

## Refining 51

### Chapter 51 – Have You Eaten Human Flesh Before?

Clouds and fog rolled between the mountains, covering the entire deep valley. This fog was like an illusion, a phantom, reflecting a faint halo of light no matter how much sunlight fell onto the valley's medicinal field. The medicinal fragrance rushed into the senses like peerless dishes. With so many spirit plants placed right in front for eating, this was truly the biggest test of a chicken's life!

The chicken overlord stood at the side of the medicinal field, its throat twitching as it gulped again and again, its face twisted with reluctance. Should I eat? Or do I eat? Its small eyes widened and it flapped its wings several times, getting ready to pounce like a tiger spotting its prey. But at this time, the fog outside the valley suddenly swirled and parted.

The chicken overlord wildly swung its head, fear and shock in its small eyes. It raised its claws and wings, preparing to flee at the next moment. But then surprise filled its face. In the blink of an eye, it went from fleeing to standing in a heroic position, as if it were a brave champion ready to die where it stood!

Cluck!

With a loud cry, the chicken overlord pounced up and flew outwards. As its wings swung up, a gale whipped up around it. With its dashing momentum and daring demeanor it fit the poetic description of 'the chilly wind howls and the river waters run cold'. Like this, the chicken overlord ventured forwards, without any thoughts of turning!

This is how loyal and devoted I am, how unafraid of death I am! No one can touch the medicine garden that master left behind!

As Qin Yu walked out from the fog, what he saw in front of him was the staunch and dutiful chicken overlord. With a twitch of his lips, he flicked his sleeves and sent it flying away.

Awo!

Don't ask why a chicken was capable of emitting such a sound because this was how it cried out. It flew away miserably, tumbling about several times on the ground before falling motionless. If its cries were so tragic and authentic, then how come when it was tumbling on the ground it used its wings to protect its face? It hadn't made any progress at all!

Qin Yu waved a hand and the bamboo dragonfly flew into his hand. After probing it, he sensed that during the time he was away, the mountain valley had remained safe and quiet.

The chicken overlord was embarrassed. It struggled inwardly for three seconds before leaping up like a carp from water and rushing over to Qin Yu, wagging its tail feathers.

"Didn't you faint?"

Chicken overlord: I endure!

"Stop wagging about. You're not a dog."

Chicken overlord: I still endure!

“If you’re going to put on an act then do it until the end. You still haven’t fixed your problem of protecting your face. And as for your face, is there any need to protect it?”

Chicken overlord: I will still...no, this isn’t good. It’s fine if you laugh at me, but you cannot laugh at my face. Young child Qin, you have gone too far!

It raised its head, valiant and plucky, the blood burning in its veins. Just as it was about to cry out to express its anger, several pills were tossed in its face.

Ah...this familiar fragrance, my most beloved flavor, I’m drunk on this!

Huh? Did you say face? What is that? Is that something I can eat? Holding onto a pill, the chicken overlord’s face was full of contempt. It looked down, as if trying to say, ‘boy, you are far too naïve and pure’. Then it turned around and bowed, flattering its master with 120% of its abilities.

Young child Qin?

Who said that? It wasn’t me anyways, and if you want to blame me then you will need to bring evidence. The chicken overlord’s silver tongue was not a joke!

Qin Yu didn’t have time to bother with it. He stepped into the wooden house and took out a storage bag. First, he put away the two Thousandgold Mulberries and then took out another jade box.

The four sides of the jade box were around the size of a palm. It was blue and cool to the touch. After taking off the sealing talismans and opening the top, it revealed a pillar the length of a knuckle. The roots were still there but slightly dry and dark, flashing with faint traces of green lightning.

This was the Skythunder Bamboo!

Qin Yu had hurried a full two days to arrive at the large city where the alliance headquarters was located. The treasures of the hundred treasure list were also located there, so he was able to directly exchange for the Skythunder Bamboo. If he had stayed longer and revealed himself, then he would have inevitably been sucked into many troubles, and wanting to leave again would be difficult.

If he were to reveal himself, he knew that there were advantages he could obtain. Qin Yu was well aware of this, but he was even more aware that he couldn’t do it, because if he did, sooner or later his identity as an outer court disciple of the Eastern Mountain Sect would be exposed. And at that time, everyone would know he had a tremendous secret on his body.

He couldn’t do something that courted death!

The most important task before him was obtaining the Skythunder Bamboo and breaking into the Golden Core realm as soon as possible. After breaking into the Golden Core realm, his strength would rise even further and he wouldn’t need to fear anyone below the Nascent Soul realm within the entire 100,000 miles of the Southern Empire.

He waved his hand and a jade basin appeared. He moved the Skythunder Bamboo and Thousandgold Mulberries within. Then, looking at the dull and listless Skythunder Bamboo, he coldly smiled.

After being cut down to the length of a knuckle, could this still rightfully be said to have grown for 800 years? The key point was that the Skythunder Bamboo had entered a withered state, and if it wasn’t

fixed then it wouldn't be able to live much longer. If it weren't for the little blue lamp then he would have been enraged after seeing the state of the Skythunder Bamboo.

Now, all he had to do was wait for night to fall.

Half a year later.

Crackle –

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The Skythunder Bamboo was now half the height of an ordinary man. Sitting cross-legged beneath it, Qin Yu was submerged in green lightning. A numb and dull aching yet stabbing pain spread through his body as if countless ants were creeping along his flesh. Although he had already experienced this countless times, his body was still streaming with sweat like every time before!

Faint traces of dark black flowed out from his pores, mixed in with the sweat as it emitted a faint stench in the air.

Two hours later, the green lightning dissipated. Qin Yu's eyes flashed open, divine lightning exploding from within. Thunder seemed to sparkle deep in his pupils. He rose up and stepped into a wooden barrel beside him. As he sank into the hot water, he let loose a comfortable sigh.

Leaning against the barrel, his breathing gradually calmed down. Waves of exhaustion passed through him and like this he fell asleep. But in the next moment, his eyes popped back open, bright and radiant. He assessed the condition of his body and happily smiled.

Every hundred years, the Skythunder Bamboo would grow a length less than four sections. The little blue lamp had caused the Skythunder Bamboo to grow a height of 15 sections, at an average of one section every 12 days. If so, then the Skythunder Bamboo had accelerated growth by around eight years every day. When included with the 800 years that the Skythunder Bamboo grew for originally, it was now around 2300 years old.

From this, it could be seen that the little blue lamp accelerated the growth of spirit plants at different speeds. At the very least, when it accelerated the growth of the Skythunder Bamboo, this speed was far faster than that of ordinary spirit plants.

When placed in the current cultivation world, a spirit plant above a thousand years in age was a priceless treasure. As for spirit plants above 2000 years of age, that was something only the largest sects had. And the Skythunder Bamboo was truly worthy of being called a spirit plant from ancient times; the power of thunder it released possessed an astonishing ability to cleanse the mortal body. Qin Yu could clearly feel less and less medicinal residue in his body over time.

But this still wasn't enough.

At this time his body was like a barrel full of water. Just a little bit more would cause him to explode. Qin Yu couldn't take any more risks; he had to break through to Golden Core in the next attempt.

Luckily, as the Skythunder Bamboo grew, the power of thunder it released became increasingly strong and it cleansed away pill residues more thoroughly and faster. It wouldn't be much longer before it was finished.

In the blink of an eye, another half year passed.

With a low roar of pain, the last of the pill residues in Qin Yu's body was washed away by the power of thunder. The rich green lightning parted to reveal his ruined figure. Sweat soaked his white inner garments and a black stench rose up around him.

At his side, the Skythunder Bamboo was now the height of a person. Green arcs of electricity played atop its branches and leaves, the surging fluctuations leaving the heart shivering with fear. According to normal calculations, it was almost 5000 years old! If this Skythunder Bamboo were converted into spirit stones it would be worth no less than one million. This was an amount that would cause large sects to wildly try and seize it!

But at this time, Qin Yu didn't think about the Skythunder Bamboo. The medicinal residues in his body had been completely cleared away. The time to break through to Golden Core was right before him!

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A hundred miles away from the valley, there was a hidden mountain stream. Qin Yu's fingers moved to form a law formula, activating the array disc of the giant array formation beneath him.

Hum –

The invisible array formation blocked out auras so that they couldn't be sensed from the outside.

Today, here, he would break past Foundation Establishment and reach Golden Core!

He flicked his sleeve and 30,000 spirit stones fell around him, forming six small hills. Qin Yu sat between them, swallowing several Essence Augmenting Pills. The powerful medicinal efficacy quickly dispersed through his body, supplementing the losses to his body. When breaking into Golden Core, he needed to absorb a massive amount of spiritual strength in a short period of time; this was when these spirit stones would come into use.

Suddenly, because the dantian sea within Qin Yu had been intentionally suppressed, the base of the great dao that had been quiet all along suddenly erupted with a dazzling light. Endless beams of light gathered at its center, as if a great sun were being birthed within. Pink clouds shined in the world, blinding to the eyes.

Qin Yu trembled. Blood vessels stuck out all over his body. The impact of magic power began. After purifying his magic power through 17 failed breakthroughs, it was already pure enough to form a Golden Core. And, reality proved this. The great dao base shivered and a blinding brilliance shot out from within its center; this was the light of a Golden Core!

Qin Yu's surrounding aura suddenly changed into one of raw and savage majesty. An invisible suction force erupted and the 30,000 spirit stones around him also began quivering. Boundless spiritual strength surged and roared into Qin Yu's body like a broken dam.

At this time, the great dao base within his dantian sea suddenly trembled. An invisible strength descended and broke apart the condensing Golden Core with overbearing might.

Bang –

Magic power flushed out from him. Qin Yu's eyes popped open. His skin broke apart, revealing countless openings that marred his body. Blood spurted out like springs. The ground beneath him shattered and 30,000 spirit stones howled away. The array disc beneath him cried out as it was crushed to pieces by the terrifying aura!

The low rumbling was like a rolling thundercloud, spreading deep into the forest. Qin Yu fell onto his back, seeming as if he had been fried in oil.

Even his potent Demon Body wasn't able to withstand the backlash of magic power from having his condensing Golden Core scattered. It had disintegrated around him.

Why had he failed?

In his fuming rage, this was his first thought.

The second thought was that he couldn't stay here any longer.

Qin Yu struggled upwards. Even the simplest movement left his field of vision darkening. If it weren't for his strong will he would have already fainted. He took out several pills and swallowed them whole. He staggered away, too occupied to think of the 30,000 spirit stones behind him.

His heaving breaths became increasingly fast and heavy, and his disintegrating mortal body gradually turned cold. Qin Yu didn't know how far he walked, but he understood his time had arrived. Leaning against a stone, he slumped to the ground. He arranged himself in as comfortable a position he could and then fell silent.

Everything had gone according to plan. He had been more than careful, so why had he failed? And he would even need to pay for it with his life?

Qin Yu frowned. He couldn't figure it out. If he died like this, he really would be a little unwilling.

Suddenly, the sound of footsteps rang out. They were light and faint; a woman's steps. Qin Yu didn't look up as he continued to search for answers in his heart.

The arriving person opened their mouth. Their voice was sweet and clear, pleasant to the ears, just like a sparrow. It really was a woman. "Are you trying to figure out why you failed?"

Qin Yu looked up. Another crack formed on his neck, revealing red flesh and blood. But, he didn't seem to feel it at all. "You know why?"

His vocal cords were damaged and his voice was harsh and coarse, but he remained unexpectedly calm.

The woman's eyebrows arched up. She smiled. "You're calmer than I thought you would be."

Qin Yu said, "It's because I know that I will die, so what is there for me to worry about? I'm not lying to you, I really will die soon, so if you want to tell me the truth you had better hurry up, otherwise it will be too late."

The woman walked to his side. She traced a finger along Qin Yu's face and wet her finger with blood before placing it in her mouth. Her face relaxed, revealing an intoxicated look. "This is indeed the taste of the Demon Body..."

Qin Yu frowned. "I don't mind what sort of treatment I receive after I die, but could you at least wait until I close my eyes?"

"Are you afraid?"

"I'm only disgusted."

The woman seemed interested. "Have you eaten human flesh before?"

Qin Yu was silent for several moments. "I've only seen it."

With a soft laugh, the woman gently stroked his face. She whispered, "Rest assured, how could I possibly allow you to die..."

A nail cut across a white and tender palm. Purple blood flowed out. Suddenly, a burning heat spread through Qin Yu's body, as if molten iron were being poured onto him and melding his disintegrating body!

Without another word, Qin Yu fainted.

The woman was stunned for a brief moment before she smiled again. "What an interesting fellow."

## **Chapter 52 – You Don't Know How to Spell Death**

Vaguely, Qin Yu felt someone taking care of him. Something was fed to him, rolling down his throat and transforming into a roiling, burning pain that violently smashed away his faintly formed consciousness.

He didn't know how much time passed. Perhaps one day, two days, or even a year or two. But when Qin Yu finally exhausted every ounce of will he had to open his eyes, he could see the light of the setting sun sprinkling through the window, leaving a dim yellow haze that illuminated a messy skirt draped on an edge. Then, he saw a woman's clean and perfect naked back. She was inside a wooden barrel filled with water, leaning against it, seeming as if she were asleep.

But when Qin Yu's gaze fell on her, the woman opened her eyes.

Splash –

A wave of water came crashing down on him, leaving his entire head wet. Qin Yu closed his eyes and by the time he opened them, she was already fully dressed and standing beside his bed. As beads of water rolled down her long hair, she smiled and asked, "Did you like what you saw?" Her voice was pleasant to the ears and filled with hidden temptations. However, Qin Yu felt his heart chill. He vigorously shook his head, his bones crackling in the process.

The woman narrowed her eyes, as if she were trying to make out if he were lying. Then, with a light cough she stood up. She was a tall person and her figure was devilishly enticing. Thus, when combined with the bath behind her, it became even more eye-catching.

Qin Yu honestly closed his eyes.

A laugh echoed in his ears. The woman said, "It looks like you didn't show it. How bold of you."

Qin Yu opened his mouth, "I thank miss for saving me, but it seems that we don't know each other."

The woman had a thoughtful look. She playfully asked, "Is that right? But why do I think that you've already recognized me?"

Qin Yu shook his head.

"It doesn't matter if you admit it or not. Little man who injured me in the past, this big sister has never forgotten you. Now, open your eyes."

Qin Yu couldn't think of a way to refuse. As he saw her familiar face, he wryly shook his head, "So it was Miss You Qi all along. Really, in this world, enemies walk together on narrow roads and often meet."

You Qi covered her mouth and gently laughed. "The road isn't narrow at all. This big sister had already seen you at the Righteous and Demonic Convocation. Unfortunately, you ran away so, so fast, and I had to spend a great deal of effort to find you. And look, just when I found you, you failed your breakthrough and nearly died from self-explosion."

Qin Yu bitterly smiled, "Why must you pick at a person's scars?"

"Your wounds aren't even healed so how can there be scars?" You Qi's eyes looked around. "Big sister here is also quite curious. How did you manage to cultivate a Demon Body?"

Qin Yu said, "If I said it was a coincidence, would miss believe me?"

You Qi chuckled. "I believe. Because besides being a lucky bastard, I can't imagine that anyone could cultivate a Demon Body in this sad excuse for a land."

Qin Yu thought for a moment. "Since miss didn't kill me, is it related to the Demon Body?"

You Qi batted her eyes shyly. "Little brother is so intelligent."

"Why?"

"Wait until your wounds are healed, and then big sister will tell you."

"Miss You Qi, do you not fear that I will take advantage of you after I heal?"

