

## Refining 71

### Chapter 71 – Demon Monarch

Qin Yu sat cross-legged beneath the Radiant Red Wood, magic power racing through his body and rumbling like thunder! His eyes suddenly flashed open and a dazzling brilliance erupted. A powerful aura flowed out like waves of liquid mercury, causing swathes of dust and dirt to rise into the air.

Golden Core, second level!

Carefully sensing the heightened degree of strength in his body, Qin Yu revealed a smile. But soon, he sighed, as if he were a bit helpless. The Radiant Red Fruits were indeed incredible. They contained an inherently and extremely pure amount of heaven and earth spiritual strength. By utilizing them, one's cultivation could advance 10,000 miles in a single day. For him to break through to the second level of Golden Core within a month was the best proof of this.

Unfortunately, even the Radiant Red Fruits had a limit. After swallowing down a massive amount of them, it was obvious that his body was absorbing them at a far slower pace. This wasn't because a natural resistance was being formed but rather because his body couldn't withstand a long-term baptism of such pure spiritual strength. The reason Qin Yu was able to last for a month to begin with was because his mortal body was amazingly strong. If it were any other Golden Core cultivator, a week would have been their limit.

Fortunately, his body would only need to rest for some time before it was restored to its previous productivity; it would take a month at most. But what a pity, this also meant that his cultivation speed would drop by half...well, if other Golden Core cultivators were to know of Qin Yu's thoughts at this moment, they would all fervently wish that they could choke him to death and curse him as a cheap bastard even after he died!

For the remaining time that Qin Yu wasn't cultivating, he occupied himself with other matters. For instance, the Ancient Beast Dominion Art that was used to control the Purpleback Bluewing Ants and also the vast and profound Medicine Codex that contained a trove of information; both of these things required a tremendous amount of time to perceive and fully comprehend.

Although these things weren't necessarily useful, as long as they could display even the tiniest bit of use in the future, they might be able to bring him unexpected harvests or even save his life in critical moments. Of course, these were all things that were for later, but one could never have too many skills. Qin Yu buried himself in studying these two ancient manuals, slowly studying them with relish.

A month later, Qin Yu resumed his cultivation.

After rearing the ant king on Greatsun Mulberry leaves, it had clearly become much stronger. It was now far larger than its rivals and its wings produced a mighty buzz. It held an extreme affection towards Qin Yu. At the orders of its master, it sent out a large number of workers to pick Radiant Red Fruits, so many that they formed a small pile on the ground.

Then, the ant king came forwards and waited for a reward. Seeing its actions, Qin Yu laughed and took out several Greatsun Mulberry leaves. The little fellow was so excited that snot nearly dripped from its nose. It turned and maliciously glared at its fellow ants before taking the leaves to its mouth and eating

them with great chewing motions! For now, Qin Yu only provided Greatsun Mulberry leaves to the ant king because he needed it to control the ant swarm. Otherwise, if other Purpleback Bluewing Ants were to break into the king level, they would automatically separate to form their own swarms. This would make things far more troublesome.

Since Qin Yu began, he didn't plan to hold back. While he couldn't take away the Radiant Red Wood, he wouldn't let any Purpleback Bluewing Ants remain.

At the Golden Core realm, every increase in level would be followed with a clear increase in overall strength. When there was a difference of two levels, it was almost impossible to defeat the other. Of course, exceptions existed for those with powerful inheritances and bloodlines, and this was particularly true for a freakish abnormality like Qin Yu. Even so, it had to be known that cultivating at the Golden Core realm was extremely difficult. Even at the relatively easy early Golden Core realm, it normally required at least three years to rise by one level, and that was for those who had outstanding martial talent.

Even with the cheat-like Radiant Red Fruits, Qin Yu had to eat them over three different periods before barely managing to step into the third level of Golden Core, using almost five months to do so. Even with an endless supply of Radiant Red Fruits and being able to cultivate beneath the Radiant Red Wood, his efforts still left him flushed red. In contrast, the two Golden Core cultivators that originally came here with Qin Yu had been able to increase their level with relaxed ease in a month.

Compared to them, Qin Yu's martial talent was simply garbage, garbage to the point that it would scare others. If it weren't for the little blue lamp, he would likely have remained trash for the rest of his life. In this world, anything that one could imagine was possible. Even a heaven-defying object like the little blue lamp existed, so there was definitely something that could increase one's latent talent. If he had a chance, he would definitely try to obtain one in the future.

Every person had a dream of learning how to become a tyrant in their heart!

Qin Yu shook his head and put away these thoughts. Thinking about it, he had already stayed in this valley for half a year. Although no one had disturbed him as of yet, he would inevitably be discovered. For him to break through two levels of Golden Core, this was already a considerable harvest. To retreat while he was ahead was also a good choice. But as he thought about leaving the tree that was still full of Radiant Red Fruits, he felt pains in his heart.

Everyone knew that being greedy wasn't good, but who could really decisively withdraw when a great temptation was placed right in front of them? There were surely some calm and resolute individuals that could do this, but most people who stated they could were only liars.

Perhaps the heavens realized that Qin Yu was hesitating so they decided to make the choice for him. At this time, the skies above the valley began to darken and winds and clouds started to surge. An invisible oppression fell over the entire valley. As it covered Qin Yu, even with his third level Golden Core cultivation, he still felt himself panting for breath.

The Purpleback Bluewing Ants screamed nervously. Although their wings buzzed, they didn't dare to leave the safety of the Radiant Red Wood. Qin Yu could feel the horror in the ant king's heart through

their soul seal. Just what was occurring that even these Purpleback Bluewing Ants that could easily kill Golden Cores would be so scared about?

Bang –

The Radiant Red Wood shivered. Deep and vibrant red lights burst out from every inch of the tree trunk as if it had been lit on fire. The entire valley was dyed in a blood red light. The originally gentle and auspicious halo of light suddenly turned so deep red that it seemed as if it could drip blood. An icy cold killing intent followed it! On every branch of the tree, the Radiant Red Fruits began to wither en masse and fall to the ground. These Radiant Red Fruits had been formed from pure spiritual strength, and in this critical moment they were deconstructing themselves to supplement the tree.

In the vast vault of heavens, flames lit up between the surging winds and clouds. Even though these burning flames were countless miles away, one could still feel the terrifying heat emitting from them. This was the domain of the Radiant Red Wood. Just what was happening that would make this ancient spirit tree expand its domain to such a massive range without caring for the price? It seemed as if it was rejecting the arrival of some terrifying existence?

As this thought formed, Qin Yu felt as if he had fallen into an icy lake. He couldn't imagine just what existence could produce such a dreadful reaction from the Radiant Red Wood. And, the important point was that he was still here! People often said that a fire at the city gates would mean disaster for the fish in the moats; in other words, bystanders of battle would suffer. Qin Yu finally understood what this phrase meant today. He had hesitated over and over, and now it was too late to leave!

Qin Yu clenched his teeth and stood up. This simple movement left him panting for breath and his face drained of blood. He staggered towards the edge of the valley. To disregard Immortal Eclipse Valley's counterattack, this unknown existence had likely come for the Radiant Red Wood. The further away he was, the safer he would be. This was the only plan he could think of at the moment. Anything else would have to come later.

There was a loud explosion, as if the heavens and earth were collapsing. Qin Yu felt his scalp tingle as he suddenly looked upwards. He could see that the raging flames in the heavens were actually cracking apart. The Radiant Red Wood violently shook and countless red leaves blew apart. The domain was forcefully broken through and the Radiant Red Wood had obviously suffered a tremendous backlash. But at this time, something even more horrifying occurred.

From the skies above, a great bone hand appeared. It was over a thousand feet long and crystalline cold like jade. Malevolent flames covered its surface. With just a single glance, Qin Yu felt as if his mind had been captured. He froze where he was; the only thing in his eyes was the giant hand that grasped at him from the void.

Puff –

Qin Yu vomited a mouthful of blood. Pain tore through his mind as if someone had stabbed his head with a saber. He wavered where he stood, his eyes filled with shock!

Without stopping, the giant bone hand soared towards the Radiant Red Wood, looking as if it wanted to dig it out from the ground.

Rumble –

The branches of the Radiant Red Wood rustled and swung. Circular waves of divine red light surged out from it, but these waves were easily broken apart as they came into contact with the giant bone hand. As the giant bone hand was about to seize the Radiant Red Wood, a white-robed figure suddenly appeared. With an ethereal air drifting about him, this figure faced the fierce and flaming bone hand and pointed out a finger.

It was like divine thunder crashed down from the highest heavens. Horrifying shock waves reverberated outwards. Qin Yu was blown away as blood flowed from every orifice of his head. Countless cracks appeared on his body. Even with his powerful Demon Body, he had nearly shattered!

The bone hand quivered for a moment before vanishing into crystalline points of light. A laugh echoed down from beyond the skies. “Pill Crucible, it seems that I have underestimated you. You have become even stronger these past years.”

The white-robed figure said, “Demon Monarch, you overpraise me. The only reason I was able to stand evenly with you was because I borrowed the strength of the spiritual wood.”

“Hahahaha, you are quite a direct fellow. Unfortunately, you never step beyond the boundaries of Immortal Eclipse Valley, so even though I want to kill you I cannot.”

Pill Crucible looked up, his eyes shining like stars. “Whether or not you can kill me is unknown. But if you don’t run away now, you won’t have that chance anymore.”

Rumble rumble –

A deep rumbling sound rose up from all directions. The great array formation of Immortal Eclipse Valley had activated. Once it reached its full strength, even a Nascent Soul cultivator wouldn’t be able to escape.

The Demon Monarch sighed. “Your Radiant Red Wood is truly wonderful. Unfortunately...”

Shua –

A white bone hand reached towards Qin Yu. Although it was over a hundred times weaker than the one that reached towards the Radiant Red Wood, it was more than enough to deal with a Golden Core cultivator. At this moment, Qin Yu felt as if he had been locked down by a wild vicious beast. Although he wanted to escape, he couldn’t summon the strength to move his body at all.

Rah –

The ant king screamed, shrill and high. As it felt the impending danger to its master, it recklessly flew forwards and rushed at the white bone hand. A heavy sigh seemed to sound in Qin Yu’s ears. Then, the earth broke apart and a sturdy root whipped up to violently collide with the white bone hand.

The root was shattered into countless pieces but the white bone hand was also stopped. Pill Crucible had already caught up. He lightly said, “It seems that the Demon Monarch is quite interested in my Immortal Eclipse Valley. If so, then don’t plan on leaving!”

In the skies high above, the crack began to rapidly repair itself. The Demon Monarch coldly sneered and vanished from sight.

Pill Crucible didn't care much. It was only when the great array formation was fully revolving that he dispersed the fierce and sharp aura around him. His face was a bit more pale and had a few more wrinkles. As he turned to look at Qin Yu, his gaze burned!

Qin Yu was streaming sweat, feeling as if he had just left the wolf's nest and stumbled into the tiger's lair. His mouth was parched and dried; he couldn't utter a single word at all.

Pill Crucible's face became increasingly strange. His fingers began to form seals and as he looked at Qin Yu his eyes grew increasingly bright. He suddenly sighed and said, "Hah, this is heaven's will. I have never had a true lineage disciple in my life, but to think I would meet someone today. Boy, are you willing to take me as your teacher?"

As if his brain had been struck by lightning, Qin Yu went numb from head to toe. All of his thoughts about begging for mercy suddenly and cleanly vanished away.

This...this....

Are you sure you didn't grab the wrong script? This is a solemn, cruel, and brutal fantasy drama! Where did this ridiculous dogshit intermission come from?

Pill Crucible flushed red a little after being stared at by Qin Yu's dumbfounded eyes. He coughed and said, "Boy, stop overthinking things. Out of all the things possible in this vast world, you have only experienced a tiny portion of them. Come, first leave with me." With a flick of his sleeves and a step of his feet, the two vanished from sight.

The ant king was furious. Just as it was about to chase after, the Radiant Red Wood erupted with divine light, drawing back every ant into its crown of leaves. The cracked earth wriggled like worms and fully vanished after a breath of time, burying all the remaining leaves.

The valley returned to tranquility once more.

## **Chapter 72 – Junior Uncle**

Amongst the lingering clouds was where Pill Crucible's dwelling was. Even now, Qin Yu still didn't know who he was. But one didn't need to be a genius to know that he was definitely some high level figure in Immortal Eclipse Valley. If he could directly face off against the Saint Lord of the demonic path, how could he be ordinary?

After this person discovered him, not only did he not question him or punish him, but he actually asked him to be his student? No matter how he thought about it, this was just too strange.

With an empty heart, Qin Yu felt as if he hadn't yet come back down to the ground. He tried several times to calm his racing heart but nothing worked and his face remained flushed red as before. Even the wine he drank didn't seem to have any flavor to it. He subconsciously swept his eyes around.

Pill Crucible was wild and unruly, completely lacking all of that vigor and majesty he had when he faced the Demon Monarch. As if his spine had been pulled out, he slumped back into a soft cushion and swept his eyes lazily about. "Boy, don't say that I didn't warn you. The Great Five Element Sword Formation

beneath your feet is continuously revolving. If you were to recklessly rush in, then...burp...you should know what the result would be.”

Qin Yu reared back his head and drained the rest of the wine, no longer bothering to look at the beautiful scenery and found around him. Wasn't there supposed to be some basic level of trust between people? This was simply far too excessive for them to have camouflaged this place so impeccably, to the point that even he didn't realize it! If he had gotten drunk and tried to escape, what difference was that from suicide? This was too much!

Pill Crucible smirked in satisfaction and patted Qin Yu's shoulder. “Don't be sad boy, it wasn't easy for you to survive this long. Hurry up and accept me as your teacher and I will clear off everything that has happened before. Otherwise, I will have to hand you over tomorrow. Believe me, although my Immortal Eclipse Valley is an orthodox and righteous sect, we also have our fair share of freaks and crazies. For instance, that old lunatic Crimson Stove likes to throw people into his furnace to increase its temperature. Of course, you won't immediately die when you enter. You will burn within for eight or nine days as all your blood, fat, flesh, organs and marrow is all slowly melted away before you are able to die a happy death. Hehe, it's real, you definitely wouldn't like the taste of that. So, hurry up and make the correct decision!”

Qin Yu's lips twitched. Not only did he threaten someone but he threatened in such a superficial way that lacked any sense of artistry. He began to regret worshipping him a little at the start!

Pill Crucible curled his lips. “Don't worship me, because there are far too many people that do. I was forced by them to live here, and only by putting on an idiotic act when I leave am I able to live with my current comfort.”

Qin Yu's eyes widened.

Pill Crucible laughed. “Are you scared? Let me tell you something, I have already learned the heart reading arts. No matter what tiny plans or thoughts you have, you can't hide them from me!”

Qin Yu composed himself. “If senior truly did cultivate the heart reading arts, then there would have been no need for you to use the spiritual wood to save me when the Demon Monarch attacked.”

Pill Crucible spat out the wine he was drinking. He coughed, his face a little red. “Hey, little child, do you really have to say so much? Don't you understand that poking through the act of the elderly is something that is very disrespectful?”

Qin Yu laid down his wine cup and stood up to bow. “I, Qin Yu, would first like to thank senior for the grace of saving my life. However, may I ask senior to tell me why you want to take me in as your disciple? I just don't know right from wrong, and this sinister world has too many plots that run deep and dark. I fear with my shallow thinking I will fall beyond redemption in the future.”

Pill Crucible eyed him. “And do you know that I can send you beyond redemption right now?”

Qin Yu's expression didn't change. “If senior wished it, I would have died countless times already.”

Pill Crucible laughed. He scolded, “You little idiotic bunny, do you really think you can be so fearless?” His eyebrows furrowed for a moment as he fell into thought. Then he said, “In truth, I cannot say why I

want to take you as my disciple. It's just that the first time I saw you, this thought leapt into my mind, and I wasn't able to suppress it any longer.

"In the art of deduction, if I were to call myself second, there is no one in the Southern Empire or Northern Dynasty that would dare call themselves first. You and I indeed have a linked fate of master and disciple."

Qin Yu hesitated. "Your words are a bit too obscure, just like..."

