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Chapter 1441 – Scheming and Devious

Attack!

This time there was only one objective – gather all his power at one point and release it.

So without doubt, this punch was the strongest and most powerful that Qin Yu had released thus far.

His current powers were on par with a peak True Saint's. Moreover, he had the five Divine Ways to enhance them. The power of his punch could be imagined.

Although the True Saint darkness puppet was strong, its armor kept getting hit by Qin Yu and was extremely weak.

Naturally, it was not able to withstand the intense power that came with his punch.

A loud explosion could be heard as the True Saint darkness puppet was thrown back. The armor broke into five parts and fell onto the ground. At the same time, the bottom half was also destroyed.

It was as if a bull had hit its body as it tumbled and broke.

A darkness puppet of the True Saint level, which also had the Light and Dark Body, had actually been destroyed by Qin Yu.

Although he was correct on the point that his opponent was not much different from a sitting duck, no one could ignore how powerful Qin Yu was.

But although he killed the True Saint darkness puppet, Qin Yu did not relax. In fact, he frowned harder and looked solemn.

The reason was simple. After the puppet was killed, the darkness energy in it was released and spread out.

But it did not just disappear, instead the energy was being absorbed by numerous other darkness puppets. Then, the auras of the darkness puppets grew stronger by one fold!

This was what was making Qin Yu frown. He did not look good as he had a bad feeling.

In order to test his assumption, he punched out. It was the same method of attacking but the darkness puppets in front of him could not be compared to the one he killed earlier. His reckless punch caused miserable cries to be heard as puppets were destroyed.

Qin Yu's expression turned even more sour. Because the sight in front of him confirmed his suspicion – a black energy was released from the destroyed puppets and was being absorbed by the remaining ones.

It was like a game where the power increased the more you killed. As Qin Yu killed more darkness puppets, the overall power from them did not change. It only shifted from those that died to the ones still alive.

This meant that the more darkness puppets Qin Yu killed, the stronger the ones remaining became.

This could mean that when there were one or two left, their power would be even stronger than the True Saint darkness puppet from before.

The abilities of the Darkness Ruler to create puppets was a lot more intricate than he had thought. It even had a few hidden tricks.

Although Qin Yu would be able to eventually kill all of them...how much time would he take? And how much energy would he lose?

He might be able to get through this way but he could not take it. Otherwise, the Darkness Ruler's plan would succeed.

If he could not take this way, then what should he do? Qin Yu felt his head hurt as he thought quickly. Soon, he had an idea.

Ultimately, darkness puppets were dead things and they specialized in a task. There would always be a way.

Although he had a Blood Jade Coffin and knew the Ghost Path cultivation method, he had not learned them, much less mastered them.

So this was not his forte.

He took out the Blood Jade Coffin. Even though he was not able to control this item belonging to the Ghost Path, he was still able to make use of it.

He needed to borrow its power for what he was going to do next.

He shook and two silhouettes flew out. It was Zhou and Lin Saint who Qin Yu had killed earlier.

After they were sucked into the Blood Jade Coffin, they lost their consciousness. However, it was as if their innate personalities were able to sense the hatred for Qin Yu.

As they gained their freedom now, they hollered and their eyes were red. They seemed to want to pounce and drag Qin Yu down with them.

"Hmph!"

Snorting, Qin Yu tightened his grip on the Blood Jade Coffin and the two Saints cried out miserably. Qin Yu did not show any fear as he lifted his finger, "Open the door to the Vanquished Nation!"

Although they had no consciousness, they were still able to understand Qin Yu's order as he was the owner of the Blood Jade Coffin.

They flipped and reached out at the same time. They growled as if they were holding something as they pulled it.

Boom boom boom –

There was a low rumble and the vibration sounds spread outwards. A grey door appeared and was being pulled open by the souls of the two True Saints.

“Who dares to interrupt my sleep. I will take your miserable small souls as payment...” A domineering and sinister voice boomed out. He then paused, finally ‘seeing’ the people who opened the door to the Vanquished Nation.

Not much time had passed and he naturally still remembered. So the Sovereign of the Vanquished Nation, who was on par with a True Saint, suddenly felt a coldness wash over him and he shivered.

Qin Yu was expressionless as he went straight to the point, “Sovereign of the Vanquished Nation, sorry to disrupt you. I have a favor to ask. I hope you can lend me a hand and take all these puppets.”

He mentioned that he was asking a favor but he did not look the part at all. Instead, he seemed to be threatening coldly and it was evidently seeping through his words.

The Sovereign of the Vanquished Nation snorted. After all, he had his pride and authority as the Ruler of one world and was about to go against Qin Yu. However, he eventually just snorted and did not say more.

There was no choice. Ultimately, this world was ruled by strength and when Qin Yu jammed the Vanquished Nation’s door and prevented it from closing, the Sovereign still felt fear creep over him as he recalled it.

A favor it is. Perhaps he might even have a chance to build a relationship with Qin Yu and get something in return.

He could only comfort himself like this. The Sovereign coughed lightly and was about to agree when he felt his words got stuck in his throat.

This...this...

He had been startled by Qin Yu and frightened by what Qin Yu had in his hands. He had been concentrating so much that he did not notice what was strange. Now, he realized.

World of Darkness!

The Sovereign trembled and he could not say what he had planned to say.

Qin Yu frowned and sneered, “Why? Are you not willing to help me?”

He was being pushed against a wall and both sides were on fire. The Sovereign felt like crying.

He did not dare offend Qin Yu, especially now that Qin Yu had obtained this item from the Ghost Path as well as these two True Saint souls. He could open the door to the Vanquished Nation anytime...but he could not do this favour either!

Why? The West Desolate backed the World of Darkness. This was a genuinely big player, and he was a small player. If he offended them, he would die.

“Qin Yu, it is not that I do not want to help. But the World of Darkness has too strong a backing and I do not dare to offend!” The Sovereign could not be bothered about maintaining his reputation anymore as he looked stressed as he asked. His life was so difficult!

Qin Yu raised his brows and a coldness emitted from him. Do you not believe that I will enter the Vanquished Nation now and teach you a lesson!

As he was about to put pressure on the Sovereign, a soft breath blew into his ear. A warm voice soon followed, "Since he does not dare to do anything, why don't I help you."

The Sovereign looked as if he had come across something horrifying. He did not care about Qin Yu as he waved his sleeve, forcing the two Saint souls back and closing the door to the Vanquished Nation shut with a 'bam'.

That was not the end, silver chains appeared and wrapped around the door to the Vanquished Nation, locking it tightly. It blocked out all auras between the World of Darkness and the Vanquished Nation.

Crack –

Crack –

Cracking sounds could be heard as cracks appeared over the door that was wrapped in silver chains. Soon, it cracked and disappeared.

Qin Yu frowned slightly as his pupils shrunk and he turned to the side. A pair of beautiful eyes appeared to be smiling at him.

Seeing him look over, the pair of eyes winked and a voice sounded, "Hi, this is the first time we are meeting. Let's introduce ourselves."

Qin Yu's mouth twitched. He knew that the one that caused the Sovereign to back off and run with his tail between his legs was this one.

A mysterious existence hidden in space time!

Didn't Stone Pagoda mention that these strange and mysterious beings liked to sign agreements with everyone the most? Why was this one so free? It felt like it had been closely watching Qin Yu's movements.

This sensation of being watched...was really uncomfortable. He felt goosebumps.

But since it was here, Qin Yu could only suppress the apprehension he felt and said lowly, "Mysterious being from space time, I did not call for you."

This had to be stated clearly in case he entered an agreement in the confusion. He might be set up again.

He could not really see what it looked like but an appearance floated into his mind. It had a cute face with a nose that was currently turned up in dissatisfaction.

"This Sovereign of the Vanquished Nation is too impolite. He actually ran so quickly as if he saw a ghost. He clearly forgot that he himself is an evil ghost. Despicable! If I see him again, I will teach him a lesson..." It looked at Qin Yu and sighed lightly, "I am not some despicable beast; you don't have to be scared."

Qin Yu did not say anything as he continued staring.

It looked slightly offended, "Fine, fine, I admit that you did not summon me and I am the one that came here by myself. Initially, I just wanted to get some small payment from you. After all, I came from so far away and it is not easy for me to be here. I did not know that you were so petty."

As Qin Yu heard this, his heart softened. And soon, he felt a shiver run down his spine. These hidden beings from space time were strange and scary. He had clearly felt apprehensive and alarmed by it yet it was able to charm him.

Steeling his face, Qin Yu waved his hand expressionlessly, "If there is nothing else, please leave. I will deal with the problems here myself."

It blinked and looked satisfied. Its emotions changed so drastically, it was hard to follow, "Qin Yu ah, are you sure you can handle it? I can tell you that it is not easy to kill these puppets. Moreover, there is something going on in that palace that even I cannot see clearly. If you continue to delay, things will not look good."

Qin Yu's expression changed slightly as he looked gloomy. He looked at the pair of eyes and took a deep breath, "Mysterious being from space time, I want to set a deal with you. What will it take for you to help me deal with these puppets?"

Being decisive was probably Qin Yu's strong point.

Of course, what pushed him to make this decision was that his instinct told him this mysterious being was not lying.

Pak –

It did not have hands, yet the sound of fingers snapping could be heard. The eyes smiled, "I knew you were smart. Leave these puppets to me; this is a small matter."

It paused before continuing, "As for the price, I haven't thought about it yet. I will just remember the favor for now."

Qin Yu shook his head, "It is best to state things clearly when dealing with a mysterious being like yourself." Thinking about it, he said lowly, "I will offer a strong soul to you as payment."

The being appeared indifferent as it said, "Fine, let's do as you say. I am not anxious."

Qin Yu chuckled bitterly internally. Like I will believe you. I almost got tricked previously. I bet that there is a one month deadline too. I have to remember this.

At this time, Stone Pagoda's faint voice could be heard, "Master, this time you only have half a month..."

Qin Yu fumed as he heard this and almost expressed it. He gritted his teeth as he grumbled internally, "How can they change the timing as they wish? This time it is half a month, next time, it might just give me one day. How will I deal with it?"

Stone Pagoda coughed awkwardly, "Not really...changing things just on one side has a limit...hmmm, I never thought that the time limit could be played with...this being's origin is a lot stronger than I thought...Master you have to be careful. You cannot fail the agreement..."

Qin Yu was so angry he felt like pulling Stone Pagoda out and pressing him to the ground. You bastard, why didn't you say anything earlier!

It seemed like Stone Pagoda expected Qin Yu's anger. As soon as he finished speaking, he hid back inside.

At a time like this, it was not time to pursue this matter. Qin Yu could only suppress his anger. He looked at the being that seemed confused yet young and inexperienced. It was so scheming and devious!

Chapter 1442 – Lingering Around

"Qin Yu, what's wrong?" A gentle and warm voice leaking concern could be heard. It made those that heard it soften.

But at this time, Qin Yu could not soften. Instead he felt his head hurt more as he was apprehensive.

Coughing lightly, he said, "I find it strange how I got your attention. This does not match your status."

It blinked, "Oh, the reason is simple. People who smell nicer and seem to have more meaning will attract my attention. It is to prevent them from getting bullied or getting into an accident. I will feel hurt."

Qin Yu sneered internally. Like I will believe you. But suddenly, he thought of something. Why did it mention smelling nice? This made him think about a kitchen and some delicious food being cooked.

Sss –

It was truly frightening!

Just when Qin Yu pushed down his thoughts, deciding not to think too much, the pair of pretty eyes blinked at him. It smiled, "If, I am saying, if you are willing to give some bad, very bad pagoda to me, we can settle our agreement."

"No way!"

"Shut up."

The two voices seemed to sound out at the same time. The one opposing was of course, Stone Pagoda, who was looking anxious and fearful.

The one that scolded him was the pair of eyes that were narrowed at Qin Yu. Pretty things were always well-liked. Even if that pair of eyes were narrowing 'sinisterly' at Qin Yu, they still looked good.

But Qin Yu was in no mood to appreciate them; beads of sweat appeared on his back and he felt his body stiffen.

He never thought that this being would be able to sense Stone Pagoda's existence.

The pretty eyes seemed to be begging him, "Fine, fine, if you give it to me, I can help you one more time. I defeated the Eyes of Darkness so easily previously. This is a very sincere deal."

Qin Yu took a deep breath as he steeled himself and said lowly, "I reject your offer."

The pretty eyes turned cloudy, looking as if they were about to burst into tears, “Must you be so cruel? I can continue to raise the price...”

She was cut off by Qin Yu, “There is no need to discuss further. I will give the soul to you within the stipulated time.”

“...Fine.” The big eyes looked irritated, staring at Qin Yu pettily, “I am not as cruel as you. I won’t change what I said earlier. You don’t have to rush to give me the soul. You can do what you need to first.”

This time, Qin Yu did not sneer as he caught onto a very important hint – although this being from space time could detect Stone Pagoda’s aura, it was not able to know what they interacted about.

If not, it would have known that Qin Yu saw through its schemes. He remained solemn but breathed a sigh of relief internally. If it was able to sense even their internal interactions, it would be too scary.

“Since the agreement is set, please hurry. I am in a rush.” Qin Yu gestured.

“Okay.”

Seeming to sense what Qin Yu meant, the pretty eyes agreed and rushed towards the darkness puppets.

It did not seem to do much. It was just a pair of eyes that seemed to grow brighter. Then, as its gaze fell, the darkness puppets seemed to spread and melt like sand. In a blink of an eye, they were defeated.

Dark energy was released but could not seem to find any more puppets to get absorbed into. Because all these darkness puppets were extinguished at the same time.

Qin Yu’s eyes bulged slightly. He felt a fear towards this mysterious being.

The dark energy rushed around the air, seeming to realize there was danger. It rushed towards the ring-like mountain and into the palace.

But at this moment, there was a sucking sound and the dark energy froze. Then it flew back towards them at an incredible speed.

Qin Yu looked down and saw a small red mouth appear just below the pretty eyes. It was now slightly open and exposed a clean set of white teeth. It had a small incisor and looked extremely cute.

But the cute mouth turned and swallowed the dark energy instantly and Qin Yu could not think about anything else.

He only felt...that this mouth was frightening!

Burp ~

Burping softly, the pretty eyes seemed slightly embarrassed as it quickly shut its mouth and the mouth disappeared.

“I have not eaten for a long time and ate so much all at once. I am sorry you had to see that.” It then explained seriously, “The essence of these puppets was what I got after killin them; it is not considered in our agreement. You have to be clear on this.”

Qin Yu pretended to be composed as he nodded, “Sure.”

Frightening!

Too frightening!

The more he interacted with it, the more he realized that Stone Pagoda and Eye of Eternal Night were right. These mysterious and strange beings hidden in space time were not easy to deal with.

And now, he had the attention of this one.

As he thought about this, he felt downcast. He felt like under these pretty eyes, there was a hidden greed to swallow – if things went well, this being most likely wanted to swallow him up as well. After all, it admitted that Qin Yu ‘smelled nice’.

He felt his scalp tingle as he looked at these ‘tender-hearted’ eyes.

Qin Yu coughed lightly and put his hands together, “Thank you for your help. I will offer the soul as soon as possible!” He had to do it quickly even if he had to ‘kill innocents’. He could not let this being put him in any danger.

