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Chapter 821A – Gathering Tokens

Starfall Archipelago.

When the participants entered the martial field for the finals, a high-level alliance conference was convened. Besides several Elders who were out managing the finals, almost every other senior leader in the alliance was here.

In the massive and magnificent Alliance Meeting Hall, a ring of stones was supported by giant stone pillars. Light fell through the gap in the center, illuminating the round platform in the middle of the hall.

All of the high-level alliance figures at this conference were bathed in light. Every subtle expression on their faces was clearly illuminated.

The one presiding over this meeting was the current president of the Alliance, a legendary existence amongst beast trainers – His Excellency Beech Daogasi

This was a formidable existence who possessed a variation bloodline. He had bright golden hair that burned like shimmering flames beneath the light.

“Everyone, the Alliance has convened an emergency meeting today to respond to recent internal disputes and opinions.

“I acknowledge that there are certain risks involved in the arrangements in the martial field set up for the finals. There is even a chance that outstanding beast trainers will be harmed. But, allow me to remind you that this is something we had no choice but to do.

“That one in the sea has already taken action. We cannot be sure whether they have done anything else. Even if we must pay a certain price, all dangers must be eliminated.”

Daogasi’s calm voice echoed through the meeting hall. It was gentle and solemn, yet contained an undeniable momentum.

After a long silence, an Alliance Elder said, “The finals have already begun. President, isn’t it too late to hold a meeting right now?”

Daogasi said, “Yes!”

He looked around and saw everyone’s expressions. “So convening this meeting was a decision made by me and several vice presidents. If anyone has any objections, you can initiate the impeachment process against us according to the Alliance rules. Regarding this matter and all consequences that might possibly occur, I, Beech Daogasi, as well as the several vice presidents, are willing to take on all responsibility!”

Three vice presidents stood up. “We are willing to take on all responsibility!”

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Qin Yu won his first token. His opponent was the 39th ranked beast trainer. When this man saw Qin Yu, excitement lit up his face. It was clear he had memorized the ranking list ahead of time.

However, rank 39's excitement lasted for less than three breaths of time before his eyes widened with shock and disbelief.

The two monster beasts this person summoned were slaughtered on the spot. When Qin Yu approached him, covered in the scent of blood and death, the man wasn't even able to react before he was knocked unconscious.

When his participating token was taken away, the space around this rank 39 distorted and he vanished from sight, transmitted away.

What Qin Yu didn't expect was that after he obtained this token, it crumbled into powder. Two bright dots appeared on his own token.

He looked at his token and put it away. Then, he glanced at the two monster beasts that he had just slain, a thoughtful look on his face.

He had tried but wasn't able to summon the purpleback bluewing ants onto the martial field. In other words, these two monster beasts had been subdued by this rank 39 fellow after he had arrived here.

Qin Yu felt as if he had grasped the key to winning the finals.

Although he hadn't been here for long, he had encountered a shocking number of monster beasts. There were even some monster beasts that he considered tyrannically strong.

If a formidable beast trainer was given enough time, then even if he was alone he could raise a potent monster beast army.

The spreading scent of blood in the air would soon attract hungry hunters. After Qin Yu mulled over the situation he suddenly moved and raced far away.

Qin Yu discovered that his rank 89 position had a certain temptation to it. He didn't even need to look for the second, third, and fourth participating token; they all came to him on their own initiative.

But after he obtained the fourth token, something changed.

He looked down at his jade token that had five shining dots. He could feel a powerful aura coming from it, and a helpless look crossed his face.

As he thought, the finals wouldn't be so easy to pass.

When he captured more tokens, his own token would begin to release a formidable aura. In the eyes of the other participants, it was no different from a torch in the darkness.

Once others sensed Qin Yu's approach, they would flee in a hurry, not even giving him a chance to do anything.

Moreover, considering things from another aspect, as someone captured more and more tokens, the aura of their own token would become increasingly strong, eventually turning them into a public target. After all, as long as people joined forces to eliminate this person, they could almost gather ten tokens in a single attempt.