"Just like a fortune teller that you can find on a street side corner?" Pill Crucible curled his lips. "I didn't think that a brat like you would have such vicious eyes that you can actually see through me. Indeed, I come from a fortune telling background. Alright, alright, now it's time for you to tell me your decision."

Qin Yu knelt on his knees, not feeling any shame at his actions. In the face of death, what was a little shame? Moreover, this person standing across from him like a big golden buddha was definitely some mighty figure. Perhaps kneeling down here would also be a great lucky chance!

But at this time, Pill Crucible cried out loud. His eyes widened as if he had been struck by lightning. He grabbed onto Qin Yu, the whites of his eyes showing as he sized him up and down. "Boy, just who are you and why would you react with my status jade slip?"

Status jade slip?

Qin Yu thought for a moment. With some incredulity in his actions, he hesitated and took out a storage bag from his chest, taking out a jade slip. Before he could say anything, Pill Crucible had already seized it. The old man formed several seals with his hands and a blue light erupted from the jade slip, gathering into the image of a furnace.

Pill Crucible was completely bewildered.

Qin Yu blinked his eyes, finally understanding a little of what was happening. This jade slip was something he had found in the underground space at the Eastern Mountain Sect's Pill Disposal Department. It was one of Cang Mangzi's relics.

What relation did he have with Immortal Eclipse Valley?

"Oh heavens! Oh great earth! This is unfair, this is just so unfair!" Pill Crucible suddenly burst out into curses as if he was an old man who had become deranged. "I've lived for so many years and I've finally found a boy who is decent in my eyes. I was planning to pass down my entire legacy to him, but someone had taken my prize ahead of time! If anyone else were to do this I would personally ruin them, but why must it be that damned old dead teacher who I have never met!

"My life, why must it be so bitter and hard!" This sentence was stretched out for a long time, as if he were singing it in some sorrowful opera.

Qin Yu paled. As he looked at Pill Crucible who was livid and gnashing his teeth, he was really afraid that he would suddenly leave and cause him to lose his tiny life.

Whoosh –

Whoosh –

Several figures appeared from nowhere, all of them ready to face their enemy, their auras swift and dangerous to the extreme!

Pill Crucible jumped up and stamped his feet. "Why the hell are you all running out for? With me here, who dares to kill me!? Everyone get out! Out! Out! Everyone screw off!"

The several Immortal Eclipse Valley powerhouses froze. They swept their eyes over Qin Yu in silence and then slowly spun around and vanished into the fog.

Qin Yu was left speechless.

After cursing others and releasing a bit of his anger, Pill Crucible's complexion was still pale. He restrained his aura and passed the jade slip back to Qin Yu. The corners of his lips twitched up as he squeezed out a reluctant smile. "Little junior-apprentice brother, it's good to meet you for the first time. I seem to have embarrassed myself a little."

Qin Yu's eyes widened into full moons. Although he had already been prepared for this, no matter how he thought about it, it just seemed a bit ridiculous.

Pill Crucible coughed. He took out another jade slip. "Junior-apprentice brother, there is no need for you to be suspicious. This status jade slip is something that...hum...a legacy that a senior passed down to me many years ago. There is an inheritance within that helped me to reach my current status today. Since junior-apprentice brother and I share the same teacher, then we should refer to ourselves as brothers!"

Qin Yu hurriedly cupped his hands across his chest, "Junior doesn't dare!"

Pill Crucible dismissively waved his hand. "What do you mean you don't dare? You are my junior-apprentice brother, my junior-apprentice brother! From this day forth, that will not change. Alright. You should rest now. I will make some arrangements and hold a grand ceremony for you tomorrow. Later on, you will be my Immortal Eclipse Valley's Junior Uncle."

Whoosh –

Pill Crucible flew out from the courtyard. And sure enough, as soon as he stepped out and before he vanished from sight, his laziness disappeared and his back straightened, making him seem like a proud and virtuous individual.

Qin Yu opened his mouth to speak, but in the end he only wryly smiled. Just what was going on here!?

The next day.

An order was spread through Immortal Eclipse Valley's core region. All direct descendants and juniors of the Eclipse Valley and all other official disciples of the valley were required to gather in the big square in front of the Pill Temple. This square was a full 10 miles in size and was covered with whitejade pavilions. This square fully displayed the power and majesty of Immortal Eclipse Valley and was rarely opened on ordinary days; it was only used when important events occurred.

And today, it was obvious that there was some important event!



Yesterday, the demonic path's Demon Monarch had invaded Immortal Eclipse Valley and had been personally forced back by the High Ancestor. For them to engage in such insolent behavior, it was clear that things wouldn't end so easily.

"The demonic path is too arrogant. Do they think that my Immortal Eclipse Valley is just some common sect within the Southern Empire or Northern Dynasty that can be played with however they pleased? I will never forget this!"

"That's right, we must teach the demonic path a lesson and inform them that my Immortal Eclipse Valley isn't so easily provoked!"

"Today's actions must surely mean that the old ancestor has been moved to anger. There will definitely be a war! We have cultivated so much and now we'll finally have a chance to show our skills. Cheers!"

"Hahahaha! This old lady's saber is already thirsty for blood!"

Several dashing and debonair disciples of Immortal Eclipse Valley glanced over at the little clown who was waving her saber around. Their lips twitched and they turned their heads to avoid her.

Soon, everyone arrived at the square.

Rumble rumble rumble –

The great gates to Pill Temple opened. The eight Great Elders of Immortal Eclipse Valley walked out, each one with a tense expression and pale complexion. The square suddenly quieted down. The countless Eclipse Family juniors and valley cultivators all felt their hearts swell with pride and awe. The Valley Lord had truly been enraged! Good! Good! Good! You miserable demonic path scum, today your heads will begin to roll!

Intent came from the heart but aura came from the will. As slaughter intent started to rise up in the square, the atmosphere suddenly chilled.

Hu –

It was like a great hand stabbed into the clouds!

Immortal Eclipse Valley's great array formation seemed to sense the momentum of the valley disciples and it began to slowly rumble and activate. With loud bangs, heaven and earth spiritual strength gathered. Sounds of ringing thunderclaps filled the air, making the mood that much more heated.

The Eight Elders frowned as they saw this. At the front, the Elder at the Bluesky Furnace coldly coughed. "All of you restrain your auras, or do you want to ruin us old bones!?"

Shua –

Everyone was left stunned.

This...this...this...

This situation didn't seem quite right.

The Elder at the Seaforge Furnance, Fan Jianghai, lightly coughed. "Senior-apprentice Brother Xu, the High Ancestor is still inside. Should I announce this matter?"

Xu Ao coldly snorted. He lowered his head, not speaking any further.

Fan Jianghai took a deep breath and loudly said, "This is the old ancestor's decree!"

Bang –

Everyone in the square fell to their knees.

"Although the demonic path attempted to invade yesterday, that misfortune was turned into a blessing. The old ancestor and his long separated junior-apprentice brother were reunited. From this day forth, he will be my Immortal Eclipse Valley's Junior Uncle, and his rank is equal to that of the old ancestor. All disciples must follow this decree or else be punished by the sect's rules!"

Eyes widened and chins fell to the floor.

The old ancestor's junior-apprentice brother? Junior Uncle?

Just where did he jump out from!?

Everyone's thoughts raced. They immediately understood why the eight Elders would have such dark and gloomy complexions. They had crawled and trudged their way to their current high seats of honor, putting in a tremendous amount of effort and energy to reach a peak that was only a bit below that of the old ancestor, and yet this Junior Uncle had suddenly appeared from nowhere to press down on their heads. How could they willingly resign themselves to accept this?

Moreover, although this person was called Junior Uncle, no one knew how old he was. If he was only a little baby that was ten or twenty years old, that would just be too shameful! Thinking of this, all of the core cultivators that were 100-200 years old also had ugly complexions.

Those that came quickly also left quickly. After the news was announced, everyone was dismissed. The eight Great Elders grimaced and returned to their stations. From beginning to end, Qin Yu never made an appearance. This was something that he had strongly requested, and it was also only with the opposition of the eight Great Elders that Pill Crucible agreed.

Even so, the name of Junior Uncle spread out over the entire Immortal Eclipse Valley within an hour!

### **Chapter 73 – Treasure Collection Pavilion**

In a completely random and confusing manner, Qin Yu had stumbled his way into becoming the Junior Uncle of Immortal Eclipse Valley, the largest sect within the Southern Empire and Northern Dynasty. Not just that but he had an incredibly scary status to go along with it. As he looked down at his supposed apprentice nephews, nieces, and all his other children, and grandchildren, he felt that the route the plot had taken was far too incredulous. He closed his eyes for a night, opened them, closed and opened them again repeatedly, and finally sighed. It seemed that this really wasn't a dream.

"Young Junior Uncle, are you awake?" A soft and charming voice sounded out from the other side of the door.

Qin Yu opened the door and saw six young female cultivators of Immortal Eclipse Valley standing there with blushing faces. They held loose inner robes, shirts, boots, water basins, towels, and all sorts of other things as they lowered their heads and said, "Disciple greets Young Junior Uncle."

"And you are?"

"We are following orders to serve Young Junior Uncle in bathing and dressing this morning." A young woman on the left said, her face as red as the sunrise. "The hot water has been prepared, please follow us."

Qin Yu was frightened. Just what was that old fool Pill Crucible doing? He waved his hands again and again, saying, "No need, I'll wash myself. All of you leave!"

The young woman helplessly muttered, "This..."

Qin Yu said, "I will explain it myself later. Don't worry."

The young woman brightened up. "Thank you Junior Uncle! This disciple's name is Caiyue. From now on, with Mingxia, the six of us will be responsible for serving you. If you have any needs in the future, please feel free to speak them."

Qin Yu frowned, not saying much. He would need to find Pill Crucible to resolve this matter. He took the hot water, clothing, and other items and waved for them to leave. After washing and changing into the appropriate robes, he opened the door to see Caiyue, Mingxia, and the other young girls looking at him with bright eyes.

Qin Yu wasn't an extremely handsome person, but the Demon Body had molded his figure and sharpened his edges, making his features much more distinct and prominent. Moreover, in addition to the existence of the little blue lamp, an invisible bearing had grown in his heart, giving him a dashing and imposing aura. Of course, this had a tremendous connection to the clothes that Immortal Eclipse Valley had prepared for him. The black silk with the silver threads, the hand-crafted embroidery was second to none. These tailor-made clothes accentuated Qin Yu's aura. When people said that people relied on clothes and horses relied on saddles, this was what they meant.

Moreover, his crown of white jade, the dragon talisman hanging at his waist, and his roc-embroidered boots were not just mind-bogglingly gorgeous but also incredible treasures. With his clothes alone, even if he stood still he could resist two or three attacks from Golden Core cultivators. In particular, the dragon talisman at his waist; that could even block an attack from a Nascent Soul.

"Where is senior-apprentice brother?"

Caiyue respectfully replied, "Replying to Junior Uncle, the High Ancestor has already been waiting for you. Please follow me." After stepping out from the room they passed through long corridors before finally arriving at an incomparably elegant garden. Strands of fog winded about the area, giving it a quiet and lonely atmosphere.

Pill Crucible sat in the main seat, looking indifferent as he sipped some tea. He faintly smiled as he heard approaching footsteps. "Little junior-apprentice brother, did you rest well last night?"

Qin Yu cupped his hands across his chest. "Greetings, senior-apprentice brother. I rested very well. Also, I must thank senior-apprentice brother for gifting me these treasures."

Without saying anything, Caiyue drew back.

Pill Crucible immediately lost any sense of authority. He lazily slumped back in his seat and said, "Little junior-apprentice brother, I feel that this servant girl still has her primordial yin. Are there any problems that you find difficult to say? Don't be afraid, just tell your senior-apprentice brother here. In fact, I can even refine you some pills and guarantee that any problems you have with your nighttime vigor will be solved...cough...for good!"

Looking at this old fellow wink at him, Qin Yu's eyes twitched. He took a deep breath and said, "My body is quite good, you don't have to worry about me senior-apprentice brother. Caiyue, Mingxia, and the others are all valley disciples. You should allow them to leave and cultivate."

Pill Crucible wailed in pity and sorrow, as if he were trying to say 'junior-apprentice brother, didn't you just admit your problems? But this old man didn't even laugh at you, so please, why are you looking at me with such dreadful eyes?'

Seeing Qin Yu's complexion darken, he coughed and said, "Alright, alright, let's just say that your body is perfectly fine. Caiyue and Mingxua will stay behind to serve you, but you can rest assured that this is completely voluntary. In the future, you don't need to worry about these juniors. Cultivators like you and I act with a clear conscience and no regrets. There is no need to pay attention to all these minor myriad details in the future." He blinked and said, "And as they say, pick the flowers when they're in full blossom, or you'll regret it when they fade. Junior-apprentice brother, you shouldn't waste your wonderful youth like this!"

Qin Yu accepted his fate. He cupped his hands and bowed, "I thank senior-apprentice brother for the guidance."

Pill Crucible stood up, looking like someone giving his nephew a valuable life lesson. He said, "Come, I will lead you to Treasure Collection Pavilion. You can choose something from there. Consider it a first meeting gift from your senior-apprentice brother."

Qin Yu's eyes brightened.

The Treasure Collection Pavilion of Immortal Eclipse Valley must be extraordinary.

After leaving the hall, Pill Crucible flicked his sleeves. The sound of whistling wind filled the air, and by the time the surroundings were clear again they were in front of an old wooden pavilion. The staircase was intact and repaired, but the wood had been weathered with wind and rain over countless years, giving it a light breath of vicissitudes.

Pill Crucible held his hands behind his back and said, "Qin Yu, even though you are my junior-apprentice brother, you can still only choose one item. I have no idea when the next time you will be able to enter will be. So, for the next two hours, make sure you carefully look over everything. Once you have determined your choice, leave behind a mark of your divine sense. Now go."

Qin Yu's heart warmed. This inexplicably cheap and vulgar senior-apprentice brother of his actually treated him quite well. Of course, it wasn't like he would fully devote his loyalty to someone just

because of something like this. There were far too many deep and hidden intentions in this world. Even an affectionate husband and wife could turn on each other after a night of arguing, so it was best to remain cautious.

Respectfully bowing, Qin Yu turned and walked towards the wooden pavilion. The wooden steps creaked as he walked up. The sound wasn't chaotic or startling, and actually left his mind in peace. He didn't worry that Pill Crucible was planning to take advantage of him, because with his current cultivation there was no need to go to such lengths.

The door wasn't locked. Qin Yu pushed it up and an invisible suction force drew him in. Everything turned dark, and by the time his surroundings lit up, he found himself standing in the wooden pavilion. The door was behind him, and although it remained unlocked, at this moment it actually represented some inconceivable power in his eyes.

If one didn't have permission, then perhaps anyone who touched that door might never appear in the world again.

The wooden pavilion wasn't some magnificent sight nor were there any horrifying traps or enchantments. There were several wooden frames haphazardly placed at random, making the area look a bit disheveled. Bubbles of spiritual strength wrapped around items, sealing them on the wooden frames. Beside each item was a jade slip.

Qin Yu looked at the first treasure that caught his eye. He moved over and picked up the jade slip. After probing it with his divine sense, he found they indeed contained information pertaining to the treasure.

"Heaven Opening Axe [imitation]. Although this is far from comparable to the genuine article, its attack power is still outstanding. It is a weapon suitable for walking the path of epic heroicness. Note: this treasure requires a certain degree of mortal bodily strength."

And what was most amazing was that there was a series of images marked in the back of the explanation. A dark-faced big fellow grasped the Heaven Opening Axe and chopped down, severing the river in front of him in half!

Its might was incredible.

This imitation Heaven Opening Axe possessed top grade striking power amongst Golden Core realm items. After sweeping his eyes over the several long wooden frames and the bubbles of spiritual strength covering them, Qin Yu sighed inwardly. Immortal Eclipse Valley was truly filthy and disgustingly rich!

He lay down the jade slip and continued forwards. The treasures on the wooden frames should be divided into categories. When he entered, those he saw were magic weapons, several of them extremely powerful. However, Qin Yu only glanced at them, not moved much. His own strength was already potent enough. If he didn't run into a Nascent Soul cultivator then he could freely wander through the Southern Empire and Northern Dynasty. These sorts of treasures could only be called adding the final touches on perfection.