You Qi's eyes turned a little cold. "Does little brother not fear that such words will summon a fatal calamity?"

Qin Yu shook his head. "If miss intended to kill me I would have already died."

"Hehe, I can't scare you, how boring." You Qi smirked. "Rest well. Since this big sister saved you I'm naturally not afraid of any backlash. Well, unless you never want to form a Golden Core in your lifetime."

Qin Yu's complexion changed.

You Qi revealed a satisfied smile. She turned and left.

"Wait!"

"Little man, what else do you want?"

“Although it is my life’s greatest honor to have bathed in miss’ bath water, I think that miss has suffered too great a loss because of that. So, I ask that miss please dry me.”

You Qi froze for a moment. She spoke between clenched teeth. “Do you really want me to dry you?” Her voice was soft and her beautiful face had a slight blush. Her large eye seemed wet with tears.

Qin Yu smiled, “I’m already dry!”

“Humph!”

You Qi turned and left.

After a while, the bamboo dragonfly flew through the window. Once he had made sure that she really did leave, Qin Yu fell back onto his bed. He gasped several times, beads of sweat covering his forehead.

It seemed that You Qi wouldn’t kill him for now.

That was enough.

Relaxing a little, Qin Yu fell asleep.

There was a slight fluctuation in space outside the wooden house, and You Qi’s curvy figure stepped out. She raised a hand and grabbed the bamboo dragonfly, smiling. “What a cautious little boy. But in front of this big sister, you are still too naïve.” She swept her eyes over the verdant and luxurious medicinal field. “Live in seclusion?” Her eyes flashed briefly before returning to tranquility.

Qin Yu woke up once more. As he opened his eyes, what he saw was You Qi’s pale face. Purple blood was flowing out from her fingertip into his mouth. Though there seemed to be a fire in his stomach, it actually left his limbs and bones warm and comforted.

You Qi lazily looked at him. “How do you feel?”

Qin Yu finally realized what he had been drinking when he was unconscious. A complex look flitted through his eyes before he smiled and said, “I feel much better.”

His tongue touched her fingertip. A faint electric sizzle seemed to spread through the two of them and they both stiffened.

You Qi pulled her finger back. A demonic light flashed and her wound regenerated. “In order to save you, this big sister suffered a tremendous loss. You should remember this.”

Qin Yu earnestly said, “The grace of saving one’s life is heavier than a mountain. As long as miss asks, I will try my best.”

“And if I ask you to murder innocents and raze villages?”

“...”

“I’m just teasing. If it were so simple then this big sister would have solved the problem herself. Why would I need to go through so much trouble?”

Qin Yu coughed. “Miss You Qi, what is it that you want from me?”



You Qi nonchalantly eyed him. "Are you really that curious? Well alright, there isn't a problem in telling you. This big sister has a place she wants to go to, and the Demon Body is the key to opening the door. As long as you help me take out something from inside, I will tell you how to break through to Golden Core."

Qin Yu's eyes shrank. "Is miss speaking the truth?"

You Qi said, "Of course. This big sister wouldn't lie to you." She sat up. "I'm tired. We will go later, so continue resting for now. Oh, that's right, here is your bamboo dragonfly. This big sister is accustomed to sleeping without clothes, so I didn't want to be spied on by you."

Qin Yu, "..."

It was unknown what background You Qi came from, but to Qin Yu, her blood was like the most amazing medicine in the world. The collapsed Demon Body's vitality gradually returned, and it regenerated itself with astonishing speed. If anyone else were to suffer such a serious injury, even if they managed to stay alive they would be permanently disabled and forced to lay in bed for the rest of their life. But Qin Yu was able to rise up from his bed in a month, and half a year later, his injuries were nearly fully healed.

Creek –

Qin Yu pushed open the door, bathing in the long unseen sunlight. He stretched his waist and his bones crackled and popped. Within his chest, his heart beat strong and powerfully, each beat forcing blood through his body. Every inch of his flesh and blood seemed to contain an explosive strength.

Shattered and reformed!

At this time, the Demon Body was almost twice as powerful as before.

You Qi gently sighed. "You truly turned misfortune into a blessing. Alas, this big sister's strength was immensely damaged."

This wasn't a falsehood. Perhaps it was because she had lost too much blood, but her complexion was pale and her breath seemed a bit airy.

Qin Yu forcefully smiled, "If turning misfortune into a blessing is like this, I'd rather not experience it a second time."

"Hehe, then help big sister here like a good little boy. Once I achieve my desire, you can break into the Golden Core realm and you won't experience trouble like this again."

Qin Yu nodded, "When do we leave?"

"There's no need to hurry. We still have a bit over three months."

Qin Yu said, "That's fine. And Miss You Qi, could you give me back my storage bags now?"

You Qi gasped, "How embarrassing. Big sister almost forgot."

Even if you're smiling, it is just far too insincere.

Several storage bags were tossed his way. You Qi quietly said, "I never thought that little brother would be so wealthy. But how come the contents are all things that belong to my demonic path's cultivators?"

Qin Yu shook his head, "They want to kill me, so what else can I do?"

You Qi coldly sneered. "Can you be any more shameless? Demonic path's Evil Star!"

These four words were spoken with great emphasis.

Qin Yu shrugged, as if trying to say he didn't know what she was speaking of. He shot into the skies, "I raised a pet and I have no idea how it is doing right now. I'll take a look and be back soon."

You Qi bit her teeth and stamped her feet. She didn't know why, but she always seemed to suffer a loss in front of Qin Yu.

This bastard. If it weren't for...if it weren't for...argh, I would teach you a lesson!

After flying out of the mountain valley, Qin Yu probed the storage bag. There wasn't anything missing, and in fact there was something extra.

It was a common-looking little stone kept within another storage bag that didn't respond to his divine sense at all. If it weren't for him carefully probing, he wouldn't have discovered it. A playful smile spread across his features. He fell down into a forest for a moment and then soared into the distance once more.

An hour later, You Qi quietly landed atop a large tree. With a dignified appearance, she carefully pushed open the branches and leaves.

Then, she froze.

A black and white wild boar was lying comfortably in the shade. There was a storage bag hanging around its neck.

You Qi's face flushed red. She angrily screamed out, "Qin Yu, you bastard!"

Awo –

The wild boar woke up. Its short legs scurried about as it crazily ran away. The storage bag on its neck swung about, inexplicably taunting her.

And at this time, 'bastard' Qin Yu was hundreds of miles away, in hidden mountain valley. This valley had lush green foliage with streams of water and even a little lake to the side. Just as he appeared, there was the sound of clucking as the chicken overlord flew out from its hideout, excitement all over its face.

Half a year ago it had been sent here by Qin Yu. With nothing to do but stare at the little lake, it nearly died from boredom. And as it thought back to how it hadn't had its harem with it for half a year, and it also didn't know how many times it had been cheated on, it felt even sadder.

Qin Yu relaxed a little. He smiled. "You did well. I know you've suffered but I will make sure to compensate you in the future. Has anything happened in the last half year?"

The chicken overlord shook its head. It raised its head and thrust out its chest like a true overlord, as if trying to state that no one would dare be brazen in its presence.

Qin Yu turned and dove into the lake. He soon emerged. With a little bit of magic power he dried himself.

In his hand was the gold and silver thread storage bag.

He probed it with his divine sense. The little blue lamp, Thousand Gold Mulberries, Skythunder Bamboo, and massive amount of pills were also accounted for.

Qin Yu smiled, overcome with joy. Fortunately for him, right before his last failed breakthrough he had a sudden impulse and decided to shift all his important items to a storage bag and hide it in this lake. If he hadn't, the little blue lamp's secret might have already been exposed!

Cluck –

Cluck –

The chicken overlord wanted credit for its efforts.

Qin Yu took out a jade bottle. "There are 50 pills in here. Don't head back for another four months. Do you understand?"

The chicken overlord nodded. It picked the jade bottle up in its mouth, turned and flew away. As it flapped over the valley, its actions seemed a bit heated and impatient. Well, this was also reasonable. After living in monk-like conditions for half a year, anyone would have had enough by now.

Qin Yu put away the storage bag. As he swept his eyes around to make sure there were no clues left behind, he shot into the sky.

For the next month, You Qi walked around with an icy expression and an irate and exasperated attitude! Perhaps this was because she was embarrassed and angry after being suddenly tricked by someone she thought was so naive.

Qin Yu was glad for the quiet reprieve. He went back into seclusion to cultivate. With the Demon Body having shattered and reformed, it was almost twice as powerful and could withstand even more magic power. Although he would never forget the taste of his body exploding, he decided to continue cultivating. Perhaps this was like walking towards a mountain, even when he knew that it was full of tigers.

Of course, in You Qi's eyes, he became a representative of someone who didn't know how to spell the word death!

### **Chapter 53 – Land of Sealed Demons**

The sky was dark, cloudy and gloomy. Even if it were a sunny day there would still be a heavy pall over the land. The earth was barren and withered with strong winds whipping across the ground, stirring up dust and sand, making it sound as if the world was sobbing and crying. Looking around, one's line of sight was fuzzy, causing a chilling fear to rise from the depth of the heart.

Woosh –

Woosh –

Two flashes of light followed after each other, falling onto a low hill. They dispersed to reveal two figures, one a youth with an imposing aura and the other a tall woman with a charming aura and a stunning body.

These two people were Qin Yu and You Qi. They had left the mountain valley 14 days ago. They travelled tens of thousands of miles without stopping and entered the domain of the Northern Dynasty.

You Qi took out a compass. The black and red lines seemed to be dyed in blood. She carefully looked over it and then placed it away. She said, “We should arrive in another day.”

Qin Yu’s eyes flashed. “Miss, do you think it is time for you to tell me just where we are headed?”

You Qi seemed grief-stricken. “Little man, so you couldn’t trust me after all.”

Qin Yu remained unmoved. “Trust is established on a foundation of honesty.”

You Qi slumped down, as if she wanted to cry. “And you have been honest to me?”

Shortly after the storage bag incident, another change occurred with the Skythunder Bamboo. Qin Yu also avoided You Qi’s attempts of approaching him, thus she developed a grudge.

Qin Yu said without expression, “I refused because it is my own privacy, completely different from Miss You Qi’s attempts of concealing the current situation. How can they possibly be compared?” His tone remained indifferent. “If miss continues to refuse, then I can only apologize and withdraw from this matter.”

You Qi’s complexion changed. She could feel the decisiveness in his words. She clenched her teeth, “You’re ruthless enough!”

The place she wanted to go to was the Land of Sealed Demons. This was a place completely unrelated to the righteous path cultivators and was where the demonic path sealed away their demonic cultivators. Every faction had people they loathed or found unacceptable, and this was true even for the demonic path. Of course, those that had the qualifications to be exiled to the Land of Sealed Demons were all horrifyingly strong demons. Those that were insolent yet small and weak were long since exterminated.

You Qi wanted to find something in the Land of Sealed Demons. She didn’t specifically state what it was, and Qin Yu certainly wouldn’t ask.

“Now you know, so there’d better be no complaints!” You Qi bitterly said. She was just gnashing her teeth in anger a little while ago, and now she had completely changed her attitude. The performances that this sorceress passed through were far too dramatic.

Qin Yu wasn’t polite. “I have something to say! If the Land of Sealed Demons is as you say, then this is where the demonic path suppresses powerful demonic cultivators. Although you were very casual about it, shouldn’t the strength of these demons be incredibly terrifying? If you and I enter alone, I fear it will be difficult for us to come back out alive.”

You Qi remained calm. Her charmingly enticing aura was suddenly swept away, replaced by a quiet, even apathetic atmosphere. "Of course there are dangers, but they aren't as scary as you imagine. After being sealed away for so many years, even if someone hasn't died, their cultivation would have dramatically dropped. Moreover, the Land of Sealed Demon has seals that suppress those locked away. As long as you and I don't deliberately go looking for trouble and undo their seals, there won't be a problem."

Qin Yu hesitated.

You Qi sighed. "Little man, you're quite greedy aren't you. Very well, this big sister will be honest with you."

These words didn't seem right at all.

"The root reason that you failed to break into the Golden Core realm lies in the fact that you cultivated the Demon Body. It is an overbearingly tyrannical body transformation law, and does not allow anything to surpass it in strength. So, you need to further evolve your Demon Body before you can increase your magic power and reach Golden Core. In order for the Demon Body to evolve, you will need to swallow powerful demon blood. You have already successfully cultivated a Demon Body so you should know how vital demon blood is. I'm sure you can tell whether or not I'm lying to you."

You Qi smiled with rapturous allure, "And in this world where you and I are, the Land of Sealed Demons is the only place where we can find the demon blood that satisfies your needs. So, do you want to go or not?"

Qin Yu's eyes began to burn. After a long time, he nodded. "I understand."

He closed his eyes and started to meditate.

A light flashed in You Qi's eyes. She didn't speak any further.

Two hours later, the two of them shot into the skies, soaring deep into the desolate land.

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North of the Southern Empire was the Northern Dynasty. The Northern Dynasty was three times the size, but its population was actually less than half that of the Southern Empire. This was because a vast amount of land was barren wilderness.

In the legends it was said that these barren lands were cursed long ago, and the vitality of the land gradually depleted over time. Although there was no evidence of this, the reality was that those who stepped into these barren lands often died violent and miserable deaths. Over time, fewer and fewer people journeyed there.

At this time, You Qi and Qin Yu were deep in the largest barren wilderness of the Northern Dynasty. The sun hung high above their heads yet they couldn't feel any heat at all. The chill in the air was so cold it could almost freeze blood.

Without warning, the earth violently shook. A crack tore through the earth, splitting the land in a haphazard manner. Black gas flowed out from below, mixing with the cold air to form a void of ice.

In the blink of an eye, snow began to fall. The snow was black. Qin Yu's complexion changed. With his current level of strength, he could feel the danger within the snow.

You Qi's eyes brightened. She took out two tokens. They had ancient and simple marks, and the aura they emitted was similar to that of the compass she used earlier.

"These are guardian tokens. With them you can enter the Land of Sealed Demons. Make sure you always keep it with you; never forget it."

Qin Yu took one. A cold aura rushed through his body and cleared out his mind. As he looked at the black snow, he didn't feel fear anymore.

You Qi flicked her sleeve and a wisteria vine appeared in a puff of demonic energy. The vine twisted into the form of a human and even stretched its waist and spoke out loud, "I finally have a chance to come out and breathe some fresh air. Miss, should we discuss later about being allowed to come out more often? Although I am only a demonic vine, I still have the right to pursue a higher standard of living!"

You Qi's eyes narrowed, a dangerous light flashing within them. "Little demon vine, what did you say? I didn't hear you the first time; perhaps you should say it again?"

Pata –

The demon vine cast down its arms and legs...no, it fell down in deep prostration, its large form thumping against the ground, its voice so fawning that it almost dripped water. "Miss has an appearance as beautiful as the moon and flowers, an appearance like an immortal, the bearing of a fairy, unparalleled beauty, twin peaks that stand proud –"

"Shut up!" You Qi breathlessly shouted.

Qin Yu's lips twitched.

The demonic vine seemed stunned, as if it couldn't figure why its groveling that had worked a hundred times before had suddenly failed. It looked at Qin Yu. Its eyes blinked as they flashed with understanding. What an awkward situation. In any case, You Qi's face was blushing red.

Suddenly, the demonic vine sucked in a deep breath, horrified to the extreme. "Miss, h-h-h-h-his...his aura, h-h-h-he..."

"Shut up!" You Qi slapped the demonic vine away, seeming as if she could eat someone alive right now.

The demonic vine drew a beautiful arc in the air before it fell on the ground and tumbled about. But, why was it still covering its face?