As Qin Yu was frowning, his complexion suddenly changed. He looked up towards the front. He could sense a powerful aura there.

When Qin Yu sensed this other party, this other party clearly sensed him. After a brief pause, they soared over in his direction.

Qin Yu narrowed his eyes and rushed forward, welcoming this new opponent. The distance between them rapidly shrank.

Shua –

Qin Yu came to a stop atop the branch of an ancient tree. He looked forward without expression. Across from him, East Han looked back. When their eyes met, East Han's eyes filled with surprise before he composed down.

East Han took a step forward and cupped his hands together. "Allow me to officially introduce myself. My name is East Han, and I come from the East lineage of Cang Province."

Qin Yu hesitated for a moment. He said, "Qin Yu, Western Tomb Region's Qin Family."

East Han nodded. "Then we can be considered as knowing each other. Here, I would like to apologize to you on behalf of Hongyi. She is a pure-hearted and innocent girl. If she offended you in any way before, I ask that you not haggle about it with her."

Qin Yu was surprised. He immediately thought back to that fierce and spicy red-clothed girl and was a bit confused. Could this be called reconciliation?

"I never placed this matter in my heart. Mister East need not worry."

East Han had a solemn expression. He was someone who rarely revealed any emotions, but he smiled a bit upon hearing Qin Yu's response. It was clear that he cared for Su Hongyi.

But soon, Qin Yu was caught off guard again. East Han looked up, his eyes bright and piercing. He said, "Then, we can begin now."

What kind of situation was this? Hadn't they come to a mutual understanding?

Qin Yu was stunned for some time before he barely regained his composure. This brat East Han, he was likely worried that what he was about to do would be linked to Su Hongyi, thus the reason for his earlier words.

Even in this current situation, Qin Yu couldn't figure out whether to laugh or to cry. Hey, how do you know if I was telling the truth?

But soon, Qin Yu revealed a dignified expression. He could feel a threat coming from East Han.

It was like invisible pins were poking into his skin, causing intermittent bouts of pain.

East Han took a step and rushed forward. At this time, from the ice mountain he was before, he seemed to have transformed into an erupting volcano.

A wild aura broke free from his body and the air fiercely twisted. One could faintly hear the roaring of loud beasts.

A two-horned beast that stood on four limbs appeared above East Han's head. As he punched, this beast phantom fused into his fist.

Qin Yu's eyes were earnest. Without dodging, he took a step forward. Facing the violent aura that blew against his face, he made his way forward like a flood dragon swimming against the currents.

Bang –

There was a heaven-shaking explosion as a horrifying impact erupted. The flat lands around them were lifted upwards and wherever the shockwaves passed; everything was ruined and destroyed.

The ground split open. Soil and stones mixed together and were crushed into dust.

The tree that Qin Yu stood on was torn apart. Then a second, a third...it was like a meteor had crashed down from the heavens, and the aftermath of destruction spread out with the two at the center.

Qin Yu was pushed back several steps, each step causing the earth to quake as his body unloaded the impact.

Across from him, East Han fell to the ground and was sent careening backwards. He formed a straight gully through the earth where he passed.

In their first collision, from the surface it appeared that both sides were evenly matched.

East Han's eyes brightened. Without pause, the moment he recovered he hurtled forward like a tiger descending a mountain.

Hou –

Between the heavens and earth, the roars of great beasts erupted once again. Another beast phantom slowly appeared behind East Han. Who would have expected that the emotionless and cold East Han actually cultivated such a brutal and barbaric cultivation method!

As the two fought, the erupting aura swept out. Like a hurricane on the sea, even if one were far away they could still clearly feel it.

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A blue-clothed cultivator glanced at the rune condensed in his palm and then thrust it into the monster beast in front of him. A look of joy crossed his face.

Success!

In order to subdue this monster beast he had wasted a great deal of time. Nearly all the monster beasts he controlled before were killed in the process, but as long as he subdued this one it would all be worth it.

“Now is the time for me to reveal my true strength...there will surely be a space for me in the qualifications to enter the mystic realm!”

