make sure that Peachy was fine.

He thought about it and said, "Elder apprentice brother, I will leave the Peach Garden again very soon. This time, there might be some danger. I will leave Peachy temporarily in your care. But elder apprentice brother, don't worry. Once I am back, I will take over."

Elder apprentice brother smiled softly, "Master was extremely good to me and it is only right that I take care of junior Apprentice Sister in the same way."

Qin Yu greeted, "Thank you."

Damaging his own Great Dao in order to lengthen Peachy's life. This was the price the Spring Master paid because Peachy was his beloved daughter.

Qin Yu did this in order to save his companions and could not let Peachy die.

Comparatively, elder apprentice brother's current actions were extremely noble. After all, to a True Saint, their Great Dao was their foundation and they could not afford to damage it at all.

Not everyone would be able to make such a decision!

Qin Yu nodded to White Phoenix before turning to leave. Time was of the essence. After ensuring that Peachy was fine, he could not delay any longer.

Seeing Qin Yu leave, White Phoenix looked stunned, "Elder apprentice brother, did junior-apprentice brother say that his...Great Dao...is gone..."

Although he heard it clearly, he could not help but swallow a chunk of saliva when he repeated it. He thought that it was unbelievable.

Elder apprentice brother coughed lightly, "Junior-apprentice brother has a secret and he is not the same as me. Do not be too shocked."

He waved his hand and turned to leave.

White Phoenix's mouth twitched as he was stupefied. How could he still be alive and kicking after his Great Dao was gone?

If there was no need to be shocked by this, then was there anything else in this world to be shocked for?

White Phoenix however, did not see elder apprentice brother's face. After he turned away from White Phoenix, he looked extremely regretful.

When Qin Yu returned to his residence, he quickly chased Lei Xiaoyu away. She pouted unhappily and shut the door with a 'bom'.

"Furnace!"

Growling, Qin Yu crossed his legs and sat, immediately going into a state of cultivation.

More accurately, he was trying to adjust his current powers to cooperate with Furnace to complete his Great Dao.

Buzz –

There was a vibration in the air and Furnace's illusion appeared, covering Qin Yu.

In a flash, five days passed. Within the cultivation chamber, Qin Yu opened his eyes. The amount of time taken was a lot more than he thought. After asking Furnace, he confirmed his suspicion.

'Repairing after getting damaged' was a lot more difficult and this was the same even for Qin Yu.

Simply put, although he had been very successful in forming his Great Dao at the start, after shattering it, trying to gather it once more was more difficult.

In the future, it would be the same.

Every time his Great Dao was shattered, the difficulty to gather it would increase. But at the same time, after reforming the Great Dao, the power and quality of it would increase as well.

This was some sort of consolation. However, Qin Yu was still slightly disappointed and indignant. He had to suppress his thoughts of breaking his Great Dao as a way to strengthen it.

It seemed like he should break his Great Dao less. Who knew if he would be unable to gather it one day after breaking it too many times. That would be a huge problem.

Of course, more importantly, the Great Dao that had been repaired multiple times would be stronger, but its connection with Qin Yu would also be stronger.

This meant that when it broke, Qin Yu would have to pay a greater price. Eventually, it may cause him to be like regular True Saints – once his Great Dao shattered, he would die!

But this was ultimately a problem for the future. Qin Yu took a deep breath and squashed all these thoughts. With his Great Dao mended, his internal injuries were easily solved.

Hoo, if other people were to find out that Qin Yu reformed his Great Dao in a mere five days after breaking it...hiss. All the True Saints in the world would be targeting him in the blink of an eye.

Stepping out of his residence, Qin Yu did not hesitate to call on the Peach Wood Portal Door. As he pushed the door open, he stepped in and there was a 'buzz'. The portal door disappeared.

Very quickly, the portal door appeared once more. As Qin Yu pushed it open and stepped through, he returned to the small world that the Transcendent Sword Sect was in.

The portal door released a huge aura and startled the people. The numerous cultivators in the Transcendent Sword Sect stared at him with fear and respect in their eyes. Their unease was apparent.