The next wooden frame was covered with defensive magic tools. Although they were also of high quality, Pill Crucible had already gifted him many of them. There wasn't anything here that stood out in particular. Qin Yu took note of a few and moved on.

Following that, the treasures began to diverge in all sorts of strange categories. These were things that Qin Yu had never heard about and they fully reflected the rich and deep background of Immortal Eclipse Valley.

Eight Treasure Lantern. Place a wisp of one's soul within, and then light the fire and place it upon an altar of worship. If one were to die, there is a chance that this lamp can be used to condense the remaining remnant soul. For cultivators, if one's soul didn't fully dissipate then they hadn't yet truly died. Seizing the body of another was the best choice, and taking over a refined puppet was another. The worst option was to transform into a ghost cultivator and survive like that. No one ever complained about having too many life maintaining items; this treasure could be considered precious.

Crimson Smelting Nine Tier Pagoda. Each level of the pagoda had beast souls sealed within. A first level Energy Refining cultivator could summon a first level Energy Refining beast soul, and a second level Energy Refining cultivator could summoned a second level Energy Refining beast soul. At the ninth of Energy Refining, one could summon nine beast souls into battle. This continued at the Foundation Establishment realm and even the Golden Core realm! For those at the Energy Refining and Foundation Establishment realm, this treasure was good enough, but the Golden Core realm beast souls were particularly fierce. If one could summon all nine beast souls to battle then they could easily devastate anyone below the Nascent Soul realm.

Monk Hood of Flowing Light. This was a mystic treasure of buddhist sects. When cultivating, one could bring this out. Not only would it calm the mind and prevent outside thoughts from interfering, but one's cultivation speed would also rise precipitously. Most importantly, after using this monk hood for an extended period of time, a person could achieve unity with it and fuse it into their body. From that point on, buddhist powers would shelter their soul, making them unassailable to 10,000 evils!

Crimson Flame Glazed Beads, treasure condensed from a volcano that was thousands of miles deep...Untearable Tie, after refining it with a drop of blood, it could be used to form a contract with two parties so that they live and die together...Dark Nine Nether Lotus, capable of increasing the strength of one's soul by a great deal...

The treasures in this wooden pavilion were all saved over the countless years that Immortal Eclipse Valley had existed for. Each one was incomparably precious. For Pill Crucible to allow him to casually choose whichever one he liked, that was already extremely generous!

But, which one should he choose?

Qin Yu looked around, feeling a bit helpless.

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Outside the wooden pavilion, Pill Crucible blew his beard about, but the 16-17 year old girl didn't seem to care at all. She continued speaking in her apathetic tone.

“Pill Crucible, even if you are the master of Immortal Eclipse Valley, you don’t have the right to grant someone an item from the treasure pavilion as you wish. You know this is wrong and yet you do it anyways. How can you possibly convince your sect’s disciples like this?”

Pill Crucible clenched his teeth. “I am already standing here. How about you go and find someone who isn’t convinced?”

The young girl shot him a look. “To take advantage of your cultivation and status to suppress the different opinions of the valley is just stupid to the extreme.”

Pill Crucible didn’t spare her a glance. “This old man just happens to be stupid and does whatever he wants!”

The young girl lightly said, “In the next great valley meeting, I will reveal this matter to everyone.”

“Without evidence, no one will believe you!”

“I’ve already taken an image of today’s events.”

Pill Crucible stiffened. His expression suddenly changed, “Look Spirity, this old man only has a single junior-apprentice brother. As the solemn master of the valley, it’s a bit shameful if I don’t have a good gift for our first meeting, right? Just this time, I guarantee it will be just this time. How about bending the rules a little for me?”

The young girl tilted her head and looked at him. Then, she stretched out five fingers. Pill Crucible’s face wrinkled in pain and he finally pinched his nose in defeat. “Alright, I’ll deliver the spirit stones and other things to you later.”

Shua –

The young girl turned and left, leaving behind countless motes of light in her wake.

A complex light appeared in Pill Crucible’s eyes. He shook his head and stopped thinking about it. He looked back up at the wooden pavilion, curious as to what treasure Qin Yu would choose.

At nearly the same time, Qin Yu paused. He lowered his head, his face full of surprise. He looked down at a dark ash gray mushroom-shaped object on the wooden frame.

This...this is...

Qin Yu’s eyes popped up. He smelled wild mushroom and then carefully felt the texture of the wooden frame. His eyes began to brighten. He took out his storage bag. With a flash, the Medicine Codex appeared. He probed the jade slip with his divine sense and soon found the information he needed.

## **Chapter 74 – Soul Mushroom and the Eighth Furnace**

Ancient spiritual wood could develop a soul if a number of coincidences joined together. Once the tree died, the soul could survive within the grain of the wood, circulating about. In a hundred years it would be possible to form a Soul Mushroom that would wither after seven days. However, if a Soul Mushroom had the good fortune of living to a hundred years of age, it would become a precious treasure of the heavens and earth. If one were to swallow this, they could obtain the soul attributes of the spiritual

wood, allowing one's soul to never disperse or extinguish. If a Soul Mushroom could reach a thousand years of age, it would become a magic tool. Once this magic tool was refined into the body, it would form the renowned and eminent Partner Soul of ancient times!

Legends said that in ancient times there was a famous deviant beast of slaughter. With its cruel and vicious nature, it massacred trillions of people, finally triggering a joint alliance of human powerhouses to work together to suppress it. In the ensuing war, light faded and the world collapsed. The power of the mighty deviant beast surpassed all expectations and 70 some human powerhouses fell from the skies. But, using their blood essence as the catalyst, they managed to activate a secret technique that killed it.

The reason for the beast's immense power lay in the Partner Soul. After this undertaking, the world was left in chaos and all sorts of information related to Partner Souls began to spread out.

A Partner Soul could be called an avatar of the soul, nearly the same as the soul of the main body. But, it could automatically draw in the spiritual strength of the heavens and earth, transforming this into a never-ending stream of energy used to grow the main body's soul. This could be called an incredible tool for accelerating the cultivation of the soul, but, its effects were not confined to just this. The strength of a Partner Soul lay in its ability to superimpose itself onto the soul of the main body, doubling the cultivator's soul cultivation immediately. In a critical life or death situation, the Partner Soul could even be destroyed in place of the main body's soul, allowing one to avoid a life or death catastrophe. For instance, when facing Nascent Soul heavenly tribulation's most horrifying soul burying thunder tribulation. With a Partner Soul, even if one couldn't resist it, they could still survive it unscathed.

And this was only some of the information presently known about Partner Souls. Up until today, no one knew what the true strengths of a Partner Soul were. This was because after the deviant beast perished, only a little of the information related to Partner Souls were recorded in the ancient texts. And as the river of time slowly washed everything away, those that now knew about this treasure were exceedingly few!

The Medicine Codex had records about the Soul Mushroom and also had attached information related to the Partner Soul. When Qin Yu had free time between his cultivation periods beneath the Radiant Red Wood, he had looked through the records and knew a little about it.

Soul patterns, Soul Mushroom, Partner Soul, if it were anyone else, even if they were aware of the Partner Soul they could only bitterly smile and give up. But, Qin Yu was different. With the little blue lamp he could accelerate the growth of spiritual plants. No matter how mystical and odd the Soul Mushroom was, it still fell beneath the category of spiritual plants.

And the little blue lamp had never disappointed him.

He took out a jade hoe from the storage bag and carefully cut the Soul Mushroom from the wooden frame. Then, he placed it in a prepared jade bottle.

After sticking on a vitality sealing talisman, Qin Yu turned and left. Although the Medicine Codex recorded that the Soul Mushroom could survive for a day after being separated from the wood, Qin Yu didn't want to take the risk. After several steps he realized it was still going to be a while until night arrived, so no matter how he worried he could only wait.



He was worrying over this far too much. He still needed to temper his heart!

Taking a deep breath, Qin Yu took the jade bottle and walked to the exit of the wooden pavilion. With a push of his hands, darkness surrounded him once more and he arrived outside the building.

Pill Crucible's eyes brightened. He smiled, "Junior-apprentice brother, let me see what treasure you have chosen! But let me tell you ahead of time, you need to have carefully considered it. If you impatiently chose something from the front, you will regret it!"

The old fellow narrowed his eyes, but as his gaze fell down, his complexion turned strange. "This...what is this? How come I've never seen it before?"

Qin Yu cupped his hands across his chest. "Senior-apprentice brother, this is something I obtained from the last wooden frame. Without accident, it should be the rumored Soul Mushroom."

Pill Crucible's mouth fell open. He began to mutter, "Yes, it should be...calculating the time, it is indeed time for the Soul Mushroom to be born." He slapped his forehead and suddenly said, "What do you want to take that for? It's useless!"

Qin Yu smiled. "The Soul Mushroom is incomparably mysterious and I just happened to inadvertently learn a little about it. Since I saw it today, I have no intention of missing it. Since senior-apprentice brother wanted me to choose a treasure from the wooden pavilion, it shouldn't be breaking the rule for me to choose this Soul Mushroom. I'd also like senior-apprentice brother to consent to this."

Pill Crucible waved his hands, "That's no good, I wanted to gift you a powerful treasure, not something useless like that. Hurry back and choose something else."

The figure of the young girl suddenly appeared. She lightly said, "Pill Crucible, don't reach for a foot after taking an inch."

Qin Yu's eyebrows arched up. In Immortal Eclipse Valley there were actually some people that dared speak to his cheap senior-apprentice brother like this?

Pill Crucible coughed. "Spirity, you also saw what happened. This stupid boy Qin Yu took that completely useless Soul Mushroom. Just let him go in and choose one more time. One hour...no, a quarter hour should be fine. I promise I won't bother you any more in the future too."

The young girl shook her head, "No."

Pill Crucible clenched his teeth. "I'll add on another 30% of spirit stones!"

"No."

"50%."

"No."

"Twice as many!" Pill Crucible's face twitched. "Spirity, this person is my only junior-apprentice brother. If others know that I gave him a Soul Mushroom as a first meeting gift, I won't have any face left at all!"

The young girl glanced at him. "Even if you offer me ten times as much I won't agree. Allowing him to enter the wooden pavilion is already a violation of the valley rules. I cannot allow a second violation to

occur.” Her gaze swept over. “Moreover, in a sense, the Soul Mushroom is more precious than all the other treasures in the wooden pavilion. If he chose something like that, it could only be said that his judgment is unique.”

Pill Crucible’s old face fell.

Qin Yu was filled with curiosity. Although he hadn’t known his cheap senior-apprentice brother for long, he knew that he was a person who cared about honor and face. Normally, he would act virtuous and dignified in front of others, yet before this young girl he didn’t put on any act at all and actually seemed quite relaxed. With his thoughts racing, he cupped his chest across his hands and said, “Senior-apprentice brother, what this young miss says is right. The Soul Mushroom is my choice and I am very satisfied with it.”

It was only now that the young girl truly looked at Qin Yu. But, her indifferent gaze was as if she were looking at stone and wood.

Pill Crucible still wanted to say something, but the young girl interrupted him. “He cannot be allowed into the wooden pavilion again. But, if you want to compensate, there is another masterless treasure outside the pavilion. If he can manage to refine it, his benefits will be endless.”

Pill Crucible’s complexion turned ugly. “The Eighth Furnace?”

“That’s right.” The young girl took out a circular token. “If you agree, then take this token. He will be allowed an exception and given a single chance to refine the Eighth Furnace.”

Qin Yu said, “Senior-apprentice brother, there is no need to say anything more.”

Pill Crucible sighed. “It’s fine. Just don’t regret it in the future!” He took the token and with a large wave of his sleeve, he drew in Qin Yu, the two people immediately vanishing from sight.

The young girl looked towards the direction that the two people went in. After a long time she gently furrowed her eyebrows. “Soul Mushroom, is it...”

Shua –

She dispersed into motes of light.

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“Junior-apprentice brother, aiya, how am I going to explain this to the world!” Pill Crucible said, looking helpless. “You had such a good opportunity but you wasted it in such a manner!”

Qin Yu smiled. “To see the Soul Mushroom and hold it in my hands is already an extremely rare chance, so how can it possibly be considered a waste? There is no need for senior-apprentice brother to feel regret over this.”

Pill Crucible coldly humphed, “What will me regretting or not regretting do? Since things have gotten to this point there isn’t anything I can do either. Whatever, it is fine, just come with me.” He mumbled, “Although it’s only a pitifully small chance, the token has already been handed over. For better or worse, we might as well give it a try.”

Shua –

Two figures appeared within a massive pavilion tower. The air was hot and a light medicinal fragrance lingered about. Qin Yu wasn't a stranger to such a scene; this was all caused by the refining of pills.

A cultivator guard hurriedly bowed and said, "Greetings, Old Ancestor." Then his eyes fell on Qin Yu for a moment and he said, "And greetings, Junior Uncle."

Pill Crucible had a faint expression, looking like a high and otherworldly great expert.

Eclipse Yan hurried over. He bowed, not caring much about it, or at least not revealing what he thought on the surface. "Old Ancestor, Junior Uncle, what orders do you have?"

Pill Crucible cursed inwardly. He had been bathing in his sadness and had completely forgotten that Eclipse Yan was here. He turned and placed the token in Qin Yu's hand. "I suddenly remembered that I have something to do. Eclipse Yan will guide you to the next step. I will be leaving first."

Shua –

As he finished speaking, he disappeared from sight.

Qin Yu looked down at the token in his hand. As he felt Eclipse Yan's heavy and dark gaze on him, he suddenly understood why his cheap senior-apprentice brother had fled faster than a bunny in danger. He shook his head inwardly and said, "Whatever. I have no intention of refining the Eighth Furnace, so just bring someone here to lead me out."

Eclipse Yan straightened his body, his eyes cold. "Junior Uncle is too exaggerated. Since the Old Ancestor has brought you here, he surely must have great expectations for you. The Eighth Furnace has been masterless for many years, so how could I possibly think of stopping you. Junior Uncle, please follow me!"

As he turned, a sneer formed on his face.

Just what sort of character was the Old Ancestor that he wouldn't know the gravity of the current situation? This little fool must have used his status to forcefully request a chance and the Old Ancestor had no choice but to agree. And, the Old Ancestor hurrying away just now was the best proof of this. Not only that, but this person was even pretending to act like he didn't come here on purpose and deliberately put on some sort of virtuous play; what a joke!

No one knew this, but after Eclipse Yan suffered almost a hundred years of making no progress at all, it seemed that his actions had moved the heavens and he was finally showing signs of making a breakthrough. Right now, he had half refined the Eighth Furnace. He hid this news, wanting to amaze the world with a single feat, and only reveal this to the public once he had successfully and completely refined the Eighth Furnace.

But as it happened, Qin Yu also wanted to refine the Eighth Furnace. Good, then I will give you a chance! With the strength of the Eighth Furnace, once it had an initial recognition of a master and someone else tried to refine it, then there would definitely be a backlash of some sorts. With Qin Yu's mere Foundation Establishment cultivation, he would at least lose seven or eight layers of skin!

Eclipse Yan had already lost his patience with this so-called Junior Uncle. Moreover, Qin Yu even dared to try to seize the Eighth Furnace from him and destroy the foundation that created Immortal Eclipse Valley. How could he possibly not use this chance to make him suffer a loss?

The group hurried along.

News of the young Junior Uncle arriving to capture the Eighth Furnace rapidly spread through the loose lips of several disciple guards. It passed through the station of the Eighth Furnace and spread outwards at an even faster speed.

Countless eyes fell on Qin Yu, filled with contempt and ridicule. Just how great of a treasure was the Eighth Furnace? Even their teacher, who had a late Golden Core cultivation, hadn't been able to refine it with a hundred years. And during that hundred years of time, there were at least ten extraordinary geniuses of their time who had each attempted but had eventually failed.

For a mere Foundation Establishment cultivator to have such ambitions, it was simply laughable!

In particular, there were the true lineage disciples of the Eighth Furnace who all had personal knowledge of how Eclipse Yan's efforts to refine the Eighth Furnace had progressed so far. They couldn't even cover up their sneers as they waited for this young 'Junior Uncle' to shame himself.

Eclipse Yan stopped. He coldly said, "Junior Uncle, we've arrived."