The blue-clothed cultivator mumbled to himself as he received the monster beast. As he was about to leave, his complexion changed. He looked up towards the distant mountains. Even if there was a mountain range separating them, he could still feel the terrifying auras coming from beyond.

There were powerhouses fighting!

The blue-clothed cultivator's eyes brightened. If there weren't sufficient benefits, powerhouses of this level absolutely would not come into conflict with each other.

This fight likely involved numerous participating tokens. As long as he could defeat them he could easily gather ten.

If this was before then the blue-clothed cultivator might not have dared to join in on the fun. But now that he subdued this monster beast, his confidence had risen drastically.

After hesitating for a moment, the blue-clothed cultivator's figure flickered. He soared into the distant mountain range.

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A black wolf leapt through the wooded mountains. It had a vigorous physique and proud eyes. Powerful monstrous energy tumbled around it. Every action it took revealed its status as a king of beasts.

But right now, an ordinary-looking cultivator was riding on its back. There was also a golden eagle with golden claws on its shoulder. Even though it was less than three feet tall, the aura it released was faintly more formidable than the black wolf.

At this time, the eagle looked into the distance. The ordinary-looking cultivator turned around and whispered some words. The eagle cried back in response. Both sides seemed to be in discussion.

"That direction." The ordinary-looking cultivator pointed a finger. The black wolf roared and it immediately accelerated, soon vanishing from line of sight.

At the same time, many cultivators also felt that terrifying collision of auras.

"Let's go and take a look. Perhaps there will be a chance to fish for some benefits!"

"With such a loud commotion, it will inevitably attract a large number of cultivators. While I wouldn't dare do anything to those fighting, I wouldn't mind using this chance to snatch tokens from others."

"Let's leave, this sort of battle between powerhouses isn't something we have the qualifications to meddle in!"

Everyone made choices based on their own reasoning. But after a short hesitation, most people chose to gather from all directions.

If they managed to step into dog shit luck, they might pick up some tremendous benefits. The chances of this were low, but they were still there.

"East Han, ranked third. He's a genius talent from the East Family and it's rumored he is tyrannically strong!"

“Just who else is there that can fight with East Han? I have no recollection of them at all.”

“I’ve seen this person before. He’s the one who shamed Luo He in front of everyone at a banquet not too long ago. As I thought, he’s no mediocre man!”

Numerous participants came to a stop at the edge of the battlefield. As they watched the changes occurring in the fight, their eyes filled with acclaim.

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Bang –

There was another collision and separation. Qin Yu furrowed his eyebrows and looked at East Han. East Han’s complexion was pale and he had clearly suffered tremendous losses. But, Qin Yu could feel that the sense of threat coming from him not only didn’t decrease, but it was actually growing increasingly intense.

It was clear that he hadn’t used his hidden card yet!

Although Qin Yu also had his own cards, once he used them he would surely arouse enormous interest. This would likely cause all sorts of other problems.

Thinking of this, Qin Yu’s eyebrows furrowed even tighter than before.

What he didn’t know was that East Han was ten times more shocked than Qin Yu and ten times more hesitant.

By coincidence, he had obtained great benefits in his early stages of cultivation. And with the East Family supporting him wholeheartedly, this led to his current achievements.

He never imagined that a mere disciple from the Qin Family, someone who wasn’t famous or well known at all, could fight evenly with him. Even after this battle continued for such a long time, neither side was able to take the upper hand!

Moreover, what caused East Han to feel even more fear was that he could sense a terrifying aura hidden deeply below Qin Yu’s surface.

It was like crimson magma flowing beneath a layer of ice. East Han wasn’t sure what it was, but he knew that once it erupted, it would surely shake the skies.

While he had his own hidden card, he didn’t have much confidence he could defeat Qin Yu. And, using this card would cause a tremendous loss to him.

On the martial field of the finals, once he fell into a weakened condition, even if he won here he would likely become bridal clothes gifted to others.

East Han’s thoughts raced. He looked up and his gaze clashed with Qin Yu’s.