Qin Yu's complexion became even stranger.

As You Qi saw this, her face turned so red that it almost seemed soaked with blood. "If you dare utter another word of nonsense I will punish you with ten years of confinement!"

"Noo!"

The tragic cry was a stunning performance, filled with all three emotions of the heart. The plaintive cry twisted back and forth between bemoaning and begging, the trembling of the voice left one's inner

emotions feeling utterly satisfied. If the chicken overlord had to be compared, it fell far short. The difference was as great as the heavens and earth.

“Miss, I know I was mistaken, I will be absolutely obedient in the future. With your magnanimous character, please find it in your heart to forgive me!” The demonic vine flew over to atone. But, why are you blinking your eyes?

“Roll off and explore the way!”

“Will do!”

And it really...started to roll away...

Qin Yu clenched his jaws, trying not to make a single sound.

You Qi's expression was ice cold. “If you want to laugh then laugh.”

Qin Yu frowned. “Is this alright?”

You Qi was fuming with anger. Just what sort of reply was that? What did you mean with that!?

As Qin Yu saw she was almost about to explode, he turned his eyes. He said earnestly, “Below the crack is the Land of Sealed Demons?”

You Qi's complexion cleared. She coldly snorted in acknowledgement.

The demonic vine rolled forwards towards the crack in the earth. As the snowflakes landed on its body they bounced back, unable to cause any damage at all. It turned its head back towards Qin Yu and winked several times before probing the crack with its tentacle-like arms.

Suddenly, the demonic vine's eyes popped wide open. It emitted a miserable cry and its body viciously shook. It seemed as if it could be pulled in at any moment.

Qin Yu's heart shrank. He cast a glance at You Qi. As he saw her calm and expressionless face, he felt a little bit more assured. He continued to quietly stand where he was.

After a long period of time, the demonic vine came rolling back, its face filled with resentment. There was none of the previous fawning appearance at all.

You Qi reached out a hand, demonic energy lingering about her. “If there's no problem, then roll back.”

The demonic vine shrank its head. It jumped up into the air, its body rapidly shrinking before it submerged into the demonic energy and vanished from sight.

A light flashed in Qin Yu's eyes. This time, he could clearly see that the demonic vine hadn't been placed into a storage bag. It seemed as if it had directly fused into her body.

“Let's go.” You Qi flew into the crack.

Qin Yu took a deep breath. He stepped forwards and jumped down.

The crack was extremely deep. In several breaths of time they descended by 1000 feet, but they still hadn't reached the bottom.

You Qi flicked her sleeve and demonic energy gathered around her in a black cloud that wrapped around the both of them.

Feeling the softness beneath his feet, Qin Yu's gaze stiffened for a moment. Thinking back three years ago, there was once a girl who led him like this.

You Qi sensed he was distracted. After a moment, her lips curved up in a smile. "Are you thinking of that damned girl from the Ning Family?"

Qin Yu frowned. He turned, "I don't know what enmity you have with Senior-apprentice Sister, but she has already died. I hope that you can show a bit more respect!"

You Qi's eyebrows arched up as anger began to stew in her heart. What a good Qin Yu. You didn't even blush during the over half-a-year you were with me, and yet you actually lost your temper with me for a little twit...huh? Wait, something was off.

Died? Who died? Could it be...

A strange color flashed over her features. "When was this? How come I don't know?"

Qin Yu faintly muttered, "It was three years ago."

You Qi's anger dispersed. She honestly nodded, "Very well. I'll show you a bit of face and won't speak of it from now on."

As she turned her head back, she nearly couldn't stop the laughter erupting from her stomach.

I'll let you be angry all you want and you can stew in your own sadness. This lady will pretend she doesn't know anything at all!

Qin Yu was surprised. He didn't think she would speak such amiable words. He cupped his hands across his chest, "Thank you, Miss You Qi."

You Qi: Ah, my stomach hurts...

She quickly changed the topic. "Be careful, we will arrive soon!"

Qin Yu focused his attention. Indeed, they were nearing the end of the crack in the earth. He looked up to see only the tiniest white line indicating where they came from. He didn't know just how far underground they were.

Shua –

The demonic cloud scattered and the two landed on solid ground.

A stone cave was in front of them. No aura emanated from them, but it was actually pitch black, like the deepest night in the world.

You Qi composed her mood and took out an ash gray jade document. "Feed this with your blood. Don't worry, three drops will be enough."

Qin Yu slashed his fingertip and dripped three drops of blood over the jade document.



A blood red light bloomed. The jade document seemed revived. A ferocious demon's visage appeared on the surface, filled with an almighty dignity. You Qi waved her sleeve and the jade document flew forwards towards the stone cave. Unexpectedly, the jade document landed on the entrance to the stone cave as if were water, causing increasingly strong ripples to spread outwards. Then, the thick pitch black night darkness that seemed impossible to undo began to gradually turn into a vortex that led to some unknown place.

Roar –

Roar –

As if sensing the opening of the channel, rolling bass demonic roars spread out from the vortex!

A black face appeared from the vortex, its expression sharp and cold. "Who dares disturb the Land of Sealed Demons?"

You Qi grasped the guardian token in her hand. She respectfully said, "We are under demonic command to question Blood Demon."

Without needing any reminder, Qin Yu also took out his guardian token.

The face paused for a moment, as if a bit cautious. But it finally said, "You may enter."

Whoosh –

The face scattered away and the vortex fully opened. Billowing demonic energy erupted with a thunderous roar!

You Qi sucked in a deep breath, excitement on her face. She grabbed hold of Qin Yu and ran in.

In the skies above the barren wilderness, in the instant that the Land of Sealed Demons opened, the dark night suddenly descended, followed with the countless stars of the heavens. The vast starlight began to gather, but before it arrived the aura that galvanized all of this suddenly vanished.

And the descending of the dark night vanished with it.

But this matter shocked the Northern Dynasty and Southern Empire. Countless demonic cultivators were excited and righteous cultivators were left worried. For the next several days, all sorts of wicked and perverse characters gathered at the barren wilderness. But no matter how they searched, they couldn't find anything at all.

The crack in the earth vanished as if it had been a dream. The cold aura also dissipated in the sunlight.

#### **Chapter 54 – The Black Short Sword**

Everything in front was pure black. A tearing feeling enveloped their bodies. With Qin Yu's Demon Body, he was only a little uncomfortable. As for You Qi, she was tensed, holding hard onto Qin Yu's hand as her breathing quickened.

Qin Yu hesitated for a moment. He reached out an arm to hold her, her warm fragrance filling his senses.

You Qi stiffened. After a brief moment, she gradually softened.

The process forwards took much longer than imagined. Just as Qin Yu was wondering whether they would be trapped in this darkness for eternity, the tearing feeling all around him suddenly scattered.

He loosened his hand and stepped back. You Qi straightened up and looked around. A faint pink blush colored her ears.

Qin Yu broke the silence. "Where do we go from here?" At this time, they were in a giant stone cavern. The walls were covered with holes on all sides, the tunnels winding and twisting to who knew where.

You Qi seemed to relax. She took out her compass and carefully checked. After a moment she put it away and said, "Follow me." As she stepped forwards, she warned again, "Remember to keep hold of your guardian token."

She hurriedly led the way.

Qin Yu smiled and followed behind.

Entering one of the giant holes in the wall, the light suddenly dimmed. Although it wasn't narrow, this place still left one feeling breathless. In the cold silence, besides the dark stone around them, one couldn't see anything else at all. As Qin Yu saw You Qi carefully leading the way, he remained vigilant of his surroundings, not daring to show even the least bit of carelessness.

Without warning, accompanied with shrieks, a large stone to the left suddenly bulged outwards. A withered arm stretched out from a dark seal, grasping towards You Qi.

She tossed herself to the side and quickly stood up. She cast an icy glare at the stone, seeming completely fearless. However, her slightly pale face and the beads of sweat that dripped down her nose revealed her true feelings.

In truth, Qin Yu had also been frightened. For her to adjust herself in such a short period of time, that wasn't easy at all. Sure enough, her charming weakness and delicateness had all been a lie. Deep down she was stubborn and brave, and even if she were afraid, she would still stubbornly persist no matter what.

After walking a bit, Qin Yu suddenly said, "Let's rest a little."

You Qi slowed a little, not even looking back. "You're so troublesome!" She carefully checked her surroundings, and once she established there weren't any problems, she turned around and sat down.

Qin Yu tactfully sat down a distance away and closed his eyes in meditation.

You Qi bit her lips. She reached down and rubbed her aching ankles. As she looked at Qin Yu, her gaze was a bit softer.

Of course, she would never let Qin Yu see this.

After some time, You Qi stood up. "Let's go!"

Qin Yu opened his eyes and smiled.

As the two continued deeper in, the cave began to expand all around them. Once a skeleton that had been decaying there for an unknown number of years appeared on the ground, You Qi's complexion changed. She thought for a long time and then turned around, saying, "Be careful."

Qin Yu slowly nodded.

A little bit further, they really found a seal that had been broken. On the stone walls where the seal had been broken, a large hole had appeared.

You Qi walked forward to examine it. After a long time, she let out a deep breath. "The seal loosened, allowing him to escape. But, the strength of the seal still severely wounded him, and he fell to the ground and perished."

Qin Yu looked at the swarthy black hole, not sensing anything particular about it. But since You Qi said this, she definitely had knowledge of it.

After reaching a junction, the tunnel split into three different paths. You Qi took out the compass, but after fiddling with it for a long time she seemed to encounter some difficulties.

"You give it a try. You should be able to sense it with your blood."

Qin Yu closed his eyes and emptied his heart and mind. After several breaths of time, he lifted a hand and pointed out, "The left."

You Qi looked down at the compass, worried.

"Is something wrong?"

You Qi gently sighed. "It seems that wanting to easily obtain it isn't easy at all. Out of the three tunnels, the left is the most dangerous."

Qin Yu frowned, "How dangerous is it?"

"Very dangerous."

"...Should we go or not?"

You Qi's eyes brightened. "Of course we go! Otherwise I would have come here for nothing at all." She took a deep breath. "If you can't withstand it, then use the guardian token and pour your...oh, forget it, you're not a demonic cultivator. Just stand closer to me."

Qin Yu simply walked over.

He drew close to her, almost seeming as if he were pasted next to her. Her fragrance continuously wafted into his nose, and if he lowered his head he could see her fair back and extremely pale strands of hair.

You Qi rolled her eyes, trying to signify that he didn't need to be so close.

Qin Yu pretended that he didn't see.

This was the Land of Sealed Demons! Although their journey so far had been relatively safe and calm, who knew when some accident would occur?

Moreover, since they all knew it was going to be extremely dangerous soon, why wouldn't he be more careful and stay closer to her? If he didn't he would be an idiot!

You Qi gnashed her teeth in anger. Yet, as she felt the aura behind her, she couldn't help but acknowledge that she felt much calmer.

Whatever. They needed to attend to important matters, so this miss would endure it!

As they entered the left tunnel, their complexions turned dignified. Here, it was incredibly dark, so dark that You Qi needed to take out an illuminating pearl to light the way. And beyond that there was also a light demonic energy that filled the air.

The Land of Sealed Demons was called this because there were demons sealed here, so it was perfectly reasonable if there was a leak of demonic energy. However, as the two came this far, and even at the place where the sealed demonic cultivator reached out, there hadn't been the least bit of aura revealed...

And, according to You Qi's compass, this was also the most dangerous path.

The two slowed down a great deal, and neither of them were in the mind to continue speaking. Only the faint sounds of their footsteps reverberated in the tunnel.

Suddenly, You Qi stiffened. Qin Yu didn't know what happened but he instinctually prepared himself for any possibility.

Bang –

Bang –

Within the air, the light demonic energy began to tumble about like a boiling sea, and it was also starting to rise at an alarming rate. One could also see that traces of demonic energy were constantly flowing out from the stone walls in front, accompanied with the sounds of pained howls and shrieks.

These weren't true sounds. Rather, countless demonic wills jumbled together and tried to invade their minds to control them.

With a shout, the guardian token in You Qi's hand erupted with a black light, enveloping her and Qin Yu. The invasion of the demonic wills was suddenly isolated outwards.

"Hurry and run!"

Grabbing onto Qin Yu, she rushed forwards. As if discovering the demonic wills weren't working, the demonic energy began to gather and condense. Distorted demonic phantoms appeared on the cave walls, howling as they threw themselves forwards.

You Qi's pupils flashed. "Ignore them, they are just illusions!" And indeed, the demonic phantoms passed through their bodies and faded away.

"Don't leave!"

"Stay behind, join us!"

“You cannot escape!”

Low and sharp, plaintive and sad, all sorts of sounds began to rise up in the tunnel. There were men and women, old and young. Then, from both sides of the walls around them, the outlines of seals began to appear. The fierce figures of demonic cultivators appeared, wildly reaching out and attempting to grab hold of them.

You Qi quickly dodged. She seemed to have practiced some exquisite movement technique. No matter how crazily the demonic cultivators reached out to her, they couldn't touch her in the least. She warned, “Don't resist, let me lead the way, otherwise if you accidentally touch a seal, you and I will both be sucked in!”

Qin Yu nodded.

But at this time, his pupils violently shrank. He grabbed You Qi and thrust a foot down, coming to a screeching stop.

Caught off guard, she was almost caught by a sealed demonic cultivator. You Qi turned, ready to curse at Qin Yu, when she saw him draw back his fist and punch outwards.

With a loud crash, a demonic phantom flying towards them emitted a miserable shout as it disintegrated. A black short sword clattered to the ground.

You Qi paled. If Qin Yu hadn't noticed this and she continued running forwards thinking that it was an illusion, the consequences could be imagined. Her lips moved as if she wanted to say something, but she was interrupted by Qin Yu, “Let's go.”

Of course, the black short sword that fell down was conveniently picked up by him.

Perhaps it was because they discovered that they couldn't do anything to this man and woman, but the sealed demonic cultivators all began to fall silent.

Soon, the two of them ran out from the tunnel and arrived in another massive underground cavern.

You Qi let go of his hand and started to gather her scattered hair. “This is a demonic treasure and the quality should be quite good. It has soaked in pure demonic energy all these years and has already developed a bit of spiritual awareness.”

Qin Yu's eyes brightened.

Whether it was a magic treasure or demonic treasure, under the guidance of fate, both had a chance of developing their own spiritual awareness. Once this happened, they were called spirit treasures. Spirit treasures were items that even Nascent Soul cultivators might not possess, so it could be seen how precious they were.

“Don't think too much about it. This short sword should have only begun its initial awakening and is only a shadow of a spirit treasure. There is still a long distance for it to go before it transforms into a true spirit treasure.”

Qin Yu smiled and put away the short sword. “In any case I've picked it up, so as for what happens to it in the future, that depends on its good fortune.”

Whether it was because his words were magnanimous, blunt, or casual, something caused a light to flash in You Qi's eyes. She covered her expression and turned around, "Let's rest."

Qin Yu nodded, "You rest, and I'll keep watch."

Just now, it had been You Qi taking action. He had been relatively idle most of the time.

You Qi didn't refuse. She sat down and took out a pill, swallowing it. The pill was black with faint threads of purple surrounding it. It seemed to fill the air with a bit of a dark fragrance and was completely dissimilar to any pill Qin Yu knew of. This You Qi, her background was quite mysterious.

After a moment, You Qi opened her eyes. A faint trace of purple appeared in the depths of her eyes, followed by an inexplicable grandeur.

"We can go now."

Qin Yu turned to look back at the tunnel they came from. "Miss You Qi, this Land of Sealed Demons should have been sealed long ago, so how come the suppressed demonic cultivators here still haven't died?"