In front of them was a 10,000 foot mountain. It was crimson red with not even a single blade of grass living on it. Steam belched out from the rock below, heated by thermal energy in the earth. Waves of heat constantly surged into the air; one didn't need to approach to know how terrifyingly high the temperature was. At the base of the mountain, there was a round and closed stone door. The temperature here was even more dreadful. The scorching air distorted one's line of sight.

"The Eighth Furnace is named the Deepest Earth. It is located in the magma below. Junior Uncle, when you push open the door you will see it once you continue downwards." Eclipse Yan's lips curled up. "I will wait here for Junior Uncle to return."

Qin Yu could clearly feel Eclipse Yan's hostility as well as the hostility from the disciples of the Eighth Furnace. He sighed inwardly, helpless. It seems that after becoming Immortal Eclipse Valley's Junior Uncle, there was no way to escape from this abyss of suffering. He looked at the deep red 10,000 foot mountain in front of him and stepped forwards.

For many years, Immortal Eclipse Valley had been unable to find a new master for the Eighth Furnace. He was well aware of his own abilities. If he ignored the little blue lamp, his skills in alchemy were only barely passable, so how could he subdue such a great treasure?

He'd just have to have a brief waltz around before leaving!

## **Chapter 75 – A Black and Dirty Outlook on Life**

As he pushed open the stone door, waves of heat surged forwards. Qin Yu narrowed his eyes and, beneath the disdainful gazes of many people, he stepped into the red mountain. The temperature inside the mountain was even more terrifying. The walls were red from the burning heat, and if one didn't possess protective magic power they would be cooked in a short time.

The tunnel sloped downwards into the ground. But soon, he reached the end. The end came to a giant cave that was dozens of feet high, and there was a round well in the ground. The well was unfathomably deep and glowed with red light. Even though Qin Yu was hundreds of feet away, he could still feel the horrifyingly high temperatures contained within.

It was clear that this was a test.

If one didn't even have the courage to jump in, they could give up any thoughts of refining the Eighth Furnace.

Qin Yu hesitated for a moment and then turned to leave.

It wasn't that he feared this deep well, but that he didn't want to waste his time. The Soul Mushroom was still in his storage bag and most of his thoughts were on it.

"Junior Uncle, why are you leaving? You can see the Eighth Furnace as long as you jump down. If you come out now, the other disciples will laugh at you." Eclipse Yan's light voice echoed in the stone chamber.

Qin Yu paused. His eyes turned cold. "Whether I stay or leave, that is up to me."

Eclipse Yan sneered. "Junior Uncle has such a respected status that I wouldn't dare to stop you. But, this matter is something that the Old Ancestor personally asked of me and I do not dare to disobey him even a little. So, I will have to ask Junior Uncle to take a brief detour."

Qin Yu was silent for several moments. He suddenly smiled and said, "That's also good. Then let's give it a try."

He turned and walked to the well. Then, he leapt down!

Outside the 10,000 foot mountain, Eclipse Yan's complexion sank for a moment before he sneered. Qin Yu didn't even have the least bit of shrewdness. He had been angered with barely any prodding, and even like this he still dared to have thoughts of the Eighth Furnace. He was simply acting without regard to death or danger.

The Eclipse Clan juniors whispered, "Great Uncle, he has an honored and revered status and is also the Old Ancestor's junior-apprentice brother. If anything were to happen to him, it would be hard for us to explain."

Eclipse Yan waved his hand, "It's fine. Since the Old Ancestor left him here, it's clear that he has intentions of punishing him but he just didn't want to say it out loud. Have him suffer a little bit and I will rescue him later. Once he loses face, he will not dare to take a single step into my Eighth Furnace station in the future!"

The Eclipse Clan juniors praised, "Great Uncle is so wise!"

Hu –

Waves of heat surged forth. Qin Yu squinted his eyes, far calmer than when he was outside. The Demon Body was indeed powerful. Not only was it incredibly tough and durable but it also possessed a strong

resistance to the outside elements. Although the temperature was high, Qin Yu only felt a little bit hot. By revolving his magic power a bit, there wasn't even a single drop of sweat on his forehead.

Bang –

As he landed on the ground, Qin Yu looked around at his surroundings. Where he stood right now was a massive black stone platform in the middle of flowing magma. This stone had clearly been refined with magic power and was being supported by an array formation. Even though it was in the middle of this flowing lake of magma, it sat entirely still.

Besides this giant stone, there was nothing else in his line of sight. The Deepest Earth Eighth Furnace that was supposedly sealed down here somewhere was nowhere to be found.

Qin Yu faintly frowned. He carefully looked around once more. Soon, he discovered something strange in the great lake of magma. The magma was in a state of constant circulation, but around a thousand feet away there was actually an area that was bizarrely still. Moreover, the magma there was much darker than the surrounding magma, and this was likely due to a massive amount of heat energy being drawn away!

Suddenly, a titanic object seemed to wake up from beneath the lake of magma. As it rose up, dreadful waves of magma roared into the air, as if it wanted to swallow up the giant stone.

Bang –

A giant furnace broke through the thick surface, billowing with winding flames. It released a dazzling light that stabbed at the eyes; it was simply impossible to see its true form.

But without a doubt, this was the Eighth Furnace. All of the changes in the magma lake were being caused by it!

Qin Yu immediately understood that the Eighth Furnace was similar to his black sword; it possessed a spiritual consciousness of its own. And after he arrived, it had stirred up on its own volition, clearly angry. It was no wonder that Eclipse Yan had such an ugly expression when he learned that he would be coming to try and refine the Eighth Furnace. Who would willingly give up such a great treasure? He had likely even been unwilling to let him take a single glance at it.

Magma tumbled, splashing over the large black stone and nearly touching Qin Yu. The extremely high temperature began to rise, increasing at a horrifyingly dramatic speed.

Qin Yu dripped with sweat and his robes pasted against his body. However, his complexion remained as calm as before. It seemed that after the Eighth Furnace discovered that it didn't scare him, it began to gradually restrain its strength and calmly float in midair. But, from how it was floating, how come it seemed as if it were being a little arrogant? As if saying, come at me! Come, bring it on!

Qin Yu's complexion was strange. A pill furnace could actually evoke such feelings? Indeed, every strange thing was possible in the boundless universe. Unfortunately, he had no way of subduing this furnace, otherwise his alchemy skills would become even more powerful! And as if sensing Qin Yu's thoughts, there was suddenly an indignant cry from his storage bag. The Fleeting Flame Furnace suddenly flew out from his storage bag without permission.

Whoosh –

It soared directly to the Eighth Furnace!

Qin Yu was shocked. But, what followed left him even more mind-boggled. His eyes widened and his chin nearly dropped to the floor.

The moment that the incomparably prideful, arrogant, conceited, and rude Eighth Furnace ‘saw’ the Fleeting Flame Furnace, it suddenly shook and trembled as if it were going into a seizure. Then, it violently hurtled towards the Fleeting Flame Furnace.

Bang –

A mass of flames sent the Eighth Furnace flying away, but in a blink of an eye it started flying back.

Bang –

Bang –

The Fleeting Flame Furnace attacked again and again, but the Eighth Furnace seemed to have become addicted. Not only did it not counterattack in anger, but it cried out in excitement. For some reason, how come it seemed as if it were some ram that had fallen in love, and was unable to contain its emotions?

Qin Yu blinked his eyes, suddenly feeling that this world was just too unfathomably deep. Alchemy furnaces were actually divided into male and female? Otherwise what was the Eighth Furnace doing? Engaging in homosexual furnace behavior? With shaking hands, Qin Yu suddenly realized his own outlook on life was just too black and dirty!

Finally, the Fleeting Flame Furnace arrogantly turned around, looking down at Qin Yu from a lofty and commanding position, as if saying open your eyes and see just who is the most amazing of all! The Eighth Furnace had been reduced to half the size of the Fleeting Flame Furnace and was bobbing and twisting in all sorts of groveling and flattering motions. It occasionally turned to Qin Yu and spat out flames that caused the magma to tumble below him, as if saying ‘if you dare to annoy my goddess, brat, you will die!’

But the Fleeting Flame Furnace didn’t seem to care about this kindness at all. It slapped the Eighth Furnace away, but in the next moment the Eighth Furnace came flying back once more. Not only was it drowning in abuse, but it seemed to be completely immersed in joy.

Qin Yu’s eyes brightened and he smiled.

The lovestruck Eighth Furnace suddenly felt a chill run through its body, as if sensing that something was wrong.

Outside the 10,000 foot mountain, Eclipse Yan’s complexion paled. He could feel something happening to the Eighth Furnace; it had never expressed such fierce fluctuations in its mood before, nor had he ever heard of this occurring. How hateful! Just what methods did Qin Yu use to quicken the Eighth Furnace? Luckily, he had already succeeded in the initial refining process, otherwise Qin Yu might actually be able to refine it.

Even though he calmed down a little, his complexion actually became increasingly hard to look at. His hundred years of diligent effort couldn't even compare to another person's single day. He began to feel even more unhappiness towards Qin Yu.

Humph! Just refine it! Try and refine it! Once you begin, you will discover that the Eighth Furnace has already chosen a master. Have a good taste of its strength!

Suddenly, the 10,000 foot mountain gently shivered and the ground vibrated.

Eclipse Yan's complexion changed. His eyes popped open, filled with incredulous disbelief. He cursed and roared in his heart. What a good Qin Yu, you actually dared to begin refining the Eighth Furnace! And, only by obtaining its approval would such a phenomenon occur. Damn it all, just how are you so lucky that you obtained the approval of the Eighth Furnace the first time!?

The Eclipse Clan juniors stuttered, "Great Uncle, what is happening?"

Eclipse Yan paled, "Don't worry, he cannot overturn the heavens!"

The vibrations through the 10,000 foot mountain grew stronger. The red mountain began to rise in temperature, gradually releasing a red light.

The Eclipse Clan juniors violently gulped, "Great Uncle, the 10,000 foot mountain has begun to shine."

Eclipse Yan clenched his jaw, "He cannot overturn the heavens!"

Above the 10,000 foot mountain, a giant seal appeared. It didn't stay up, but actually fused into the mountain stone, becoming one with the entire 10,000 foot mountain.

The Eclipse Clan juniors were dumbfounded. "Great Uncle, the mountain stabilizing seal has appeared."

Eclipse Yan roared, "He cannot..."

Puff –

He spat out a mouthful of blood. As it splashed onto the floor, it was burnt into steam by the high temperatures.

Eclipse Yan wavered as if he had been struck by lightning. His face paled and he stumbled backwards. His eyes began to turn bloodshot, like a vicious beast that was primed to eat someone!

His connection with the Eighth Furnace had been broken...

It hadn't been destroyed, but had been cut by the Eighth Furnace on its own initiative!

Impossible! This was absolutely impossible! Qin Yu! It had to be Qin Yu! He must have used some vile method to deceive the Eighth Furnace into severing the connection to him! Otherwise, why would the Eighth Furnace have already acknowledged him and started the early refining process to then betray him!?

This sort of event had never occurred in the history of Immortal Eclipse Valley!

It must be Qin Yu!



Eclipse Yan gasped for breath. His aura crazily erupted around him; it was impressively that of an eighth level Golden Core master. The terrifying pressured caused the disciples around him to retreat in panic.

Bang –

The ground shook and shattered. Eclipse Yan rushed forwards. He wanted to enter the 10,000 foot mountain and reveal Qin Yu's true colors. He wanted to tell the Eighth Furnace just who its true master was.

With a loud bang, Eclipse Yan was smashed backwards. A powerful strength surged past him. It tore apart his robes and left his head bloody and bruised. He was in a state of complete distress. He stood there like a wooden chicken. His heart was filled with grief and rage. It burned like 100,000 volcanoes, and not even all the rivers of the world would be able to extinguish it. His Eighth Furnace! The furnace he had protected with such care and effort for a hundred years and was about to successfully refine, had actually escaped his grasp!

Whoosh –

Whoosh –

With the sound of breaking air, several figures appeared.

The master of the Third Furnace, Eclipse Xin.

The master of the Fourth Furnace, Eclipse Yu.

The master of the Fifth Furnace, Eclipse Xuzi.

The master of the Sixth Furnace, Eclipse Wu.

The master of the Seventh Furnace, Eclipse Ming.

In Immortal Eclipse Valley, the Eclipse Clan controlled five furnaces. As the five furnace masters gathered, they could see the dazed Eclipse Yan and his bloody and shaking appearance. As masters of their own furnaces, how could they not understand what this meant? Eclipse Yan's hundred years of hard work had been somehow destroyed today.

Eclipse Xuzi saw her brother's miserable appearance and sharply said, "Big brother, what happened that the Eighth Furnace would sever its connection with you?"

Eclipse Yan muttered, "Qin Yu, it's Qin Yu..." His eyes turned blood red, filled with hate and loathing. "He used some evil method to fool the Eighth Furnace!"

Eclipse Xuzi clenched her jaw. "Big brother, rest assured that I will uphold justice for you!"

Eclipse Xin frowned. "This matter has not been investigated clearly and it also involves our Junior Uncle. Be wary of what you say or do."

Eclipse Yan roared, "I had already initially refined the Eighth Furnace! In just another month I would have thoroughly refined it. But now, the Eighth Furnace has severed its relation with me. Eclipse Xin, tell me, if Qin Yu didn't use some evil method, then what did he do?"

The five furnace masters all had blank expressions.

An initial refining represented that Eclipse Yan had obtained the approval of the Eighth Furnace. For a top level treasure like one of these nine furnaces, once someone obtained this approval, it wouldn't change again until after the death of the person.

Could it be that Qin Yu truly used some evil method?

### **Chapter 76 – Master of the Eighth Furnace**

Immortal Eclipse Valley's eight great furnaces were treasures left behind by the ancestors of the Eclipse Clan. After having been passed down this far, their two strongest furnaces, the first and second, were under the control of people who did not share the surname of Eclipse. Since they were less skilled than others, the Eclipse Clan juniors had nothing to say. But if someone were to use evil and sinister methods to seize control of a furnace, this was something that the Eclipse Clan would not allow!

"Eclipse Yan, I will definitely investigate this matter and give you an explanation!"

"The Eclipse Clan juniors abide by the teachings of our ancestors, but if someone schemed and tricked their way into controlling a furnace, then don't blame me for being ruthless!"

"The situation with the Eighth Furnace needs to be clarified!"

Eclipse Xuzi's complexion was ice cold. "Big brother, calm your anger for now. With me and so many other brothers here, we will not let you suffer from any sort of villainous plotting! Who cares if he has some exalted status? Even if this matter is brought all the way to the Old Ancestor, I still won't give up!"

Eclipse Xin's face was dark and gloomy. Just as he was about to say something, the 10,000 foot mountain suddenly quieted down. The burning hot aura quickly dissipated.

At the base of the mountain, the stone door quietly opened and Qin Yu stepped out.

Eclipse Yan roared, "Give me back my Eighth Furnace!"

Bang –

The cultivation of an eighth level Golden Core erupted. It came crashing down with the pressure of a falling mountain.

Hum –

A dazzling light burst forth and countless runes sparkled in the air. Eclipse Yan seemed to have run into a mountainside as he was smashed away, blood gushing out from his nose and mouth. With a series of crackling sounds, countless bones were broken in his chest and stomach.

Eclipse Xuzi cried out in alarm. "Big brother!" She flicked her sleeve and caught Eclipse Yan in a wave of magic power. Looking at his miserable appearance, she began to shiver with rage. "Qin Yu, you dare to be so ruthless to my big brother!? I will kill you!"

Eclipse Xin blocked her. "Calm down! We must understand what is happening first!"

Eclipse Xuzi screamed. "My big brother is severely wounded, how can you expect me to remain calm! Eclipse Xin, get out of my way!"

Eclipse Yu, Eclipse Wu, and Eclipse Ming also had dark complexions and ill moods.

Qin Yu approximately guessed what was occurring. His eyes chilled. "Are you saying that if Eclipse Yan attacks me, I cannot counterattack? Should I just hold my hands behind my back and wait for death?"

Eclipse Yu and the other two froze.

Eclipse Xuzi glared with hatred-filled eyes, "My big brother lost his reasoning because he was momentarily overcome with anger. All you had to do was repel him, but you had to be so cruel in your actions! Qin Yu, there is no need for you to continue arguing!"