Without a single word, they both understood each other’s thoughts. This was a marvelous feeling.

Qin Yu thought for a moment. Then, he slowly nodded in return.

Bang –

Bang –

The auras of the two people erupted. But this time they didn't crash into each other. Rather, they turned around and flew backwards.

In the shadows, the participants watching the battle all felt their hearts shrink as their faces paled.

"This is bad!"

"Flee!"

"Run away!"

With loud shouts, shadowy figures stumbled as they fled into the distance.

Qin Yu and East Han had fought each other. Their goal in doing so was to capture the other party's participating token and become one of the final victors.

This was the key point.

If one side could easily win then there was nothing they could say. But since both sides had their own scruples, why did they have to be hard-headed and struggle until the end? It wasn't as if they had some kind of blood grudge against each other.

There was another point.

The two people had now found an even better choice. Among the cultivators that had been drawn over, several were considerably strong. As long as they could get rid of a few of them, collecting enough tokens wouldn't be hard.

"How hateful! These two people set up a trap and intentionally lured us in!"

Many cultivators cursed out loud as they fled. They felt as if they had been deceived.

The blue-clothed cultivator was expressionless. He rushed forward at an astonishing speed, leaving behind a series of afterimages.

If there was an opportunity, he didn't mind reaching for it. But if he were to engage in a face-to-face battle, others might take advantage of him.

In this sort of situation, he certainly didn't want to become a target.

But soon, the blue-clothed cultivator's complexion changed. He could feel an ice cold perception lock onto him from afar.

Someone had actually chosen him as their target?

The blue-clothed cultivator sneered inwardly. Then, he revealed a look of panic on his face. His aura rose and he fled away even faster than before.

Whoosh –

He passed over many people and flew into the distance.

After a brief pause, the ice cold perception that locked onto him accelerated, chasing him without hesitation.

Everyone ran away from the two of them. With their astonishing speed, they soon disappeared from everyone's senses.

Moments later, the blue-clothed cultivator looked around him. He came to a sudden stop and slowly turned, his eyes dense and heavy.

This distance should be safe enough. As long as he finished this quickly, there wouldn't be any problems.

Whoosh –

There was the sound of splitting air. Qin Yu landed on the ground and said, "You're not running anymore?"

The blue-clothed cultivator sneered. "I acknowledge that you are strong, but if you want to take away my token I fear you aren't qualified!"

He lifted his hand and the monster beast he had just subdued appeared. Now, one could see that it was a small fox. Its gray hair was messy and there were traces of burning and shedding. When it appeared, it seemed a bit dispirited and weak.

What was strange was that this gray fox had opened a third eye on its forehead. It was closed, vertical from top to bottom, and its surface was bright red.

At this moment, the gray fox stared hard at Qin Yu. Its third eye lightly trembled and slowly opened.

It was deep blood red!

The gray fox's third eye seemed to hide a sea of blood. Just glancing at it, one felt as if their mind was immediately sucked in.

Qin Yu's complexion changed. But before he could react he froze in place. His eyes turned empty and hollow.

As if he had been caught in a trance!

The blue-clothed cultivator was overjoyed. He had succeeded!

Without any hesitation, he stepped forward and rapidly approached.

Looking at Qin Yu's dazed expression, his eyes flashed with hesitation. Then, that hesitation turned into a vicious cruelty.

The gray fox was his greatest card. The less people knew about it, the better it would be. And with what happened just now, this person would likely be his future enemy.

This Qin Yu had been hiding his skills during the primaries and semi-finals so it was easy to tell that he was a man with great ambitions. Now that his plans were ruined he would never give up.

Bang –

The blue-clothed cultivator punched out. His fist was wrapped with flames as he pounded down at Qin Yu's head.

Die!

Bang –

There was a dull thumping noise and the blue-clothed cultivator's chest hollowed in. His eyes flew open and bulged out. In the next moment, he flew back at a ridiculous speed. The several ancient trees behind him were torn apart by the tremendous potential energy crashing into his body.