You Qi shook her head, "The vast majority of them have died. It's just that the strength of their resentment hasn't scattered yet due to the seals." She didn't seem to want to speak further about this. "With your sense, which direction should we go in?"

This underground space was massive and they couldn't see the end of it. Visibility in the dark was also extremely low.

Qin Yu closed his eyes and opened them after several breaths of them. With an earnest look, he said, "We seem to have arrived."

He pointed a finger forwards.

You Qi revealed a joyous expression.

Walking forwards, the two soon saw a jade slip emitting a weak blood red light. It was hanging over a large boulder.

The two of them didn't recklessly rush forwards. They carefully inspected the surroundings, and only after discovering that everything seemed okay was You Qi unable to further suppress the excitement in her eyes.

Qin Yu turned and drew back several dozen feet.

You Qi's lips curled up. This fellow also knew how to be tactful when times required it. She walked to the side of the large boulder and lifted the jade slip. She seemed to be looking for something, but she soon put away the jade slip, her smile even wider.

She had been right! It was here!

She took out a storage bag. With a flash of demonic energy, a jade bottle appeared in her hands. It was translucent, and one could see a viscous scarlet liquid within. After opening it, the rich smell of blood instantly filled the space. Blood red fog seemed to rise up from the bottle where it was drawn into the

boulder. Soon, all of the scarlet liquid had evaporated into space, and the large boulder was thoroughly covered by the fog of blood.

The blood fog was absorbed by the boulder and the boulder turned the same scarlet red. Then, as if it were a living creature, the surface of the stone seemed to creep and wriggle about. Textures and patterns appeared, winding and weaving into each other. Although it seemed a bit chaotic, it actually formed a strange circular seal.

Qin Yu frowned. From afar, this looked to be some sort of clan emblem.

You Qi's expression was dignified. Demonic energy started to seethe around her. Heat and steam rose up, causing her long black skirt to stick to her body.

Even in this critical moment, Qin Yu still couldn't help his eyes roaming up and down. This back, this waist, the way it curved, there was indeed no one else that possessed such charm.

### **Chapter 55 – Bluecloud Demon**

You Qi bit her lip.

You bastard, to take advantage of a person when they are helpless, just wait until this lady is finished with important business and then I'll dig out your thief-eyes!

She sucked in a deep breath and calmed her mind. She cut a finger and pointed it out. A drop of deep purple blood slowly seeped out.

You Qi's complexion was pale, but her eyes became increasingly bright. A drop of deep purple blood flew out from her finger and fell into the center of the seal. As if it had been activated, the seal lit up with black flames that fused together to form a hideous ghost face with closed eyes.

It opened its mouth. Dark and inviting, it was unknown just where it led.

Without hesitation, You Qi quickly thrust her hand into the ghost face. It bit down on her arm, followed by the gulping sounds of swallowing.

Qin Yu frowned, adjusting his feet into the best position possible to utilize his magic power. Although You Qi appeared calm, he had no choice but to be prepared early.

If this You Qi's complexion had only been pale before, now her face was as white as paper. Faint and tiny blue blood vessels appeared on her face similar to a flower-like tattoo, giving her an even more captivating charm.

But when accompanied with that swallowing sound, no matter how soul-stirring or enthralling her beauty was, it still left an icy cold rising from the depths of one's heart.

You Qi wobbled. She was reaching her limits.

Qin Yu took a step forwards.

You Qi shouted out, "Don't come!"

This woman, she was just too stubborn.

Qin Yu frowned, not approaching any closer. But he had already made a decision. If she seemed as if she would die soon, he would immediately take action. As long as he didn't know the whereabouts of the demon blood he needed, You Qi had to live. Of course, besides that, there might be some other reasons, such as how he owed her a life-saving graciousness.

Even though she tried to kill him in the past.

A chance didn't come for Qin Yu to be the 'hero who rescued a maiden'. The grotesque face opened its mouth and issued a satisfied sigh.

You Qi pulled back her hand. On her nearly transparent skin, three blood red dots stood out.

The ghost face hid itself away. Black flames rose up and the boulder melted into the ground to reveal a gate of black iron.

So, the place she was looking for wasn't in the stone wall, but beneath their feet!

The black iron gate slowly opened.

A sudden change occurred!

Bang –

A black tentacle appeared from thin air and struck at You Qi. Thick demonic light instantly erupted to protect her but she was still smashed away. She crashed into a cliff with a loud bang as stones fell down around her and the demonic light disintegrated. She spat out a mouthful of blood.

Before she fell down, an invisible strength took hold of her, holding her in the air.

“So this is how the eye of the seal is opened.”

With praise in his voice, a figure appeared outside the iron gate. His hands were held behind his back, and his terrifying aura was so heavy that it made it difficult to breathe.

Hum –

Black energy gushed out from the iron gate, condensing into chains that startled to curl around him. The figure instantly disappeared, reappearing not too far away. He turned to reveal a blue and dreadful face. His expression was calm and indifferent, as if he wasn't a demonic cultivator sealed away, but rather a stoic teacher.

“Little girl, let's talk. You break the seal and I let you go, how about it?”

You Qi cried out in alarm. “Bluecloud Demon!”

The person was astonished for a moment. “You recognize me?”

You Qi's face was full of awe and dread. “800 years ago, you were a peerless proud son of heaven of the demonic path. Even though the years have washed away history, they still cannot diminish the least bit of glory from your body. I naturally recognize you.”

Bluecloud Demon laughed, “What a sweet-talking girl. Since you know who I am, then you should know that I keep my word.”



You Qi ruefully smiled. "With senior's background, how could you not know the particularities with the eye of this seal? If an accident occurs, it cannot be opened again by the same person."

Bluecloud Demon's complexion sank.

"Senior..."

"Since you cannot break the seal, what use is there in keeping you around?"

"Senior, please listen to me. The Land of Sealed Demons has long since been abandoned, and I estimate that only we two who came in know of this place and how to enter. If senior kills us, I fear you will truly die here."

"Girl, just what are you trying to say?"

You Qi respectfully replied, "Perhaps the two of us might be able to help senior leave this place."

Bluecloud Demon revealed no reaction. "Explain."

"The Land of Sealed Demons uses three great demonic treasures as the foundation to form the three eyes of the seal, connecting together with the land itself to provide the strength of the seal. If junior can find the other two eyes of the seal, then as long as I take out the demonic treasures the seal will loosen and senior can leave." You Qi grit her teeth. "If senior doesn't believe me, you can leave a mark of demonic will inside our bodies. At that time, our life and death will be in the hands of senior, and we will naturally do our best to help you leave."

Bluecloud Demon lightly said, "I admit that I was moved by your proposal, but little girl, do you think I wouldn't see who you are? For someone like you, trying you control you with a wisp of demonic will is just a joke."

You Qi stiffened. "This junior feels deep admiration at how sharp senior's eyesight is. But, with my current cultivation I am far from being able to awaken the strength of my bloodline."

Bluecloud Demon's gaze was icy cold. "I also know that there are no absolutes in this world. I will not take such a risk. Girl, you can stay here and this boy can break the eyes of the seals. Once we have left, I will let you go."

You Qi bitterly smiled, "There is nothing I cannot promise senior, however, my companion here doesn't know how to open the eyes of the seals."

Bluecloud Demon was silent for a moment. After several breaths of time, he looked up, a strange smile on his face. "Girl, you thought to play with me, but you're still far too naive. Since you have some merit in opening the seal, once this matter concludes, I will give you a peaceful ending!"

Bang –

His body dispersed. A chilling demonic will howled outwards.

Qin Yu's heart shrank. He fell to the ground, rapidly retreating. At the same time he lifted his hands and punched out. As his fists crashed into the demonic will, it was like striking a mass of cotton that was wet with water. Bluecloud Demon's discordant voice sounded out, "Boy, accept your fate."

Qin Yu violently trembled. It was like he had fallen into a cave of eternal cold. The biting cold left his body pale and blue.

And what was even more terrifying was that the demonic will had entered his dantian sea and was soaring towards his great dao base!

“Ahh!” Qin Yu roared out loud and wildly tumbled to the ground.

You Qi was deathly white. “Qin Yu, you must hold on. If your body is seized we are both going to die here!”

Damn it all, Bluecloud Demon had been delaying for time in order to prepare to seize Qin Yu’s body. He already had a means of breaking through the eye of the seal!

They had been tricked!

You Qi bit her lips. For a Nascent Soul, using their divine will to seize the body of a Foundation Establishment was as easy as turning their hand...it was likely they would be unable to escape today’s calamity.

In a brief flash, a beautiful face appeared in her mind. When she had been expelled she had been given this jade slip with information related to the Land of Demons...so, in the end it had been nothing but a way to kill her with a borrowed knife.

What a wonderful sister you are!

You Qi bit her lips so hard that blood nearly dripped out. As she looked at Qin Yu, guilt filled her eyes.

Little man, I’m sorry. It is my fault you will die here with me.

Blue veins rose up from all over Qin Yu and his face distorted. Sweat gushed out from his pores, accompanied with faint traces of blood. In his dantian sea, the great dao base had almost turned pitch black. There was only a dim point of light in the center, waving about like a candle in the wind, about to be extinguished at any moment.

This light was Qin Yu’s consciousness. Once it disappeared his soul would vanish, never able to enter samsara. As things were going, his body would be seized in the next several breaths of time.

Bluecloud Demon heartily laughed. As long as he smoothly seized this body he could enter the eye of the seal and regain his freedom.

All he needed to do was seize this body.

Because of the suppression of the seal, he was only able to use 10-20% of the strength of his demonic will. Even so, this was more than enough to seize the body of a Foundation Establishment junior.

Bluecloud Demon was fully confident in his abilities. But as time passed, he began to frown. This boy’s willpower was far mightier than he expected!

The shattering of a soul that occurred during the seizing of a body was a hundred times more painful than having one’s mortal body torn to shreds. Still, he hadn’t yet given up.

Humph!

What use was there?

Beneath the suppression of absolute strength, everything was futile!

Bang –

Bang –

Thunder raged within his dantian sea. Demonic energy surged in tsunamis, crashing towards the final spark of light.

It grew increasingly dark, increasingly pale, soon reaching the edge of collapse!

“It’s over!” Bluecloud Demon was enraged. To deal with a mere Foundation Establishment junior he had used so much time that he was left feeling ashamed.

As black tides crashed against the great dao base, the light in the center stagnated. Cracks appeared, seeming as if it would break.

But then, the cracks melted away, vanishing from sight. Light rose up like a sun rising through the dark clouds, illuminating the heavens.

It became purer, clearer, brighter!

Seeing Qin Yu convulse on the ground with blood soaking his black robes, the complexion on You Qi’s face began to change. She couldn’t help but feel admiration and anticipation.

Maybe...he really could hold on?

Just as this thought formed, Qin Yu suddenly stopped roaring. His aura changed with it. Although it was weak, You Qi could still sense it. She sighed inwardly, feeling helpless. As expected, there was no way for a Foundation Establishment to escape from a Nascent Soul.

To think that she had been holding onto some wild hope of living as if she were a little girl...how laughable!

Shua –

Qin Yu’s eyes popped open. Two flames seemed to burn deep in his pupils, the divine light sparkling like stars. It was especially striking in this dark underground land.

Seeing his gaze, You Qi’s eyes widened. Disbelief colored her face. This familiarity...how could it be!?

The cold demonic will withdrew and demonic energy gathered in the air, finally condensing into Bluecloud Demon’s figure. His face was dark and grim. Just as he was about to succeed, at the very last moment this boy’s divine sense had evolved and transformed. Although it was only at the Golden Core level, it was enough to resist being swallowed by his demonic will.

Qin Yu cupped his hands across his chest. “Greetings, Senior Bluecloud Demon.”

Bluecloud Demon sneered. "Boy, do you think I won't kill you just because you forced back my demonic will?"

Qin Yu said, "This junior doesn't dare."

"Humph!" Bluecloud Demon's eyes were overcast. "Boy, I will teach you how to break through the eye of the seal. As long as you can do it, I promise I will let you go."

Qin Yu shook his head. "Junior cannot trust you."

Bluecloud Demon was so angry he nearly vomited. What a good little bastard, you actually implied that I was someone who didn't keep my word! But with what had just happened, he also couldn't find any words to refute this. After a moment of gloomy silence he forced down his anger and said, "Then, boy, what do you want to do?"

Qin Yu said, "Simple. We will follow Miss You Qi's previous suggestion and break down the eyes of the seal to help senior leave."

Bluecloud Demon sneered. "Boy, do you think I am stupid? If you want to unravel the eyes of the seal, you can go alone. This girl can stay here with me."

"Okay!" Qin Yu readily agreed. "Then I ask senior to release Miss You Qi so she can teach me the method of breaking past the eyes of the seal."

Bluecloud Demon hesitated for a moment before waving his hand and releasing her. With his cultivation, what sort of storm could these two little fellows possibly stir up against him?

Qin Yu withdrew a storage bag and took out a jade slip. "Miss You Qi, please leave a mark in here explaining the method."

You Qi clenched her teeth. This bastard had agreed so happily that she suspected he just wanted to turn tail and run! For a moment she wanted to loudly inform Bluecloud Demon that it was impossible for Qin Yu to learn the method. However, she also realized that doing this would only mean that she would drag him to the grave with her.

Whatever. In any case, she had been the one who had dragged him into this mess. If one could live, that was always better than zero. She would just consider it as a final good deed done before her death!

With a cold expression, she placed the jade slip on her forehead. After several breaths of time she tossed it back at Qin Yu, not even glancing at him.

Greedy for life, afraid of death, not wanting to shoulder any responsibility – just looking at him disgusted her!

Qin Yu probed the jade slip with his divine sense.

The only thing written inside was the same two words repeated over and over again to infinity: detestable bastard!

A thick resentment oozed out from it.

The corners of his lips twitched. Qin Yu coughed and pulled her into his arms. He whispered, "Don't worry, I'll take you out of here."

You Qi stiffened, so angry her lips twisted. To think that just before this bastard left, he also wanted to take advantage of her. Could such a childish lie even work on ghosts? Is this lady even familiar with you or something? Hey, that is enough. How come the longer you hold me, the tighter your hug is becoming? Do you think this lady won't eventually become angry and pull you back!?

As Bluecloud Demon watched the two of them hugging tightly, seeming as if they couldn't extricate themselves from each other, he relaxed a little. His gaze fell upon You Qi and a faint smile crossed his lips. What a beautiful girl. If he could really escape this seal then he could also let her live and keep her on as a concubine. It was rumored that the women of this clan were wonderful beyond compare!

Even though Qin Yu had a warm fragrance held tightly against his chest, he had no other thoughts. He looked at Bluecloud Demon from the side of his eyes, keenly feeling the lingering gaze on him. With a flip of his palm, he placed the jade slip back into the storage bag. Then, with a great wave of his sleeve, purple lightning howled out!

## **Chapter 56 – Heavenly Demon Slaughter**

Dang –

The eruption of magic power beneath his feet caused the ground to shake. A powerful repulsive force sent Qin Yu and You Qi storming backwards. Behind them, thunder roared and purple lightning flooded their sight, mixed in with the pained howls of Bluecloud Demon.

"Junior, I am going to kill you!" Enraged roars reverberated through the cave.

Qin Yu didn't respond. He erupted the strength of his Demon Body to the limits. As he blazed forwards through the cave tunnel, each step he took emitted a deep bang.

You Qi was completely stunned. It was only after a long time that she composed herself. As she looked at Qin Yu there was a difference in her gaze. In order to save her, he had torn apart any pretenses of face with Bluecloud Demon. And originally, he could have escaped by himself. She wanted to say something, but sudden violent fluctuations rose up around her. Terrifying demonic energy condensed into a giant mouth that came biting at the two.