But other than that, there was another meaning – the deal is done, please go do whatever you need to do. Go away!

Although there was nothing now, having this pair of eyes on him made his spine tingle and his body feel uncomfortable.

“I said you don’t have to rush. You are too suspicious. Aren’t you tired of living like this?!” The pretty eyes filled with annoyance as they seemed to sense what Qin Yu meant.

Who cares about whether he was tired. What was most important was that he was still alive. What do you mean too suspicious? If I was not, I would have been swallowed by you a long time ago.

Qin Yu did not reply and pretended to be confused.

“Hmph, I will go. But listen carefully. As someone I really like, I won’t allow anyone to hurt you. So if you need, remember to call for me. I am very capable and can definitely help you.”

It was really arrogant. Qin Yu nodded but did not pay much attention. He treated it as if it was boasting.

Nothing it could not do...hehe, even Rulers would not dare to say this!

He waited for a while and sensed nothing. Qin Yu finally breathed a sigh of relief as the pretty eyes that were staring at him had disappeared.

“Is it gone?”

Stone Pagoda was holding back, “It is gone right?”

These questions were useless.

Qin Yu massaged his eyebrows. He felt his head expanding and he was so angry he wanted to vomit blood.

What was this Stone Pagoda for?

“I am useful. I am very useful! Master, please do not be rash!” Stone Pagoda replied quickly, worried that Qin Yu would agree to the deal earlier.

Qin Yu gritted his teeth, “Shut up!”

He took a deep breath as he looked at the ring-like mountain in front of him and the palace. He stepped forwards.

The Darkness Ruler was here and so was Eye of Eternal Night. Although he did not know why he felt so strange and silent, he could not but feel an urgency after recalling what that being said earlier.

Very soon, Qin Yu reached the ring-like mountain. The mountain stretched in a circle, surrounding the palace. There was no entrance.

So in order to go in, he would have to scale the mountain or dig a tunnel.

Of course, scaling the mountain would be easier. But as Qin Yu looked up to see the pitch black sky above him, as well as the sand that fell continuously, he immediately gave up on flying over.

He could not scale the mountain. Hence, he could only dig a tunnel. But this was not going to be easy.

Qin Yu looked at this sand mountain in front of him and frowned, his eyes solemn.

Perhaps it is to make up for earlier as well as to increase his importance, Stone Pagoda rushed to say, “Master, there is no need to worry. I don’t think it is that troublesome to get past this mountain.”

Qin Yu’s eyes flashed, “Just get to the point!”

He was in a bad mood but Stone Pagoda breathed a sigh of relief. As long as he was talking. If he did not say anything, that would be the real danger.

“Master, please wait. Let me confirm. I will be very fast, in just a few breaths.”

This time, he was right. He only took the time equivalent to a few breaths and said, “Master, please look. This ring-like mountain is a restriction. It is meant to restrict something from within.”

“If I am not wrong, it is most likely the Darkness Ruler inside. After all, West Desolate would want to control him, who is as strong as a True Saint.”

This made sense. Qin Yu’s eyes flashed, “So you are saying that I just need to transform into the Darkness Ruler’s aura and I will automatically...be let in?”

Stone Pagoda flattered him as much as possible, “Master, you are smart. That is what I meant.”

Qin Yu frowned and thought about it before letting out a breath. There was no harm trying...as for how to come out later on, would be a difficult problem. But that was for the future. Now, it was more important to hammer the Darkness Ruler and not let him recover.

He activated the innate spirit’s power within him. His appearance did not change but his aura darkened as if turning into an abyss. It was a frightening feeling!

Buzz–

The ring-like mountain in front of him vibrated and numerous paths appeared on the surface. Each of these had a large and scary entrance. They all resemble taut bow strings that were ready to be released at any moment.

The dense violent machines seemed to be locked onto Qin Yu. But as they were directed at him, they seemed to be hesitant as the ring-like mountain seemed to be 'confused'.

The Darkness Ruler was in the palace. Why was there another Darkness Ruler out here.....

As it did not know what to do, Qin Yu made the decision for it as he took a big step towards the mountain.

He looked calm but his heart was tense. He was mentally prepared to explode at any time. After all, he was not very confident as to what was going to happen next.

Thankfully, nothing happened. Feeling Qin Yu get closer, the mountain hesitated before it started to shake. The stiff mountain suddenly seems to become fluid, allowing Qin Yu to step through and cross the mountain.

Hoo—

Taking a step out, Qin Yu let out a breath as he moved away from the sand ring-like mountain. He felt as if he had a tour in hell.

Qin Yu had long ago realized that the sand that made up the ring-like mountain was not simple. They contained a frightening power.

As he crossed the mountain, the mountain turned fluid like water and did not seem threatening at all. But if it were to harden all of a sudden and trap Qin Yu inside, Qin Yu would die a miserable death.

Thankfully, that did not happen.

Just as Qin Yu relaxed and looked at the palace, a grumbling voice could be heard, "How can you be so nonchalant? What if something happened just now?"

This voice.....

Sss—

Qin Yu turned abruptly and caught sight of the pair of pretty eyes.

Did this being really leave or has it been hiding....Stone Pagoda is really useless! How can he not even differentiate this!

The pretty eyes blinked, "If you think he is useless, then give him to me. I promise you, I will help you deal with all the trouble today."

She offered once more!

Stone Pagoda cried out, "Master, no!"

The eyes smiled, "Pretty intelligent and disobedient. I like this kind of rebel personality so I liked you more."

It paused, "Qin Yu, the conditions earlier are still the same. If you give him to me, I can help you twice. Listen carefully, I said twice. Just nod and the Darkness Ruler will be a dead man."

He could complete the agreement earlier and not have any more troubles. Moreover, she would help him two more times.

With this mysterious being's power, it was as if Qin Yu had another two more lives.

Attractive, very attractive!

Qin Yu subconsciously licked his lips and Stone Pagoda paled. He felt his whole body tremble as if imagining his bitter fate.

But what Qin Yu said next almost made Stone Pagoda cry. Qin Yu was cold, "I said that there is no use discussing this anymore. Stone Pagoda is not for trade. Even if you offer ten times more, I will still reject you."

He said it with finality, leaving no room for discussion. But truthfully, if this mysterious being really offered ten times more...cough cough, he would have to think twice.

Words always sounded better than actions!

Stone Pagoda was extremely touched. Master, Master, I knew you were not heartless. Don't worry, I will be extremely loyal and work very hard in the future. You will not regret your decision.

Of course, if he knew Qin Yu's real thoughts, he would have gritted his teeth and cursed Qin Yu to no end!

Luckily, pretty eyes did not give Qin Yu a chance to ruin his own image. It seemed to sigh dejectedly, "Fine, forget it. Although this Stone Pagoda is fun, he is not worth that price."

Through its tone, it seems like it sensed Qin Yu's true feelings. But before he got a chance to react to it, it changed the topic, "But the power in your body that just appeared, is pretty interesting. If you are willing..."

Qin Yu cut it off coldly once more, "Sorry, it is also not for trade!" He paused before saying coldly, "And this time, I still did not call you. You are the one that appeared by yourself."

The pretty eyes blinked, "Yes, yes. You are so cautious and extremely petty!" It answered nonchalantly but Qin Yu had caught on to a signal and was more guarded.

Alas, it did not leave and had always been hiding in the dark.

Because Qin Yu had said 'appear' and not 'descend'. It was just a slight difference but meant different things.

Why was it lingering around? Or rather, what was its goal? Qin Yu suddenly realized that things were going to get complicated because of this mysterious being.

Could it be that it knows that Qin Yu will definitely make a deal in the future? He felt uneasy as he thought about this.

Chapter 1443 – Darkness Ruler in the Palace

The mysterious being seemed to have made up its mind on staying and lingering shamelessly. Qin Yu had no choice.

The only good thing was that Qin Yu had realized this and was able to be prepared so that he would not be flustered when the time came.

Of course, this was just a way to console himself. Because until now he still was not sure what its goal was.

This was something that made him feel uneasy.

Looking at the pretty eyes blinking at him, Qin Yu resisted punching it.

“Qin Yu ah, you don’t have to be too moved. I am always nice to the people I like. Don’t worry, I will be just behind you. Whenever you cannot handle it, you can just call on me. I will settle it nicely for you.”

It opened up the conversation!

Qin Yu gritted his teeth. Moved? More like angered. But getting angry was useless. Since he had decided to bear with it, he would not delay any longer. He breathed deeply to regulate his emotions. Looking coldly at it, Qin Yu stepped into the palace. Without him needing to use his hands, the palace doors opened silently. The inside was completely empty, with nothing blocking his view.

It was obvious that Qin Yu could just step in if he wanted.

Earlier on, it was the darkness puppets that seemed easy to deal with. If Qin Yu did not make that deal with the mysterious being, it would have been extremely difficult. Even if he could forcefully kill them, he would have wasted a lot of energy.

The second obstacle was the ring-like mountain. He had to transform his aura in order to pass successfully. In this world, probably only Qin Yu was able to use the innate spirit energy to change his aura. So compared to the darkness puppets, this was actually harder.

So as Qin Yu stood in front of the palace and saw how the door opened silently, he had a weird feeling and could not help but frown.

This...was too easy...

The palace was probably like the ring-like mountain; they were both built to restrict the Darkness Ruler. And with Qin Yu’s aura being similar to the Darkness Ruler’s now, it was possible that it recognized him and allowed him to enter.

But somehow, he felt that something was off. As he stared at the opened door, the mixture of unease grew more intense.

Time was of the essence and of course Qin Yu could not delay for too long at this point. Since he was not sure what was going on in the palace, the best way would be to ask someone who was in there.

Eye of Eternal Night was here!

Standing outside the palace, although his trace was not obvious, Qin Yu was able to clearly detect his aura.

“Eye of Eternal Night, can I enter the palace?” He spoke in a low voice that resounded into the palace, echoing against the walls.

Over time, the sound eventually quietened but he did not get any response. Qin Yu frowned as his eyes lit up.

“Qin Yu, I will give you a piece of advice for free. This palace is very dangerous. I advise you not to enter.” A warm and caring voice floated into his head. “If you get hurt, my heart will ache for you. Why don’t you leave this to me. I will finish everything very quickly.”

Qin Yu looked solemn as he remained silent. He ignored what he said as he looked across the palace. He suddenly punched out. An intense dark aura surged into the palace from the door and caused the air to shake.

Since this palace was to restrict the Darkness Ruler, then after taking that hit, it would have to react. That’s right. This was very risky but it was better than stepping in without any idea.

Qin Yu’s assumption was right. As the dark aura filled the palace, the palace trembled slightly.

Lines of writings appeared on the clean and pristine walls of the palace and emitted an intense suppressing power.

With a grunt, a figure appeared in the palace. It was the Darkness Ruler who had previously escaped.

Now, his missing bottom half seemed to have recovered fully. But upon closer inspection, one would realize that it slightly resembled an illusion. It looked a bit misty and numerous veins were slowly gathering.

Alas, the Darkness Ruler was not easily defeated. In such a short time, he was able to settle his injury and repair his body.

If he was given more time, this Darkness Ruler would be able to return back to normal. But after Eye of Eternal Night’s attack, it should have been more certain. Why was this critical damage so easily repaired?

Qin Yu’s pupils shrank as he noticed that the Darkness Ruler was wearing a crown. It was completely black and seemed to blend in with the darkness by the side. It was only because Qin Yu knew the Path of Darkness and observed carefully that he was able to detect it.

The crown was extremely luxurious and gave an ancient and threatening feeling. It seemed like a real crown worn by a monarch. In the middle of the crown, there was a black gem embedded within it.

Eye of Eternal Night!

This guy had clearly been chasing the Darkness Ruler. How did he end up like this? No wonder there was no response. He had been completely defeated.

And the reason why the Darkness Ruler was able to recover so quickly has something to do with the fact that he managed to defeat Eye of Eternal Night...he had most likely taken away his power!

Thinking about how Eye of Eternal Night had swallowed the Ruler's bottom half, he was sure of this.

The situation had worsened and Qin Yu frowned, looking extremely serious.

Initially, he had planned to work together with Eye of Eternal Night to defeat the Darkness Ruler. But now, the tide had turned and his helper had turned to prey.

Qin Yu's first thought was to leave the World of Darkness as fast as possible. From how the Darkness Ruler hardly ever came out previously, he knew that the Darkness Ruler was facing severe restrictions from the palace.

But as soon as he had these thoughts, he immediately suppressed them. Firstly, Qin Yu was not confident that he would be able to leave through the ring-like mountain. Secondly...once the Darkness Ruler was able to successfully swallow Eye of Eternal Night, his power would increase drastically. He would be able to plug the gap that he was missing and become a true force equivalent to a Ruler.

When the time came, Qin Yu would be in trouble. After suffering so much, the Darkness Ruler would definitely chase him down.

Qin Yu knew that the Darkness Ruler would not leave him alone.

Taking a deep breath, Qin Yu gritted his teeth. He was about to summon the Sun Moon Illusion and request the Ruler's help.

The reason was ample. Eye of Eternal Night was once your subordinate. I am powerless to help him but I cannot just watch him die like this.

On the other hand, you were the one that arranged for Eye of Eternal Night to help me enter the West Desolate. You have to be responsible for how things turned out.

Yes, just like that!

Qin Yu had his mind set. But at this moment, a gentle voice could be heard, "Qin Yu, are you sure you want to call on the pretty sister you have? She is indeed powerful enough to deal with the troubles you face. But don't forget where you are. That pretty sister can forget about staying hidden from the West Desolate."

Qin Yu was startled as he glanced at the eyes floating beside him. He was surprised at how much it knew, and what it said made a lot of sense.

Although he had not interacted with her much, he could sense that that woman was not willing to come into contact with the West Desolate.

Moreover, she was preparing something now. If he spoilt her plan...sss, the outcome would be disastrous!

His hands which were semi-lifted to call upon the Ruler froze and he slowly put them down. Maybe summoning the Ruler was not the best choice.

Then what should he do?

Just as Qin Yu was thinking, the Darkness Ruler laughed lightly and said slowly, "Mister Nine, you are smarter than I thought. You actually forced me to appear using this method."

Pausing, he sounded a lot happier, "It is a pity that Eye of Eternal Night was not as cautious as you. Hence, he has now been defeated by me."

He pointed to the black crown on his head and the gem embedded in it. "Anyhow eating was a very dumb move and I am paying for it. But I never thought that Eye of Eternal would do the same thing."

Qin Yu seemed to come to a realization. What he meant was that when Eye of Eternal Night swallowed the Darkness Ruler's bottom half, the Darkness Ruler had already started planning. And this was how Eye of Eternal Night ended up suppressed!

The Darkness Ruler was scheming, shrewd, and downright horrifying. Instinct told Qin Yu that his assumptions were most likely right.

Seeing Qin Yu's overcast mood, but how he remained silent, the Darkness Ruler chuckled as he continued to speak in a soft dark voice, "Why are you not coming in?"

Qin Yu frowned, "I don't want to, so I won't enter."

The Darkness Ruler nodded, "You have a very keen sense when it comes to detecting danger. I wanted to lure you in and use you to escape but I guess that is not happening."

He seemed to sigh with regret and slight disappointment showed. He did not intend to hide his intentions at all.