After flying a far distance away, the blue-clothed cultivator crashed into a cliff, causing cracks to spread out like a spider web.

The sound of footsteps approached. Qin Yu stood in front of the blue-clothed cultivator, his eyes faint as he said, "You wanted to kill me first, so don't blame anyone but yourself."

The blue-clothed cultivator stuck in the cliff wall moved his lips, but no words came out. Thick red blood gushed out from every orifice on his head. His head fell to the side and he died on the scene.

Qin Yu's sudden punch had dispersed the blue-clothed cultivator's vitality, not even giving him the chance to admit defeat and withdraw from the field.

Without any expression, Qin Yu didn't seem to care at all about what just happened. He stepped forward and found the token from the corpse using his senses.

With a light 'pa' sound, the token shattered into powder. Four more motes of light appeared on his own token.

He had nine tokens. With just one more, he would have the ten tokens he needed to be in the final ten. At this time, Qin Yu's eyebrows lifted up. He looked down at the token in his hand, his eyebrows rising in surprise.

After gathering nine tokens, this sort of change occurred; it was indeed outside of his expectations. But when he thought about it, anyone who was able to obtain nine tokens must be incredibly strong.

If the aura that the token released was too strong and one couldn't obtain the final piece needed, that would just be wasting time.

Qin Yu's thoughts turned as he figured this out. He casually put the token away and turned around, looking at a large tree behind him.

This tree was relatively far away so only several of its branches had been broken apart. Its main body was still structurally preserved.

If it wasn't for the token warning him, even now Qin Yu wouldn't have been able to sense anything.

This was an absolutely high-level concealment method!

"Come out."

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Qin Yu had a calm expression as his eyes veered towards where the token's senses indicated.

After several seconds of silence, the surface of the tree rippled as if it were made of water. Then, a cultivator stepped out. He was deathly pale and as he looked at Qin Yu he constantly shivered.

'Killing witnesses to keep a crime silent'. This thought continuously reverberated in the man's head. He wanted to run away, but after witnessing what happened to the blue-clothed cultivator just now, he knew that he wouldn't be able to flee the martial field before Qin Yu killed him!

In truth, Qin Yu was tempted to do this. He thought that since he had a borrowed identity anyways, what did it matter if others found out?

"Leave your token behind."

The cultivator was stunned for a moment before joy lit up his face. He shivered and said, "Mister, please rest assured that I will not say a single word about what happened here today."

After he finished he took out his token and set it on the ground. Then, he looked up into the skies and shouted that he gave up. Spatial fluctuations descended, causing his figure to disappear.

Qin Yu picked up the token from the ground. As he did, it shattered into powder and the tenth mote of light appeared.

Hum –

His token trembled and its surface appearance changed instantly. From its original plain white color, it turned a more transparent jade. At the same time, a massive number of lines appeared. They wove together and spread across the surface of the token.

After all the lines disappeared, the aura that the token released suddenly restrained itself. It shrank until it was only a few feet away from Qin Yu and covered him like an invisible shield.

Within the shield, all of his aura was isolated from the outside world. Qin Yu tested a bit and came to the conclusion that as long as he didn't take the initiative to attack someone and his luck wasn't bad enough that someone stepped onto him, he could simply lie down and calmly wait for the finals to end.

Qin Yu smiled with appreciation. This Grand Beast Trainer Tournament really had some methods. He turned around, and just as he was about to leave, he saw a flash at the place where he first fought the blue-clothed cultivator.

He had almost forgotten something...

He looked around and caught sight of the gray fox. Right now it was desperately struggling to escape. It was clear that opening its third eye had caused it to use up a great deal of strength and it was in an extremely weakened state. Even if Qin Yu gave it a head start, it still wouldn't be able to leave.

At this moment when the gray fox noticed Qin Yu looking at it, it immediately stopped. It looked up at him, a pleading look in its eyes.

"Even if I let you leave, you will be immediately killed by other monster beasts." Qin Yu lightly said.