"Ahh!" You Qi cried out loud and subconsciously grabbed onto Qin Yu harder.

Qin Yu waved his hand. An enormous bolt of purple lightning appeared once more. The mouth of demonic energy was blown apart by the power of thunder.

After the danger was defused, You Qi's face blushed red. She discovered that she had tightly clung onto Qin Yu's neck in her panic and quietly relaxed her hold.

Bang –

Demonic energy erupted once more, turning into black bones that grabbed at the two. But in front of the purple thunder, it was instantly destroyed.

Bluecloud roared again, but he didn't dare to approach too closely with his demonic will. After being struck by the thunder just now he had almost been blasted apart. If he suffered another attack like that then even if he didn't die he would be severely wounded.

The power of thunder was originally able to restrain demonic strength, and the power of thunder that Qin Yu used was far more terrifying than ordinary thunder.

Helplessly watching as these two people escaped, a ruthless and severe light flashed in Bluecloud Demon's eyes. He fell to his knees and pressed his palms against the ground. A terrifying demonic energy erupted.

The entire cave tunnel shook. On the both sides of the tunnel, tiny cracks began to appear on the seal.

Roar –

Roar –

One of the crazed demonic souls trapped within howled and plunged itself at the two people.

Qin Yu's complexion changed. The power of thunder revolved around his entire body. The demonic soul cried out miserably and drew back, but another instantly took its place.

The Land of Sealed Demons was incomparably mysterious and had existed since ancient times. There were countless demonic cultivators sealed here, and only a single tunnel likely had over a thousand demonic souls!

The power of thunder was incredible, but in this situation the rate at which it was being used up was also astonishing.

Qin Yu shouted in a low voice, "Try and find a way for us to get out of here, otherwise we won't be able to escape!"

You Qi bit her lips. "Give me your guardian token."

Qin Yu took it out without hesitation.

You Qi lifted the two guardian tokens. She swayed about on Qin Yu's back, her body rubbing against his, her face beautiful in the dark.

The two guardian tokens gathered together. The originally chaotic patterns lined up, and with force, she twisted them!

Bang –

A monstrous glow of blood red light erupted. Two tall and strong figures appeared, one standing in front and one standing behind them. They roared out loud and attacked. Their movements seemed slow and clumsy, but each time they attacked, blood red light shined. As the demonic souls touched this light it was like they had been sprayed with corrosive acid and they wailed as they melted at a terrifying pace.

The tunnel instantly cleared up.

“Hurry and leave! The guardian souls have been activated, they can buy us a little time!” The deeper meaning was that they wouldn’t be able to last too long.

Without speaking, Qin Yu grabbed hold of her and dashed forwards.

Shua –

The two raced out of the tunnel of demonic souls and arrived at the three-fork junction once more. But as they looked around, their hearts sank. Their line of sight was flooded with demonic souls, all escape routes blocked. The two guardian souls were beginning to flicker in and out, proving that they wouldn’t last much longer.

Bluecloud Demon’s roars came rushing at them from all directions. “I want you all to die without a grave!”

Bang –

Demonic souls wildly stormed out.

Qin Yu turned and shot into the central tunnel. It wasn’t because he thought it was safe, but rather because the smallest number of demonic souls was here. You Qi took out her compass, but the entire Land of Sealed Demons was in a state of chaotic upheaval. The indicator spun around like a headless fly, simply unable to give her any direction.

With two loud roars, the guardian souls dissipated. The demonic souls that lost their fear madly threw themselves forwards once more.

Hu –

Strong winds surged and demonic energy rose. The demonic vine sprang to the ground and twisted its head, “Take the miss and run!”

Bang –

Demonic energy tumbled as the demonic vine rapidly grew. It drilled roots in the ground and walls, its aura weaving together into a thick barrier.

You Qi’s eyes turned red, but she bit her lips and didn’t say a word.

Qin Yu shouted out loud, “Take care!” Then he turned and continued to run.

Behind him, the demonic vine’s strange laughs and curses echoed through the tunnel.

“You dead ghosts, you want to touch my family’s miss? Keep on dreaming!

“Ouch! Your bite hurts so much! Let’s see what you can do now that I’ve ripped out your teeth!

“Hey! You, that’s right, you! You bastard, you dare to sneak attack me!

“Don’t be in such a hurry, as long as I am here, none of you can pass.”

The voice gradually faded away. Soon, they couldn’t even hear the demonic vine’s voice at all, only the rumbling of demonic energy.

Suddenly, after a deep scream sounded from behind, You Qi stiffened. Tears began to flow down her cheeks.

This was the first time Qin Yu had ever seen her cry. Without making a single sound, she quietly burst into tears. The sight was heart-wrenching.

“The demonic vine cannot die in vain. We must escape.” Qin Yu quietly said.

You Qi wiped her tears away. She suddenly said, “You should run away by yourself. If you bring me along, neither of us will make it.”

Qin Yu bitterly smiled. “Do you think that I don’t want to? But, I don’t know the way. If I left you behind I wouldn’t know where to flee to!”

You Qi’s lips twitched, but in the end she didn’t say anything. She moved close to his chest, sighing as she felt his strong and powerful heartbeat.

There was regret, there was unwillingness, but there was also a bit of contentment.

In this world, there is actually a man willing to live and die with me. As for Qin Yu’s snarky words, she didn’t believe them at all. If he really wanted to escape by himself there was no reason for him to enrage Bluecloud Demon. So, why did he have to argue in such a situation...what a stubborn and contentious little man!

Shua –

Qin Yu came to a screeching stop, his face darkening.

There was no path ahead!

You Qi chuckled. “Well, I guess even if you wanted to run away, now you no longer have a chance.”

Qin Yu frowned. “How come it sounds like you are gloating about this a little?”

“You’re right. Hey, let me tell you something. I am very afraid of the dark, so to have you accompanying me to the grave, I feel much better.” You Qi smiled. “What’s with the sad face? Dying with me is a good thing, there are many men who couldn’t even dream of such a chance! Oh, I forgot, you still haven’t seen my face. This big sister is quite beautiful!”

Qin Yu looked down. There seemed to be an additional layer of mist on her face, but it immediately cleared up. As it did, his breath caught in his throat.

Ning Ling’s beauty came from a purity that seemed to exude from her entire body. She was like a goddess that descended upon the world, her noble and immaculate temperament making it hard for anyone to develop profane thoughts against her.

You Qi and her were two different extremes. You Qi’s face seemed as if it could attract all living beings, every inch of her exuding a temptation that fascinated the heart and mind, making one’s blood race. Her eyes were bright and watery, like a vortex that could draw your willing soul within. When combined with her enthralling figure, just glancing at her made one desire to commit every possible immoral travesty on her body!



Thump –

The sound of gulping was particularly loud in the underground tunnel.

The two fell silent.

You Qi's laughter broke the silence. She weakly leaned on Qin Yu, slapping a hand against him as she happily laughed through tears.

Qin Yu was embarrassed. He had really been subconsciously shocked. He never thought even he wouldn't be able to resist such a temptation.

Witch, she was definitely a witch!

He quickly averted his gaze.

You Q's laughter slowed down. She gasped a bit weakly as she said, "If we still had some time, big sister here wouldn't mind giving you some benefits. Unfortunately, it's too late."

The cruel howls of demonic souls sounded out from afar.

Qin Yu almost felt the hot blood surge into his head and scramble his thoughts. He sucked in a deep breath and wryly said, "Don't say anything further, just change back your appearance!"

You Qi impishly blinked. "Of course I won't. We're about to die soon, so this big sister at least wants to die beautifully."

Qin Yu's eyes brightened. "Maybe we can survive?"

You Qi curled her lips. "A 1% chance."

Qin Yu tore off a long piece of his robes and wrapped You Qi with it. He thought back to several years ago when he had also brought a young miss to an underground space. They thought they had reached a dead end, but he had lived and she had died. His eyes dimmed for a moment before he composed himself. Qin Yu said in a deep voice, "We're both going to survive."

Simple and firm.

You Qi's heart began to race with excitement. At this time, with Qin Yu's calm and confidence in such an atmosphere, it carried with it an unspeakable charm.

Roar –

The first demonic soul rushed into their field of vision. It roared out loud and leapt towards them.

Qin Yu lifted a finger. Vorpal Edge howled out, instantly cutting the demonic soul to pieces.

But in the next moment, a second, third, and fourth demonic soul appeared. They flooded the tunnel in a breath of time.

Bang –

Bang –

With a loud crash, a fierce battle erupted!

Every time Qin Yu attacked he would demolish a demonic soul. But in the next moment, the destroyed demonic soul would be eaten up by those around it, and those demonic souls would attack with an even fiercer vigor!

Wounds began to appear on his body. Although the Demon Body was powerful, making it so that these wounds weren't too deep, there were just far too many of them. Soon, blood started to drip down onto the ground from the hems of his robe.

Smelling the scent of fresh blood, the demonic souls seemed maddened. They rushed towards the two like a swarm of flies.

Bang –

Purple thunder erupted, recklessly spreading outwards. Dozens of demonic souls were instantly evaporated into ashes!

Crackle –

Crackle –

The Skythunder Bamboo fell on the ground, its branches and leaves sparkling with arcs of lightning. It illuminated the darkness, revealing Qin Yu's bloodied figure and You Qi's completely unscathed body.

"Little man, don't worry about me."

Qin Yu unwrapped the cloth strip and set her down beneath the Skythunder Bamboo. "I haven't given up yet." He rushed into the crowds of demonic souls. With a wave of his sleeves, the Soul Burying Flag emerged.

Blacksky Demon appeared, the inkjade scepter in his hands. He looked at the Skythunder Bamboo with an expression of horror before quickly following behind Qin Yu. With Blacksky Demon's support, they were able to temporarily stabilize the situation. But looking upon the endless seas of demonic souls, it would only be a matter of time before they exhausted themselves of energy and died.

Beneath the Skythunder Bamboo, You Qi watched Qin Yu's dire and bloody battle. Even though he knew he couldn't escape and death was before them, his eyes didn't waver in the least.

On the boundary of death, he fought for life!

Her eyes clouded over for a moment. She whispered to herself, "Mother, perhaps I found that destined person, just like how you were with father. But, the timing is so off." She seemed dazed for a moment before revealing a bright smile, all of her charming allure seeming to scatter around her. "He hasn't given up yet, so how can your daughter just sit around waiting for death? Perhaps I can help him live on. Even if I die, he will remember me for the rest of his life. That...also seems nice."

You Qi looked at Qin Yu. She closed her eyes.

Purple line patterns began to appear on her body. When contrasted against her nearly transparent skin, it formed a soul-stirring beauty, as if a peerless drawing were being slowly unfolded.

Then, You Qi's eyes flashed open. Demonic flames ignited all around her. The black and purple fused together, releasing a heart-racing aura. The demonic souls that surrounded Qin Yu suddenly stiffened and cried out in panic as they began to wildly flee.

"Heavenly Demon Slaughter!"

You Qi coldly spoke. With her words, flames howled out, avoiding Qin Yu and Blacksky Demon as they swept through the tunnel.

For the next thousand feet, demonic souls dissipated like smoke.

Then, You Qi softly smiled at Qin Yu and fell backwards.

Shua –

Qin Yu grabbed hold of her, his blood dyeing her skirt red. Feeling her rapidly lowering temperature, he took a deep breath and steadied his eyes.

Holding You Qi, he put away Blacksky Demon. As they demonic souls swelled towards them once more, he lifted the Skythunder Bamboo and ran into the stone wall.

Ripples appeared in the seal, swallowing up the two of them!

### **Chapter 57 – Earth Demon Beast**

The soft light of the illumination pearl lit up the cave. You Qi lay down on a black robe, her breath weak and haggard, not the slightest bit of red in her face.

Not too far away, Qin Yu was sitting down cross-legged. His wounds had scabbed over and his face was half-hidden in darkness, making the edges seem even sharper.

The Skythunder Bamboo was placed at the entrance. Every time a flash of lightning appeared it signaled the destruction of a demonic soul. Blacksky Demon stayed outside the scope of the thunder, continuously absorbing the fragments of demonic souls, his body becoming increasingly black, as if it would blend in with the darkness.

Suddenly, a light whisper sounded out in the cave. It was weak, yet filled with charm.

Qin Yu opened his eyes. He stood up and quickly walked forwards.

You Qi's long eyelashes shivered. After several deep breaths, her eyes slowly opened. As her pupils locked onto his own, the corners of her lips curved up, "I can't believe I'm still alive."

Qin Yu let out a breath of relief. He lightly said, "You have good luck."

You Qi curled her lips, not bothering to expose his act; the medicinal efficacy within her body was the best proof of this. If it was able to rescue her, it had to be a spirit plant at least several hundred years old. Her eyes slowly swept around, "Where are we?"

Qin Yu sincerely asked, "I have a question. Do you know how to break the seal?"

You Qi froze. The corners of her lips twitched. "Can you repeat that?"

Qin Yu bitterly smiled, "That's right, we are within the seal."

Pa –

The lightning of the Skythunder Bamboo flashed once more, disintegrating another demonic soul. An extremely satisfied smile appeared on Blacksky Demon's dark face.

You Qi was silent for a long time. Finally, she said, "Even if I knew, how could we possibly escape? But at least I'm still alive." Her expression turned serious. "I also have a question."

Qin Yu said, "What is it."

You Qi asked, "Between me and Ning Ling, who is more beautiful?"

Dark lines appeared on Qin Yu's forehead. "Can't you worry about something normal instead? Like how we are going to get out of here."

You Qi smugly smiled. "I originally thought I was going to die, but I'm still alive right now. I've already gained more than I bargained for, so what's the point of thinking of anything more."

Qin Yu was silent, "Can we really not escape?"

You Qi rolled her eyes. "Even Bluecloud Demon could only send his demonic will out, so what chance do you think we have?"

What a simple and forceful explanation!

Qin Yu ruefully smiled, "This is such a tragic story."

You Qi sweetly smiled. "At least we're safe temporarily. Since we have so much free time, did you want to do something else?"

Qin Yu gulped. He turned and walked away, "Let's recuperate from our wounds!"

You Qi covered her mouth and laughed. As her eyes fell upon his back, they were filled with even more satisfaction.

To be able to resist the temptation and not take advantage of a person when they were in a helpless position, it seems this old lady's vision is quite good.

She suddenly frowned. The Ning Family girl seemed to have been a step faster than her. But, her smile soon returned. They were trapped in the Land of Sealed Demons. To have a man and woman staying in a single room alone, there were many opportunities for her to take the lead.

The demonic souls were repelled by the seal. However, Bluecloud Demon was using some unknown method to force a demonic soul in periodically. It was only because of this reason that the Skythunder Bamboo was able to block the entrance for such a long time.

As night approached, Qin Yu placed the Skythunder Bamboo back in his storage bag. Even in the storage bag, the little blue lamp was able to sense the fall of night. The foot of sea-blue light was able to help the Skythunder Bamboo rapidly recover its strength. Unfortunately, the storage bag had limited space.

After placing the Skythunder Bamboo inside, the other items, including the two Thousandgold Mulberries, could only be placed in another storage bag.

During the day, Blacksky Demon had continuously absorbed fragments of demonic souls and his strength had progressed considerably. As the Skythunder Bamboo was restoring its strength, he was responsible for blocking the entrance.

Seven days later, with the power of the Demon Body in addition to pills, Qin Yu had completely recovered from his wounds. Afterwards he began to suffer the endless onslaught of You Qi's shameless harassment.