Qin Yu's expression changed as he thought of how he successfully crossed the ring-like mountain and reached this silent palace in front of him. His eyes grew angry and he finally realized why he had been feeling uneasy.

His aura now was similar to the Darkness Ruler's. This meant that to the palace, there was no difference in restricting either of them.

Once Qin Yu entered the palace, the Darkness Ruler would have the chance to escape from here and Qin Yu would take his place!

But why did he tell Qin Yu this?

Chapter 1444 – You Fell for it

Qin Yu frowned as he looked at the Darkness Ruler, who was smiling. The Darkness Ruler appeared as if he had everything under control and was calm.

But then why did he tell Qin Yu everything? Was it only to see Qin Yu become helpless and uneasy?

It felt like with the Darkness Ruler's position, resolution and shrewdness, he should not have been so direct and open.

Was there something wrong?

Taking his time to think it through, he would soon find the problem and glean something.

The biggest advantage the Darkness Ruler would get now was most likely increasing the pressure on Qin Yu.

The more pressure Qin Yu was under, the more likely that he would act rashly and not think about things thoroughly.

Especially when he was in a situation where he was caught in between. He was trying to agitate...Qin Yu to enter the palace!

As he thought of this, it was as if he saw the light and all his doubts were explained.

From Qin Yu's point of view, by not entering the palace he would allow the Darkness Ruler to swallow Eye of Eternal Night. The Darkness Ruler would be able to recover his power and eventually it would be hard for Qin Yu to survive.

On the other side, if he barged into the palace, the Darkness Ruler's plot would start. Having been mentally prepared, it might not be a huge problem.

The choice was obvious.

Qin Yu's eyes flashed as he stared at the Darkness Ruler. He slowly stopped frowning, "You are trying to make me step in."

The Darkness Ruler smiled, "Of course. If you enter, I will be able to escape and save a lot of trouble."

He was admitting to this easily and did not seem to care.

Qin Yu's mouth curled, "You can keep your tone calm but it is not easy to control your heartbeat. Coincidentally, I specialize in this and my five senses are particularly sharp...hoo, of course, I have naturally been more sensitive and I honed it even more."

He breathed in and slowly breathed out. He smiled and seemed to have let go of a burden, "It seems like Eye of Eternal Night is more useful than I thought. Although I don't know how he ended up like this, he is not completely gone. Since he can still fight back, you are still threatened by him and can't wait to escape. Then...I will naturally not enter."

The Darkness Ruler's smile dampened slightly as he stared at Qin Yu. He then clapped slowly, "Mister Nine, you are really intelligent. You are actually able to see through everything. I really admire you. But have you considered that I intentionally allowed you to see through me in order to delay for time and prevent you from entering the palace to ruin my plan."

Qin Yu shook his head, "I have to admit that you may be right. But there are so many things in this world and everything is different. There are numerous possibilities and I cannot analyze and measure all options to see which is best. So ultimately, I can only trust my own judgement."

The Darkness Ruler nodded, "Then you can wait there until I finish swallowing Eye of Eternal and meet you outside."

His eyes flashed and he continued, "I have to remind you that for what you did to force me to appear, once is enough. If you do it again, even if you don't want to, you may be dragged in."

Qin Yu responded, "Thank you for your warning."

The air was silent once more. The Darkness Ruler closed his eyes and did not say anything. The veins in the bottom half of his body that looked like a mirage were starting to gather more quickly. At this rate, he would not need much longer to fully recover.

Standing outside, Qin Yu was expressionless and he did not move. But of course, he was not just staring silently.

Time was precious and he needed every second. Just now, when they were talking, it seemed like nonsense but it was actually Qin Yu delaying for time.

Of course, the Darkness Ruler was most likely having the same thoughts. Although Qin Yu did not know what he was planning for now, Qin Yu was waiting for Stone Pagoda to make a decision.

"Master, things are really as the Darkness Ruler said. There is a change in the palace's mechanism. If you continue to attack it, there is a high probability that you will be dragged in..." Stone Pagoda paused and did not seem to want to continue.

Qin Yu frowned internally, "Hurry and speak, stop stammering and don't waste time."

Stone Pagoda's voice sounded strange, "Yes Master. But can we first agree not to use this phrase in the future? It sounds wrong..."

The veins on Qin Yu's head appeared. Without waiting for him to burst out, Stone Pagoda hurried to say, "According to my observations, if you are dragged in as well, the restrictive force will increase exponentially. The Darkness Ruler will then take this chance to escape, but the chance of success is very low."

"What does that mean?"

"Cough, it means that if you really have no other options, you can try this. When everyone is locked in the palace, you can slowly find a way to defeat him!"

Qin Yu rubbed his eyebrows. Although he was unhappy with how Stone Pagoda was still in the mood to play around, he had to admit that this was...a nonsensical suggestion!

But even if this was nonsensical, it was still a way. Since he had no other options, he could only try it.

Even if it was of no use, Qin Yu would be able to bother the Darkness Ruler if he went in. He might not be able to rescue Eye of Eternal Night but he would be able to reduce the rate at which the Darkness Ruler absorbed Eye of Eternal Night, giving him a chance to rebel.

So even though he knew it was nonsensical, he had to use this way but he was feeling indignant.

Qin Yu could not help but glance at the pretty eyes. It definitely had many ways to deal with this. Another point was that it was obvious the Darkness Ruler had yet to notice the existence of this being.

It seemed like something normal. However, the Darkness Ruler was one of the strongest in the World of Darkness. Even if he was injured and under restriction, he was still extremely strong and terrifying.

Yet, he was not able to see this pair of eyes. Tsk tsk tsk...this was the true terror!

In Qin Yu's mind, this pair of eyes that seemed extremely free and was good at talking, became a lot scarier.

So he immediately squashed down the thought of asking it to help.

Hmm, put a few more bricks on and utterly flatten the thought!

Qin Yu did not forget that this mysterious being stubbornly stuck around all this while. To say it did not have a scheme and just wanted to help...hehe, I would rather blind myself!

All in all, he could not ask it for help. At least not now.

Taking a deep breath, he thought quickly and an idea popped up...sss. He thought carefully. It might really work.

However, he had to be very careful and discuss with Stone Pagoda. After all, Stone Pagoda knew much more.

"Stone Pagoda, I was able to go through the ring-like mountain because my aura resembles the Darkness Ruler's right?"

Hearing this, Stone Pagoda's first thought was to curse. Was Qin Yu so worried and anxious that he had gone crazy? If not, why did he need to confirm something he did already?

Damn damn! Today, before they even fought with anyone, they were already flustered. How could they survive!

No, I have to be stable. Qin Yu is just scared shitless; I have to count on myself to save the situation.

What should I do? Yes, stabilize Qin Yu. Don't let him realize that he is sounding stupid. Then, console him and help him become calm again. This is the only hope.

Coughing lightly, Stone Pagoda tried to sound as warm as possible, "Master, you are right. You are extremely smart. I know that nothing in this world can hide from you."

The way to make someone dejected and flustered gain back their confidence? Compliment them excessively!

It was the art of flattering!

Qin Yu frowned, finding Stone Pagoda's expression a bit weird. But he did not care and continued, "My aura is the same as the Darkness Ruler's and that is why I was able to pass through the ring-like mountain. It is also why I can be sucked into this palace...hooo, I meant if I continued to attack it right?"

Oh no, was the flattery not working? Not only was he not becoming calm, he was getting even more hysterical. He was starting to repeat things. What should I do? I have to be calm....hooohoooo, I can't! I am too anxious!

Qin Yu saw that Stone Pagoda was not replying, and since he could not delay any longer, he frowned and continued, "You said that was if my aura was the same as the Darkness Ruler's. But if it is not the same, will it change the result? So if I continue attacking the palace, the palace is clearly meant to restrict the Ruler. The hit just now that forced him to appear was the best evidence."

Stone Pagoda was speechless, "..."

Oh, so Qin Yu did not go crazy!

Ah I knew it. We have gone through so many more difficult times together. Today's situation is not the scariest.

Cough cough. Luckily, I was composed and did not make a fool of myself. Otherwise Qin Yu would definitely mock me and I will not be able to raise my head again.

"Cough, Master, I think that you make sense. The important part is on how to resemble the Darkness Ruler and then change to be different from him...Although I have not personally experienced it, I have to remind you that the force from the palace is not simple. Simple tactics will not be able to deceive it."

Qin Yu's mouth twitched. Do I need you to remind me of this kind of thing? What rubbish. If the palace was not powerful, how would it be able to restrict the Darkness Ruler?

This Stone Pagoda was behaving strangely at the critical moment. Was he losing his wits from fear?

Qin Yu did not know that the way both of them looked at each other...they actually were in sync.

But thinking about it, this Darkness Ruler was probably the strongest person that Qin Yu had met up till now.

After all, he was someone who was equivalent to a Ruler of the Vast Brightness in the World of Darkness. Even if he was injured and under restriction, his condition would still be on par with a peak True Saint. It would not be easy to defeat him and there was a risk of getting injured himself.

Ssss –

Previously, he had not paid attention to this. Carelessness was a huge problem but no one could avoid it.

Cough, cough. This was all the Darkness Ruler's fault. He first came out in such an imposing manner and was eventually injured by Qin Yu and Eye of Eternal Night, losing his bottom half. He then had to run away in a dishevelled manner and the difficulty at that point did not seem to match his status.

But thinking about it, how many in this world dared to risk their life as a way of attacking. Their powers must be mighty for them to even consider this.

Moreover, it was only the powerful Eye of Eternal Night and Inheritance Divine Way Star Retrieval that led to this ending.

If it were someone else, they would most likely have been torn apart instead of the Darkness Ruler escaping injured.

Cough cough. Cautious. He had to be even more cautious.

Qin Yu had a realization as he sucked in a sharp breath, "Soul Hiding!"

Stone Pagoda paused, looking slightly hesitant, "Soul Hiding?"

The vein on Qin Yu's forehead was pulsating as he grew angry once more – what was Stone Pagoda for! I tell you the problem for you to give me a solution. You aren't supposed to repeat everything I say. Are my words very hard to understand?

Stone Pagoda was flustered. Previously, he could sense how much Qin Yu relied on him so he did not become flustered easily. Even when he did, he would be able to pretend until Qin Yu felt satisfied.

But now, it was not the same. Stone Pagoda could sense the mysterious being in the air, watching silently. He could sense the glee in its eyes.

Trust me. Although this pair of eyes were beautiful, when it was locked onto you, the feeling was horrible.

It makes you feel like...you are a piece of meat on a chopping board. Although you are not in the pot yet, you will be sooner or later.

Exactly that feeling. Stone Pagoda was very proud of his description but soon he felt more and more sorrow.

Stone Pagoda was devastated!

Although Qin Yu had coldly rejected his proposal and did not seem to allow further discussions, Stone Pagoda knew that nothing was set in stone in this world.

Especially what a man says...tsk, tsk. There is a price to pay for believing even half their words. So he had to show his worth. The more useful he was, the more likely he would be able to remain and not get abandoned through an exchange.

"Master! There is a chance of success!" Ignoring everything else, he would make his stance known first.

Qin Yu frowned, "Really?"

Stone Pagoda resisted panicking, "Really!"

Qin Yu punched out. At the same time, he released Soul Hiding and the soul's aura immediately disappeared, entering a different 'space'.

Bom –

When his punch landed, the palace shook violently.

Stone Pagoda was silent.

Just like that? He began just like that!

But I haven't really thought about it. I merely went along with you? Isn't this a little rash?

Qin Yu was expressionless. Actually, before he asked, he had already made the decision to act. After getting Stone Pagoda's affirmation, he merely felt slightly consoled.

After all, the worst that could happen would be that he got sucked into the palace and would have to face the suppressing force.

If that happened, the first point was that he could still use the nonsensical suggestion.

Secondly, he had just reformed his Great Dao. At most, it would just break again.

Thirdly, if he was really in danger and had no choice, he would ignore everything and call upon the Ruler.

Of course, Qin Yu was not someone who did not prepare. He considered the case where the Ruler refused to appear in order to hide her identity.

So there was a fourth point.

That was the warm and soft mysterious being floating behind him.

Cough cough. Actually, Stone Pagoda was right. What a man said was not one hundred percent reliable.

Things were always changing in this world and if there was a need, he had to as well. After all, he could not just watch and let himself get beaten, sticking to his old perspectives.

As long as he asked it to help, the Darkness Ruler would be no problem.

Ha!

He was not looking down on it at all.

Qin Yu had to admit that he was someone who cherished his life. Unless absolutely critical, if he was able to not risk his life, he would not. So the fourth point was the crucial one when it came to his decision to act.

Woosh –

In the palace, the Darkness Ruler opened his eyes. They were pitch black like a never-ending abyss.

His eyes locked onto Qin Yu as his mouth curled up mockingly.

You fell for it!

Chapter 1445 – Reverse of the Great Dao

After being trapped in this palace for so many years, although he was never able to break through its seal, he had interacted with it for so many years and more or less understood how it worked.

It was not difficult to make use of it.

So the Darkness Ruler intentionally said that last sentence to remind Qin Yu of how he forced the Darkness Ruler to appear. Because he wanted Qin Yu to do it again so that he would be able to activate the suppressing force from the palace and pull Qin Yu in as well.

So regarding this, Qin Yu's guess was right.

Buzz –

The palace shook and the Darkness Ruler groaned. The suppressing force was directed at him. After getting activated, the suppressing force would naturally first target the Darkness Ruler.

But suffering a little in order to drag Qin Yu in was worth it.

Alas, not everything would go as one wanted it to go.

Hence why there was the word 'accident'.

And today, the Darkness Ruler was about to realize that he had also met with an accident!

When the suppressing force of the palace surged, under normal circumstances, it would drag Qin Yu into the palace.

But today, he was still standing perfectly fine outside. The suppressing force passed him, blowing his long robe upwards, but he remained unmoving as if he was a huge army.

His smile froze as the Darkness Ruler stared at Qin Yu. He glared menacingly as if arrows would shoot out from his eyes!

His scheme had failed...how could this happen?

After confirming that Qin Yu was the one who caused the West Desolate to get defeated in Bounded Zero Place, he had begun his plan – the Darkness Ruler thought that being able to change one's aura and change into multiple forms was Qin Yu's strongest skill. But at the same time, he also thought that this was how he would die!

The darkness puppets did not manage to block Qin Yu and right when he set it up, the Darkness Ruler knew this. After all, Qin Yu was able to make all of the West Desolate's preparation go to waste, and he should at least be that capable.

The ring-like mountain was to lower Qin Yu's guard and allow him to barge in. The real killer was this palace.

As long as Qin Yu stepped in, the palace would be activated. No matter how many hidden cards Qin Yu had, the Darkness Ruler was sure...that Qin Yu would not even get a chance to take them out.

Everything went smoothly and Qin Yu changed his aura and appeared outside the palace like he expected. Qin Yu then attacked the palace after falling for his trick. This should have been the time for the Darkness Ruler to pull in the net and count his catch. Yet, things went south!

The higher one's expectations, the more disappointment one would feel. The Darkness Ruler's face was so dark. He was someone who was extremely shrewd and determined hence he managed to stop himself from spitting out blood.

It worked!