The gray fox's eyes lit up. It raised a paw and pointed ahead. Then, it lay low to the ground and called out several times.

Qin Yu furrowed his eyebrows. "Do you have a reason that you must go?"

The gray fox nodded.

Qin Yu silently looked at it. He wasn't sure if the gray fox was lying or not. As time passed, the gray fox gradually fell into despair, tears running down from its eyes.

Looking at it, Qin Yu finally let out a light breath. "Alright. I'll go and see just where you plan on going."

With the token's sensory abilities, Qin Yu easily avoided the other tournament competitors. He followed the gray fox to a hidden cave.

The cave's entrance wasn't large. But with the sound of crackling bones, Qin Yu rapidly shrank in size. Soon he was small enough that he could drill his way in.

Although this location was well-hidden, the air in the cave wasn't turbid. There were clearly other vents bringing in fresh air. The stone walls contained some impurities that released a faint light in the darkness. Although it wasn't too bright, it allowed one to see what was happening inside the cave.

On a soft and dry haystack, a group of small pink things were humming feebly. Their eyes had yet to open and they had no idea where their mother was. They lifted their heads up, constantly looking around for food.

There wasn't a need for further explanation.

Feeling the gray fox struggle in his arms, Qin Yun let go. It quickly sprinted over. The little fellows finally found their mother. They quickly squirmed to their mother's abdomen.

Gulp –

Gulp –

The sound of sucking filled the little cave. The ash fox licked one baby and then another. She occasionally looked up at Qin Yu, gratitude in her eyes.

Qin Yu looked around. This cave wasn't that bad – it was a good idea to wait here until the finals came to an end. After determining this, he casually strolled over to a corner, cleaned up the ground a little, and sat down.

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The finals came to an end.

Feeling the power of the array formation descend, Qin Yu didn't resist. He glanced at the gray fox and its children that had just opened their eyes. Then, he disappeared amidst spatial fluctuations.

A tearing strength pulled at his body. The transmission period this time was much shorter than when he first came to the martial field. It only lasted for several breaths of time before his surroundings brightened.

He narrowed his eyes, adapting to the change in light. Qin Yu looked around; this place wasn't the island they had come from. Calculating the transmission time, they were likely in a place much closer to the martial field.

The participating jade token in his clothes began to heat up. Qin Yu took it out and information was transmitted straight into his mind.

The first message was to congratulate him for being one of the final ten contestants and earning the qualifications to enter the mystic realm.

The second message was that some arrangements needed to be made before entering the mystic realm. Everyone was required to stay here for three days before they could enter.

The third was names of the final ten contestants as well as their ranking.

Rankings were based on the strength of the token holders and other calculation coefficients. All in all, Qin Yu was ranked sixth.

He didn't care about this. As long as he was ranked in the top ten and could enter the alliance's mystic realm, that was more than enough.

But soon, Qin Yu raised an eyebrow in surprise.

East Han was not on the name list.

In other words, he had been eliminated by someone in the martial field.

Honestly, this was beyond Qin Yu's expectations. After all, they had fought so Qin Yu was well aware of his strength. Even if Qin Yu attacked with all his strength he wasn't absolutely sure he could defeat East Han.

But numerous crouching tigers and hidden dragons were lurking in the martial field. If there was him and East Han, there might be several other tyrannically strong people. If East Han's luck was poor or if some other accident occurred, it was extremely possible for him to be defeated!

So, Qin Yu was only briefly surprised before he pushed this thought to the side.

He continued looking. As he thought, Luo He was on the name list. And just like the primaries and semi-finals, he was ranked first yet again.

To take first place in all three rounds, he was indeed a talented character. Qin Yu stared at this name for a while before putting away the jade token.

The alliance cultivators outside the array formation waited for Qin Yu to read all the information. When they thought he was finished, they ran over and cupped their fists together, "Congratulations Mister Qin Yu for entering the top ten ranks. To enter the mystic realm is something that all alliance cultivators long for even in their dreams."

The one speaking had a friendly smile and insightful eyes. One could immediately tell he was a sociable person. With just a few words, not only did he complement Qin Yu but he brought them closer together.