"Little man, big sister's chest is feeling so stuffy, can't you help me examine it?"

"Little man, I feel so cold sleeping by myself. Come and hold me.

"Little man, big sister's legs are numb, come and help me rub them."

Each time, little man Qin would be sent running away, followed by the rampant laughter of that witch.

This was too excessive!

She was pushing things too far!

Qin Yu felt that he couldn't endure this anymore. Otherwise, he wouldn't have any more dignity as a man.

You Qi seemed as if she could sense this, as if she could see the glint of danger in his eyes. She continued to play with him, but she no longer patted herself onto him. As she watched him waver and hesitate, watched him clench his teeth silently, she laughed more and more inside.

Two days later, the demonic souls vanished from sight and the outside seemed to calm down. It appeared that Bluecloud Demon had given up on killing them. Without that eyesore Blacksky Demon hanging around, You Qi's heart calmed down and she was ready to stir up some more mischief.

Finally, little man Qin erupted. He pushed her backwards, forcing her into a corner. "If Miss You Qi continues to act like this, then don't blame me if something occurs."

You Qi pulled back in mock timidity, "You want to unleash your bestial instincts?"

Qin Yu clenched his teeth, "This young master has already lived a life worse than a beast for the past month!"

You Qi coyly laughed, her eyes like little crescent moons, as if saying 'come, come hither'. Her narrowed eyes made her seem like a flower that was presenting itself for picking.

After feeling repressed in the Land of Sealed Demons, after being teased countless times by this witch, and now looking at her blushing red face and smelling her sensual fragrance, Qin Yu was about to burn up.

But at this time, he suddenly stiffened.

You Qi let out a light breathy sigh. "Little man, don't you dare?"

Qin Yu drew back one step. Although his face was still red, the brightness had returned to his eyes.  
“Maybe we can leave with this.”

You Qi’s eyes widened.

“Move back a little.”

Qin Yu stood at a spot near the wall. Taking a deep breath, he punched out a fist.

Bang –

Pieces of crushed stone flew about!

The Land of Sealed Demons had the imprisonment of seals and the rock was incomparably hard. Unless one broke the seal or instantly erupted with a strength surpassing it, it was impossible to damage it.

Yet, the seal was still whole, but this stone could be destroyed.

Qin Yu’s eyes brightened. There really was a problem here!

Bang –

Bang –

Fist after fist, magic power boiled within him and the strength of the Demon Body was pushed to its limits.

Bang –

Bang –

Crash –

Massive chunks of stone fell and a dim black opening appeared before them.

Qin Yu turned back to see You Qi raise forth her illumination pearl, casting a light on the dark.

Shua –

Shua –

The two entered.

The tunnel was extremely large, several meters high and wide. It extended all the way to the ends of their sight. The stone was roughly hewn and the atmosphere within was dry. With the pearl’s light, they could see giant hoofprints in the ground, the size of an adult person.

You Qi’s complexion changed, as if she had recognized something. She furrowed her eyebrows together, “Be a bit more careful.”

The two slowly moved deeper through the cave, not meeting any dangers along the way. However, the cutting of the hole became gradually rougher, until the point that one could even see shattered scales on the ground.

Qin Yu squatted down and touched one; it disintegrated into powder upon contact. "It's likely been here over a thousand years."

You Qi whispered, "I never imagined that something like this would be sealed within the Land of Sealed Demons. Let's hurry our pace. There shouldn't be any dangers here."

With a flash of demonic energy, she flitted forwards.

Qin Yu followed close behind.

The tunnel started to twist and collision marks began to appear all over. More and more scale fragments appeared on the ground, turning into powder that blew away as they walked past. Dark patches of color stained the ground; these should have been left over by bloodstains.

Without warning, a giant skeletal mountain appeared before the two of them. It was dozens of feet high with a single sharp horn and vicious fangs. With its towering spine and sturdy-looking tail, all of this showed just how ferocious it seemed.

The skeleton lay on the ground. It had died as it was still digging through the earth. At this time, its left claws were still stuck in stone. Its hollow eye sockets were fixed looking ahead. Even after over a thousand years passed, the unwillingness in its pose had yet to dissipate.

You Qi's vision was complex. She sighed, "Even an earth demon beast died here. It looks like we really have no way of escaping. We were happy over nothing."

Dang –

With a low and deep roar, a vibrating strength erupted. Qin Yu took a step backwards, blood energy seething within his chest.

The stone walls were completely unharmed.

"Stop wasting your strength." You Qi lightly said. "With our cultivation, it is impossible for us to break through the seal."

Qin Yu looked up at the skeleton. He suddenly said, "You Qi, I feel as if there is something inside that is attracting me."

You Qi arched an eyebrow upwards. "Are you sure?"

Qin Yu nodded. "I am. The reason that I discovered this tunnel to begin with was because I felt something attracting my very bones. And now this feeling is even more intense."

You Qi licked her lips. "Little man, if your sense wasn't wrong, you are just far too lucky!" Demonic energy flashed and she flew atop the demon beast's spine. Looking down, her eyes fell on the seventh vertebrae. She lifted a hand and smashed it downwards.

Bang –

The earth demon beast's skeleton loudly collapsed, with countless bones disintegrating. But, from the single horn to the skull and all the way through the spine and tail, it was actually left intact.

You Qi's eyes brightened. She flicked her sleeves, sending a strong gust of wind that swept away all the shattered pieces of bone. She carefully inspected the leftover bones and a joyous expression crossed her face. "You were right, the earth demon blood essence was preserved!"

Qin Yu was curious, "Earth demon blood essence?"

You Qi said, "That's right. This is demon blood that can help you enhance your Demon Body to the next level, and it's also of a considerably high grade." She suddenly sighed. "There was actually demon blood of such a grade in this Land of Sealed Demons. Unfortunately, I am not a man so I am unable to cultivate the Demon Body, otherwise I definitely could have done so using this earth demon blood essence."

Qin Yu's complexion was hard to look at. "So, when you said that there was demon blood in the Land of Sealed Demons at the start, you were actually lying to me all along?"

You Qi laughed and waved her hand, "Don't be angry. This proves that I was right all along. Look, the earth demon blood essence is right here."

Qin Yu was left speechless. What a hateful witch. He had torn through her lies and yet she could still remain so righteous!

After taking several deep breaths and barely suppressing his anger, Qin Yu's breath caught in his throat. He quickly took a few more breaths and said, "Do you feel that?"

You Qi was curious, "Feel what?"

Qin Yu rushed to a nearby stone wall and then shot up into the skies. He reached out to grab onto a bulging stone and feel the crack that ran through it. This was where the earth demon beast had made its final strike before it died. He traced it with his finger and smiled.

"What is it?"

Qin Yu fell down. He spread out his fingers. "There's water."

You Qi was stunned for a moment before happiness overtook her. She flew up the wall to personally confirm herself, and in the next moment she screamed out loud before jumping down on Qin Yu's back and tussling his hair. "How can you be so smart, how can you be so damn smart!? Hahahaha! This old lady knew all along that I wouldn't die here so easily! That despicable slut, she must have thought I already died here. Heh, once I return I will definitely settle this account with her!"

Qin Yu's forehead was covered in sweat. This witch, had she gone crazy?

## **Chapter 58 – Golden Core! Golden Core!!**

Pa –

You Qi landed on the ground. "I'm not crazy, stop looking at me that way. I will immediately draw out the earth demon's blood essence to help you make your breakthrough."

She turned and rushed towards the ruined skeleton of the earth demon beast.



Qin Yu looked at You Qi handling the skeleton and sighed. It was no wonder the earth demon beast still had such an unwilling expression after a thousand years. It was so close to escaping into the clear skies, perhaps just a single claw strike away, but for some unknown reason it had died at that time.

But the efforts of the earth demon beast weren't for naught. Crossing a thousand years over the river of time, this demon gave a man and woman a ray of hope to escape the Land of Sealed Demons.

Qin Yu tightened his fists.

You Qi was bleeding. It seemed that many of her techniques required her to use her fresh blood. She wiped a bloody finger across the ruined bones of the earth demon beast, rapidly forming patterns. And, what was even more bizarre was that her blood didn't coagulate after leaving her body. Rather, it grew brighter and even started to glow with a purple light.

Her complexion paled once more. Her injuries hadn't fully healed to begin with, and draining her blood once more caused serious losses to her. But, her movements remained as stable as a mountain and an unprecedented level of focus was etched across her face. All of this proved that her innermost feelings were bursting with desire to reach the outside world.

With the hope of living right before them, who was willing to die?

The final line was drawn on the blood-soaked skull. Suddenly, black demonic flames lit up across the entire skeleton of the earth demon beast. The flames leapt and danced in the air, and the temperature of the surroundings began to rocket upwards. One could see faint traces of blood lines appearing all over the bones, travelling towards the single horn.

Pa –

Pa –

Bones shattered one after another, losing their final bits of strength as they were charred to ashes by the demonic flames. Finally, only the remaining skull and horn floated in the air. The demonic flames concentrated around it, the flames burning with an even more terrifying might.

The blood lines were forced into the horn. With a loud crack, the horn separated from the skull. You Qi took out a jade bottle and caught the drop of dark red blood that dripped down from the horn.

Pa –

She landed on the ground and swayed a little. Then she rushed over to Qin Yu, brightly smiling, "It's done."

This woman, she was stubborn to the end!

Qin Yu sincerely said, "Leave the rest to me."

You Qi nodded and handed him the jade bottle.

Qin Yu turned and sat down cross-legged. He closed his eyes in meditation, putting all of his effort into adjusting his current condition to its peak state.

You Qi looked at his face, several complex feelings flashing in her eyes. She wanted to leave because there were many matters outside that she needed to finish.

But once she left, it would be impossible for her and Qin Yu to remain as they were in the Land of Sealed Demons.

And perhaps he had also realized this.

You Qi sighed. She put away the skull of the earth demon beast.

Shua –

Qin Yu's eyes flashed open, a blaze of light erupting from them. Without any urging from him, his bones started to crackle. Perhaps this was because the Demon Body had felt the temptation of the earth demon beast's blood.

Without hesitation, Qin Yu opened the jade bottle and swallowed the blood!

Within his chest, his heart began to beat vigorously, pumping blood through his body. As blood ran through his blood vessels the sound resembled rushing rivers! Every inch of his flesh and blood, every bone, started to cry out in joy as it crazily absorbed the strength inherent within the earth demon beast's blood.

His body began to transform, evolve, sublimate!

Qin Yu clenched his fists. His body trembled as sweat streamed down from him. While this sort of incomparably tyrannical strength rapidly enhanced his body, it also brought about a similarly dreadful tearing pain.

But with the previous experience of cultivating the Demon Body and also experiencing having his body almost seized, pain of this degree wasn't able to crush his will at all. Qin Yu carefully sensed every small change occurring within his body, because he knew this would bring him an even greater strength.

Suddenly, he reared his head backwards and roared!

Bang –

A ferocious aura erupted from his body, as if an ancient vicious beast had awakened from a deep slumber. Countless dense demonic runes appeared on his body and demonic energy gushed out, forming a vortex that poured into him.

You Qi's eyes widened. "Those are demonic runes!"

She bit her lips, joy surging in her eyes. She had endured great hardship, struggling so much to find a way to return, and she never imagined it would appear right before her.

Demonic runes, Golden Core realm demonic runes!

Bang –

The cave trembled, interrupting You Qi from her euphoria. She took out her compass and gazed at it. Soon, her complexion darkened. The strength of the seal was beginning to revolve, and it would soon arrive here.

Its goal was Qin Yu!

The aura from him making a breakthrough in his Demon Body was sufficient to trigger the seal.

“I just saw a ray of hope and now you want to snuff it out? Keep on dreaming!” You Qi sat down on the ground and repeatedly struck her palms against the ground. With each strike, demonic energy rushed out, forming a wall that rose around her, protecting Qin Yu and her within.

Black lines began to spread downwards on the walls of the cave, like the roots of a large tree.

You Qi grit her teeth. The strength of the seal had arrived sooner than she expected. Luckily, she had sensed it early, giving her enough time.

“Saint Seal, rise!”

Hum –

As light erupted from the walls of demonic energy, a phantasmal head appeared above. Although it was faint and dim, it possessed an enduring majesty.

The strength of the seal stagnated, as if suppressed by the demonic marks.

After the stand-off continued for several breaths of time, a ferocious ghost face appeared. It was the same face from when the Land of Sealed Demons was opened. It angrily roared, “Those who destroyed the seal, die!”

You Qi continued to form seals with her hands. A halo of golden light revolved above her head. “This is the Saint Seal of the envoy, given in order to verify how the earth demon beast died. Draw back!”

The ghost face paused for a moment, “There is no way to prove your identity.”

Bang –

Bang –

The strength of the seal swelled forth like waves.

The walls of demonic energy shook and began to creak.

You Qi bitterly smiled. As she thought, her bloodline was far too faint and was insufficient to summon the Saint Seal and suppress the spirit of the seal. She turned and glanced at Qin Yu. Though she was anxious, she didn’t say a word. In any case, if he failed to make his breakthrough, the two of them would die here.

Little man, can you hurry up!

The ferocious ghost face’s cries became increasingly sharp and shrill. Under its urging, the strength of the seal continued to increase, flooding through the cave.

Cracks appeared in the wall of demonic energy. The spinning symbol above her hand began to disintegrate.

Shua –

Qin Yu's eyes flashed open. He flicked a finger, shooting a ball of blood onto the symbol above, stabilizing it. It immediately seemed much more solid.

“Screw off!”

With a shout, a blood red light exploded from the symbol and an invisible pressure surged outwards.

The hideous ghost face cried out miserably as it vanished from sight.

The strength of the seal retreated.

You Qi happily asked, “You broke through?”

Qin Yu nodded, smiling. “We won't be able to scare it away for long. We have to leave as soon as possible. Follow behind me.”

He stood before the stone wall and took a deep breath. His bones crackled like rumbling thunder as boundless strength gathered beneath his feet, passing through his waist, arms, and finally crashing from his fist!

A heaven-shaking explosion sounded out and the entire cave trembled.

With the earth demon beast's ruined bones as the center, cracks began to spread out with increasing speed, like a rapidly growing spider web.

Rumble rumble –

It sounded like ten thousand horses racing through!

As the stone wall shattered, a roaring underground river revealed itself.

It flowed in the earth, passing through the mountains. The river water was dark gray and icy cold, roaring without end. Suddenly, a giant vortex appeared in the middle of the river, sucking in endless water and nearly severing the river in half.

Splash –

The vortex fell apart. A man and woman broke free from the water and stumbled onto the riverside with great heaving breaths.

These two were Qin Yu and You Qi.

Her entire body was soaked wet and her long skirt clung tightly to her, outlining her perfect figure. Her upper robes had been washed away by the river waters, revealing two stunning white sights.

Qin Yu swept his eyes over and quickly looked away.

You Qi slowly pulled down her skirt. Demonic energy surged around her, instantly drying her clothes.

“We finally escaped.”

Qin Yu nodded. As he looked at the disappearing river vortex, he frowned.

A light flashed in You Qi's eyes. “Don't worry, the spirit of the seal has already realized what has happened. This escape channel will soon be completely destroyed.”

Just as she finished speaking, the ground shook beneath their feet, as if something deep underground was collapsing. The vortex in the river completely vanished and the river seemed to quickly flow along as if nothing had occurred.

Qin Yu felt relieved. If the demonic souls caged within the Land of Sealed Demons had escaped and caused chaos because of him, it would have been difficult for him to find peace of mind.

You Qi smiled. “I didn't think you would still have so much compassion for the common world.”