Qin Yu let out a deep breath and felt relief. Although he had four options, if he was able to just defeat the Darkness Ruler, it would be the best.

And now, Qin Yu saw hope.

The palace existed in order to suppress the Darkness Ruler. The Darkness Ruler was now suppressing Eye of Eternal Night and recovering rapidly. Eye of Eternal Night looked miserable but he did not fight back because he was waiting for a chance.

What Qin Yu created was a chance – by attacking the palace, he activated the suppressing force and the Darkness Ruler was suffering.

When the Darkness Ruler suffered, the chance came!

Qin Yu did not hesitate as he punched out.

Boom –

The palace shook and the words appeared even brighter.

Having been challenged time and time again, it was ‘really angry’. Cracking sounds filled the air in the palace as small sparks appeared.

There was a whistling sound and everything burst into flames. The Darkness Ruler could not help but groan as he paled.

On his head, the threatening and luxurious crown with Eye of Eternal Night was silent now. However, a pair of eyes appeared in the deep darkness.

They looked dark and soulless yet with hints of pain. While they looked cold and composed, the murderous aura from them was intense.

Seeing this, Qin Yu was sure. Although he had guessed that this would happen, only after seeing Eye of Eternal Night awaken was he sure that he was right.

He still had power to fight back!

This was very important. If not, whatever Qin Yu did would be meaningless.

He would have either escaped, called upon the Ruler, or made a deal with the pair of eyes behind him to deal with the Darkness Ruler.

But now that Eye of Eternal Night had awakened, Qin Yu needed to put in more effort to instigate the suppressing force of the palace. He would teach the Darkness Ruler a lesson!

Boom –

Another punch. The words on the palace grew even more intense. It buzzed and caused the surrounding air to twist and bend.

Crack –

Crack –

A lot of sparks appeared in the air and grew thicker. Smoke appeared from the Darkness Ruler’s body as his hair stood. His face was pale and anger filled his eyes.

The Darkness Ruler never expected that things would become like this. He had been sure of winning. Even if he did not manage to fool Qin Yu, it would be a small risk. As long as he absorbed Eye of Eternal Night, the ending would be set.

But now, he was in the palace and getting restrained yet he was not able to hurt Qin Yu at all.

It was like he was dangling in mid air and could only suffer the strikes. He was extremely angry and dismal. What was even worse was that the Darkness Ruler knew that the suppressing force of the palace was able to cause life-threatening damage!

This meant if Qin Yu just continued to activate the palace's power and increase the suppressing force, he would die even if Eye of Eternal of Night did not attack him.

Just thinking about it made him furious and he felt like vomiting blood.

He was the Darkness Ruler yet he was getting defeated by his own house. This was so pathetic.

But he did not have time to feel pathetic, he had to find a way to save himself.

"Qin Yu!"

Growling deeply, all lightness from earlier had been lost.

Qin Yu paused and looked up.

The Darkness Ruler said lowly, "I believed that you are hiding something and collaborated with Eye of Eternal Night to kill me. If I tell the West Desolate about this, no matter what, you will lose.

"Believe me. Even if I am trapped in this palace, if I want to send out a message, Eye of Eternal Night will not be able to stop me. It is very easy."

Qin Yu made an "Oh," sound and punched out once more. The palace shook violently and lightning sparks struck like long canes.

The Darkness Ruler's entire body was trembling as he gritted his teeth and grumbled, "Are you really not afraid?"

Qin Yu shrugged, "So what if I am? Do you think I can stop in the current situation?"

Damn!

What a good reason.

The Darkness Ruler's mouth twitched as he rushed to say, "I swear that if you stop, I will not do anything to you. I will even help you achieve what you want...believe me. Whatever Eye of Eternal Night can help you to achieve, after I swallow him, I can help you and give you even more!"

He looked sincere and spoke respectfully. He stared at Qin Yu, waiting for his response.

Qin Yu fell silent. Just when the Darkness Ruler thought that there was a chance to turn things around, he sighed and shook his head, "Maybe you are being sincere, but I don't dare to believe you. In order to prevent incidents, please hurry and die."

“Qin Yu!”

The Darkness Ruler growled sinisterly. A murderous aura exploded. It was as if the abyss had descended and was about to swallow everything.

“With my status and power, I have already endured as much as I can. Stop asking for more...do not force my hand!”

His eyes were pitch black and with every word he said, there was a bone-chilling coldness, “Believe me, really believe me. I am almost equivalent to a Ruler and have some hidden powers. I just did not give it my all because I don’t want to take the risk. But if I have no choice, I will not hesitate. After all, taking the risk means that I may succeed...even if I fail, I will go down trying, and that is better than dying miserably!”

Qin Yu’s face was expressionless but his heart clenched. He knew that the Darkness Ruler was not lying.

The truth was that this made more sense. He was someone who caused even Rulers to be apprehensive and kept the World of Darkness around. How could he fall so easily and not fight back?

He definitely had some hidden skills!

But what could Qin Yu do?

As he said earlier, things had already turned to this and he could not back off. As for what the Darkness Ruler said about not caring about the past, Qin Yu did not believe a single word.

If the Darkness Ruler did not die today, he would cause trouble for Qin Yu in the future. Moreover, there was Eye of Eternal Night. Although the female Ruler did not treat him with much importance, he was still something left behind by her. Wouldn’t there be consequences if Qin Yu just betrayed him?

So with this, the Darkness Ruler was also not willing to just sit and wait for death and hence had to take action. Once he took action, it would have great impact. The first thing he would do would be to kill Qin Yu.

After all, this all started with him.

Having understood and thought everything through, he could only choose the better option. The Darkness Ruler was going to fight for his life and use his hidden skill. But Qin Yu may still be able to block it.

If there really was no choice, Qin Yu would call for help. Although it wouldn’t be the best option, it was better than dying.

So he said a million times that the Darkness Ruler must die. But if he survived then how could Qin Yu relax?

“Let me think about it.”

Boom –

Punching out, the palace shook and lightning flashed. A green wind knife appeared and pierced into the Darkness Ruler, leaving behind faint bloodstains.

“Okay!”

Boom –

Another punch!

The Darkness Ruler growled, “Qin Yu!”

Qin Yu seemed to wake and he looked apologetic, “Sorry, I was too absorbed earlier. It was a subconscious action.”

“Then have you thought about...”

Boom –

A third punch!

As the Darkness Ruler spoke, he was struck by the numerous lightning bolts and blood flew out of his mouth.

“Ah!”

Crying out angrily, the Darkness Ruler lifted his hand and touched in between his eyebrows.

Crack –

With a sound, it was as if something in his body had broken.

Right from the start, he kind of knew that Qin Yu would not accept his request for peace. But he still endured with a slight hope.

If he could refrain from fighting for his life, he would. Wasn't it good to live a peaceful life?!

But with the three continuous punches, his final hope was smashed. When he was sure there was no way for them to make peace, he could only take the risky way.

With this step, he would not let what he built over the years go to waste. Even if he was able to escape this situation now, he would not be able to get rid of the chains the West Desolate had on him.

Not being able to get rid of the West Desolate meant that he would never obtain freedom – so many years of enduring and waiting would go to waste.

The indignance, anger, as well as the hatred towards Qin Yu surged within the Darkness Ruler. If looks could kill, Qin Yu would have been burnt to ashes.

“Qin Yu!”

The Darkness Ruler growled and suddenly looked up. His face twisted violently and his flesh trembled. Amidst the festering, a mouth appeared. Sharp, sinister teeth could be seen and the mouth cried a devastating sound.

The horrifying scene did not end there. It was just the beginning. The same change happened all over his body.

The long robe he was wearing disappeared and turned into a sticky black fluid, combining into his body.

The Darkness Ruler was no longer the shape of a human. He had turned into a crazy mess of moving flesh, with large portions of flesh festering. Within each festering area, there was a huge mouth that kept opening.

The howls were crazy and chaotic, echoing throughout the palace. After Qin Yu heard them, his expression changed. He groaned and temporarily blocked his sense of hearing.

But even so, he was not able to completely block out the howling. It was as if the howls could pass through his body and right into his soul. It made a person feel extremely frustrated and have the urge to ruin everything!

Although he had already guessed that the Darkness Ruler had a hidden skill that would be powerful, it was not that Qin Yu was stunned.

What was happening before him was...a Great Dao losing control!

True Saints could form their Great Dao and that was what they relied on. But if their Great Dao was affected by external sources, it could lose control and cause the scene in front of him.

And those that faced the reverse backlash of the Great Dao would twist and turn into a monster, self-destructing!

The Darkness Ruler mastered the Light and Dark Body but he took the Path of Darkness. If his Great Dao was reversing...the darkness was destroying everything!

Just as Qin Yu thought of this, the Darkness Ruler who had turned into a pile of rotten flesh, suddenly exploded. It was as if he turned into a fountain of flesh and blood that was pouring in all eight directions non-stop.

Everything around him was covered in flesh and blood, turning into a part of the darkness.

Because the flesh and blood that was spurting out had been corroded with darkness and looked like a never-ending abyss.

The area it covered turned into the inside of the abyss. Everything was getting swallowed!

And this was the final card that the Darkness Ruler prepared. Initially, he had planned on escaping the restrictions, finished absorbing Eye of Eternal Night before releasing this outside the palace.

Now, this palace was getting swallowed by the darkness and turning into the final step in the Darkness Ruler's journey.

He had gotten rid of the control the West Desolate had over him and turned into a Ruler, filling the position of Ruler in the Vast Brightness World, and taking control of the unseen world of spirits.

At this moment, the Darkness Ruler even had the chance to break through to an even higher and unimaginable realm.

Of course, all this ended up as nothing.

The blood fountain erupted violently and within a few seconds, it covered the entire palace.

The Darkness Ruler's palace had existed for many many years. Although he had always been suppressed by it, he knew a lot about it.

Even if he lost his consciousness, this understanding still existed and he finished swallowing the foundation in a short time.

A pair of eyes appeared amidst the festering flesh. It looked crazy and violent yet it still held a sense of intelligence. It was now staring straight at Qin Yu with intense hatred!

Chapter 1446A – Splitting the Sky

Dark energy rushed out of the gates of the palace and formed a hand that targeted Qin Yu.

As expected, the first thing that it wanted to do was to kill him to vent its anger. This could probably be considered the first enemy in front of it.

There was no movement from Eye of Eternal Night and Qin Yu did not know if he was suffering from the backlash of the Great Dao or if he was waiting for an opportunity.

Either way, Qin Yu could only rely on himself.

With a soft sigh, he silently praised himself for being prepared. Otherwise, he would be in a panic now.

Qin Yu stepped out and clutched his fingers forward. The soft hum of a sword came from deep within his chest and Qin Yu was unsure whether he was hearing an excited cry from it.

Carefully thinking about the East Sea Sword, he realized that it had been hidden in the depths of the sea for numerous years. Finally, it had the chance to showcase its brilliant sword strikes to the world. It would naturally be excited.

Qin Yu could understand all of this.

However, the sword strike came at the expense of sacrificing the Great Dao that Qin Yu had just refined. A bitter feeling filled his mouth as the Great Dao cracked apart into pieces.

In this world, there was probably no one else aside from him who could still remain alive after their Great Dao shattered into pieces.

But this...the feeling of uneasiness was strong. It was not something that he could be proud of.

At most, this ability could be considered a scam of death.

Slap!

His five fingers clenched tight. Despite the bitterness in his heart, Qin Yu did not hesitate to attack. If he had paused, he would be devoured by the darkness.

There was no need to experience that process to know how awful it felt.

As mentioned previously, every time Qin Yu's Great Dao was rebuilt after being shattered, its powers would be raised.

This also meant that the power unleashed from the sacrifice of his Great Dao would be even stronger each time. Naturally, the sword strike from the East Sea Sword would be even more powerful.

At this point, it was worth mentioning that the limit of the East Sea Sword did not stop here. Qin Yu's strength was not enough to unleash the full potential of the East Sea Sword and the sacrifice of the Great Dao only mobilized a portion of the East Sea Sword's power.

Looking at things from this angle, Qin Yu was weak.

Qin Yu raised his sword as the Great Dao in his body crumbled apart and gathered into the sword.

Wild, destructive energy boomed from the sword in that instant and smashed apart the darkness that came from the palace gates. The energy was relentless in its pursuit of the hateful pair of eyes.

True Saints who had reached the shore were top powers in the world but they were still a far cry from Rulers. Nonetheless, a suicidal blow was not easily taken on. Furthermore, with the East Sea Sword enhancing its power, the sword strike was unbelievably strong. The more it ate, the stronger it became.

Boom!

A deafening explosion shook deep within the palace. Flesh and blood scattered messily around the area as numerous cuts ripped the Darkness Ruler's body apart. By this point, the Darkness Ruler had virtually lost control of himself as his body was sliced into eight hundred pieces.

However, this blow did not threaten his life. Once the glow of the sword strike disappeared, the hateful eyes appeared again.

Although they were far dimmer than before, indicating their weakening, the icy cold hatred did not lessen.

Qin Yu sighed to himself. As he expected, with his current strength, it was easy to kill a True Saint but he was still a distance away from matching up to the level of a Ruler.

The sword strike with the sacrifice of his Great Dao was his strongest attack. However, it could only defend against attacks from the Darkness Ruler or give him a slight injury. Since he still could not kill the Darkness Ruler, the only result he got was more hostility and viciousness from his opponent.

Roar!

The fountain of blood and flesh spat out numerous pieces of rotten flesh that had mouths on the surface of them.

The mouths were wide open as they made ear-piercing screams. It felt like countless, sharp wooden splinters were ruthlessly pierced into his soul. The pain drove him crazy as it invoked the darkest thoughts hidden in the depths of hearts.

After the crumbling apart of his Great Dao, Qin Yu was in a weakened state. He gasped as blood flowed out of his mouth and nose and his face contorted with pain.

Darkness rushed out again. This time it wasn't a large palm but a cold, slippery tentacle that shot towards him.

Although the tentacle flew quickly, it was far from Qin Yu. Under normal circumstances, this would be enough time for Qin Yu to react.

However, the tentacle in the palace suddenly shook with a buzzing sound before disappearing into thin air. When it appeared again, it was wrapped around Qin Yu.

When the tentacle touched him, there was a sizzling sound as his blood and flesh was corroded away. The tentacle etched into his flesh and instantly pulled Qin Yu into the palace.

A flash of excitement passed through the hateful eyes between the rotten flesh. Although the Darkness Ruler was conscious, he was affected by the backlash of the Great Dao and there was only one thought in his mind right now. He was going to kill Qin Yu in the most cruel and painful way!

This urgent desire to kill Qin Yu also stemmed from the need to save himself. Only after he killed Qin Yu could he calm the anger and rage in him. This was how he could remain conscious to pull through the backlash of the Great Dao.

Qin Yu was about to die. Since he was captured, there was hardly a chance for him to escape now.

A helpless look crossed Qin Yu's face as he sighed lightly. The means of a powerful enemy that was close to the rank of a Ruler were complicated. Even if he was in a perfect condition, it would be hard for him to escape the grasp of the tentacle.

He absolutely refused to be pulled over and devoured by the massive mountain of rotten flesh.

Just thinking about it made him nauseous and he shrunk inwards at the thought!