Qin Yu remained expressionless. "I haven't activated any spells. This is merely the Eighth Furnace automatically protecting its master. Eclipse Yan's wounds are all backlash from his own attack, so how can you blame me for being heavy-handed?"

Eclipse Xuzi coldly sneered. "You just refined the Eighth Furnace but you can communicate with it and have it voluntarily protect its master? I am also the master of a furnace, so I know you are spouting nonsense!"

Qin Yu lifted a hand. Flames appeared above his palm and condensed into the phantom of a furnace. The furnace phantom released an aura that shook the heart.

Eclipse Xin's complexion changed. The eight furnaces shared the same aura and lineage, so he could determine that this was exactly the spirit of the Eighth Furnace! As the master of the Third Furnace who had wielded it for over a hundred years, he was just barely able to achieve this, and he was far from being able to do it as easily as Qin Yu was.

The appearance of the Eighth Furnace's spirit undoubtedly proved the veracity of Qin Yu's words. But at this time, Eclipse Xuzi's glare turned even colder and sharper!

"To refine the Eighth Furnace in less than two hours is already an astonishing accomplishment, and yet you can actually have the furnace spirit be so submissive and respectful towards you. Qin Yu, if you didn't use some sinister and evil method, how could you have possibly accomplished this?"

Qin Yu shot her a look. He lightly said, "How I achieved this is my own problem. Now, get out of the way."

Eclipse Xuzi clenched her teeth. "Leave behind the Eighth Furnace, or you can forget leaving today!"

Qin Yu's stare froze over. "If I remember correctly, I am the master of the Eighth Furnace and this is the station of the Eighth Furnace. Yet you dare to threaten me here?"

Eclipse Xuzi sneered. She thrust her hand into the heavens.

Bang –

From the distant station of the Fifth Furnace, blazing hot flames shot into the skies. They gathered into the form of a fire snake that burst through the air and came circling towards the Eighth Furnace.

With loud roars, its eyes were filled with a terrifying yin chill.

“I am also a furnace master; you are not the only one that possesses a great furnace!” Eclipse Xuzi turned around and screamed, “My Eclipse Clan juniors are being bullied. Are you just going to stand there and do nothing!?”

Eclipse Yu, Eclipse Wu, and Eclipse Ming glanced at each other before stepping forwards.

Bang –

Bang –

Bang –

Flames burst out from above the Fourth, Sixth, and Seventh Furnaces. They condensed into the shape of a wolf, leopard, and tiger that continuously howled into the skies.

As the power of four great furnaces erupted, the temperature in the world began to rapidly climb. The countless cultivators in Immortal Eclipse Valley watched with wide eyes, their faces filled with shock.

Qin Yu narrowed his eyes. Without needing to say anything, the spirit of the Eighth Furnace in his palm began to shake as if it had been provoked. It roared out like a dire vicious beast!

Hu –

The skies above the Eighth Furnace station turned into a sea of billowing flames. A giant fire alligator appeared, roaring into the air as it revealed a jaw full of sharp teeth. One against four, it occupied the home advantage and its momentum didn't seem any less!

“Stop!”

Someone angrily shouted. Three figures appeared like bolts of lightning.

Xu Ao's complexion was darker than black. “What are you doing? Are you planning on destroying your own sect!?”

He took a deep shuddering breath to calm himself. Then he bowed, “Greetings, Junior Uncle.”

Fan Jianghai gently sighed, a look of helplessness flashing in his eyes.

Daoist Wang slapped his forehead. Xu Ao, are you here to help mediate the situation or just add oil to the fire?

Eclipse Xuzi and the others all had incomparably ugly complexions.

Eclipse Yu coldly said, “Senior-apprentice Brother Xu doesn't ask for the reason, yet you must reprimand us?”

Daoist Wang hurriedly said, “Old Xu has always been the most reasonable and respectful of hierarchy. Eclipse Yu, your words are far too careless. In the end, Qin Yu is that old man's junior-apprentice brother, so if things were to blow up large enough to reach him, do you think you would be any better off?” Daoist Wang's status was different and his relationship with Immortal Eclipse Valley was also different, so he always spoke in a casual tone.

Eclipse Yu's complexion slightly changed. He coldly snorted and no longer spoke.

Eclipse Xuzi had an angry and bitter expression. Just as she was about to say something, she was preempted by Daoist Wang. "Eclipse Xuzi, just how old are you that you think you can still be so reckless? You don't seem to have made any progress at all! Eclipse Xin, and even though you were here you didn't do anything at all. There are currently cultivators from all over staying in the valley and your actions are making us all into a joke!"

Eclipse Xin frowned. He cupped his hands across his chest and said, "Senior-apprentice Brother Xu, Senior-apprentice Brother Fan, you've come at the right time." He immediately began to explain the situation.

Xu Ao and Fan Jianghai were stunned. They looked at Qin Yu, their gazes earnest. If this matter was just as Eclipse Xuzi said, then things would become troublesome.

"Humph! Since Senior-apprentice Brother Xu respects the rules and is the most reasonable of all, then I ask senior-apprentice brother to clearly investigate this matter and uphold justice for my big brother!" Eclipse Xuzi sneered.

Xu Ao furrowed his eyebrows for a moment before his wizened face immediately returned to its previous tranquility. "Junior-apprentice sister, rest assured. It is no minor matter for a great furnace to recognize a master, so I will definitely investigate this." He turned and respectfully bowed. "Junior Uncle, to Eclipse Yan, this matter involves the rest of his life and even his future fate. I ask that you please give an explanation."

With these evenly measured words, the Eclipse Clan members calmed down a little.

Qin Yu said, "Today, I originally had no intentions of refining the Eighth Furnace and I even thought of withdrawing midway. But, Eclipse Yan used my senior-apprentice brother as an excuse to refuse me and wouldn't allow me to leave. He wanted me to continue, probably because he thought that the lake of magma had infinite power and he wanted me to suffer some hardships."

Eclipse Yan's complexion stiffened.

As everyone heard this, they all sighed inwardly.

So Eclipse Yan had no one to blame but himself!

"And don't you all want to know how I subdued the Eighth Furnace? In truth, even now I think it is too bizarre and miraculous a coincidence. Why don't you take a look yourselves." With a flick of his sleeve, the Fleeting Flame Furnace whistled out. It rose up in the wind, flames lingering about it. In the sea of fire in the skies, the fire alligator wagged its tail. It completely disregarded its four opponents and rushed over to the Fleeting Flame Furnace.

Bang –

With a dull thumping sound and beneath the stunned gazes of all present, the fire alligator was smashed backwards. But, this originally violent and tyrannical fellow was somehow in an incredibly good mood. Not only was it not angry, but it swung its head and tail around in joy before running over again. This appearance immediately conjured up a single word in everyone's head – heat, it was in heat!

The Eclipse Clan powerhouses were left utterly dumbfounded.

Even Xu Ao and Eclipse Xin, who were known for being strict and restrained, also had faces as if they had seen ghosts.

As for Daoist Wang who was self-proclaimed to be well-informed and experienced in all matters, he was clutching his beard, utterly perplexed.

This...this...this...this was seduction?

The eight great furnaces were a legacy passed down by the ancestors of the Eclipse Clan. As such, the children of the Eclipse Clan had always held a heartfelt respect and reverence towards them and had sworn that one day, they would take all the great furnaces beneath the banner of the Eclipse Clan. But as they saw this occur, they felt their hearts collapsed by half. How could the most precious treasures passed down by the ancestors actually have such...such questionable moral characters!?

Qin Yu waved his hand and took back the Fleeting Flame Furnace. The fire alligator was enraged. It opened its jaws and roared out loud with a ferocious appearance.

No one suspected that this really all occurred because of a woman...no...because of a seductive female furnace!?

The Eighth Furnace didn't hold any respect towards Qin Yu at all.

Qin Yu lightly said, "If you roar at me again, you can forget seeing her in the future."

The fire alligator gave up. It immediately lowered its head and shook its tail in a lovable and cute manner.

Eclipse Yan watched this scene with wide eyes. As he thought of all the diligent work he had put in over 100 years, as well as his innermost respect and awe...

Puff –

He spat out a mouthful of blood and fainted.

Eclipse Xuzi hurried over, "Big brother!"

Qin Yu had a light expression. "This is the reason. If you haven't seen clearly, I can show you again."

The lips of Eclipse Yu and the others twitched. They all looked as if they had swallowed flies. To see this sort of ridiculous matter that subverted all their innermost feelings just once was more than enough!

Xu Ao took a deep breath and cupped his hands across his chest. "Thank you, Junior Uncle." He turned and said, "Junior-apprentice brothers, junior-apprentice sister, do you have any more objections?"

Daoist Wang muttered, "The truth is placed before them, what other nonsense can they say..."

Eclipse Xin glared at him. "Senior-apprentice Brother Xu, we understand now." He hesitated for a moment and then cupped his hands across his chest. "Junior Uncle, I apologize for offending you today. I ask that you forgive us."

Eclipse Xuzi coldly snorted. She held onto the unconscious Eclipse Yan and shot up into the skies.

Eclipse Yu, Eclipse Wu, and Eclipse Ming followed close behind.

Daoist Wang let out a breath of relief. "At least we've resolved the matter." He looked at Qin Yu, clearly dissatisfied. "This sort of simple matter could easily have been resolved, so there was no need to make it into such a mess. For the young it's best to remain low-key. It's not good to always be putting up a front!"

Qin Yu cupped his hands. "Thank you Senior Wang for the advice."

Daoist Wang dodged out of the way. "No need. You are that old monster Pill Crucible's junior-apprentice brother. If I were to receive your bow I would definitely be chased down and killed by him! Humph, you seem so virtuous and kind on the surface and yet so cheap and mean-spirited in your heart! If you want, you can call me Old Brother Wang from now on. We can be on the same level."

Eclipse Xin roared out, "Stop talking nonsense. The Old Ancestor's status is not something that you can slander!" He glanced at Xu Ao and Fan Jianghai. The eyes of the three men locked onto each other, and each one could see the helplessness in the others' eyes.

There were contradictions between the Eclipse Clan and those that didn't share their name, but with the suppression of the Old Ancestor and their meticulous handling of matters, these contradictions had subsided a great deal in recent years. But today, Qin Yu had taken away the Eighth Furnace and his actions would surely break this long-lasting tranquility. A storm would likely arrive at Immortal Eclipse Valley.

Xu Ao cupped his hands together. "Junior Uncle, we shall bid our farewells."

Qin Yu said, "I've troubled you today."

Xu Ao rose up. He lightly said, "To be fair, I must say I do not like Junior Uncle much. So, I ask that you please resolve any troubles you provoke yourself in the future and don't drag us into the water with you."

Whoosh –

He shot up into the skies.

Fan Jianghai awkwardly smiled. He followed right behind.

Soon, the two people left the Eight Furnace station.

Fan Jianghai frowned. He lightly said, "Senior-apprentice Brother Xu, since you publicly announced your dissatisfaction with Junior Uncle today, do you believe that he deliberately drew us in to intervene on this matter?"

Xu Ao said. "I'm not sure. But, Junior Uncle's actions today have affected the tranquility of the valley. I spoke those words just now only because I hoped that they would calm some of the disturbance as much as possible."

Fan Jianghai thought about it for a moment and smiled. "Senior-apprentice Brother Xu has considered things quite thoroughly."

## Chapter 77 – Samsara Inheritance

After having such an intense falling out with the members of the Eclipse Clan as well as being shown the disapproval of Xu Ao, Fan Jianghai, and other disciples who didn't share the last name of Eclipse, it could be imagined that Qin Yu's days from now on wouldn't be easy at all. But he remained as calm as before, not appearing bothered at all. Or, perhaps he was just appearing to be calm even as his heart and mind were quaking.

Whether it was because of his self-confidence or because he was hiding his emotions, Daoist Wang found Qin Yu even more pleasing to the eyes. After a moment of appreciation, his complexion began to darken. He sighed and said, "No wonder a brat like you wasn't willing to accept me as your teacher; it was because you have a far greater background than I originally thought. Although I am extremely confident in my alchemy skills, I still have to acknowledge that Pill Crucible's teacher is far greater than I will ever be."

Qin Yu cupped his hands across his chest. "I accidently obtained the inheritance and don't have any teacher who truly taught me. When it comes to the true path of alchemy, I ask that Senior Wang guide me."

Daoist Wang's eyes brightened and his complexion seemed to light up like a sunny day. He clapped his hands together. "While I cannot compare to Pill Crucible's teacher, if it is that old fellow Pill Crucible himself, then besides cultivation, I don't fear him at all!" Then, he whispered, "It's hard to find someone suitable, but to think that person was actually intercepted before I got there. But, if I don't do anything at all, that would simply ruin my reputation!"

Qin Yu furrowed his eyebrows. "Senior Wang?"

Daoist Wang coughed. He casually flipped his palm and a jade slip quietly fell to the ground. Then, his complexion changed. He cried out in shock and alarm, "Where did the jade slip that recorded all of my life experiences on alchemy and pills go!? That is something I specifically prepared for my future disciple! Having that jade slip in hand is no different from obtaining my whole-hearted teaching. I cannot allow something so precious to go missing. Well, I have to leave first, I must look for that jade slip!"

Whoosh –

Daoist Wang flew away.

Qin Yu was left dazed and dumbfounded.

Was this okay?

He rubbed his stiff face. After a moment he picked up the jade slip and probed it with his divine sense.

After a long time, Qin Yu let out a long breath, gratitude clear on his face.

The information recorded within the jade slip was extremely detailed; indeed, it was a person's entire lifetime of understandings. If he fully comprehended everything in the jade slip, it would be the same as having his art of alchemy undergoing a transformative rebirth. In today's cultivation world, there was still a heavy emphasis placed on tradition and inheritance. Unless one was at least a disciple, they could forget ever learning anything. But, even though Daoist Wang knew that it was impossible for him to take



Qin Yu as a disciple, he still passed down his lifetime of understandings to him. This was a truly heavy kindness.

After putting away the jade slip, Qin Yu straightened his clothes and solemnly bowed in the direction that Daoist Wang flew off in.

As night arrived, a foot of sea blue light bloomed in his storage bag, covering the Soul Mushroom.

And what occurred didn't leave Qin Yu disappointed. After absorbing the power of the sea blue light, the Soul Mushroom's originally dispirited state became full of vitality.

Qin Yu smiled.

Taking out a new storage bag, he arranged the Soul Mushroom and Radiant Red Wood root there. While he currently wasn't able to plant it in the earth to grow, he could at least guarantee with the little blue lamp that it would be full of life. Once he left Immortal Eclipse Valley in the future, he would have plenty of time to raise it.

Pill Crucible was extremely good to him, but it was still impossible for anyone to learn of the secret of the little blue lamp.

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After refining the Eighth Furnace and obtaining the approval of the furnace spirit, even though Eclipse Yan was still known as Old Eight, the truth was that Qin Yu had become the true master of the Eighth Furnace station. The vast majority of Eclipse Clan disciples left along with Eclipse Yan, and the remaining few were at a loss of what to do. Qin Yu simply ordered them away and entered the 10,000 foot mountain once more.

He walked down to the lake of magma. Due to the approval of the Eighth Furnace, the blazing hot temperatures here no longer affected him in the least. He took out the jade slip that Daoist Wang had 'dropped' on the floor, and searched it with his divine sense once more. It was like he entered a vast and endless ocean of stars, his entire mind immersed in it.

Only when one wasn't being disturbed by trivial matters could they truly devote their mind to learning something.

Ten days later, Qin Yu opened his eyes. His complexion was gray and his pupils were dim, making it seem as if he had overdrawn his mind. But in the very depths of his gaze, faint flecks of light flickered about, making it seem far more clear and bright.

"Senior Wang is indeed a great expert of alchemy. This jade slip just happened to make up all the flaws in my experience and theories, tempering my foundation and developing my field of vision so that I have a broader road of alchemy ahead of me. In 10 days, I was only able to quickly memorize everything. If I want to thoroughly understand and comprehend it all, that will slowly happen as I further my alchemy skills."