Qin Yu shook his head, “I just don't want to shoulder the burden of any guilt.”

You Qi didn't seem to mind much. She said, “Alright, then let's settle our current accounts.”

She raised a finger, “Initially, you ruined my plans and I almost killed you. We can be considered even with that.”

A second finger. “You failed your breakthrough and I saved your life. In the Land of Sealed Demons, you also saved my life. That is also even between us.”

A third finger. “You obtained the demon blood and made a breakthrough with your Demon Body, but I obtained nothing. Also, you peeped at my body just now.”

Qin Yu stared at her.

“Don't try to deny it. I know what my dress is like, and once it is wet there is basically no difference from not wearing anything at all. If you're a real man, then don't be afraid to admit what you've done!”

Qin Yu ruefully smiled. “Very well. Then consider it as me owing miss a favor.”

You Qi smiled in satisfaction. “Remember what you said. I'll be back to ask for it.” She turned and left. A jade slip flew towards him. “Just before I leave, I'll give you a little gift. It matches quite well with some items in your storage bag!”

Qin Yu lifted the jade slip. There seemed to be the faint fragrance of a lady lingering about it. But as he looked back up, she had disappeared from sight.

She had arrived without warning, and left elegantly and casually. But, why did it feel as if she were fleeing into the wilderness?

Qin Yu's lips curved up in a smile, the heaviness in his heart scattering away. He looked up in a direction, figuring out where he was, and then he shot into the skies.

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Half a month later.

Deep within the wilderness of the Northern Dynasty, above a valley, winds and clouds suddenly stirred. Black clouds formed, as dark as ink, leaving one's heart shaking with fear.

Bang –

Thunder fell from the skies, crashing upon the earth with irresistible momentum.

The entire valley began to shiver before the grandeur of the heavens and earth.

Soon, the wind and clouds vanished as quickly as they came. Dazzling sunlight, rarely seen, sparkled on the land.

At the bottom of a giant pit, Qin Yu was half-kneeling on the ground. The spirit stones gathered around his body had turned to dust. His hair seemed a little burnt and his robes were charred black in multiple places. The dirt beneath him had melted due to the terrifying power of thunder, and as it cooled down it turned crystalline.

As he stood up, a powerful aura erupted from his body. Pressure filled the air.

Above the great dao base in his dantian sea, a Golden Core floated in midair, spinning around. It was like a great sun, emitting endless beams of golden light.

Golden Core realm!

This was the Golden Core realm!

Qin Yu flicked his sleeve and the earth was torn apart. A hundred foot-long fissure snaked through the earth, a terrifying sight.

The might of this attack could compare to a sixth level Golden Core!

This was the terrifying effect produced from purifying one's magic power through 18 failed breakthroughs.

Suddenly, Qin Yu's thoughts stirred. The ground beneath him shattered and he shot into the skies.

A thousand feet up, he pointed his finger downwards!

Hu –

Between the heavens and earth, wild winds whipped up.

A single finger broke through the wind.

A heaven-startling explosion sounded out at a distant mountain. The shattered stones were dozens of meters wide each!

The third of the Three Blue Fingers – Boundless Blue.

Qin Yu's complexion paled, shocked at how much the Boundless Blue Finger took out of him. However, its power was similarly terrifying. With this supernatural ability added together with the Demon Body, he could be completely fearless beneath the Nascent Soul realm!

“Hahaha!”

Hearty laughter echoed through the world.

## **Chapter 59 – The Broken Demonic Cultivators**

It was a long time before the laughter echoing through the valley subsided. Qin Yu took out a jade slip and read through it with his divine sense.

“Little man, if you have this big sister in your heart and promptly read this jade slip, then you can prevent the upcoming excruciating pain of your body. Otherwise, you are just a heartless and ungrateful wretch that is just looking to suffer. In any case, when demonic runes appear within the Demon Body, it requires you to slay a Golden Core realm demonic cultivator to offer as a sacrifice, otherwise in one month you will suffer a backlash from the Demon Body and you will feel as if you are being fried alive. Don’t ask me why – this big sister doesn’t know either. But still, let me offer you a suggestion. It is best if you choose a late Golden Core demonic cultivator as a sacrifice, because that will produce the best effect.

“I unintentionally looked through your storage bag and saw some fish teeth. Those can reluctantly be used as weapons, and I also recorded down the refinement method at the back of this jade slip. In a critical moment it can guarantee your survival. You also owe this big sister a favor, so make sure to put as much effort as possible into staying alive so that you can wait for me to come back and collect it. That’s about everything I have to say. Little man, until we meet again.”

This was also in the typical tone of You Qi.

Dark lines crossed down Qin Yu’s head. This insane woman, how could she wait so long before telling him such vital information? But thinking about her personality, it was just far too normal for her to do something like this. He continued to read, and half a day later Qin Yu took back his divine sense. With a loud crack the jade slip disintegrated.

This was definitely the work of You Qi. She likely wasn’t worried about the information within leaking, but wanted to know whether or not he had truly suffered a backlash from the Demon Body. Qin Yu wryly smiled. Even after this woman left he still couldn’t catch his breath. But still, the things she left behind had major uses.

“Offer a sacrifice of a Golden Core demonic cultivator to prevent a backlash of the Demon Body? That’s right, Deepsea Demon knows people that are related to me, so it’s best if I kill him now to avoid any possible dangers in the future. But before that, I have to finish the refinement first.”

Shua –

Qin Yu’s figure flickered and he disappeared from sight.

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Qin Yu sat down in a cave that had been carved open in a simple manner. 108 fish teeth were placed in front of him, neatly lined up in arrows. He carefully checked them several times, and after making sure they were lined up correctly, a divine flash suddenly sparkled in his eyes.

His hands moved in law seals and his robes started to flutter around him. The 108 strange fish teeth seemed to feel something as they gently trembled.

Suddenly, Qin Yu pointed out a finger. A bead of blood dropped down and sank into a strange fish tooth.

Hum –

It quietly shivered, instantly turning blood red and emitting a demonic aura.

Like this, Qin Yu fell into a trance...half a day later, he picked up a strange fish tooth and carefully looked over it. After examining it for a long time he was sure he had succeeded. He had never studied the process of refining magic tools before and this was his first time refining his own. Although the demonic path refining method was a bit crude, it was indeed easy to use!

Practice made perfect. He continued.

After forming the law seal with his hands again, he dripped down another bead of blood onto a strange fish tooth.

It was easier than before.

Qin Yu became increasingly skilled. After resting for some time, on the third day he completely refined all 108 strange fish teeth. Besides being a little pale and having lost a bit of blood vitality, Qin Yu didn't suffer any losses at all. He had completed the Storm Flow magic tools left behind by You Qi.

The so-called Storm Flow required one to use identical materials in refining the magic tools. When fighting an opponent, one could shoot them all out together. And what was most terrifying was that after shooting out all these magic tools they would explode one after another, causing the killing potential to rise to new heights.

A single attack would ruin a massive amount of precious materials. And, what was most horrifying was that each refining material needed to be fed blood essence. Qin Yu had the powerful Demon Body so he wasn't scared to lose a little bit of blood essence, but for others, just the process of refining these 108 strange fish teeth and the blood essence required would leave them half-dead.

In short, while Storm Flow was a simple and crude refining method, it wasn't something that everyone could use!

Qin Yu flicked his sleeve and stored the 108 strange fish teeth in his storage bag. With these Storm Flow weapons in his hand, he was confident he could retreat even when facing a Nascent Soul cultivator.

Three days later.

Whoosh –

Qin Yu soared into the skies, all of his lost blood essence completely restored.

“Deepsea Demon, I'm coming to kill you!”

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After the events of Hidden Wind Valley, the demonic path suffered a tremendous blow to their morale and temporarily retreated in order to stabilize. But a mere three months later, they found an excuse to renege on the agreement and stage a return. War erupted again soon after, and Canyonwell City fell to



enemy hands. By now, over half of the Southern Empire had fallen under the control of the demonic path.

Perhaps in order to vent their anger and wash away their shame, Canyonwell City was nearly razed to the ground. The numerous broken sections of the city wall lent a desolate and sad atmosphere to the land.

Beneath a mansion pavilion, Li Yunmo held onto a pot of wine, the thick smell of alcohol exuding from his body. Because Liang Taizu had been killed, he had been punished by the Seven Slaughter Demon Sect and was now ordered to guard Canyonwell City.

What significance was there in guarding a city that had nearly been destroyed? There just wasn't any. But, Li Yunmo was also well aware that this was a disguised form of exile. If it weren't for his Golden Core cultivation still being just a tiny bit useful, he would likely have been killed off long ago.

Even so, his was more or less completely finished. The bright future that he had anticipated had now faded far away. Thinking of this, Li Yunmo's eyes turned red with hatred. He shattered the wine bottle against the ground and roared, "Qin Yu, Qin Yu! I will tear you to a million pieces!"

The sound of footsteps echoed from behind him.

Li Yunmo didn't even turn his head as he shouted, "Get the fuck out of here!"

"Li Yunmo, it's been a while."

This voice...

Li Yunmo froze. A cold sweat began to seep out from his forehead and he was shocked wide awake from his drunken misery.

Bang –

Demonic energy erupted. He soared into the skies, rushing away without looking back.

Outside the pavilion, a sneer appeared on Qin Yu's lips. Was this tearing him to a million pieces?

Li Yunmo's face was paper white. Fear filled his eyes. It was him, it was definitely him!

Qin Yu, he had returned!

Although deep in his heart he wished that he could eat Qin Yu's flesh and drink his blood, Qin Yu was someone who had killed Army Breaker. If he could kill Army Breaker, just what kind of opponent would he be? He wasn't running away but rather passing on news that Qin Yu was here. Deepsea Demon was currently in seclusion outside of Canyonwell City. Once he was alerted, Qin Yu would die.

Li Yunmo crazily stimulated demonic energy as he rushed outside the city. He felt a cold and swift killing intent behind him, and as he turned his head to look back he nearly fainted from fright.

Qin Yu was right behind him, not too far away. His movements were calm and leisurely, as if he could catch up at any moment.

"A righteous path spy is here! Cut him down, there will be great rewards for anyone that can do so!"

In Canyonwell City, several demonic Golden Core cultivators that were training were suddenly enraged. Even though Li Yunmo had been abandoned by his people, he was, for better or worse, a Golden Core.

While they could ignore Li Yunmo, they couldn't ignore being insulted like this by a righteous path cultivator. Otherwise just what sort of face would they have left!

"You dare be so insolent in my demonic path's territory? You are seeking death!" With a roar, a demonic path Golden Core blocked the way and slashed down with the saber in his hands.

Shua –

A beam of black saber light shot out, howling forwards.

"That is Blacksaber Demon!"

"Ah! He's my idol! I never imagined Lord Blacksaber Demon would be here at Canyonwell City!"

"This righteous path cultivator is finished. He can easily chase after Li Yunmo, but when facing Lord Blacksaber Demon, all that awaits him is death."

Qin Yu was expressionless. He lifted a hand and punched out at the saber light, breaking it into fragments.

Bang –

Blacksaber Demon was sent soaring away. The great saber that had earned him his fame was sent flying from his hands. Blood blew out from his chest and mouth; he had turned into a corpse in the blink of an eye.

The entirety of Canyonwell City was instantly left deathly silent!

Several demonic Golden Core cultivators that were just about to attack suddenly froze where they were.

Li Yunmo was so frightened that he peed. This was real pee. A hot liquid flowed down his robes, but he couldn't care about such matters at the moment.

"Ahh!" He miserably screamed as he rushed out of Canyonwell City. Then he gathered all his strength and yelled out at the top of his lungs, "Deepsea Demon, Qin Yu is here!"

Qin Yu...

The several Golden Core demonic cultivators had just recovered their wits. As they heard these words, their eyes popped wide open and they cursed out loud. Li Yunmo this bastard, he wanted to use them as shields to stop the spear!

The pitiful Blacksaber Demon had died tragically because he didn't understand the situation.

Luckily, Deepsea Demon was here. He was a late Golden Core powerhouse, more than enough to kill Qin Yu.

It was time to share in the merits!

Even if Deepsea Demon did most of the work, they had still followed behind and would be able to share in some of the soup. To not join in when merits were being dropped from the skies, only an idiot would do that!

Bang –

Bang –

Bang –

Demonic energy erupted. Four demonic Golden Core cultivators rushed out of the city.

“Qin Yu, there is nowhere for you to go!”

“Prepare to die!”

“Your end has come!”

These shouts seemed poignant and touching, but...how come they were so far from the battlefield? And how come it looked as if they were ready to escape at any moment? Still, no one was in the mood to mock them right now. All of the demonic cultivators in Canyonwell City were looking outside the city, waiting for the arrival of Lord Deepsea Demon. If they wanted to regain the dignity of the demonic path, they would have to rely on Lord Deepsea Demon to turn the tides!

A black dot appeared on the horizon, approaching at an alarming speed. The strength of the heavens and earth tumbled about the figure, leaving behind loud rumbling sounds.

Shua –

Demonic energy scattered to reveal the figure of Deepsea Demon. He stared at Qin Yu, his eyes filled with killing intent. “Today, I will not give you any chance to escape!” As he spoke he flicked his sleeves and sent out a black turtle shell. The turtle shell rose up in the wind and instantly grew over 10 feet wide. It released black demonic energy runes that blocked out the surrounding 1000 feet.

The numerous demonic cultivators all felt hot tears in their eyes. Lord Deepsea Demon was indeed worthy of his name. He hadn’t disappointed them at all!

You crooked bastard Qin Yu, it’s time for you to die!

Li Yunmo let out a long breath of relief. It was only now that he discovered the sickening scent wafting up from his clothes. His face turned red with shame and he roared out, “Qin Yu, you are dead!”

The four demonic Golden Core cultivators rushed forwards together. They shouted out, “Kill him!”

Qin Yu smiled. “Li Yunmo, thank you very much.”

Li Yunmo was startled.

Deepsea Demon’s pupils shrank. A deeply uneasy feeling began to form in his stomach.

Bang –

Qin Yu stepped up. A terrifying strength erupted, as if the surrounding space was faintly twisting. He exploded forwards like an arrow.

Deepsea Demon shouted. "You are courting death!" With a flick of his sleeve, billowing demonic energy rushed out in a wild tsunami, roaring as it did.

Qin Yu's figure was instantly submerged.

The demonic cultivators of Canyonwell City cheered together, their cries shaking the heavens.

"Lord Deepsea Demon is invincible!"

"Cutting down Qin Yu, that is the glory of our demonic path!"

"This Qin Yu, he was just bringing about his own destruction!"

Deepsea Demon didn't seem happy at all. The uneasiness in his heart became increasingly heavy. Then, with a loud bang, the flood of demonic energy broke apart.

With a stuffy cough, Deepsea Demon's complexion paled and his eyes widened with disbelief. With almost no time to react, a fist appeared right before him. He reflexively lifted a hand and demonic energy violently trembled beneath him. He had nearly been crushed apart, but that terrifying strength still left half his body numb and the bones in his arm creaking with pain.

This boy, his strength was incomparable to how it was in the past!

How was this possible!?

Deepsea Demon drew backwards and roared in anger and shock. But at this moment, his body froze and he cried out in pain.

Deep in his mind, an agonizing headache rushed through him as if someone had split his head in half with a saber.

A divine sense attack! This was a divine sense attack! I am at the late Golden Core, so how could this boy's divine sense possibly be so strong!

Bang –

A fist ruthlessly struck Deepsea Demon. Although his protective demonic energy resisted the majority of the strength, the remaining amount still caused him to vomit blood as it sent him shooting backwards.