Back then, the World of Darkness had made use of the Transcendent Sword Sect just to lure Qin Yu and did not massacre them all.

Or perhaps they had thoughts of taking the chance to subdue them and make up for their own losses previously. So although some people died, it was not many.

When the Peach Wood Portal Door appeared, Soaring Sky, who was talking to the head of the Transcendent Sword Sect, immediately rushed to say, "Mister Nine is here!"

Without waiting, he stood and rushed out. He appeared in midair and bowed to Qin Yu, "Greetings Mister Nine."

Rice Paper appeared as well and bowed.

Qin Yu nodded and glanced at the Transcendent Sword Sect. he said immediately, "I will leave right away; you don't have to mind me."

He then closed his eyes and located Eye of Eternal Night's aura.

Qin Yu was also someone who had a Light and Dark Body. Detecting auras was not difficult.

Hmm?

At this moment, he suddenly thought of something. With the level Eye of Eternal Night was at, he did not detect his Light and Dark Body?

Even if he did not know, as someone who had followed a Ruler, he must have heard of it before. If he considered it from this angle, perhaps the matter when Eye of Eternal Night was swallowed by the Darkness Ruler was not so simple.

There was a high probability that this was its plan all along. After all, attacking the enemy from within was a lot stronger than attacking from outside.

Tsk tsk, this Eye of Eternal Night was scheming and very brave. After all, being swallowed meant that he could die if he made any mistakes!

This was just a random thought and Qin Yu had no time to think of it now. This was because he was slightly anxious right now.

Truthfully speaking, Qin Yu was extremely anxious. After all, he was about to enter the World of Darkness and the World of Darkness was the Darkness Ruler's homeground. If he had been tricked, Qin Yu would be giving his own head on a platter if he were to barge in now.

But now that things had turned to this, there was no turning back. If he waited until the Darkness Ruler recovered, he would really die.

Taking a deep breath, he suppressed his thoughts and his eyes lit up.

Found it!

The remnant aura from Eye of Eternal Night. As soon as he detected it, there was a reaction.

Buzz –

A black vortex suddenly appeared in front of him. It was extremely dark as if it linked to an unending abyss. Gritting his teeth, Qin Yu stepped into the darkness. His figure disappeared into the vortex.

Soaring Sky and Rice Paper saw this. Having personally experienced that battle a few days ago, they both were able to guess what Qin Yu had gone to do. They looked at each other and could sense the surge of emotions from within each of them.

Mister Nine was really the peak being in this world. He even dared to think of killing someone like the Darkness Ruler.

More importantly, within a few days, Mister Nine's aura had returned to its peak and was even stronger than before.

His abilities made them admire him!

If only Soaring Sky and Rice Paper, who were full of admiration for Mister Nine, knew how scared he had been at that moment, their jaws would drop.

Woosh –



There was a flash in the air and the leader of the Transcendent Sword Sect, a Half-Saint, appeared. As he saw the black vortex disappear, his eyes were filled with gratitude and respect.

“Was that Mister Ninth from the Peach Garden?”

Soaring Sky nodded, “Yes leader, that was Mister Ninth.”

The leader gasp and smiled, “Alas, he is one of a kind. Just his appearance attracted everyone’s attention.”

He paused, “It is a pity Mister Ninth had to rush off, I was not able to thank him...but the black vortex just now had an ominous feeling. Mister Ninth is going...”

He looked at Soaring Sky in confusion.

Soaring Sky hesitated and decided that this was not a big secret. Since Mister Ninth appeared in front of everyone, it was obvious he did not mind people finding out.

Spitting out a breath, he lowered his voice, “Leader, I told you that the Darkness Ruler was defeated and had escaped. Mister Ninth...most likely went to the World of Darkness today.”

The leader’s eyes widened as his face froze. He knew a bit about the existence of the World of Darkness.

He felt reverence for the Darkness Ruler who was rumored to be extremely powerful and mysterious.

To be able to hurt him and force him to retreat was already something that was unbelievable. Why would anyone want to barge into his nest and try to get rid of him?