He was in a desperate situation after he tried to take his opponent on alone and he had no choice but to call for help. However, he hesitated before deciding whether to summon the Ruler or the being with the silent but beautiful eyes.

Qin Yu made his decision in the next instant. He would follow his origins.

With a mental thought, the Sun Moon Illusion appeared above his head. It appeared very quickly because he had already prepared it.

He only needed a split second to summon her. As for whether that woman would reply...alright, unless she found someone else more suitable to complete the West Desolate mission for her, she probably would not let him die under her watch.

Pst pst –

There were two breaths that sounded like a large, overflowing balloon that was about to burst open. Qin Yu's heart clenched.

That woman...she just...rejected him...without any hesitation.

No way, how could she be so resolute to reject him without any hesitation? However, Qin Yu soon realized that it was not the Ruler who shattered the Sun Moon Illusion.

There was a soft sigh beside his ear that sounded like disappointment and confusion, “Qin Yu, why are you like that? You can just ask me for help. As long as you gave the instructions, nothing like this would have happened.

“In the end...you are determined to pierce through the heavens. This habit of yours is not right. You have to change it or you will suffer in the near future!”

Qin Yu’s first thought was that he was about to be devoured pitifully by the rotten flesh. Where would he get the time to talk nonsense with this being?

Furthermore, what did he mean by piercing through the heavens? He constructed the Sun Moon Illusion to summon the Ruler. Why was the being able to destroy it?

Of course, all of these were not important.

“Mysterious being in time and space, you stopped my call for help and threw me into a dangerous situation. You have to take responsibility for this!”

Qin Yu cried desperately. The dark tentacles tightened around his body and the corroding flesh caused extreme pain. However, the speed at which it pulled Qin Yu in was slowing down.

Hm, it had not slowed down. Instead, the time around Qin Yu seemed to have been altered. Time had slowed down significantly around him!

Chapter 1446B – Splitting The Sky

Rule of Time!

Qin Yu had mastered this rule by chance despite having such a short time to comprehend it.

However, he used this rule very minimally because there was a large price to pay for it and there was a limit to its abilities.

In other words, it was of little value to him!

As much as possible, Qin Yu did not use it.

This was the first time that Qin Yu had witnessed how powerful the Time Rule was.

Time slowed down substantially in that small radius of space and it felt like he was in a different world than his opponent.

If he could use this to kill his opponent, was there going to be anything wrong?

The mysterious being in time and space, referred to as ‘that being’, could use mysterious and terrifying techniques that scared everyone.

That being easily manipulated the Time Rule and altered the flow of time in a tiny space. Qin Yu had surprised it at this point. That being had not expected that Qin Yu would dare to make such a risky move at a critical moment.

That being paused for a few seconds before he said, “If you encounter other mysterious beings in the future, don’t approach them with this attitude. You may die.”

Taking in a deep breath, he turned towards the palace. There was a hint of hesitation and fear in those vicious eyes within the rotten pile of flesh. Evidently, the Darkness Ruler had noticed something strange with Qin Yu.

“I will help you this time. Take this as me occasionally extending my kindness to you. I actually like you.” With that, a hand wriggled out of the space. Each finger was so white and slender that they looked like they were made out of pure ivory. There was a light glow around that being’s fingers and anyone who looked at them would be in admiration.

Its hand was so beautiful that it did not seem to belong to a human of this world. There wasn’t any burning smell around it as it touched the palace lightly.

Really, it happened so casually. With a touch that seemed careless, everything ended.

All the emotions in the Darkness Ruler’s eyes in the massive mountain of rotten flesh – anger, hatred, excitement, fear, and suspicion – disappeared instantly. The eyes turned grey, a reflection of the emptiness within.

As the finger touched the palace, all consciousness from the Darkness Ruler was erased clean like a pencil mark on a blank sheet. There was no trace of his consciousness left.

Boom!

Without any consciousness left, the Darkness Ruler could not control his body. The large pile of flesh in the palace shook as it crumbled apart.

The mountain of flesh split into numerous desperate pieces that struggled to maintain their structure. Large mouths opened on each of the flesh pieces and they wailed with despair before they were torn away.

Everything seemed to happen in slo-mo, but the entire process was completed in a very short period of time. Soon, a blanket of silence filled the palace.

A pile of flesh slumped on the ground. Occasionally, there would be a knee-jerk reaction from a piece of flesh. It shifted slightly as muffled sounds of ‘poof’ and ‘splish’ came from it.

This was a terrifying scene and Qin Yu was in admiration as he witnessed what happened. He could not help feeling fearful.

This fear came partially from the dead Darkness Ruler but a larger part of it came from his fear of the mysterious being.

Having lost control of himself, it was probable that the Darkness Ruler was not fully conscious. However, his powers were definitely close to the rank of a Ruler.

Such a strong Darkness Ruler had been murdered by the light touch of a finger.

It would be a lie to say that he was not scared!

The beautiful finger was gone and a pair of eyes turned towards Qin Yu. The eyes curved into a smile as that being said, "I told you that I will help you with anything as long as you ask me. If I wasn't capable, why would I have made that promise? You must have thought that I was bragging."

Qin Yu's face twitched; he naturally would not admit it. Instead, he bowed, "Thank you for volunteering to help me today. I will remember this favor and I will repay it to you in the future when there is a chance."

He was very serious when he said this. Although he was panicking, he wore a solemn but grateful expression on his face.

Through this, Qin Yu confirmed that the mysterious being was truly omnipotent. It had helped Qin Yu out today and Qin Yu had to give a clear answer...thinking about it, Qin Yu felt that he was very bold.

He could not give a vague reply as the mysterious being in time and space had helped him to kill an opponent that was almost as strong as a Ruler. What kind of price would he have to pay for this?

Obviously, Qin Yu could not afford to repay that being.

Since he could not give an upfront payment, he could only give the mysterious being a promise. This was the sole choice he had!

A flash of light passed through the mysterious being's eyes and he said, "I told you that I will help you occasionally out of pure good will. You don't have to bring this up again. Why didn't you take my advice? Qin Yu, you really have to change your attitude in the future. Not every mysterious being is as kind as me.

"There is no loot this time, but I expended a lot of my energy. What a pity...I will have to find somewhere else to make up for it. Bye."

With that, the beautiful eyes disappeared.

Phew –

Qin Yu sighed in relief. However, he sucked in his breath in the next instant as the mysterious being materialized again. It stared at Qin Yu directly.

"Oh...your powers are very mysterious and it makes me nervous. Please forgive me for losing my composure..."

It lightly said, "I have seen the outcome of the backlash of the Great Dao so I have to give you another reminder...the Great Dao needs to be carefully taken care of."

That being glanced at Qin Yu before he disappeared again.

Was it really gone?

This time, Qin Yu patiently waited for a while to confirm that the mysterious being was gone. Finally, he raised his hand and massaged his stiffened face.

At the same time, he started to recall the conversation with the mysterious being.

Oh, it seemed to be hinting at something here...Qin Yu frowned and his fingers suddenly froze.

Was it trying to give Qin Yu a reminder?

Take care of his Great Dao...honestly, Qin Yu got nothing much out of this.

Additionally, the East Sea Sword was extremely fierce with its strikes. Qin Yu gauged that even a Ruler would have to avoid the sword if he swung it down. However, Qin Yu had to sacrifice his Great Dao to use this sword.

His Great Dao was already shattered, so why bother taking care of it? Furthermore, it was obvious that Qin Yu's Great Dao had shattered multiple times already. If he continued with this pathway, he would probably shatter his Great Dao a dozen more times.

What would happen to his Great Dao if he continued like this?

He glanced back at the palace where all that was left of the Darkness Ruler was a pile of rotten meat. Qin Yu's heart clenched and goosebumps formed on his back.

Pst –

He had to be careful. He did not want to end up like this one day too. In the end, he decided to ask elder apprentice brother for help regarding the backlash of the Great Dao when he returned to the Peach Garden.

As a cultivator who became a True Saint from the shore the proper way, he should be more familiar with the subject matter. Otherwise, Qin Yu could also head to the East Sea to meet that old Dragon Saint and have a good conversation with him. He had to pay better attention to his Great Dao!

Qin Yu sighed and compressed his feelings. A serious look crossed his eyes as he stared in the direction that the mysterious being left in.

Its actions were very strange and Qin Yu could not understand it. The mysterious being had pointed out hidden dangers for Qin Yu and even helped him for free...however, this world was never too kind.

Qin Yu's intuition told him that he would have many more interactions with the mysterious being in the future and he hoped that he would be able to figure out the reasons for the mysterious being's actions.

Otherwise, he would feel very uneasy.

Holding back his disgust, Qin Yu stepped into the palace and started to carefully look through the pile...he did not forget about his original intentions of killing the Darkness Ruler. Furthermore, he did not know if Eye of Eternal Night survived from the crown.

Chapter 1447 – Spirit of the Great Dao

There was so much rotten flesh and the pungent smell of blood penetrated his nose. Qin Yu searched for a very long time and he finally decided to use a ball of Inextinguishable Flame to light up the palace.

Once the rotten flesh was set on fire, the Inextinguishable Flame would burn endlessly until everything was gone.

The fire ignited with intensity and the flames died down a while later. Wind blew against Qin Yu's robe and swept up the ashes in the area, revealing the Darkness Ruler's crown placed on the ground in the empty palace.

Qin Yu glanced down at Eye of Eternal Night on the ground. His complexion was bad but he survived.

Guess he was a lucky man. After being crushed by the Darkness Ruler and receiving the backlash of the Great Dao, he had still survived.

Qin Yu knew that the seal around the palace had been broken already. Otherwise, he would not have been able to step in. There was nothing else that he needed to be concerned about and he could walk in casually to grab the Darkness Ruler's crown.

Eye of Eternal Night seemed to have sensed Qin Yu's aura and there was a dull flash of light across him. A pair of eyes slowly appeared and they looked at Qin Yu with a very dreary look.

Qin Yu wasn't sure if he was dreaming but he felt that there was a complicated look in the eyes. There was hesitation, surprise, fear, and disbelief.

However, these emotions quickly disappeared before Qin Yu could get a closer look. It almost seemed like Qin Yu had been mistaken.

He frowned slightly and asked, "Explain what happened. You were the one who lured the Darkness Ruler out to kill him. Why did you end up in such a sorry state?"

After a few moments of silence, a weak wave of consciousness from Eye of Eternal Night flowed into Qin Yu's mind, "I was careless to fall into the Darkness Ruler's trap...thank you for saving me."

Hm? Now this is strange!

Ever since Eye of Eternal Night saw how the Ruler treated Qin Yu, he had treated Qin Yu with some hostility. Qin Yu could feel that Eye of Eternal Night treated him like his enemy. It was truly unexpected that Eye of Eternal Night would thank him.

This bewildering feeling continued to flood Qin Yu and he coughed lightly, "Glad that you know. I had to pay a large price to save you this time. You had better remember this!"

Qin Yu had spoken the truth. He had sacrificed his sturdy Great Dao during the fight and it was not an exaggeration to say that he paid a large price.

Cough cough...actually, it would be awkward to admit that the sacrifice of his Great Dao did not influence the battle at all.

Qin Yu would never admit that!

There was a slight wonder in Eye of Eternal Night's voice as he said, "Okay...I will keep that in mind..."

Qin Yu could finally ascertain that Eye of Eternal Night was a strange man. Was he affected by the Great Dao backlash? Qin Yu's heart clenched. The Great Dao backlash ordeal from the Darkness Ruler was still etched firmly in his mind and Qin Yu did not want to deal with another one from Eye of Eternal Night.

He could sense that Eye of Eternal Night was weak but his condition could be considered stable and his strength did not seem to be explosive and out of control. With this, he could eliminate the possibility that Eye of Eternal Night had suffered the backlash from the Great Dao.

Was he frightened?

After all, Qin Yu had only witnessed things personally. Compared to Eye of Eternal Night who had been devoured by the Darkness Ruler, his own experience was much less intensive.

Hehe, who knew how long Eye of Eternal Night had lived already? He was actually pretty timid!

Unknowingly, Qin Yu had guessed the truth – Eye of Eternal Night was frightened!

The reason why was not what Qin Yu thought.

The real reason why Eye of Eternal Night was frightened was because he had sensed the aura from that mysterious being in time and space...that aura...

No way!

Definitely no way!

Eye of Eternal Night was in turmoil as numerous messy thoughts crossed his head. He felt like his mind had turned into the violent rapids of a river.

He was in disbelief but the truth was right before him and he had many chances to verify his guesses from his personal encounter with it.

Yes, he was real!

Eye of Eternal Night was determined to stay beside Qin Yu. Qin Yu's relationship with the mysterious being in time and space was definitely not normal.

If he followed Qin Yu, he would be able to discover the truth.

Either way, he would not let his master suffer!

With this thought, Eye of Eternal Night made his decision. There was a light buzzing sound in the air and Qin Yu witnessed as Eye of Eternal Night merged with the Darkness Ruler's crowd. Their auras integrated harmoniously and the two entities could not be split from this moment on. Qin Yu's eyes widened.

What... What is this?

Eye of Eternal Night explained, "To express my thanks with you. I have decided to give up my freedom and merge with the Darkness Crown. This will make it stronger and it will be a better guarantee to hide your identity. No one will discover anything strange."

He was very sincere and he repaid Qin Yu for saving his life logically. However, Qin Yu felt uneasy. Somehow, it felt like after Eye of Eternal Night merged with the Darkness Crown, he was staring intently at him, observing his reactions.

Qin Yu's expression stiffened and he coughed lightly, "Hm...you don't have to go to such an extent...you are so serious...in the end, this helps me."

Eye of Eternal Night calmly replied, "Master's desires must be fulfilled to perfection. I am doing this to ensure that nothing goes wrong with your plans in the future."

Qin Yu knew how loyal Eye of Eternal Night was to that woman. Although he found this strange, he accepted it.

Pfft, such extreme loyalty. You are probably the one with the most twisted brains in the entire world.

Qin Yu coughed again to calm himself down. After a moment of hesitation, he said, "Since you have merged with the Darkness Crown, you will be interacting a lot with it. So...can you stop staring at me? I feel that I am constantly being watched."

Eye of Eternal Night jumped in surprised and he said, dryly, "Sorry, I am not familiar with it. I will not do it again." With that, Qin Yu felt the feeling of being watched disappear.

Qin Yu rubbed his forehead. Although he still felt that something was off, there did not seem to be anything majorly wrong. He cleared his throat and got to the point, "How do you use the Darkness Crown?"

"The Darkness Ruler has died and the crown no longer has a master. Offer it a drop of your blood and it will recognize you as its new master."

Qin Yu's eyebrows raised and he questioned, "Just like that?"

"Yes, just like that." Something seemed to have popped into Eye of Eternal Night and he paused before he explained, "Actually, the more valuable an item is, the easier it is for it to recognize its owner. The real challenge would be to obtain it. As such, incredible treasures of the world would fall into the hands of capable men. Since these men managed to get ahold of them, the items would naturally recognize these men as their new masters."

Although this explanation was very direct, Qin Yu felt that it made sense upon considering the logic behind it. It almost felt like Eye of Eternal Night was trying to suck up to him.

Qin Yu was secretly happy because he managed to control the prideful Eye of Eternal Night. This sense of achievement took over the physical fatigue he felt, making him feel much better.