Closing his fist, the jade slip crumbled into countless pieces. Before leaving, Daoist Wang had said that this jade slip couldn't go missing in the outside world. Those words weren't casually spoken but had

their own profound meaning behind them. If Qin Yu didn't understand him then he wouldn't have been worthy of Daoist Wang leaving behind such a rich and deep alchemy inheritance to him.

Closing his eyes, Qin Yu began meditating once more, restoring his mind. After a day he opened his eyes. As his vision fell on the Eighth Furnace, it seemed incomparably bright.

Immortal Eclipse Valley's eight great furnaces were extremely valuable, and their value lay in more than just being powerful pill furnaces that were used to refine pills. Their most precious aspect was that after refining one, a person had a chance to integrate a wisp of their divine soul into the furnace and experience the inheritance Samsara – in other words, to experience all of the pill refining processes performed by previous masters of the furnace.

This was the greatest good fortune of the eight furnaces!

Of course, opening the inheritance Samsara was considered a great loss to the eight furnaces. The furnaces each had spiritual wisdom so they wouldn't easily open their legacies. However, the Deepest Earth Furnace, the eighth furnace, was a besotted and ridiculous fellow who had already allowed lust to shoot into its head. After being played around with by the Fleeting Flame Furnace, it had already completely forgotten who it was. Qin Yu only had to threaten it and coerce it a little, and the Deepest Earth Furnace immediately fell to its knees, howling that it would open its inheritance Samsara and that anyone who doubted it was looking down on it! Of course, after being masterless for a hundred years the Deepest Earth Furnace had accumulated a great deal of strength during this period, and this was also one of the reasons why it submitted so easily.

Taking a deep breath, Qin Yu whispered, "Deepest Earth, let's begin."

Within the lake of magma, the Deepest Earth Furnace absorbed the power of fire from the world. At this moment, it suddenly broke forth from the magma, violently trembling as it thundered upwards, causing the lake to tumble over in mighty waves. Blinding markings appeared on the surface of the furnace, turning into an immense torrent that submerged Qin Yu.

This might current didn't cause any burning injuries at all. Rather, it was like slipping into a bath of hot water, being immersed in hot springs. Qin Yu's consciousness gradually relaxed. He slipped into a deep sleep and dreamed an incomparably long dream.

In this dream, he was a young pill furnace child. At the start he looked after the furnace fires, and then he began choosing raw materials for pills. Slowly, he began to manage the alchemy material room and then he supported in refining pills, eventually becoming an independent furnace master. Gradually, with measured steps, he became an alchemy master of his generation.

After that he became a medicine garden guard. At the start he was caring for the spirit plants, and then he was cultivating them. With a stroke of luck, he coincidentally stepped onto the road of alchemy, then discovering that this path was what suited him the most.

Afterwards, he was a firewood-chopping youth. In the heart of a mountain he inadvertently stumbled upon a ragged book of animal skin. Ten years later he stepped onto the road of alchemy, and a hundred years later he became renowned, and eventually died of old age in bed at 900.

The inheritance Samsara. A wisp of soul entered Samsara, fusing together with all the experiences of the previous generations. This was Samsara, as well as a dream, and an unimaginable stroke of good fortune.

In this dream, Qin Yu walked from one life to the next. From small and weak to strong and mighty, from base and lowly to revered and honored, he followed the path of alchemy that those of the older generation followed. He walked down their paths, understanding and seeing their choices, sublimating their experiences and transformations.

Outside the 10,000 foot mountain, the mountain-stabilizing seal appeared, bursting out with unlimited rays of light. The entirety of the heavens lit up with burning heat. The great array formation of Immortal Eclipse Valley began to revolve on its own, imprisoning this vast aura, otherwise the surrounding area for a thousand miles would have been affected.

Even so, during the short period that this phenomenon appeared for, it attracted countless eyes from within Immortal Eclipse Valley. Envy, awe, confusion, helplessness...all sorts of moods wove into each other.

There was also grief and hatred!

Eclipse Yan was lying back on a soft bed that was carried by several disciples. He stared with wide eyes at the distant Eighth Furnace station. Although he wasn't a furnace master, he had once initially refined the Eighth Furnace so he naturally knew what this phenomenon meant. It meant that the Eighth Furnace had opened up its Samsara inheritance for Qin Yu...the Samsara inheritance!

His mind began to shake and bursts of pain stabbed into his brain. Eclipse Yan could only think of a single thing – this should be his! Qin Yu had taken everything from him! After becoming the master of the Eighth Furnace he had even obtained the Samsara inheritance. A burning pain began to spread within his chest and his throat seemed blocked by something, leaving him unable to breathe. Eclipse Yan's chest heaved and violently twitched, as he wheezed and gasped desperately.

"Great Uncle, what is wrong? Don't frighten me!" Eclipse Clan juniors cried out in alarm.

Puff –

Blood gushed out from Eclipse Yan's head. He slumped backwards, dead from anger.

An eighth level Golden Core of the Eclipse Clan had suffered a psychological attack from anger and died!

After a brief moment of silence, all the Eclipse Clan disciples began to scream in panic and horror. "Great Uncle died! Great Uncle died!"

On this day, the entirety of Immortal Eclipse Valley was thrown into confusion.

The death of Eclipse Yan was a lake of oil dumped onto the fire. The Eclipse Clan's dissatisfaction reached the pinnacle of possibility, and Eclipse Wuzi wailed and cried, stating repeatedly that Qin Yu was the one who murdered her brother. The Eclipse Clan members were agitated by this and swarmed over to the Eighth Furnace station! Pill Crucible was in seclusion and couldn't deal with this, so Xu Ao and Fan Jianghai were forced to take action. They forcefully suppressed the Eclipse Clan members, but this last act of compromise completely tore apart any sense of cordiality between the two.

The conflict between the Eclipse Clan members and those who didn't share their name was like a raging fire. Several fights broke out throughout the day. Although no one died, an Eclipse Clan junior and two outside disciples had their cultivations wasted. The disagreements between the two sides only intensified.

Immortal Eclipse Valley was surging in chaos!

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Xu Ao and Fan Jianghai were silent. They never thought that things would worsen so much in such a short period of time. As they thought about how they were being badly bruised and beaten out here while someone was comfortably closed up in seclusion and even receiving the Samsara inheritance that they envied so much, they could only bitterly smile.

Fan Jianghai sighed. "Junior Uncle has gone into hiding without needing to see anyone, and yet we're breaking our legs out here trying to deal with all the fires. This is just ridiculous!"

Xu Ao shook his head. "It is the most intelligent decision for him to not appear right now. The Eclipse Clan's anger is overwhelming at present. If he were to appear there would definitely be trouble. After some time, once the anger in their hearts fades a little, we can try to find a solution to resolve the situation."

Fan Jianghai said, "I know that. It's just that I don't feel good about it. Even though he is our Junior Uncle, that doesn't mean he needs to use us to deal with all his messes."

Xu Ao hesitated and sighed. "In the end, this was all an accident. No one would have thought that Eclipse Yan would be so narrow-minded."

Fan Jianghai forced a smile. "Still, I can forgive Eclipse Yan. He was just about to succeed in the refining, but now he even had to watch as the Samsara inheritance was taken away. If it were anyone else, I'm not sure they could withstand this either."

Xu Ao rubbed his temples. "Enough. Let's not speak of that anymore. Send out an order to suppress the disciples so they don't come into conflict with the Eclipse Clan juniors. Perhaps everything will calm down once the Old Ancestor comes out from seclusion."

Fan Jianghai was silent for several breaths of time. "Senior-apprentice Brother Xu, why do you think the Old Ancestor chose this time to go into seclusion?"

Xu Ao had a heavy expression. He said in a low voice, "Junior-apprentice Brother Fan, this isn't something that you or I need to worry about!"

Fan Jianghai frowned. He helplessly shook his head. "Alright. I will go make arrangements now."

He immediately left.

When Xu Ao was finally alone, he no longer forced himself up. He slumped back into his chair, his expression uncertain. If Fan Jianghai could realize it, why wouldn't he? If the Old Ancestor went into seclusion at this time, it was likely that he had some hidden intent. Did he want to take advantage of this matter to intentionally beat him up a little and tell him not to be too ambitious?

After thinking about it for a long time, Xu Ao took a deep breath. His eyes were firm and decisive.

He had received the graciousness of the Old Ancestor and that was the only reason he had reached his current position. Although he had a wild dream of ascending the throne of Immortal Eclipse Valley, if the Old Ancestor didn't permit him then he could only lay this dream down.

Right now, the most important matter was to maintain the stability within the valley.

### **Chapter 78 – Unimportant Person**

Black stone. Deep below. In the great lake of magma.

Qin Yu let out a long breath and opened his eyes. There was no sharp light that burst out and no incredible aura that surged forth. Rather, he sat there peacefully, seeming as if he had fused together with the black stone and space around him.

This was a wonderful feeling that could only be experienced, not explained. When he stretched his waist, his spine cracked and his entire being seemed to come alive. It was like he had emerged from some ancient and primal landscape, returning to the mortal world of flesh and blood.

The Eighth Furnace's light began to recede. The deep crimson furnace body dimmed down and shakily flew over.

Qin Yu blinked his eyes, his mind a bit empty. He didn't respond for a while.

The Eighth Furnace was enraged. The lake of magma began to tumble once more and a fiery aura rushed forth.

Qin Yu was startled for a moment, immediately regaining his composure. He said, "I will certainly keep the promise I made to you, but are you sure you want to use such a weak appearance to face the Fleeting Flame Furnace?"

The Eighth Furnace replied with its actions. It crashed back into the lake of magma. Its last parting actions seemed to be a threat, as if it were warning Qin Yu not to play tricks, and also seeming like it was somewhat impatient.

Qin Yu shook his head and rose up. As he looked at the great lake of magma, he smiled.

This dream lasted for 16 days and he dreamwalked through the lives of 16 people. Although it wasn't him personally experiencing it and many places gradually blurred in his memories, as his wisp of soul returned to his body it still left a profound influence on him. On the surface, Qin Yu didn't seem to have changed and his aura was the same. His temperament seemed to have become much more warm and gentle, like a sealed bottle of wine covered in dust, or a jade figure a thousand years of age.

This was a gift left behind from the baptism of years. Qin Yu was far from achieving this, but through experiencing the world in his dreams, he was similarly able to have these traces of time appear. Of course, this wasn't the key point. In the great dream he dreamed for 16 days, he was gradually influenced and learned all sorts of alchemy skills and knowledge.

No one could become a true alchemy Grandmaster through a dream, but Qin Yu had already obtained the necessary background, or perhaps it could be called inheritance. When his alchemy skill reached the required level, he could naturally unseal these skills and obtain a corresponding ability.

Daoist Wang's lifetime of knowledge had firmed his foundation of knowledge and the inheritance of the Eighth Furnace had deepened his heritage. In just a month, Qin Yu could be described as a fish that transformed into a dragon. These gifts would evolve into potent boosts for him in the future, allowing his cultivation to go further and steadier.

Up until now, Immortal Eclipse Valley experienced all sorts of coincidences until it evolved to its present state. This left a deep impression on Qin Yu. Plans would always change, and in these changes there were many opportunities and lucky chances hidden away.

Of course, it was only because his cheap senior-apprentice brother had recognized him in Immortal Eclipse Valley that he had accomplished this. And it was also closely linked to his initial encounter with Cang Mangzi, that could also be called the hand of fate. But, there was no one in this world that could be lucky forever. Perhaps the next unexpected change he encountered would be filled with deadly dangers.

Qin Yu closed his eyes, not meditating or cultivating. He only quietly thought about his past actions so far, and whether or not he had made a misstep.

Because in the great dream that lasted 16 days and where he experienced 16 lives, he had learnt more than just alchemy.

First, he learned to be cautious.

Second, there was no free lunch in this world.

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With Xu Ao and Fan Jianghai forcefully suppressing the situation and Qin Yu closed up in seclusion accepting the inheritance, on the surface, the turbulent conflicts throughout Immortal Eclipse Valley began to gradually subside. But in the dark, the conflicts between the Eclipse Clan members and the other disciples didn't stop. Rather, all sorts of stories appeared each day.

And the lead of today's small story originated from a small and commonplace cultivating family in the Southern Empire. Although they had a bit of alchemy talent, they didn't have any root or backer in Immortal Eclipse Valley and was considered an unimportant person that sat at the very edge.

Eclipse Shoucheng was 36 years of age. His martial talent wasn't low or high, but because he had the surname Eclipse and was backed by a respected Golden Core mother, he was lifted into the position of a department steward. This wasn't a high position, but he still managed over several dozen people. His normal days were carefree and idle; this could be considered a cushy management job.

Among these several dozen people, there were some that Eclipse Shoucheng found displeasing to the eyes. It wasn't because they weren't respectful enough nor was it because they didn't perform their duties. Rather, it was because during an internal alchemy competition, they had caused Eclipse Shoucheng to lose a bit of face.

Immortal Eclipse Valley was a sect that was founded by alchemy and supported by alchemy. If his staff wasn't even as good as a young servant, how could they possibly serve him? Although no one spoke much about this matter later, Eclipse Shoucheng always bore a grudge in his heart. It wasn't common for him to add on some additional scolding and seek extra punishments on ordinary days.

The unimportant person resigned himself to his fate. But as time passed, Eclipse Shoucheng found this person increasingly annoying. And fortunately, an opportunity appeared. The conflicts within the valley were becoming increasingly serious, and everyone was becoming increasingly wary with each day. Through this time, this unimportant person didn't do anything that was worth criticizing, so Eclipse Shoucheng didn't have an excuse to do anything to him.

Without any openings, Eclipse Shoucheng finally used some methods to lure him into a trap.

Simply put, he was framing him for theft.

Even unimportant people could come into contact with this spirit grass. Although it wasn't precious, the rules of Immortal Eclipse Valley stated that there was still the punishment of being whipped.

30 whips wouldn't kill someone.

But, that was if arrangements weren't made.

Eclipse Shoucheng had relied on his mother to arrive where he was. His cultivation and alchemy skills were average at best, but his eloquence and persuasiveness were his strength. The preparations he made were simple. The one passing down punishment would be the oldest and most skilled punisher in the entirety of Immortal Eclipse Valley. 30 whips might seem ordinary, but if they came from this person's hand, they were enough to take a life!

Stealing was an evil crime and an execution would occur in a fair and upright manner, serving as a warning for all. Because the Eclipse Clan members and other disciples were hostile to each other at this moment, this punishment attracted the attention of many people. The Disciplinary Hall sent some high level figures to follow up on it, and they arranged for the place of execution to be at Dawnperch Platform. Although this wasn't within the core region of the valley, it was actually connected to one of the major transportation hubs.

Moreover, this place was quite near to the Eighth Furnace station.

Naturally, this high level figure from the Disciplinary Hall was surnamed Eclipse.

"It's time. Bring out Zeng Zhongxiu!" The Disciplinary Hall cultivator pronounced, his voice dark and chilling, passing straight through the heart.

Eclipse Shoucheng's lips curled upward. He looked around the platform, excited to show off his accomplishments. After today, he might even become one of the frontline representatives that stood against disciples of foreign surnames. He would be able to earn the attention of the elders.

And the price for all of this was a single Zeng Zhongxiu!

Pushed up Dawnperch Platform in shackles, Zeng Zhongxiu's expression didn't change at all. But, his fists remain clenched and his bloodshot eyes were filled with anger and sorrow. He didn't try to argue,

because all the words he could say were said at the Disciplinary Hall, and even though he tried explaining, he had still been sent here.

Pressed down on a stone pillar with his hands and feet tied up, the scarred punisher walked over, carrying his whip in hand. As he saw Zeng Zhongxiu's face from afar, he revealed a vicious smirk.

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The crack of the whip spread out far and wide. Skin instantly tore apart and blood flowed down, dyeing the robe red even as it dripped to the ground. Zeng Zhongxiu's eyes popped open and he tried to struggle. He could feel the aura of death coming from the whip. He didn't want to die. It wasn't just because of fear, but also because he was the sole hope of his entire family! But, this was all a show of futility. The whip still fell down without end. His body began to turn numb and his consciousness started to fade away.

Was he going to die here? In East Stream Town, the Grandmaster had bestowed upon him a pill that changed his destiny, but no matter how far he ran or how hard he tried, he still couldn't escape the fate of death. But to die like this, he truly wasn't resigned! Zeng Zhongxiu's eyes widened and he stared up into the heavens. The shadow of the whip came howling down once more, ready to slash his face into pieces.