In the World of Darkness, the Darkness Ruler’s abilities and power were amplified. If Qin Yu failed and died, then wouldn’t their Transcendent Sword Sect be in huge trouble?

#### **Chapter 1440 – Arriving in the World of Darkness**

Soaring Sky looked at Rice Paper and saw her looking elsewhere. It seemed like she did not see the leader’s expression. He relaxed slightly and coughed, “Leader, you don’t have to worry. Mister Ninth is very good and he is well-prepared. Nothing will go wrong.”

The leader refocused on the scene in front of him and immediately nodded, “Yes, I was overly concerned.” He looked calm once more and his smile reappeared. However, he was still worried. After all, that was the World of Darkness and Qin Yu was trying to kill the almighty Darkness Ruler!

Rice Paper smiled and bowed, “Leader, Senior Soaring Sky, now that most of the things regarding the Transcendent Sword Sect have been settled, I have to go back and report to Master. I will be leaving now.”

She bid farewell to both of them before turning to leave. There was a slight contempt on her face as she thought this leader was not very good. No wonder even after so many years, he was still a Half-Saint and could not break through.

So what if it was the Darkness Ruler? Even if he was a real Ruler, Mister Ninth would still be able to deal with him!

Since Mister Ninth had taken action, the Darkness Ruler would not have long to live...that's right. Rice Paper had full confidence in Qin Yu. Even Qin Yu did not know that he had such a loyal and diehard believer!

On the other hand, the smile on the Leader's face had disappeared and was looking serious as he pulled on Soaring Sky. He was discussing how the whole sect could shift to avoid trouble. On Qin Yu's side, he had entered the black vortex and was stably being transported. He had successfully reached the World of Darkness.

The World of Darkness truly matched its name. If he stretched his hand out, he would not be able to see his fingers. Everything was pitch black as if it was eternally night. Thankfully, the Path of Darkness was within Qin Yu's abilities and he did not feel too out of place.

As wind blew across the flat wilderness, small grains of sand got blown up. They hit his body and fell back to the floor. There was a soft 'whizz' in the air. This was something extremely normal. As a wild flat land without any vegetation cover, sand and dust would naturally get blown up by the wind.

But Qin Yu frowned as he reached forward to grab the grains of sand that hit his body and were about to fall. He rubbed it between his fingers and a strange look appeared on his face. It was as if he found something in these small grains.

"The World of Darkness...is really different..." Sighing slightly, Qin Yu released the grains of sand and let them fall to the ground. He stepped forwards and moved in the direction where the wind blew against his back.

The wind came from behind him and blew his robe, causing it to flap in the wind. He had an easy aura as if he was a deity that was travelling with the wind. Along with his current appearance and his Great Dao, there was an aura surrounding his body and he looked impressive.

It was a pity that in this pitch black world, there was not even a ghost shadow, much less any audience to appreciate Qin Yu's current appearance.

The reason why there was no further need for him to work out directions and could already rush along was because the sand had given him the answer.

As he journeyed, only the sound of the wind was constant along with the sand that was continuously blown up. Some of the sand would only fly a short distance before falling, whereas some would fly far along with the wind and into the darkness. It was pushed forwards constantly by the neverending wind, flying deep into the darkness.

As Qin Yu made his way forward, he would occasionally get a shower of sand on top of his head. He had no choice but to create a ball of darkness aura to block them out. If not, he would turn into a sand figure before he reached his destination.

Realistically speaking, he was about to enter into a huge fight and wasting even a little bit of energy was stupid.

However, the grains of sand here were abnormal. If Qin Yu were to be covered by the sand, he would really turn into a sand figurine that would break with a single hit.

He kept moving forwards. A lot of time passed; the vastness of this flat plain was astounding. But Qin Yu did not intend to fly to move faster.

There was another point. Ever since he entered till now, he had yet to meet a single person.

The World of Darkness was not a faraway land. It was actually the fort in front of the West Desolate. Strictly speaking, there should be a number of strong cultivators. Since the Darkness Ruler retreated, with his status, he should be able to gather a number of cultivators. Even if they were not able to stop Qin Yu, at least they would be able to form some sort of defence to slow him down and deplete his energy in order to increase his chance of survival.