Qin Yu smirked as he pointed his finger forward and allowed a drop of blood to fly out. It landed on the Darkness Crown and merged into it.

Closing his eyes, Qin Yu got a good sense of the Darkness Crown. He lifted the crown onto his head and with a mental thought, it vanished.

Qin Yu smiled. When his eyes opened again, a glimmer could be seen in them.

The Darkness Crown could truly aid him in altering his aura. This would allow him to imitate others without being suspected.

However, this was not the only ability of the Darkness Crown. In fact, this was just one of the insignificant abilities it had.

If one were to say that the Darkness Ruler's status in the World of Darkness could compare to a Ruler of the Vast Brightness World, a good half of the credit should fall on the Darkness Crown.

Right now, Qin Yu was the main controller of the World of Darkness.

Qin Yu allowed his imagination to run wild. Would he be able to fight against a Ruler in the World of Darkness in the future? There was probably still a while before he could achieve that level of power. After all, he was much weaker than the Darkness Ruler.

Luckily, Qin Yu could refine a Great Dao and he also had the East Sea Sword on hand... Combining the two together, his power could also scare Rulers in the World of Darkness.

This could be considered an unexpected win for his powers? He at least had another hidden card he could use to protect his life.

Qin Yu's smile grew wider at this thought. Eye of Eternal Night told him that he would go into hibernation to recover and Qin Yu immediately agreed.

He looked at the palace. Perhaps because it had been devoured by the backlash of the Darkness Great Dao and Qin Yu was now the new master of the Darkness Crown, there was a strange linkage between him and the palace.

Qin Yu had a feeling that he could devour the palace and refine it...it was a palace but it felt more like a materialization of dark energy. If he could refine this energy, it would be beneficial for him.

Devour it? Qin Yu was tempted.

Stone Pagoda's voice rang, "Master, this palace is from the West Desolate. Something might happen if you refine it." He paused before continuing, "Eating things off the ground randomly will eventually result in a tummy ache. You merely saw it twice; you ought to be more careful."

After thinking through it, Qin Yu found his words very logical. He breathed in and suppressed the urge to devour the palace. After all, this was his already. There was no harm in consuming it in the future.

Qin Yu looked carefully around him. Once he confirmed that nothing was wrong, he turned and left the palace. He scanned the ring-like mountain; there did not appear to be anything different from when he last saw it.

In reality, there was already change.

The ring-like mountain, like the palace, was a part of the seal. Right now, the palace had established a connection with Qin Yu.

The outcome...

Qin Yu stepped out of the palace and the ring-like mountain turned as soft as mush. He easily walked through it.

Then, the ring-like mountain hardened and it transformed back to what it was.

It was ultimately different from before. When Qin Yu took on the Darkness Ruler's aura previously, he was sealed in.

Now, the same seal was voluntarily allowing him to leave. What a vast difference this was.

Sure enough, the Darkness Ruler had been imprisoned here and he was under the control of the West Desolate. He could not get rid of his shackles even till death, but now, Qin Yu controlled this power.

Different people had different destinies and this was a heart-wrenching truth. Thankfully, the Darkness Ruler was already dead. Otherwise, he would be devastated.

There were many twists and turns in the process of killing the Darkness Ruler. Qin Yu had not truly been forced to a point of no return. Instead, his powers came from a mysterious force that helped him.

It was a pity that till now, Qin Yu still did not know why this being was helping him. Furthermore, he had a worrying feeling that someday, this helping hand would push him off a cliff...as such, he had to be extra careful. He could not be too careless!

He shook his head and calmed himself down. With a swipe of his hand, he opened a teleportation door that led him out of the World of Darkness.

Shoosh!

In the next instant, Qin Yu appeared in a foreign small world. This place was barren and Qin Yu could not sense much life here. Using his divine sense to scan the area, he found only a few weak auras.

Qin Yu's sudden appearance and his lack of hiding his aura frightened the weak beings in the area.

He could not be bothered with these beings and he swiped his hand again. The portal door to the Peach Garden appeared and Qin Yu pushed it open and entered it.

Junior brother was back. He was not gone for a long time, but what made White Phoenix stunned was that Qin Yu's Great Dao had been shattered again.

Although elder apprentice brother had a calm expression, he could not hide how stifled he felt.

"Elder apprentice brother..." White Phoenix hesitated for a long time before he asked.

Before he could continue his sentence, elder apprentice brother laughed lightly and waved his hand to cut White Phoenix off, "Junior-apprentice brother is extraordinary and none of us can imagine what he goes through. You don't have to pursue this matter anymore."

Even if White Phoenix asked, elder apprentice brother would not know how to reply.

The Great Dao of a True Saint was a key source of life for Saints once they crossed the Sea of Bitterness. It was the root of all True Saints from the shore.

However, it seemed like the universal law of a Saint dying when their Great Dao shattered did not apply to their junior-apprentice brother.

This was the second time. Furthermore, this was only the second time that they had personally seen this. Who knew if Qin Yu's Great Dao had been shattered more times before?

After all, junior-apprentice brother appeared unbothered by the shattering of his Great Dao. It was not difficult for him to refine one again.

He took five days to do it last time? Mm, my memory is pretty good and I have not lost my mind.

However, this short period of five days was all it took for his Great Dao to be reformed. His powers even increased after that...although they witnessed this personally, it still felt like a fantasy...no one could believe it!

Elder apprentice brother trudged away with a sluggish look in his eyes. His lips twitch and he was in a daze.

Ten days later, Qin Yu came out from his cultivation. Without hesitation, he headed to elder apprentice brother's living quarters. Elder apprentice brother had been trying very hard to maintain a calm face but when he heard Qin Yu's first question, he was stunned.

"Elder apprentice brother...how do I take care of my Great Dao?"

Elder apprentice brother looked at the serious expression on Qin Yu's face. He was utterly sincere in his desire to learn. Elder apprentice brother's lips twitched. What a simple question. You shatter and reform your Great Dao repeatedly. Is this really something you should ask?

He took ten days this time right? Yup, it was ten days. Thank goodness for my memory.

It was twice as long as the previous time. However, five days to reform a shattered Great Dao? Perhaps junior-apprentice brother was only trying to make his reformed Great Dao even sturdier than before.

After all, he was absolutely frightening when he used the power of his Great Dao. He could have accidentally shattered it.

Elder apprentice brother surveyed Qin Yu's aura. It was much stronger than before...he was right!

In other words, if Qin Yu had not been bothered about making his Great Dao sturdier, he could have completed his cultivation much earlier if he had just been focused on repairing it.

Elder apprentice brother did not know the reason why, but thinking about it made his heart ache.

Looking forlorn, elder apprentice brother squeezed out a smile and tried to maintain a calm tone, "Junior-apprentice brother, why do you ask me this?"

Qin Yu shifted slightly and he briefly explained about how he had been frightened after he witnessed a True Saint lose control of himself.

Elder apprentice brother felt nervous as he wondered what junior-apprentice brother did when he went missing. How often would one see a True Saint lose control?

If this really happened, there would have been a great catastrophe. However, the Vast Brightness World had appeared relatively stable recently and there had not been any news of anything wrong.

Qin Yu sensed the suspicion in elder apprentice brother's eyes and he knew that elder apprentice brother must have seen through his excuse. He quickly spun his mind trying to think of another reason.

In the end, he coughed lightly and said, "Elder apprentice brother, I have to keep some secrets and I can't tell you the full reason."

Elder apprentice brother waved his hand, "I understand. You don't have to tell me if you should not." He breathed in deeply and stared at Qin Yu with a serious look in his eyes, "I only activated my Great Dao recently so I am not too sure of the specifics, but I have to tell you...the Great Dao has a spirit. You can understand it as a consciousness that exists beyond what we can understand."

Chapter 1448 – Origin of the Spirit

Qin Yu did not fully understand what elder apprentice brother was talking about. However, if there was one thing that he could be certain of, it would be that the Great Dao had a spirit!

He had shattered his Great Dao twice. Although he quickly reformed it again, dying and being revived continuously was definitely not a nice feeling.

Would the Great Dao Spirit have an opinion on his actions? Since True Saints could lose control of their Great Dao and receive a backlash from it, it meant that the Great Dao Spirit had an attitude.

At this point, Qin Yu could confirm that the mysterious being in time and space had been giving him a reminder...actually, the mysterious being must have felt something from the Great Dao in Qin Yu. There might have been something wrong with it!

As soon as this thought crossed his mind, Qin Yu's heart clenched. It would be a lie to say that he was not affected by this.

Nonsense, even the Darkness Ruler had suffered a terrible ending after the Great Dao backlash. Qin Yu had personally witnessed what happened.

The entire palace had been drenched with rotten flesh and blood, and Qin Yu had to clean everything up with the Inextinguishable Flame.

He did not want himself to face such a pitiful ending in the future.

He would not even want there to be a slight possibility for it!

Breathing in deeply, Qin Yu controlled his emotions and maintained a calm exterior. He drummed his fingers against the table and said, "Elder apprentice brother, I walk the True God Path and it is abnormal for me to have a Great Dao. I am not familiar with it; can you give me some pointers?"

Elder apprentice brother was an intelligent man. Despite Qin Yu's calm exterior, elder apprentice brother could make a few deductions from the questions he asked.

He frowned slightly as he stared at Qin Yu. However, he did not expose Qin Yu. Since junior-apprentice brother was not willing to explain, he must have reasons for it.

Right as this point, elder apprentice brother thought of how Qin Yu shattered his Great Dao twice in such a short period of time. He instantly reached a conclusion on why Qin Yu was acting this way. This...everything had a price to pay and junior-apprentice brother could not escape from that either!

“As I mentioned, I just formed my Great Dao and am not too familiar with it. I can only tell you some guesses I have.” This concerned Qin Yu’s safety and elder apprentice brother wore a stern look as he slowly explained. He tried to be as specific as possible to avoid any miscommunications and misconceptions.

“Firstly, once cultivators cross the Sea of Bitterness, their refined Great Dao enables them to reach the shore. We possess the Great Dao but we cannot control its refinement...mm, more accurately, we can only be accepted by the Great Dao.

“You will need to experience it for yourself. For instance, when I refined my Great Dao, I felt like I was not able to control it much. The process of refining the Great Dao felt like a replica of something, and this something seemed almost like the world that we lived in.

“The world’s Great Dao runs through all corners of the world and exists in every living being. We cannot fully understand and control it, but as True Saints, we are probably a copy of a portion of the world’s Great Dao...we are like a shadow.”

Elder apprentice brother stood up and paced back and forth as he frowned. His face was slightly pale. It seemed like this little explanation had taken a large toll on him. Even his breathing was heavier.

He paused for a while. Then, as though he was confirming something with himself, he nodded, “That’s right. This is it. The world’s Great Dao is like a blueprint. When cultivators create a copy of it during the refinement of their Great Dao, we create a copy of a part of the world’s Great Dao. As such, we are not exactly shadows of it...it is like we took a part of the shadow of the world’s Great Dao and integrated it into our Great Dao. This is why it has a spirit.”

Elder apprentice brother’s face was pale and his eyes looked tired. He observed Qin Yu’s guilty expression and said, “I became a Saint not long ago so I only have a basic understanding of things. Junior-apprentice brother, if there are things you still don’t understand, you will have to slowly explore and understand it yourself.”

What elder apprentice brother said was difficult to understand. In particular, the linkage between the Great Dao, its shadow, and its spirit was confusing enough for ordinary cultivators.

However, Qin Yu was not ordinary. He knew the Shadow of the Abyss and also knew Feature who was missing. Naturally, he could understand the hidden meaning behind this.

The Shadow of the Abyss had a consciousness that allowed it to live many years. It was known as ‘Old Turtle’ when it was with Qin Yu. Feature was a mysterious but powerful illusion. She had looked like she was alive but she disappeared with no trace.

Qin Yu felt a chill down his spine. Because he knew that even shadows could have spirits, he felt that this matter might be more complicated than he imagined.

The Great Dao of a True Saint was possibly a shadow of the world’s Great Dao. It was no wonder that even a True Saint wouldn’t be able to do anything against its backlash. He would only end up as a pitiful being that died in a grotesque manner.

The more powerful he became, the more he learned and the deeper his admiration for the laws of the world became.

A True Saint was powerful but his cultivation was only a replica of the portion of the world's Great Dao. This was how a True Saint obtained his power.

A Ruler was a level higher than a True Saint. However, from this angle, it only meant that a Ruler was better at copying the world.

How would a Ruler or a True Saint compare to the world's Great Dao?

The backlash of a Great Dao could come from the spirit hidden in the shadow of the world's Great Dao...even if it was just a shadow, it was a shadow of the World's Great Dao. After meeting Old Turtle and Feature, Qin Yu did not dare to look down on this.

A shadow was also an illusion of the world. A person might eventually be able to match up to it, but Qin Yu knew that he could not do so now.

In other words, if the backlash of the Great Dao occurred, he would probably not be able to withstand it.

His heart clenched and his expression hardened. Elder apprentice brother stood opposite him and hesitated before continuing, "Junior-apprentice brother, since you now have an understanding of the Great Dao, do be careful in the future. Take your time to heal to ensure that things don't go awry."

Qin Yu knew that elder apprentice brother must have sensed something amiss. He smiled bitterly, "I am afraid it is too late."

The mysterious being would not have given him a word of advice out of nowhere. Since that being mentioned the Great Dao, it must have already sensed the start of a conflict.

Qin Yu could not sense it yet!

He had doubts about his Great Dao previously but could he still not sense the subtle changes in him? However, after he learned about the world's Great Dao shadow, Qin Yu was no longer confident. Who knew how scary the shadow of the world was? It could probably hide itself completely and prevent cultivators from sensing its existence.

A flicker of nervousness crossed elder apprentice brother's face, but before he spoke, Qin Yu waved his hand to cut him off, "Elder apprentice brother, don't worry. I have a few clues but there is nothing wrong with me now. I asked you about this today to learn about it so as to avoid being caught off guard in the future."

He hesitated before smiling, "Originally, I wanted to take your place and help support Peachy's life. However, there is something amiss with my Great Dao and I can't take the risk. Sorry to trouble you, but please continue to take care of Peachy."

In a stern voice, elder apprentice brother reassured, "You don't have to make this request. I owe Master a lot. If he did not save me in the past, I would have died already. Peachy is Master's only daughter. Now that he is gone, I am more than willing to help her."

Qin Yu felt as ease as he took in elder apprentice brother's words. He was thoroughly sincere and he was not exaggerating. After some hesitation, Qin Yu flipped his hand and took out a fruit. This was what he obtained from Wind Saint back in Bounded Zero Place. It could help in the refinement of Great Dao.

Qin Yu's Great Dao was formed with the furnace and he did not need to interfere in the process. Since there was no room for him, the fruit was completely useless to him.

Even if the fruit was useful to him, Qin Yu would not waste it...he had shattered his Great Dao twice before and the fruit would only increase the power of his sword strike from sacrificing his Great Dao. That would be the end of it.

Giving it to elder apprentice brother to help him with his Great Dao was much more appropriate.

"Elder apprentice brother, I don't have something fully appropriate, but this fruit will be helpful for your Great Dao. Please accept this as a token of my thanks."