Pa –

But before the whip fell, it returned at an even greater speed and cracked against the face of the punisher. The scarred punisher's face burst open with blood and flesh and he stumbled to the ground, crying in pain and misery. A shadow appeared in front of Zeng Zhongxiu. He subconsciously opened his eyes, and his lips tugged up as if he wanted to say something. But in the end, he could only bitterly smile.

Qin Yu broke his shackles and helped him sit down. "I was invited to come here, but it seems Brother Zeng has no means of receiving me."

Zeng Zhongxiu coughed several times. He struggled up to bow, "Thank you for saving me, my lord!"

Qin Yu helped him staunch his bleeding. He lightly said, "I don't see any lord here, only a friend who came on an invitation."

After a moment of stunned shock, the Disciplinary Hall cultivator suddenly roared out in anger. "Who dares to interrupt the punishment sentence and injure my Disciplinary Hall people! Grab him for me!"

Qin Yu retracted his hands. "You rest first while I take care of them." Turning, he looked at the arriving Disciplinary Hall cultivator. His eyes were icy cold.

"Stop!" With a loud shout, a Golden Core cultivator appeared, his complexion grim. He clenched his teeth and cupped his hands together. "Greetings, Junior Uncle."

Junior Uncle...

In the current Immortal Eclipse Valley, there was only one person who held such a title.



Whoosh –

The entire Dawnperch Platform was sent into an uproar!

Countless hot-blooded Eclipse Clan members suddenly had icy glares as they gnashed their teeth. Many of the foreign surname disciples revealed looks of awe and worship.

Eclipse She stood up straight. He had worked for many years as a deputy of the Disciplinary Hall, and his entire body was wreathed in a dreadful slaughter intent. His eyes were cold and callous, and few others dared to meet his gaze. “Junior Uncle, although you have an exalted status, the valley’s rules of punishment were established by our ancestors. Are your actions today a provocation against the Disciplinary Hall? Or are they an act of disrespect against the ancestors of my Immortal Eclipse Valley?”

With a fierce expression and threatening words, it was clear he didn’t have any good intent!

Qin Yu retained a calm expression. “Who are you?”

“Disciplinary Hall deputy, Eclipse She!”

“With your cultivation, you couldn’t see that he was about to be beaten to death?”

Eclipse She’s expression didn’t change. “He hasn’t died.”

Nothing else could be said.

Qin Yu narrowed his eyes. He had no intention of playing word games. “I am going to take him away.”

Eclipse She’s eyes exploded with a bright light. “With Junior Uncle’s honored status, you naturally enjoy such a privilege. As long as no one objects today, you can take him away.”

“And what if someone objects?”

“Simple!” Eclipse She raised a finger. “Then I ask you to suppress all objectors!”

Qin Yu remained silent.

Eclipse She smiled. Without giving Qin Yu a chance to respond, he turned and roared, “Out of all of you, who objects!?”

Eclipse Shoucheng’s eyes brightened.

He knew that his mother hated Qin Yu to her bones. If he could make Qin Yu lose face today, he would definitely be able to please his mother. And most important of all, everyone knew that while Qin Yu had an exalted status, his cultivation was only at the fourth level of Foundation Establishment. It was simply sloppy and crude. As for the Eighth Furnace... if Qin Yu were to summon the strength of a great furnace atop the Dawnperch Platform, then the Eclipse Clan elders wouldn’t stand idly by!

Great Uncle Eclipse She’s actions had given him a prime opportunity!

“Young nephew opposes!” With a loud roar, Eclipse Shoucheng burst up. “My Immortal Eclipse Valley has an inheritance that spans over a thousand years. How can all of our rules be cast away just for the sake of a single person? Junior Granduncle, if you want to take away Zeng Zhongxiu, then you must pass me first!”

Hu –

The aura of the eighth level Foundation Establishment burst out.

After a moment of silence, cheers erupted.

“Senior-apprentice Brother Shoucheng is amazing!”

“The hot-blooded men of my Eclipse Clan are filled with righteousness and valor!”

“If you want to break the rules then you need sufficient strength. To suppress others with their position will only bring contempt!”

The foreign surname disciples all revealed anxious expressions and cursed Eclipse Shoucheng for being shameless. But, with things having come this far, there was no turning back. No matter what choice was made, they feared that their Junior Uncle would inevitably lose all face.

### **Chapter 79 – Devastate**

Zeng Zhongxiu was worried. He coughed up blood, saying, “Junior Granduncle, there is no need to care about me!”

Eclipse She lightly said, “If Junior Uncle leaves now, then we can pretend this incident with the Disciplinary Hall never happened.”

Qin Yu smiled. Immortal Eclipse Valley was indeed worthy of being called the number one immortal cultivating sect; their cultivators were truly conceited. Eclipse Yan was this way, Eclipse She was this way, and even this so-called Eclipse Shoucheng that popped out of nowhere was this way. Could this really be the first time they had ever kicked a sheet of metal? That they had never been beaten up until their heads bled?

If so, he wouldn't mind being their first.

Qin Yu said, “First bring Zeng Zhongxiu down.”

Eclipse She's eyes brightened. “Good, do as Junior Uncle says.” He waved his hand, signaling to two disciples.

Qin Yu said, “No need to trouble them.”

He supported Zeng Zhongxiu down from the Dawnperch Platform. He smiled at the woman in front of him and said, “Miss Qi, if I could bother you to take care of him for a while.”

Qi Jiao bit her lips and nodded.

“Thank you.” Qin Yu turned and walked away.

Zeng Zhongxiu shouted out, “Junior Granduncle!”

Qin Yu didn't look back. “I know what I'm doing.”

He had indeed come here to save someone, but it was also a test.

Qi Jiao looked at Qin Yu's back, completely confused. She had assumed that Qin Yu had died, but in recent days she had heard news discovering him. This was Senior Pill Crucible's junior-apprentice brother, the young Junior Granduncle of the entire Immortal Eclipse Valley. He was someone that could fly atop the highest clouds, so why did he always choose to walk along the wire's edge?

After the seizure of the Eighth Furnace and Eclipse Yan being angered to death, Eclipse She couldn't help but feel his heart and mind quake with anger as he saw Qin Yu approach. He shouted out, "Eclipse Shoucheng, you know at what point to stop!"

This was clearly nonsense. No one knew where the point was, so how could he stop?

Perhaps the true meaning was...to leave him alive.

Eclipse Shoucheng sneered. "I ask Junior Granduncle for advice!" He lifted his hand, magic power surging around him in turbulent waves. It gathered into a black fish in the void, its ghostly green eyes revealing thick killing intent. With a flick of its tail, it revealed a mouthful of sharp fangs as it started tearing forwards.

Qin Yu lifted his hand and pointed a finger. Although his actions seemed simple and slow, as it fell upon the head of the black fish, the fish suddenly froze and its body shattered and disappeared in a gust of wind.

Eclipse Shoucheng's complexion changed. He never imagined that his all-out strike would be instantly broken. But, as expected from a disciple of a large faction, he quickly responded. He stepped back and lifted his hand to summon a shield-type magic tool. This item possessed incredible defensive capabilities and also remarkable offensive abilities. Sending in magic power, the shield's power rose and grow. Eclipse Shoucheng was filled with confidence.

This shield-type magic tool was gifted to him by his mother, and its all-out striking power was equal to that of an early Golden Core master. Beneath the power of a Golden Core, any Foundation Establishment was no different from dogs and chickens, so how could Qin Yu be an exception? But just as he was about to attack, a shadow approached. With a loud bang, the shield trembled and screeched, as if a mountain had struck it. In the impact, Eclipse Shoucheng spat out a mouthful of blood and immediately fainted.

The entire audience was sent into a deathly silence!

The eighth level Foundation Establishment Eclipse Shoucheng and his magic tool had been shattered with a single punch and had beaten unconscious. The one who did this was a fourth level Establishment Foundation...fourth, fourth your mom!

The Eclipse Clan members gnashed their teeth. This fellow actually played a pig to eat the tiger. He was too despicable!

The disciples of other surnames were lively and cheering. As they looked at this scene, they were full of smiles.

Eclipse She hurried over to check the injuries. After several moments, his complexion sank. Eclipse Shoucheng's arms, chest, feet – there were broken bones all over his body. Even if he had excellent

medicines to recover, there would still be hidden dangers left behind. He roared out in anger, "Junior Uncle, is there any need to be so heavy-handed to a little junior disciple?"

Qin Yu calmly said, "He hasn't died."

These were familiar words.

Eclipse She choked on his words, his face turning blue and veins suddenly sticking out from his neck.

Suddenly, several figures flew out from the distance.

"Shoucheng!" With a high-pitched scream, Eclipse Xuzi's face twisted. "Qin Yu, you harmed my big brother before and now you ruined my child. You and I cannot coexist in this world!"

Beside her, several other people also had ugly complexions.

They had remained hidden in the dark and never expected Qin Yu to have such skills, so they didn't have enough time to save the situation. They could only stare helplessly on as Eclipse Shoucheng was severely wounded.

Eclipse Xuzi stepped forwards, one step at a time.

Bang –

The aura of a Golden Core erupted, the killing intent nearly turning material.

Beneath the Dawnperch platform, the complexions of the onlookers changed. They instinctively drew back from this surging aura.

Eclipse She cupped his hands across his chest. "Fifth Elder, today's matter involves the Disciplinary Hall. I will personally step forwards to ask advice from Junior Uncle."

Eclipse Wu coldly glared at him before quietly muttering several words. Eclipse Xuzi clenched her teeth and turned, saying, "Eclipse She, don't worry about holding back. If anything happens, you have me!"

Eclipse She's voice was cold. "Junior Uncle's strength is extraordinary and his methods are cruel. I naturally wouldn't dare to hold back."

He turned and cupped his hands together, "Junior Uncle, please!"

Qin Yu was expressionless. "You indeed have no need to hold back."

In the next moment, everyone understood the meaning behind his words.

Bang –

The ground shook and shattered, tiny cracks weaving outwards. Qin Yu exploded forth.

Eclipse She flicked his sleeve. A deep thick red miasma appeared in the air, rolling about like mist. The deep aura caused one to feel as if they had fallen into an icy lake. This was a blood specter, a magic art unique to the Disciplinary Hall. It was incredibly powerful and a terrifying divine sense attack was attached to it. Eclipse She was a fourth level Golden Core cultivator and he had once used this technique to strike down a seventh level Golden Core powerhouse of the demonic path.

With a thought, the blood energy suddenly expanded, shrouding towards Qin Yu. All of the Eclipse Clan members below the Dawnperch Platform revealed looks of joy.

“Great!”

“Just how powerful is the blood specter? Ordinary Golden Cores simply wouldn’t dare to touch it, yet he rushes in. He is just stupid to the extreme!”

“With Great Uncle Eclipse She’s cultivation, even if a late Golden Core were to fall into the blood specter they could forget any idea of retreating!”

Suddenly, Eclipse She’s eyes widened, his cold pupils filling with shock. He stepped backwards but it was already too late.

Qin Yu’s figure was like a vicious beast as he tore through the blood energy. Although his robe was broken and melted away in many places, there was no change in his expression.

He overtook Eclipse She in the blink of an eye and punched out with his fist!

Bang –

The blood energy around him was suddenly dented inwards, surging and twisting to the extreme. It was tenacious enough that it didn’t break, but a horrifying striking power still broke in, causing damage. Eclipse She swallowed down a mouthful of blood, preparing himself to counterattack. But as he did, a roaring fist suddenly appeared before him. It tore through the blood mist and grabbed onto his neck, hard and steady, as if it were forged from steel. With just a little bit of movement, that terrifying strength could separate his head from his body!

Eclipse She’s body stiffened and his magic power froze. He was unable to suppress his injuries. With a cough, blood flowed out from his nose and mouth.

He didn’t need to hold back because...he simply didn’t possess the qualifications to!

Qin Yu let go and drew backwards.

Eclipse She gasped for breath. In that moment just now, he had felt the thick taste of death. Fear flashed in his eyes and sweat dripped down his eyebrows. “Thank you Junior Uncle for showing mercy!”

He turned and hurried away.

He had no face to stay behind any longer.

Qin Yu’s expression remained calm. “Is there anyone else?”

The eighth level Foundation Establishment Eclipse Shoucheng had been overwhelmed with a single punch.

The fourth level Golden Core Eclipse She was also defeated with one fist!

Qin Yu’s figure seemed to be shrouded in the dark skies. Covered in the mist of the valley, he seemed like an unfathomable being. As he stood there, there was no difference in his aura from before he

attacked or after he attacked. Even the Eclipse Clan members that were burning with anger still couldn't help but look at him with awe.

Amongst cultivators, cultivation stood forever supreme. Powerhouses were all to be respected.

Hu –

Strong winds howled. A dense cold chill surged in the air.

Eclipse Xuzi coldly said. "Qin Yu, if you want to save others, then you must overcome me first!"

Her aura continued to climb upwards. Seventh level Golden Core, eighth level Golden Core, ninth level Golden Core.

Her aura broke through layer after layer, until it achieved the peak of the Golden Core realm.

Just a single step away from the Nascent Soul realm!

After a brief moment of stunned silence, the Eclipse Clan members began to wildly cheer, shouting out in their hearts. Finally, someone who could truly represent the might of my Eclipse Clan has appeared! Qin Yu, you won't be able to remain arrogant any longer! Just see how our Fifth Elder will suppress you and devastate you!

Eclipse Wu's eyes widened. Even he hadn't known that Eclipse Xuzi's cultivation had reached this level.

Beneath the pressure of a peak Golden Core, the entire audience was silent.

"Stop!" With a loud shout, Xu Ao arrived. "What are you all doing!?"

Eclipse Xuzi shrilly screamed. "Xu Ao, today, there must be an ending between me and him! If you dare to interfere I will never let you off!"

Eclipse Wu coldly sneered. "You didn't interfere when Shoucheng was severely wounded, you didn't meddle when Eclipse She was defeated, but now that the Fifth Elder has stepped up, you finally appeared to stop her. Xu Ao, just what are your intentions? Do you really think that our Eclipse Clan isn't willing to tear apart all these pretenses?"

Whoosh –

Fan Jianghai also arrived. He quietly whispered, "Senior-apprentice Brother Xu, don't meddle in this any longer."

Xu Ao frowned.

"Let's consider this as giving the Old Ancestor a reason."

The firm resolve in Xu Ao's eyes instantly dispersed. Although his back remained straight, he seemed much more hesitant.

Fan Jianghai loudly said, "We will no longer interfere with Junior Uncle's battle with the Fifth Elder!"

Eclipse Xuzi's eyes were as sharp as swords. "Qin Yu, prepare to die!"

She raised her hand and the skies above began to darken and turn cloudy. Between the black clouds, the shadow of a large fish appeared. Although it didn't have the shape of a dragon, it possessed the aura of a dragon, and its momentum was awe-inspiring.

Immortal Eclipse Valley's Fifth Elder. Those who controlled the Extreme Essence Furnace were born with an inherent water affinity and controlled profound Water Law magic arts. This was already hard to imagine, but in the next moment, an even more amazing scene occurred.

The great fish opened its mouth. A trace of crimson appeared between its fangs, and the temperature between the heavens and earth began to rapidly ascend.

Qin Yu's pupils shrank.

Bang –

A column of flame fell down from the clouds!

"Water and fire fusion!" Xu Ao said, his complexion dignified.

Fan Jianghai sighed. "No wonder Eclipse Xuzi had been able to reach the peak of Golden Core in such a short period of time. So it turns out she had perceived the mysteries of water and fire."

Xu Ao no longer spoke. He took a deep breath of air, magic power surging around him. He could allow this fight to go on, but he wouldn't allow Qin Yu to die.

A figure flickered and Eclipse Wu blocked his way. His eyes were ice cold. "A dead brother, a crippled son, the Fifth Elder has more than enough reason. Senior-apprentice Brother Xu, it is best you keep your promise to not interfere."

Bang –

As the column of flame fell down, the hard rock that made up the Dawnperch Platform began to melt away. Waves of heat rolled forth into the surroundings and the observing cultivators all cried out in alarm and retreated.