But there was nothing. It was so silent it was out of the ordinary. Qin Yu frowned slightly, but soon after, he was calm again. As mentioned before, now that things had turned to this, he had no choice other than to thoroughly destroy the Darkness Ruler.

So even if things were strange, Qin Yu could only continue...moreover, Eye of Eternal Night was in front. If Qin Yu did not go, he would be selling out Eye of Eternal Night.

Just because he could not 'see' his fingertips when he stretched out his hands, it did not mean that he could not 'see' anything. On the contrary, because he had the Path of Darkness abilities, he was able to sense everything around him.

So when that ring-like mountain appeared on the plain, Qin Yu was able to detect it immediately. Soon, he was also able to see the clean palace that was held within the ring.

The grains of sand that fell from the air accumulated in the ring-like mountain and became part of it. Not a single grain touched the palace. It was like there was an invisible shield blocking out the sand.

Letting out a breath, Qin Yu's face remained tense. This was his target. So if the Darkness Ruler wanted to do something, this was his last chance.

Was he really not going to do anything? Or was he unable to do anything because he was getting chased by Eye of Eternal Night?

But the truth was both these options did not seem good to Qin Yu. After all, his opponent was the Darkness Ruler and he was the strongest person in this world who was even comparable to a Ruler of the Vast Brightness World.

He let out a breath in order to calm himself. Of course, he would need to breathe in again. This was not nonsense, this leads to the next part of the story. Because just when Qin Yu was about to breathe, a coldness appeared and spread outwards like a wave.

The cold aura seemed to originate from an ancient ice cave. Yet it also seemed to come from Nine Nether and was able to freeze flesh and extend to one's soul. Qin Yu could hear a vague ringing in his ears; it was a clear and murderous sound.

The vague sense became clearer and Qin Yu groaned as his heart started to pound. Soon, 'crack crack', the ice that had formed over his body cracked and fell to the ground.

His eyes turned sinister and a murderous intent surged from him.

Deep in his heart, he was filled with anger. However, just a moment ago, he was in a state of alarm. Who would have guessed that in a single breath, he would change like this.

Just now, if the East Sea Sword had not acted and cut off the murderous intent that surged at him, it would have sealed Qin Yu's soul in ice. He was being targeted by a scheme and would have turned into an ice statue. Or maybe he would not have died but the ending would have been equally terrible!

The Darkness Ruler's tactics were truly sharp and horrifying. When he did not want to do anything, he really did not. But once he did, he was out for your life!

And this was merely the beginning. Because as soon as Qin Yu got out from the coldness, the ground in front of him started to crack.

It was not splitting open nor collapsing inwards. Instead it was splitting from the inside out. Soon, numerous figures appeared from the hole.

'Numerous' was not an exaggeration, there were really a lot of them and looking across, there was no end.

This was also not accurate, because these things that came out of the ground were corpses – they were all extremely pale and their eyes bloodshot. A black fog surrounded them like a black flame.

They were puppets created by the power of darkness. They were killing machines without conscience.

Whether they were powerful depended on their makers as well as the puppets' own cultivation.

With how powerful the Darkness Ruler was, one could only imagine the power of his darkness puppets.

Although many of these puppets had tyrannical auras, there were more that did not.

At least from Qin Yu's point of view, they were just 'cannon fodder'. A huge number of them rushing out would also slow him down and reduce his power by a little.

Woo...these words seemed so familiar...

Qin Yu frowned as a disgusted and cold look flashed through his eyes. He realized why he did not see anyone for his entire journey here. If he was not wrong, all these people in front of him were them.

To try and live, this Darkness Ruler was brutal. Although it was understandable that people would do anything to try and live...to Qin Yu, this was a bit overboard.

At least, this was beyond what was acceptable for Qin Yu. Hence the murderous intent in his eyes intensified.

Boom –

With a roar, the darkness puppets rushed over. Their speed and auras were shocking.

Qin Yu's brows raised slightly as a serious look crossed his eyes. These puppets used to be Saints!