Elder apprentice brother glanced at the serious expression Qin Yu wore. He smiled and shook his head helplessly, "Thank you junior-apprentice brother."

Qin Yu stood up and cupped his hands together respectfully, "I still have a few questions about the Great Dao and I will leave the Peach Garden to seek out some answers."

He smiled bitterly, "I realize that I am really busy these days. I don't even have a second of spare time."

Elder apprentice brother coughed lightly, "Junior-apprentice brother, are you trying to tell me that responsibility comes with strength?"

Qin Yu was startled. He had not expected elder apprentice brother to joke with him. More importantly, this embarrassing thought did cross his mind.

"Hahaha!" Elder apprentice brother burst out into laughter. He patted Qin Yu's shoulder and said, "Our junior brothers and sisters in the Peach Garden will be focused on cultivation. Once you settle things on your side, let's gather together and celebrate. We can also take it as a celebration for the Peach Garden regaining its power!"

Qin Yu cupped his hands together, "Of course!"

He turned and left. Outside, he encountered White Phoenix who curiously asked him about his conversation with elder apprentice brother. Qin Yu dismissed him quickly with a very brief explanation about how he sought elder apprentice brother's advice for some of his questions. White Phoenix then proceeded to summon a portal gate for Qin Yu.

White Phoenix wore a strange look on his face as he stood outside elder apprentice brother's courtyard. He smiled bitterly. If he could ask elder apprentice brother these questions, why would he rush after Qin Yu for an explanation when he went out?

I would also really like to know about the shattering of the Great Dao and its refinement! Ahhhh!

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If she had offended a powerful cultivator unintentionally, she would be very anxious not knowing when the cultivator would take revenge.

However, if the cultivator grew stronger and stronger such that he surpassed all boundaries to travel the world, she would not be that afraid.

The difference in statuses between them was too great. With his current status, why would he bother to find her and enact petty revenge?

This could roughly summarize what Dragini had been concerned about these days. She lay comfortably on a soft couch, twirling her own tail as she snoozed with her eyes closed.

Great events had shaken the Vast Brightness World easily and no one wanted to provoke the Dragon Saint. Dragini was from the dragon bloodline and hence, her days had been peaceful.

She smiled lightly as she thought of something. This smile was casual but also a prideful smile. After all, this event had been her most memorable experience. Even if she had not thought of this previously, she could not help feeling proud of herself. Hehe...who else in the Vast Brightness World had survived after infuriating Qin Yu?

Just look at the facts. The Nether Saint and all the other powerful cultivators who came after him were dead after they provoked Qin Yu. He was famous for killing Saints, and this reputation was well deserved. Qin Yu might be as powerful as a Ruler now.

Dragini was someone who offended him, and this did not happen just once. Yet she was still alive and well!

How would anyone dare to compare to her?

However, Dragini was still in disbelief. The insignificant Peach Garden disciple at the East Sea banquet back then was her companion. He became so accomplished in such a short period of time.

Every time she thought of this, she wondered if she was dreaming.

Such exciting thoughts chased her sleepiness away. Dragini yawned and stretched lazily.

Perhaps because she was in the inner palace, she was dressed very casually. Her shirt was half buttoned down her chest, revealing the skin around her waist. At this moment, there was also a sensual smell around her tail as she swayed it.

Qin Yu never expected to see this seductive scene as he stepped into the hall. Instantly, his expression turned awkward.

He had locked onto Dragini's aura when he headed directly for the East Sea. He wanted to avoid scaring the old Dragon Saint by heading to the East Sea Palace with her escorting him.

After all, Qin Yu also knew about his reputation for killing Saints. After killing multiple of them, including Zhou Saint and Lin Saint, it was only natural for the Dragon Saint to be afraid of him coming to the East Sea unannounced.

And not to forget...cough cough, Qin Yu was in his bad books from stealing the East Sea Sword from him together with the Spring Master in the past.

Of course, the other reason was that there was a stable pathway from the Peach Garden to Dragini's palace and it was easy for Qin Yu to come here.

"Cough!"

Dragini's expression instantly changed and her eyes widened as she yelled, "Who is it?"

Her aura was icy cold but in the next moment, she turned as white as a sheet when she saw her visitor. She could not help trembling in fear.

Him! It is him!

Dragini would never forget his appearance. She would even recognize him if he turned into ashes.

Qin Yu came without any warning. He had barged into the inner palace without a sound.

He obviously came for a reason!

Horrific thoughts like how he was here to seek revenge flooded her mind and caused her heart to clench.

That's it. It is over!

Her father was not here. Even if he was, he would not be able to take on Qin Yu.

No one would be able to save her today!

Sadness overflowed in her heart and Dragini burst out into tears. Her cries of despair caused Qin Yu to feel even more awkward.

She was utterly distressed and her tears flowed down like a waterfall. Qin Yu instantly knew that he had frightened her.

Things in the past were to be forgotten. Why would he bother fighting it out with a little girl?

However, he thought about it carefully and realized that he must have scared her senseless by barging into her inner palace unannounced.

"Stop crying!"

The moment he said this, Dragini's cries became even more intense. I am about to die but you won't even allow me to cry? You are too mean!

Qin Yu stared upwards and only saw the boundless sea ahead. Feeling helpless, he rubbed his eyebrows and said, "If you continue crying, I will change my mind and really attack you."

Dragini's held back her sobs and stared at Qin Yu in disbelief as big teardrops threatened to fall from her eyes.

She stared at him in annoyance and Qin Yu scoffed, "Why would I sneak around if I wanted to kill you? Hurry up and sort out your clothes. You are bringing me to the East Sea Palace!"

Chapter 1449 – Eliminate The Spirit

Dragini had been sobbing hard and she was not dressed properly. Qin Yu immediately regretted his words as soon as he said them. How could he ask her to dress properly now? He felt like a demanding bastard.

Pst –

He had good intentions in asking her to escort him to the palace. How did things become so strange?

At the same time as Qin Yu was scolding himself, Dragini's first thoughts were, "Oh no, Qin Yu is after Father!" If he did not come here for that, why would he go to her place and ask her to lead the way? He was using her as a cover.

Although I am afraid to die, I will not help you in your quest to harm Father.

Dragini wiped her tears away but she still felt gloomy. She had seen through Qin Yu's plan. After his initial embarrassment, he was angry. How could she let him get his way?

Qin Yu knew exactly what Dragini was thinking. He gritted his teeth, "Stop overthinking. If I wanted to harm the East Sea, I could have done so directly? Why would I try to trick you?"

His attitude was very bad and it also showed his disregard for the East Sea. At first Dragini was annoyed, but this quickly turned to doubt...like what Qin Yu said, doing all this was pointless if he wanted to harm the East Sea. Even if his target was her father, he would be able to achieve his aim easily.

As Qin Yu turned around, his robe swayed behind him. He barked, "Wear your clothes properly!"

Dragini's appearance was really improper. Even if she was in her own inner palace, she could not dress so casually.

She wore minimal clothing and was very revealing. Not to mention how sharp Qin Yu's senses were now, even if he had just swept his glance over her, he would have seen things that he should not.

Furthermore, Dragini had been so devastated and pitiful as she cried endlessly. She had totally ignored the way she looked.

After the second reminder, Dragini finally regained her composure. Her head dipped and she quickly glanced at herself. Her face flushed red and she hurried to adjust her clothes. As she did this, she realized how indecent she looked. Her shirt was rolled up and her long legs were exposed. Scrambling for a long skirt, she finally tidied herself and sighed in relief.

Oh, this was the first time she had felt so ashamed in front of someone of the opposite sex. However, it was Qin Yu opposite her. On second thought, it had been an adrenaline-pumping encounter.

Ah, I can't believe I am thinking about this now. I must be mad... After these crazy thoughts and embarrassment, Dragini finally regained her composure.

If Qin Yu had to remind her to wear her clothes properly, he probably wasn't going to kill her right? Otherwise, there was no reason for him to remind her. Furthermore, he had respectfully turned away, giving her space...wait, if he turned around, it meant that he must have seen her!

As she thought of how indecent she looked, her cheeks turned bright red. By this point, she was no longer fearful.

Qin Yu coughed lightly. The more she had time to think, the deeper she would go down the rabbit hole. He quickly changed the topic, "Make the preparations. We are going to the East Sea!"

Dragini heaved a sigh of relief but she could not help feeling disappointed. Qin Yu was in a rush and that meant he wanted to get out of this awkward situation as fast as possible...but that also meant that he was not interested in her.

Somehow, Dragini felt humbled by this experience. This must be the wild thoughts of a woman again. The corners of her lips twitched and she bowed, "Yes, Mister Ninth, please wait a moment."

A while later, the sea chariot was prepared and they headed to the East Sea in it.

Qin Yu sat with his eyes closed in the chariot. He kept to himself and did not want to be interrupted.

Dragini pouted but her eyes twinkled as she stared at him intently. Just as Qin Yu could no longer take her staring, they reached the East Sea.

The short journey felt inconceivably long For Qin Yu.

He stood up and pushed the doors of the chariot open. Glancing at the subordinates in front of the palace, he ordered, "Bring me to the Dragon Saint!"

Dragini chuckled to herself as she saw him off. She suddenly felt that Mister Ninth was not scary even though he had the reputation of killing Saints.

Dragon Palace seemed to have turned into a school of anxious flying fish. After sensing Qin Yu's aura, the Dragon Saint was about to turn and flee in fright. Thankfully, he realized that Qin Yu was here with Dragini. After a moment of hesitation, he mustered all his courage to meet Qin Yu.

"Mister Ninth, it has not been long since we last met but you have achieved so much. I am truly in admiration of you!" The Dragon Saint welcomed Qin Yu with a smile. His attitude was very harmonious and he acted like they were relatives. However, Qin Yu could sense the nervousness in his words.

Qin Yu coughed lightly and he finally threw aside all feelings towards the encounter with Dragini previously. He had been ashamed by his own actions.

Despite the fact that it had been a while since he was close to a woman...cough cough, he could have been more gentlemanly. He had been excited...after all, Dragini was so revealing and her little tail...pst! Come on, pull yourself together!

He would be overstepping his boundaries if he continued thinking about this. Furthermore, her father was in front of him. Pull yourself together!

Qin Yu suppressed these thoughts and maintained a straight face, "Dragon Saint, I need your help with a few questions."

The Dragon Saint heaved a sigh of relief upon hearing this. Qin Yu was probably not here for trouble otherwise he would not have started the conversation like this. However, another part of him continued to worry...what does he want to know? Would Qin Yu lose his temper if he could not answer his questions?

"Cough! What is troubling you? If there is anything I can help with, I will definitely let you know...but please forgive me if I am not knowledgeable enough."

Qin Yu could guess what the Dragon Saint was thinking but he did not bother explaining, "I will have to trouble you!" Breathing in deeply, he continued, "I wanted to know more about the Great Dao Spirit."

"Great Dao Spirit?" Dragon Saint was surprised as he scanned Qin Yu. He never expected that Qin Yu would ask him this.

Qin Yu maintained a calm expression and continued, "Not long ago, I killed a True Saint who lost control of himself and I encountered the Great Dao Spirit then. I am puzzled because of it and I wanted to seek your advice."

The Dragon Saint immediately gasped, "Backlash of the Great Dao!" His eyes widened and he stared at Qin Yu incredulously, "Mister Ninth, did you really meet a True Saint who lost control?"

Qin Yu nodded, "That's right." He briefly explained how the Darkness Ruler lost control of himself. Granted, he altered a bit of the story to cover up the fact that he was in the World of Darkness.

The identity of the Darkness Ruler was the key for him to enter the West Desolate. He could not reveal it.

The Dragon Saint looked at Qin Yu carefully to confirm that he was healthy and his aura was strong. He was secretly impressed.

Furthermore, the Dragon Saint could confirm that Qin Yu had really encountered a True Saint who lost control. Otherwise, he would not have been able to describe his story so vividly.

Coughing lightly to calm himself down, the Dragon Saint asked, "Mister Ninth, what do you want to know?" The Dragon Saint had lived for a long time and he naturally had a deeper understanding of things.

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Qin Yu's eyes sparkled and he knew he had found the right person. He replied enthusiastically, "Everything! I want to know everything about the Great Dao going out of control. I hope that you will be able to share your knowledge."

The Dragon Saint nodded as his heart jumped. If Qin Yu was so eager to learn about this, was it because...he was fearful of Qin Yu and the moment this thought crossed his mind, he shuddered in fear.

If things were truly as he guessed and if Qin Yu lost control in the East Sea, the entire bloodline of the dragons would end!

The Dragon Saint never wanted to hide anything from Qin Yu but he was now more eager to share what he knew. He would tell Qin Yu everything that he wanted to know but he would not stimulate Qin Yu.

"If that is the case, I will start from the beginning. Please sit down for some tea Mister Ninth. Let me sort out my thoughts."

He raised his cup of tea and sipped it. Warm tea soothed his throat and allowed him to remain calm. The Dragon Saint asked, "Do you know that the refinement of the Great Dao is actually a process of replication?"

Qin Yu's eyes sparkled as he nodded, "Yes I do."

The Dragon Saint nodded, "That simplifies things a lot." He drummed his fingers against the table and his voice deepened as he explained, "Actually, from what I understand, as we refine our Great Daos, we will become stronger. But at the same time, we are also seeking out an ancestor for ourselves that we cannot provoke."

He looked at Qin Yu, "Since you know that the refinement of the Great Dao is a replication process, then you probably know that we are copying the world's Great Dao and its shadow. The world's Great Dao is one of the most mysterious powers in this world and even a shadow would have its own consciousness. As such, the ancestor that I am talking about is the Great Dao Spirit!"

This explanation corroborated what elder apprentice brother said but it was clearer and more understandable. Evidently, the Dragon Saint was much more knowledgeable.

Seeing how Qin Yu paid such close attention, the Dragon Saint knew that Qin Yu was receptive to his explanation. He loosened up and continued, "We all know that the Great Dao is the root of a True Saint and we should never use it unless absolutely. We should also never cause harm to it.

"Firstly, the Great Dao is linked to our lives and any harm to it will cause a devastating impact to our Holy Way. Aside from that, and more importantly, the harm done to a Great Dao will upset the spirit within. It should be fine if it occurs once or twice, and with time and care, it will recover. However, if it sustains heavy or repeated damage, the Great Dao Spirit might be infuriated and this may cause the backlash to occur."

Qin Yu's eyes brightened. Through the Dragon Saint's explanation, he felt like he had a much clearer picture of what was going to happen.

No wonder True Saints from the shore took such great care of their Great Dao...Qin Yu had even mocked them for it before.

As the strongest weapon of a True Saint, it was also sturdy and powerful. It was not easy to damage it and Saints appeared to be overly cautious of it. They even appeared timid.

After learning about the Great Dao in depth, Qin Yu finally realized that True Saints were not only worried about harming their Great Dao, they were afraid of infuriating the Great Dao Spirit hidden within!

The Dragon Saint observed the uneasiness in Qin Yu's eyes and he stopped his explanation. He drank his tea but he could not help glancing at Qin Yu every now and then. The more he looked, the more he could confirm it...something was wrong with Qin Yu!

He managed to become so strong in such a short period of time. This might have been possible through a cheat method...evidently, a price had to be paid for walking down this path.

Silence filled the palace.