In the next moment, more cries of shock rang out.

Qin Yu appeared dozens of feet away. In the critical moment, he had evaded the destructive column of flame. Only Xu Ao, Fan Jianghai, and others like them were able to see the blood red light that shrouded him.

Fan Jianghai stood at Xu Ao's side and smiled. "Of course, Senior-apprentice Brother Xu will not interfere."

Eclipse Wu paled!

Eclipse Xuzi's face darkened. She never thought that her all-out strike would hit nothing. Qin Yu's speed was fast to the point of being inconceivable. At this time, blood red light exploded in front of her and a terrifying chill rose up from the depths of her heart. She flicked her sleeves, black and red light bursting out.

Bang –

With a deep ring, the red and black light wildly shivered and distorted. A fist-shaped hollow appeared. Eclipse Xuzi was left scared. Before, she had cursed Eclipse She for being useless and it was only now that she understood just what sort of terrifying strength was contained in Qin Yu's fist. She used water and fire as a defense and was confident that no one within the Golden Core realm could break through it. But now, she could hear her defense groaning in pain.

But since it hadn't broken apart, it was time for Qin Yu to suffer a loss. The defense of water and fire could do more than defend; the counterattack was enough to tear open his fist!

Qin Yu frowned for a moment, as if he didn't think this defense would be so powerful. But soon he regained his calm and punched out his fist again.

Within the defense of water and fire, Eclipse Xuzi's eyes widened, her entire face filled with disbelief.

There wasn't any problem with it – his fist was completely unscathed!

How was this possible?

She stared in dumbfounded bewilderment as Qin Yu continuously punched out seven times in a row, each strike fierce and wild. Eclipse Xuzi wasn't even able to stabilize herself. She flew about like a rubber ball, chased by the blood red light as she tumbled all over the place.

High up in the skies, the large fish roared in anger. It spat out more and more columns of flame as it raged about, but no matter what it tried, it couldn't even touch a single corner of Qin Yu's robes.

Perhaps in terms of true strength, both sides could be considered equal. But by relying on the Blood Escape Art, what Qin Yu displayed was absolute suppression. The person being suppressed was the Fifth Elder of Immortal Eclipse Valley, the peak Golden Core Eclipse Xuzi who had grasped the mysteries of water and fire. Or, perhaps this couldn't be called completely overwhelming, but it could be called devastating...

The Eclipse Clan members all had tears streaming down their faces. Wrong, this was wrong, the side being suppressed was wrong!

Zeng Zhongxiu's eyes popped open. In a short several years, Qin Yu had actually become this powerful.

Qi Jiao's gaze was complicated. She was finally able to determine that she was destined to never be able to be together with this man. She sighed inwardly and let out a long breath. And as she let go of any hopeful expectations she might have had, she suddenly felt much more relaxed. A happy smile floated on her lips. At the very least, she could watch these Eclipse Clan members suffer defeat. This was a tiny comfort to her, because these Eclipse Clan people were just so, so unlikable!

Fan Jianghao was filled with praise. "Junior Uncle has really hidden his skills."

Xu Ao fell silent for several moments. He slowly said, "I am inferior to him."

Eclipse Wu's complexion...turned even paler!

## **Chapter 80 – Against Nascent Soul**

Bang –



Bang –

The rumbling was endless. The blood red light nearly seemed to link together into a single continuous stretch. The vast majority of people could only determine which angle Qin Yu was attacking from based on how Eclipse Xuzi was tumbling around.

As for Eclipse Zin, Eclipse Ming, and the others who had caught up, their faces were filled with shock.

Xu Ao turned around. "It's over. Junior-apprentice Sister Eclipse cannot win."

If she couldn't win, then she could only wait for defeat.

Eclipse Wu opened his mouth. He originally wanted to say that Qin Yu was using some secret method to increase his speed and it wouldn't be able to last much longer. But by this time, Qin Yu had punched out at least 30 fists and didn't seem to be slowing down in the least.

The words he wanted to say were all caught in his throat.

Many Eclipse Clan powerhouses all had dazed expressions. Would they be defeated like this? So what if they were unwilling? Even the peak Golden Core Eclipse Xuzi that grasped the powers of water and fire was being crushed, so what could any one of them do?

Eclipse Xin sucked in a deep breath. "We admit..." His complexion suddenly changed and his head swerved upwards.

Bang –

Eclipse Xuzi's aura rapidly grew. Boundless pressure surged outwards. Several people were able to instantly sense that this wasn't her strength.

It was...the Fifth Furnace!

She was borrowing the strength of the Fifth Furnace.

Within the skies, the black clouds began to sparkle with red light. Endless plumes of steam surged out, creating a vast sea of white. The temperature started to dramatically rise once more. The giant fish roared in pain, as if it were being burned by flames. Its body twisted and lengthened until it finally changed into a giant fierce fire snake that locked a pair of violent eyes on Qin Yu.

Xu Ao roared, "Junior-apprentice Sister Eclipse, you cannot recklessly summon the power of the great furnace!"

However, with anger raging in her heart and seeing through eyes of red, Eclipse Xuzi didn't hear his words. The fire snake turned and hurtled straight towards Qin Yu. It was incredibly fast and turned into a line of fire in the air. Even if Qin Yu had revealed astonishing speed so far, he still might not be able to dodge this.

Thus, he chose not to run away.

With a thought, the Fleeting Flame Furnace appeared.

In the far off distance, an infuriated roar suddenly erupted. Another terrifying mass of flames appeared. A great fire alligator rushed out, sweeping its tail and smacking the fire snake away.

The fire snake hissed in anger. Its eyes became even colder as it rushed back.

The fire alligator cast a pleasantly charming smile at the Fleeting Flame Furnace before ruthlessly glaring at Qin Yu. But as it turned back, it was like a shift from summer to winter, its eyes full of disdain.

Bang –

The two great furnace spirits started to fight!

The Eighth Furnace had opened its inheritance Samsara, causing serious losses to it. There was a weariness in the fire alligator's eyes, but its actions were ruthlessly tyrannical and vicious, allowing it to completely suppress the fire snake. When a chance appeared, it stubbornly chomped down on the fire snake, squeezing hard.

The fire alligator's scales cracked and disintegrated all over, but it didn't have any intention of loosening its grip. Its jaws became increasingly heavy and tight.

With a sad howl, the fire snake uncoiled its body and tumbled to the floor, its eyes full of grief. But the fire alligator swung his head and smashed it to the side before rearing back and releasing a great roar. Although it was damaged all over, it was like a king that was declaring its unsurpassed authority!

The fire snake lowered its head in awe and then turned and fled, disappearing without a trace.

Victory and defeat were decided in a minute!

The fire alligator lowered its head. Its giant pupils were cruel and icy. It stared at Eclipse Xuzi and fell down to the earth. As it did, the terrifyingly high temperature melted whatever it touched. Each step it took caused loud rumbling to echo out.

The entire Dawnperch Platform shook!

Eclipse Xuzi was deathly pale. Fear surged in her eyes.

The fire alligator raised its front claws, its fierce appearance seeming as if it would eat someone. Qin Yu glanced at it, too lazy to bother with it. This ridiculous fellow was only planning to scare others. If it really killed the Fifth Elder, then even if others couldn't do anything, that old man Pill Crucible would definitely hang it up for a beating!

Suddenly, the world turned silent.

This silence wasn't a peaceful silence, but like the impending arrival of some disastrous cold that instantly froze everything. Placed within, it was like being a fish in ice, unable to move even as one's heart filled with fear.

Bang –

The fire alligator was sent flying backwards, scales breaking off all over its body. It crashed into the ground, roaring and struggling to stand, but finding itself unable to. A figure appeared high above the platform. His hair was black and there was a faint dark red between his eyebrows. Infernal energy

lingered around his body. Everywhere he went made it seem as if seas of blood and mountains of bodies followed him, leaving them cold.

“Just a bunch of trash!”

A roar like thunder cracked in his ears. Qin Yu stuffily coughed, his face paling.

The others seemed to have been released from their icebound shackles.

Eclipse Xuzi revealed a look of happy surprise. “Greetings, Great Uncle!”

Eclipse Xin, Eclipse Wu, Eclipse Ming, and the others also bowed.

Xu Ao and Fan Jianghai’s hearts sank. They sucked in a breath and cupped their hands together.

This was one of Immortal Eclipse Valley’s four great Nascent Souls – Eclipse Lenqing!

His gaze was as sharp as blades as it cut across several Eclipse Clan masters. He coldly said, “If one is defeated, then a second goes up. If a second is defeated, then a third goes up. Even if you have to start some round circle combat to exhaust him to death, you still must do it! If my Eclipse Clan didn’t have this resolve then we would have been exterminated numerous times over these past years!”

“We follow Great Uncle’s teachings.” Eclipse Xin and the others all had expressions of respect.

Eclipse Lenqing was indifferent. “Just because you know some tricks, you dare to flaunt them haphazardly in my Immortal Eclipse Valley? Even if you are Pill Crucible’s junior-apprentice brother, I will still teach you just how vast the heavens and earth are!”

Qin Yu stood rigid like iron.

Xu Ao shouted out loud, “Martial Uncle, show mercy!”

Eclipse Lenqing turned and looked at Xu Ao. Xu Ao coughed and blood started to flow from his lips.

Qin Yu found a chance to catch his breath. His eyes turned calm and cold, even as endless violence and madness surged all around him.

The fire alligator roared. The strength of a trillion flames began to gather from the world, wildly fusing into its body and rapidly healing its wounds. As it did, it began to rise and grow. In the blink of an eye, it grew to a thousand feet high. It was a truly titanic being, and what was even more dreadful was the strength that boiled in it like a volcano on the verge of erupting.

At the location of the Eight Furnace, the 10,000 foot mountain began to shake. Endless mountain-stabilizing seals howled into the air, circling it and releasing deafening whistles. Deep rumblings came from the depths of the ground, causing the 10,000 foot mountain to sway. These tremors rapidly spread out and were easily sensed even a hundred miles away.

Xu Ao’s eyes widened, revealing shock for the first time.

Fan Jianghai, Eclipse Xin, and the others were all left staring in bewilderment. An irrepressible fear began to rise up in their eyes. As masters of the great furnaces, they were extremely clear what this

current situation represented. This meant that the Eighth Furnace had intentions of self-destructing and perishing together with its enemy!

Immortal Eclipse Valley's eight great furnaces came from mysterious origins. Rumors said that they were passed down from ancient times, and although they often fought, they were inexorably linked together, objects that came from the same clan and same source. At this moment, as the Eighth Furnace burst forth, the other seven great furnaces also awakened, each one forming a spirit of fire that roared in anger. Even the fire snake that had fought with the fire alligator had locked its eyes onto Eclipse Lenqing and was howling with rage!

"Junior Uncle, don't be impulsive!" Xu Ao was the first one to regain his composure.

Fan Jianghai immediately flicked his sleeves. Magic power surged up around him. "All disciples, immediately retreat!"

At this moment, the entire scene was in chaos.

Eclipse Lenqing narrowed his eyes. He simmered with anger, "Are you threatening me?"

Qin Yu stood in sharp opposition. "I am only protecting myself."

Eclipse Lenqing took a single step forwards. "I am standing right here. If you dare to blow up the Eighth Furnace, then give it a try!"

Bang –

The aura of a Nascent Soul came crushing down from the highest heavens.

Qin Yu stood straight. Beneath the shelter of the Eighth Furnace's aura, he wasn't affected in the least. The corners of his lips curled up and he revealed a smile that caused Eclipse Lenqing's heart to violently spasm. An ill feeling began spreading through Eclipse Lenqing's entire body.

The fiery light that the fire alligator released suddenly soared, as if a sun was rising atop the land. This strength was unimaginably violent as it swept across the skies.

Eclipse Lenqing was stricken with shock and anger. He dared to blow it up, he really...dared to blow it up!

At this instant, while he was angry, he felt an even greater regret.

If he had known this would happen, he wouldn't have forced things this far. But who knew this boy would be so steadfast and willing to have all of them die together?

With the Eighth Furnace having self-destructed, Immortal Eclipse Valley's eight great furnaces would be doomed to have an irreparable flaw. And besides him and a few other people, the rest of those here would be buried with the dead.

The consequences would be so deeply tragic that he didn't want to think about it!

"Humph!"

With a cold cough, a towering figure appeared. The figure raised his arms and brought them slamming down. The fiery light that the fire alligator released began to dim down as it was forcefully suppressed, revealing the figure of a fire alligator with tears streaming down its face. In that moment, it also felt regret. It was a wonderful furnace with an endless life and prospects awaiting it, and it had even just met its true love recently. Yet, in a momentary impulse it had followed this bastard Qin Yu into playing such a dangerous game.

After being prevented from self-destructing, the fear faded and joy rose up, as if it had just survived a natural disaster. It hurried to gather all of its terrifying strength that it had scattered out just now even as it cried inwardly.

Pill Crucible's lips twitched. He stepped up and flew into the skies. His dignified gaze swept over the surroundings and he angrily shouted, "How troublesome!"

With the Old Ancestor angered, everyone remained silent and fell to their knees.

The only ones still standing were Eclipse Lenqing and Qin Yu.

Eclipse Lenqing's face was flushed red. He cupped his hands across his chest, "Valley Master."

Pill Crucible nodded. He took a deep breath, "Eclipse Lenqing, you are already an old man, so how come you are doing nothing but stirring up even more trouble. If it weren't for me promptly arriving to deal with this mess, you should be well aware of what sort of consequences there would have been."

Eclipse Lenqing was incomparably embarrassed. "It was I who didn't consider matters thoroughly."

As he spoke, he maliciously glared at Qin Yu.

This bastard!

In the end, he was a Nascent Soul supreme elder so Pill Crucible didn't bother talking to him too much. Pill Crucible turned and angrily scolded, "Qin Yu, are you planning to die? Are you unhappy that your senior-apprentice brother is living too comfortable a life here, so you plan on setting off fireworks in my Immortal Eclipse Valley?"

Qin Yu had an innocent expression. "Don't be angry senior-apprentice brother. I lost my mind for a moment and nearly made a grave mistake. I ask that senior-apprentice brother forgive me."

Pill Crucible coldly humphed. "It seems like I really must discipline you well in place of our teacher!"

With a flick of his sleeves, he grabbed onto Qin Yu, stepped up and vanished from sight.

The atmosphere in the area was awkward.

This...was it over like this...?

In other words, urging the Eighth Furnace to self-destruct and almost causing unimaginably devastating consequences was definitely a grave mistake. But, there weren't even words of condemnation, instead only saying that Qin Yu would be 'disciplined in place of our teacher'? Who knew what sort of discipline would occur? Perhaps they would share a cup of tea together and consider it over!

The Eclipse Clan members were all left dejected. They had clearly seen that the Old Ancestor truly loved and favored this junior-apprentice brother of his, to the point of showing impossibly unfair bias. To be honest, they would all try to not provoke this person anymore in the future. Of course, this was related to the terrifying strength that Qin Yu displayed. In particular, in that final battle when he had dragged the Eighth Furnace into self-exploding and stood unyielding against Eclipse Lenqing, that sight still left the hearts of countless people feeling cold.

This was a person that had strength, had the methods, and was also incomparably violent. It was definitely best to stay a respectful distance away from him!

Eclipse Lenqing's complexion was ugly, but he didn't have anything else to say. He turned and flew away.

As for Zeng Zhongxiu...at this time, no one paid any more attention to him. Even if they did, they pretended not to see him. He had been the source of today's disaster. After experiencing such a dramatic sequence of events and nearly walking past death's door, they would rather him hurry up and leave!

As the crowds began to disperse, Fan Jianghai sighed with emotion. "It seems we were both mistaken."

Xu Ao nodded. "Although I cannot approve of Junior Uncle's methods, I actually very much admire him."

Fan Jianghai glanced at him. "Today's trouble got out of hand. You are the head of the eight furnaces as well as the person in charge of the valley's daily affairs. You will inevitably be punished for today's events."

Xu Ao lightly said, "After a moment I will go ask the Old Ancestor for forgiveness."

Fan Jianghai started to speak but hesitated.

Xu Ao revealed a rare smile. "Don't worry, I won't hold any enmity in my heart. In the end, if it weren't for the Old Ancestor, you and I would not be here today."