That's right. Not just Half-Saints still struggling in the Sea of Bitterness but True Saints that had reached the shore and successfully gathered their Great Dao.

Although he had already witnessed how strong the Darkness Ruler was, Qin Yu found it hard to believe that he could turn True Saints into darkness puppets.

After all, to Qin Yu, it seemed it would be difficult even for Rulers to do this and prevent True Saints from committing suicide.

Since he could not understand, he ignored it for the time being. He had to act first. Qin Yu stepped forward and touched the air. As soon as his finger fell, a light appeared. It was like the sun rays reflecting across the ocean and lighting up the surroundings.

The light was like arrows shooting down and piercing the eyes of the darkness puppets. A few weaker puppets let out miserable cries after getting shot. It was as if their insides exploded and black smoke emerged from them. Very soon, their bodies disintegrated and formed piles of ashes on the ground.

They were killed on the spot!

The True Saint-level darkness puppets were right in front as they charged towards him and took a huge blow from the light arrows. Groaning, the surface of their bodies started to burn. But soon, light could be seen within the flames and it created radiant armor around them.

Qin Yu was shocked. This was outside of his expectations; his impression of the Darkness Ruler's abilities and power increased even more.

Ignoring how vicious he was, when it came to the Light and Dark Body, this Darkness Ruler had reached the peak. He might even be stronger than a Ruler. Qin Yu was not comparable.

Because these darkness puppets in front of him were True Saints who had taken the Path of Light.

Using the Light Ruler's materials to create darkness puppets, he had to merge two different energies together. Just this was enough to make anyone admire him.

Moreover, these darkness puppets were not just that, their Light and Dark Bodies were pushing in opposite directions and causing them to be stronger.

With his plan to use light falling short, Qin Yu frowned and put it to one side. His fingers clenched into a fist and he punched out.

Boom –

With a loud sound, it was like he hit a thick wall and the vibration was spreading outwards.

This vibration did not seem strong but it actually possessed a startling restrictive power. It was like a thick swamp, slowly drowning the prey that it caught.

The True Saint darkness puppets growled and an explosive power burst from within them, covering their light armor. At this moment, black veins appeared over the armor.

The light and dark power was activated. The restrictive power in the air was forcefully broken. However, Qin Yu remained calm.

Puppets were still just puppets meant to die. Even if they were True Saint darkness puppets and possessed incredible powers, they did not know how to attack or retreat and it was not difficult to deal with them.

For example, the one that was breaking up in front of Qin Yu. Although it was able to break through Qin Yu's defence, this was a forceful and explosive method. And would cause a severe backlash on its own body as well.

Hence, there was a faint sound and soon cracks could be seen on the surface of the darkness puppet.

And these cracks were what Qin Yu needed. No matter how strong and sturdy one was, as soon as cracks appeared, there was a chance to destroy it from the inside out.

He lifted his hand and touched the air. However, this time, the ray that appeared from Qin Yu's fingertip was made of black and white intertwined. It was fascinating.

When his finger landed, the armor of the True Saint darkness puppets across from him started to crack. There was a flaw in their Light and Dark Bodies and they could no longer flow naturally.

This was Qin Yu's chance.

He would be able to thoroughly destroy the True Saint darkness puppets in front of him. He just had to disrupt the balance in their bodies and trigger an internal 'explosion'.

The True Saint darkness puppet that rushed towards him suddenly seemed to stumble and a low explosion could be heard from his chest as if a bomb had exploded.

Crack –

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More cracks appeared starting from his chest and spread outwards, covering the entire top part of his armor. This strong True Saint darkness puppet lost its defence and was now extremely weak.

Qin Yu could do the same thing again and make it even weaker.

However, there was no time left. He did not allow the darkness puppet to get near him. This was because Qin Yu was afraid that the Darkness Ruler would order the puppet to self-combust.

They were True Saint darkness puppets, moreover, they were a combination of Light and Dark. If they exploded next to him, Qin Yu would not be able to retreat in time.

He had to act...Qin Yu growled and flew outwards, throwing out a punch!