A few moments later, Qin Yu sighed and slowly said, "Thank you for your explanation, Dragon Saint."

Dragon Saint smiled, "Don't worry about it, I have merely lived longer than you and have therefore accumulated more experience. Even if I did not explain this, you would have understood this by yourself Mister Ninth."

Qin Yu did not dwell on this topic and he asked, "Dragon Saint, do you know how to prevent the backlash of the Great Dao? In a more direct way, is there a way to eliminate the risk of the Great Dao backlash?"

The Dragon Saint started to break out in a cold sweat. It was not easy to get rid of Qin Yu and he always had other ways up his sleeve.

As he expected, Qin Yu came up with a hard question for him despite his calm expression.

So many True Saints came and went after so many years. Who would not want to get rid of this problem?

After all, anyone who became a True Saint wouldn't want to voluntarily provoke the ancestor.

Why seek trouble voluntarily?

However, this matter involved the world's Great Dao. It wasn't that simple.

Looking at Qin Yu's expression, the Dragon Saint knew that he could not turn Qin Yu down directly. He gritted his teeth and said, "This problem has always been a major headache for True Saints. I have never heard of anyone who managed to get rid of the possibility of the Great Dao backlash. But I once encountered someone many years ago and I heard that..."

He glanced at Qin Yu and suddenly swept his robe aside. The space suddenly shuddered and a seal formed around the palace. After the Dragon Saint carefully inspected and confirmed that there was nothing amiss in the surroundings, he said, "This person told me that the Great Dao backlash comes from the Great Dao Spirit...perhaps if the spirituality of the Great Dao can be removed, leaving behind only the Great Dao energy, the Great Dao backlash can be avoided!"

The Dragon Saint broke out in buckets of cold sweat after the short explanation. His complexion was pale and he looked like he was sick. The shadow of the world's Great Dao was hidden in a Saint and it was the link between the Saint and the world. Although he made precautions to seal the inner palace from the outside, he could not prevent everything from leaking out.

What if the world's Great Dao caught ahold of this conversation? Do you really think that the world would let him off? Hehe!

Don't forget about the terrifying thing in this world – the heavens' punishment!

Although it did not often occur and ordinary cultivators heard only rumors of it, the heavens' punishment would mean certain death!

Even a True Saint would not be able to pull through the heavens' punishment. Death would be his only way out!

Qin Yu's heart trembled. As he looked at the Dragon Saint, numerous thoughts circled his mind and slowly formed a strong intuition.

The Dragon Saint was right!

Removing the danger of the backlash of the Great Dao was only possible through eliminating the Great Dao Spirit. This spirit was related to the world's Great Dao, and eliminating it would mean going against the heavens!

This was definitely not something the world would allow and a heavy punishment would come for him. However, he could only remove the threat of backlash entirely by using such extreme ways against the world.

Qin Yu sighed deeply and cupped his hands together, "Thank you Dragon Saint."

The Dragon Saint breathed out deeply and removed the seal around the inner palace. Qin Yu had nothing else to say and the Dragon Saint smiled bitterly, "Try not to think about such things...this is my advice for you."

Qin Yu nodded and stood up, "I have other things that I need to attend to so I won't stay in the Dragon Palace for long. Goodbye."

He turned and stepped forward, vanishing in a second.

The Dragon Saint looked at where Qin Yu disappeared and he raised his shaking hand to wipe the sweat off his forehead. He slumped back into his chair in exhaustion and prayed that they would never meet again!

Chapter 1450 – Secrets of the Outer Void

Qin Yu wanted to find Dragini before coming to the East Sea because he thought this might make it more convenient and avoid unnecessary trouble. However, it ended up becoming even more troublesome.

And when Qin Yu thought about Dragini's change in attitude and the way she smiled slyly, he could not help but burn with anger.

Thankfully, this journey to the East Sea was rather smooth. That old dragon had been very helpful, explaining things related to the Great Dao very clearly to him.

The waves roared violently in the jade-colored sea. Qin Yu knitted his eyebrows together and stepped into the Outer Void, using the waves to propel him forward. His eyes were full of uncertainty.

Putting together what the Dragon Saint and what elder apprentice brother told him, Qin Yu could pretty much confirm the guesses that he had.

He was clear on the risks now, and as for the success rate of reforming his Great Dao again...it could only be said that it was not going to be an easy task to complete.

A shadow of the world's Great Dao...going against the heavens' will...just these two points alone was enough to feel as if the whole world was pressing down on one's shoulders. It was suffocating.

Suddenly, Qin Yu stopped in his tracks. He pinched the space between his eyebrows and took a look at the sea all around him. He smiled mockingly at himself.

In the end, he was indeed nervous. The overthinking made him distracted. That old dragon had already reminded him that even though the Dragon Saint was worried that he had become involved in the matter, he owed him a favor after all. There was no point in staying here anymore.

Taking a deep breath, Qin Yu swept his arm in a chopping motion. The space in front of him vibrated and split open, and he stepped beyond it.

Regarding the world's Great Dao, like the Dragon Saint had told him, it was not safe to keep thinking about it right now. If he really wanted to deliberate over the matter, he would first need to find a safe and hidden location.

The Peach Garden was not an option for him to return to now. If anything happened, all the other apprentices would be strung along...thankfully, Qin Yu had yet another identity now. In fact, going to that place would mean that he could do more things freely. It would also be more safe.

Just a moment ago, he was in the East Sea. After taking a step forward, he entered a pitch-black space.

The Outer Void!

Qin Yu furrowed his eyebrows, looking slightly shocked as he raised his head to look forward. He was close to the East Sea small world, and it was not a place where one would usually find Void Creatures. He did not think that he would be so lucky to bump into one right as he stepped into the Outer Void.

Hm? Wait a minute.

Qin Yu had interacted with Void Creatures before – he had even killed a few of them – so he had some understanding of these creatures. For example, they cruised along the eternal darkness of the Outer Void, so a part of their bodies contained primal chaos.

Perhaps Qin Yu could make use of this. After all, logically speaking, if the heavens had a will, it would most certainly be concentrated on the small worlds. It was probably not applicable to the creatures in the Outer Void.

Previously, Qin Yu wanted to go to the World of Darkness. Now, he had a new idea once again. He flew straight towards the Void Creature.

When he got close to it, he could make out the creature's appearance. It looked like an octopus that one could find in the deep sea, with endless tentacles that swept through the dark to propel itself forwards at high speed.

In order to judge how powerful a Void Creature was, looking at its size was a very good indicator. This creature in front of Qin Yu now was much stronger than the ones he had killed before.

Logically speaking, the larger a Void Creature was, the more it liked to lurk in the deepest corners of the Outer Void. Qin Yu was unsure why this creature had come to this location that was close to the East Sea small world.

But it did not matter. Judging by this situation, the stronger a Void Creature was, the more useful it would be to him.

It seemed to have sensed the remnant auras of the Void Creatures on Qin Yu from before he killed them, and with an angry bellow, the octopus-like creature opened its wide mouth and swallowed viciously.

Its strong swallowing power exploded, trapping Qin Yu within. At the same time, a few thick tentacles shot towards him.

Unexpectedly, this strong cultivator did not retaliate at all; he just allowed himself to be swallowed by the creature. This caused the tentacles to go limp, and the creature hesitated for a while. However, it had already consumed the human...after a few moments, this huge Void Creature quietly slid away to a deep corner of the Outer Void.

At this moment, in the octopus-like creature's stomach, Qin Yu looked around and could not hide his shock. It was not enough to describe what he was seeing as 'amazing'. It was completely unbelievable. There were many different things in front of him right now.

To think that the inside of a Void Creature's body would be almost like a world of its own. Of course, this 'world' was in a state of chaos.

But the overall structure had already been formed!

Even so, for this process to successfully evolve and eventually create a one-dimensional world, it was an incredibly difficult process.

This Void Creature was incredibly strong, but compared to Qin Yu, there was quite a big difference in terms of power.

At this moment, Qin Yu's eyebrows furrowed once again as he thought about a possibility...the overall structure of the world had already been formed, and what it lacked now was power. Could this mean that somewhere in this endless Outer Void, there would really be a creature that was immeasurably stronger than this one?

If there was really such an existence, then with its power, it was totally possible that this creature could sustain the evolution of a world within its body and past a certain boundary, a true world would be created!

Very early on when Qin Yu first interacted with the Outer Void, he already had some ideas. For example, he wondered how the small worlds in the Vast Brightness had been created.

Of course, there were always legends about how there was a higher being that created all the living creatures in the world. It could be real or it could be fake, but in all of history, there had been no one who had come close to ever communicating with this 'higher being'.

As for the Vast Brightness...it was undergoing never-ending changes. More accurately, the size of the small worlds had been gradually decreasing, but their number had been increasing.

Maybe there was really a higher being who had been creating all these small worlds, or...to begin with, there were countless worlds being nurtured bit by bit, waiting for that day when they would finally be condensed into actual small worlds.

Void Creatures...it was plausible that they were the source of small worlds!

This was an unbelievable theory, but if it was indeed true, then perhaps there were more secrets to be discovered in this Outer Void compared to what people had thought.

Taking a deep breath in order to suppress his anxiety, Qin Yu used his willpower to enter a calm state.

This huge secret was not one that could be cracked in a day or a night, but it would be better to remain composed for now. Matters had to be ranked in terms of importance.

Of course Qin Yu was dying to know how the world came about, but it was not a pressing matter for now. One thing was for sure though, he was not willing to see himself get swallowed to death.

Qin Yu realized that he was in a better position than he thought. In this Void Creature, there was already an outline of the world it was creating. It was at a peak state of disorder which made the surrounding aura extremely chaotic.

Chaotic energy also had a strong digesting power, which was why the Void Creature was confident enough to swallow Qin Yu directly.

Normal cultivators would have been crushed alive in half an hour if they were swallowed by this Void Creature. However, with Qin Yu's cultivation level, naturally this would not happen to him. It was not a very dangerous situation for him.

“Stone Pagoda!”

A ball of light suddenly erupted from the corner of his eye.

That's right, there was a shadow of the world's Great Dao in his own Great Dao. After learning about this, the first thing that Qin Yu thought of was this Stone Pagoda who had a great appetite.

Back then, Qin Yu had seen his terrifyingly strong swallowing power for himself.

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The Stone Pagoda's illusion appeared and turned in a circle, observing the situation in the Void Creature's body. He was full of praise as he said, “There is actually a developing one-dimensional world in a Void Creature's body. Only Master is brave enough to be swallowed by it in order to discover this secret.

“Tsk, tsk, the secret of how the universe was created most probably lies here. Following you has indeed allowed me to broaden my knowledge!”

After hearing all sorts of compliments coming from Stone Pagoda, but not a word about getting things done, Qin Yu could not help but smile. The more he showed that he was unwilling meant that...Stone Pagoda was indeed able to swallow this Void Creature!

Otherwise, he would just be straightforward and tell Qin Yu that he was unable to do so, instead of beating around the bush.

“Alright, stop kissing my ass, there's lots of time for that in the future. It's not a hundred percent safe here, so let's talk about the important stuff.”

Being seen through by Qin Yu pushed him into a corner; there was no way that he could deflect anymore. Furthermore, Qin Yu's sarcastic smile was full of menace. It was obviously saying, 'If you continue to play dumb, I will not be polite anymore!'

Laughing bitterly, Stone Pagoda lamented, "Of course I understand what you mean, Master. However, this involves the world's Great Dao. Even if I had all the guts in the world, I would not dare to swallow. The success rate is also very low, and even if I did succeed, you know what the consequences are if I eat indiscriminately. I still want to follow you around and help you carry out your plots, not get struck by the heavens' lightning."

He paused for a while and glanced sideways at Qin Yu before continuing, "Furthermore, my aura is now one with yours. It is inseparable now, and if I were to be unlucky and die from the heavens' lightning, I would be okay with dying alone. However, if I had to make you go through this trial with me, it would be unacceptable!"

Qin Yu's lips twitched, and could not help but think that Stone Pagoda was getting better and better with words. Though, he had to admit that Stone Pagoda was right. If he acted rashly and forced Stone Pagoda to swallow the Great Dao Spirit, it would perhaps be possible to do so, but the consequences of this action would not be easy to handle.

Cough...Qin Yu suddenly thought of something. He had another powerful secret item, which was the little blue lamp, who had been lying low.

Strangely, it had entered a state of complete silence. However, its connection with Qin Yu was still there.

That brat seemed to have an issue with this world, which Qin Yu had seen for himself when he was small and weak.

Something disturbing like that had not happened again since then, firstly because Qin Yu's cultivation level had increased at a shocking speed and he was able to conceal his aura while doing so. Secondly, the little blue lamp never interfered in Qin Yu's matters. Otherwise, it would have meant that a huge accident had happened to him!

If Stone Pagoda's swallowing really attracted the heavens' punishments, it would cause Qin Yu to be implicated. He would not be able to guarantee that he could conceal the little blue lamp's existence. Just this thought alone frightened Qin Yu, causing beads of sweat to form on his forehead.

Cultivators had the aptitude to sense danger. The higher one's cultivation level was, the more sensitive one would be to danger. As for emotions like hopelessness and fear, Qin Yu had not felt them for a long time. It was understandable, because for him to feel these emotions would mean that he had fallen into a very perilous situation with virtually no chance of escape.

He took a deep breath and tried to calm his furiously beating heart down. He realized that he had been deeply affected by the Great Dao's Spirit; it caused him to be more emotional and thus more rash. His thinking process was also affected; he could not believe that he had not thought about all the possible outcomes.

Thankfully, Stone Pagoda was afraid of death and reminded Qin Yu. If he was like Eye of Eternal Night, who was a loyal and stupid servant, he would have instantly listened to Qin Yu's orders and acted accordingly...damn, that would have caused him lots of trouble!

Sensing the shift in Qin Yu's emotions, Stone Pagoda started to calm down as well. He was afraid that his master would really dare to do anything.

The world's Great Dao, and the Great Dao's Spirit, was not something that could be easily touched. No, more accurately, even having such thoughts was outrageous.

Did you really think that throughout history, True Saints had not thought of this? Yet, no one tried to act on those thoughts until today. Naturally, it was because they were afraid.

The stronger someone was, the more they could clearly understand how small and insignificant they were in comparison to this vast universe. Qin Yu, on the other hand, was like a fire arrow. He was strong and full of tricks, which was why he was full of himself but had a weak heart.

Thankfully, Stone Pagoda's reminder had helped him come to see the truth...sigh, as expected, when it comes to such huge matters, you still need old and experienced people like me who are able to see the big picture and consider all factors. If we only relied on Qin Yu, we would have encountered a huge problem!

Qin Yu knitted his eyebrows and laughed bitterly once again. He knew that the problem existed, and he managed to find a solution, yet he was at a stage where he did not dare to make a move. Was he really going to let his own Great Dao become like a poisonous snake that bit him back and swallowed him whole?

This was such a suffocating and helpless situation that he was in!

Stone Pagoda thought for a few moments before coughing lightly and suggesting, "Master, the Great Dao is stable. There have been no problems so far, and it's not always good to listen to what it says. Furthermore, to begin with, you are on a different path than others. What if this Great Dao is different too?"

What Stone Pagoda said was obscure, but there was a deep meaning behind it.