"Ahh!" Deepsea Demon roared out loud and demonic energy tumbled around him. But before he could begin a counterattack, the divine sense attack arrived once more. As he was frozen for that brief moment, he was sent flying back again like a sandbag.

Bang –

Bang –

In the loud bangs, Deepsea Demon really seemed to have become a sandbag.

Qin Yu was only at the early Golden Core realm but his divine sense was incomprehensibly strong. This was the effect of his pill cultivation and also from the pain of nearly having his body possessed. As a result his divine sense had been tempered repeatedly. This was also aided by the fact that demonic path cultivation methods weren't too skilled in resisting divine sense, thus creating the current situation of Deepsea Demon being overwhelmed!

Li Yunmo's legs trembled. He had just summoned his courage but now it had been routed yet again...to force Deepsea Demon backwards and beat him up, Qin Yu had actually somehow grown this strong.

At some unknown time, the four Golden Core demonic cultivators had retreated over a thousand feet back. Their faces were pale and pained as if their parents had just died.

Canyondwell City was completely silent. The demonic cultivators felt their morale collapse. Didn't they just talk about turning the tide, or regaining the dignity of the demonic path?

If this is a nightmare, please let us wake up a little bit faster!

### **Chapter 60 – Seven Slaughter Sect Master**

With magic power purity and strength that could compare to a sixth level Golden Core, with the infinite might of the Demon Body, and also with his extraordinary divine sense added on, these factors combined together allowed Qin Yu to completely overwhelm Deepsea Demon. When fighting against those at a higher realm, unless one possessed a heaven-defying bloodline or a formidable inheritance, it had never been easy.

Deepsea Demon roared out again and again, but fear began to grow in the depths of his mind. As the punches continued, his wounds gradually accumulated and worsened. If things continued like this, it wouldn't be long before he was beaten to death.

He had to run away!

As this thought formed, Deepsea Demon felt profound shame, so much that his eyes turned red. But soon it vanished. Compared to death, what was losing a bit of face for some time? In these past days his cultivation seemed to unwind, a faint indication that he was nearing a breakthrough. With the great dao of Nascent Soul so close to hand, he would truly be aggrieved if he were to die here like this.

For a true man, taking revenge 10 years later wouldn't be considered late at all!

As this reasoning formed, Deepsea Demon roared out once more. The black turtle shell above his head quickly shrank and its imprisoning range also contracted with it. Finally, it locked Qin Yu into a space of 20 feet. With eyes filled with anxiety, Deepsea Demon turned tail and fled. This was because he knew that the imprisonment of the turtle shell wouldn't be able to stop Qin Yu. At most it could give him several breaths more time to escape.

Whoosh –

Billowing demonic energy wrapped around him as he shot into the distance.

Li Yunmo cried out miserably and turned to run.

The four other demonic Golden Core cultivators were a bit faster in responding; they were already a thousand feet away.

The demonic cultivators in Canyonwell City had been left in chaos!

This was absolute humiliation!

A late Golden Core and five other Golden Core powerhouses, for a total of six demonic path masters, had been scared away by a single Golden Core cultivator.

What happened to bringing back the dignity of the demonic path?

Bang –

With a heaven-shaking explosion the turtle shell burst into pieces. Qin Yu stepped out, slaughter energy rising all up over his body, his killing intent immediately locking onto Deepsea Demon.

Deepsea Demon felt his courage collapse. He knew that the turtle shell couldn't stop Qin Yu, but how did he get out so quickly? Moreover, why was he chasing after him with such singular focus? Li Yunmo also had a grudge with Qin Yu, and there were four other bright and shining Golden Core demonic cultivators standing beside him. Killing them would be as simple as turning a hand, so why was he still being chased!?

Bang –

Blood red flames ignited. Qin Yu's speed suddenly rose up ten times over.

As Deepsea Demon was drowning in despair, a troop of demonic cultivators appeared in the distance, their scarlet flags fluttering in the end. A powerful aura rose and whipped up clouds and winds. The sounds of rumbling thunder followed. Deepsea Demon's eyes widened as he reveled in joy. He shouted out loud, "Sect Master, save me!"

With the all-out strength of a late Golden Core master, his voice instantly spread through the world. Li Yunmo and the four Golden Core demonic cultivators also stopped as they heard this. As they discovered the troop that was quickly approaching, they suddenly turned back around to join the battle, their faces filled with fearless fighting spirit.

"You insolent child Qin Yu!"

"I will never forgive you!"

"Even if I must perish with you, I won't let you take a single step out of Canyonwell City!"

The voices were vigorous and angry, as if they were worried they couldn't spread out far enough.

But...the problem was that Qin Yu was already outside of Canyonwell City.

Deepsea Demon's lips twitched. These five bastards. However, he didn't have the time or desire to lower himself to their level.

The sharpness reappeared in his eyes. As his eagle-like gaze locked onto Qin Yu, all of his shame and resentment was transformed into vicious killing intent.

“Qin Yu, I remember that you were close with that little girl right? Once you die, I vow that I will capture her and make her suffer a fate worse than death!”

Deepsea Demon valiantly shouted!

The carriage of the Seven Slaughter Sect Master had arrived and Qin Yu was doomed to die. Even if he were to stand here motionlessly, how could he even be killed?

Qin Yu swept his eyes over the incoming troop, his gaze deep as he veered back to Deepsea Demon. “I won’t give you that chance. Let’s end this.”

Deepsea Demon’s heart violently shrank.

Qin Yu lifted a hand and pointed out.

Boundless Blue Finger!

Bang –

Winds rose up between the heaven and earth, split apart by this finger.

All of the blood in Deepsea Demon’s face instantly faded away. The cultivation of a late Golden Core master wildly erupted as endless layers of demonic energy wrapped around him.

The doors of the carriage burst open and a middle-aged man in blood red robes stepped out. His vision was dire and surging with killing intent.

This person was the master of the Seven Slaughter Demon Sect, Heavenstar Demon!

Bang –

The Boundless Blue Finger fell!

The layers of demonic energy shivered and collapsed, revealing the deathly white face of Deepsea Demon and his eyes filled with unwillingness. Deepsea Demon lowered his head with effort. A giant hole had appeared in his chest. Blood crazily gushed out, and the heart that should have been robustly beating had vanished without a trace.

Qin Yu spread out his arms. Deepsea Demon suddenly emitted a terrifying cry and his face twisted in fear as his body began to quickly wither. Rich blood energy drilled out from all the pores of his body, quickly gathering in the air and turning into a strange demonic face.

Heavenstar Demon’s complexion changed. This...this was...he sucked in a deep breath, calming his racing heart. His eyes started to gradually heat up.

Hu –

Black flames rose up, swallowing the demonic face and wiping it from existence.

Seeing this occur, Qin Yu felt a knot relax in his heart, as if one of his annoying karmic ties had dispersed because of this.

Bang –

Bang –

12 columns of demonic energy rose up into the skies as if they supported the heavens. The entire area was suppressed.

Heavenstar Demon walked through the void. The aura of a Nascent Soul blotted out the skies. “Junior Qin Yu, you have killed a powerhouse of my demonic path and today you will not escape!”

Bang –

A demon hand formed from thin air. It was extremely black and seemed as if it were formed from some kind of jade, but one could clearly see the lines and print of the palm. It was like the hand of a great demon had reached across the river of time to grab at Qin Yu! All of the demonic cultivators in Canyonwell City felt their heart rates accelerate, so excited they couldn't control themselves.

Finally, there was someone in the demonic path that could turn the tides!

The Seven Slaughter Sect Master was a super powerhouse at the Nascent Soul realm. It would be far too easy for him to kill Qin Yu! Ha! You damned brat, no matter how arrogant and rampant you were, it's time for your retribution!

Qin Yu's complexion was earnest. As the pressure of the Nascent Soul realm pressed down on him, all the bones in his body seemed to creak and moan. He hadn't expected that after refining these tools just recently, he would have to use them to preserve his life so soon.

With a flick of his sleeve, 108 strange fish teeth were suspended in front of Qin Yu. As he pointed out his finger, they began to shoot through the skies in a straight line.

The first strange fish tooth exploded, then the second, third, and fourth. Although the demon hand was powerful it still couldn't stand up to such a terrifying barrage. Cracks appeared in it and it immediately collapsed. Before the rumbling sounds faded, the demon hand was torn apart and the remaining strange fish teeth shot straight at Heavenstar Demon!

“Storm Flow!” Heavenstar Demon shouted out in anger. With a wave of his sleeve an expanse of demonic energy appeared in the skies, stars seeming to sparkle within it. As the strange fish teeth crashed into it, it seemed as if they had entered a completely different space. Although they still wildly exploded, they couldn't harm him at all.

Still, there was a price to pay for this. Heavenstar Demon was forced back again and again until he was forced outside the 12 columns of demonic energy. As he stepped past the threshold, the 12 columns instantly became blurry.

Bang –

The Blood Escape Art activated and blazing demonic flames wrapped around Qin Yu. Qin Yu slammed into the invisible seal. As he spat out a mouthful of blood, he successfully pushed past the seal.

Whoosh –

His figure rapidly faded into the distance!



Heavenstar Demon's face darkened. He reached out and grabbed a ball of blood. As he smelled it, flames ignited in his eyes. He had only been guessing before, but now he was sure of it. This was the Demon Body, this was definitely the Demon Body! However, Qin Yu had already run far away, and with him crazily burning his blood essence to utilize the speed of the Blood Escape Art, there was no way he could overtake him.

"Pass down an order to the entire sect. Find him! He must be found no matter the cost!"

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Skyvault City.

Within the Southern Empire, the number one cultivation faction was the pill giant known as Immortal Eclipse Valley. However, in the eyes of the cultivators of the Southern Empire, Skyvault City had the highest and loftiest status. It was built atop a natural flying stone and was a genuine city in the skies. Its inheritance stretched back almost 10,000 years, and even though Immortal Eclipse Valley was stronger, they still couldn't take over it.

At the same time, this was the safest place within the boundaries of the Southern Empire. Skyvault City forbade battles between any cultivators and also had a natural array formation that repelled any demonic cultivators who tried to enter. As for those that had housing in the city, all of them possessed formidable backgrounds and statuses.

The Zhu Family was one of the powerful families of the Southern Empire that possessed the qualifications to live within Skyvault City. Their family had an inheritance that spanned 10 generations, and although their powerhouses had risen and fallen over the times, they currently had three Golden Core masters propping them up. They had joined formidable sects and their complex network of influence couldn't be underestimated.

At this time Qin Yu appeared in front of the Zhu Family Mansion, requesting a visit. His black robe completely hid his figure. Although he was deliberately hiding his status, his Golden Core aura caused the guards at the mansion gates to look at him with respect. This was especially true because this person had stated that he was an old friend of Lord Bluecloud.

Out of the Zhu Family's three Golden Cores, Zhu Bluecloud had the lowest cultivation and the highest potential. He was favored by everyone in the family.

"Please wait a moment my lord. I will immediately pass on the message." A guard quickly left.

Soon, underneath the shocked gazes of the remaining guards, Zhu Bluecloud walked over. He loudly asked, "Where is the one requesting an audience?"

Qin Yu smiled. He cupped his hands together, "Brother Zhu, it's been a while."

Zhu Bluecloud immediately lit up with joy. "You..." His eyes brightened with awareness. "Come with me!" He turned and led Qin Yu into the Zhu Family Mansion.

As they entered, Zhu Bluecloud directly asked, "Are you the one who killed Deepsea Demon?"

Qin Yu pulled down his hood and smiled. "Nope."

Zhu Bluecloud let out a long breath. "I was also asked how it could possibly be you. It hasn't been that long and yet you killed Deepsea Demon? And, some people even said that the Seven Slaughter Sect Master Heavenstar Demon personally arrived but still couldn't hold you behind. This is just far too ridiculous!"

Qin Yu's smile remained unchanged.

But in the blink of an eye, Zhu Bluecloud continued to speak. "But, the key point is that besides you, who would chase after Deepsea Demon and try to kill him no matter the cost? You can be honest with me. Ever since I obtained the news I haven't been able to get a good night's rest!"

"If you think it was me, it was me. If you think it wasn't, then it wasn't." Qin Yu blinked his eyes, not directly replying.

Zhu Bluecloud's eyes widened and his jaw nearly dropped to the floor. Although he didn't say anything, one could imagine just how many curses he was flinging in his heart.

After a long time, Zhu Bluecloud took a deep breath and composed himself. "You...you...you damned freak!" He grumbled. He had just made a breakthrough in his cultivation and thought that the gap between him and Qin Yu had narrowed, but he didn't think that just after blinking his eyes he would be flung back so far he couldn't even see him anymore.

Qin Yu laughed, "Alright, I came here for a reason. You should know what it is."

Zhu Bluecloud curled his lips. "Don't worry, I had Gu Ling'er enter the Rainbow Sect and also had people arrange for her to live in Skyvault City. She is very safe here. Moreover, now that you've killed Deepsea Demon I don't think anyone else knows about your relationship to her." After a brief pause he added, "Do you want me to send someone to bring Gu Ling'er back for a visit so that you can see her?"

Qin Yu hesitated. He shook his head, "I won't see her."

Zhu Bluecloud was left speechless. "In order to save her, you first killed Liang Taizu and then killed Deepsea Demon. Right now, the entire Seven Slaughter Demon Sect is going crazy searching the world for you. You paid such a deep price and yet you don't want to see her?"

Qin Yu smiled. "Even if I just see her one time, she will be in that much more danger. As long as she is safe it doesn't matter if I see her or not."

Zhu Bluecloud nodded. "Well it's your business, so you make the decisions."

Qin Yu cupped his hands across his chest. "Brother Zhu, I fear that I will have to continue to bother you in the future to take care of Ling'er. Allow me to apologize in advance."

Zhu Bluecloud waved his hand, coughing, half-real and half-fake. "Right now you're considered a very large thigh and my Zhu Family can't even wait to develop relations with you, so how could it be trouble for us?"

Qin Yu smiled. "If you need help in the future, I will try as long as it is in my power to do so."

This was a vow.

Although there was a limit, it was because of this that it seemed more sincere.

Zhu Bluecloud was overjoyed, "I'll remember!"

Originally there were some veiled criticisms within the family about how he had used up family favors to send Gu Ling'er into the Rainbow Sect. Once some rumors were spread out, he'd see just who would continue flapping their lips. Qin Yu also guessed this, thus he promised them a favor in return. Friends helped friends and one should always return favors. This was how human relationships worked in the world.

"Come, we're not resting until we're drunk tonight!"

Qin Yu smiled and agreed.

After drinking for a long time, they also ate.

Zhu Bluecloud used the boldness provided by alcohol to interrogate Qin Yu. For instance, how did Qin Yu's strength rise so quickly so soon? Of course, all he received was smoke for answers. Zhu Bluecloud raged in righteous indignation, but Qin Yu simply laughed and paid him no heed. In truth, they both knew that these words were also spoken to close their relationship, and both knew that it was impossible to truly say anything.

After drinking, Qin Yu bid his farewells. Zhu Bluecloud tried to have him stay a bit longer, but it was useless.

At the Rainbow Sect's residence.

Qin Yu stood at a street entrance. After waiting for two hours he finally saw Gu Ling'er. She was standing within a crowd of female cultivators, and although she was still shy she was much more confident than before.

This young girl, she seemed to have grown up.

Qin Yu smiled and left.

Gu Ling'er suddenly turned her head, a puzzled look in her eyes.

"What is it Ling'er?" A senior-apprentice sister asked.

Gu Ling'er bit her lips. She looked around, but that feeling was no longer here. For some reason, it had felt as if her heart was empty, like it was missing a piece.