Seeing Qin Yu nod and not say anything, the man's smile didn't dim at all. "You just left the martial field so you are probably tired. We've already prepared a room for you. If mister has no other arrangements, I will lead you over."

Qin Yu said, "Then I'll have to trouble you for your help."

He would have to stay on this island for three days before entering the alliance's mystic realm. There, he would need to go grave digging for the Icesoul Jade Bed. Once this matter was exposed, the Alliance would surely try to hunt him down.

And even if everything went smoothly, he was doomed to not be able to use this identity again. So, Qin Yu had no intention of using his current identity to make friends with others.

With one glance, Qin Yu could see how opulent the room was. He decided to stay in his room for these next three days, using the excuse that he needed to recover from his wounds.

But in reality, Qin Yu's quiet was broken on the second day. When he opened the door he saw the alliance cultivator who greeted him yesterday.

When the man saw Qin Yu's ill expression, he almost swallowed his words. He directly said, "Mister Qin Yu, three of your friends have come from outside the island. They said they have an important matter to discuss with you."

Friends?

Qin Yu immediately thought of Dorelis, Yun Die, and Senior Lin. What sort of accident could have happened to them?

He suppressed his thoughts and nodded, "Bring them over."

Qin Yu was speaking about 'them', but what appeared in front of him was another 'them'.

When Qin Yu saw the Xue Sisters and the red-clothed and overly aggressive Miss Su Hongyi, he nearly thought he was seeing things. What sort of urgent matter did these three people need to see him about?

Noticing the disturbed look on Xue Yueyue and Xue Qingqing's faces and then Su Hongyi's red eyes, Qin Yu didn't reveal any of his thoughts. He nodded at the alliance cultivator and said, "I've troubled you."

The alliance cultivator laughed and waved his hand before leaving.

Thanks to the finals ending smoothly, the atmosphere in the alliance had become much more relaxed. Otherwise if it was the same tense atmosphere from before, the alliance cultivator wouldn't have dared to bring these three women here.

Of course, a more important reason was that the ones who came looking for Qin Yu today were all young and beautiful women. Moreover, one of them was clearly emotionally disturbed and had reddened eyes. Who knew what their relationship was and what had happened?

If he stopped them and something really happened, Qin Yu would surely investigate it afterwards and trace things back to him.

This was a top ten ranked contestant...

Regardless of whether or not they chose to join the alliance, anyone who could arrive at this step was destined to become a famous character whose name could shake a region.

He couldn't offend him. Of course, it was best not to offend him!

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Qin Yu brought the three women into his room. He closed the door and asked, "Why are you here?"

Before the Xue Sisters could say anything, Su Hongyi held back her tears and said, "I was the one who asked them to bring me here. Please don't blame them."

Qin Yu glanced at her and didn't speak. They weren't friends or anything, and strictly speaking there was even some bad blood between them. You say not to blame them and I shouldn't blame them? And why are you looking for me anyways?

Su Hongyi looked at Qin Yu and said, "Big Brother East died!"

As she said this, large teardrops rolled down her cheeks.

Qin Yu was stunned for a moment before he reacted. The person she spoke of was East Han, and the first thought he had was that this was impossible. With East Han's strength, while there was a chance he could be eliminated, it was a joke to think he would be killed off.

As long as he used his hidden card, Qin Yu believed that no one on the martial field could stop him from leaving.

If there was...then the commotion would have shaken the entire martial field. There was no way he wouldn't have known.

But looking at Su Hongyi's sorrowful and grieving expression, this matter was true.

Qin Yu looked at the Xue Sisters. They nodded at him.

Qin Yu's heart shrank. East Han had actually died!

He didn't know what he was feeling. The first time they exchanged fists was when they first got to know each other. The two had basically no friendship between them.

But at the end of that battle, the two of them had been able to sense each other's thoughts. That sort of tacit understanding caused Qin Yu to have a deep impression of that young man.

To say that they were friends because they sympathized with each other might be false, but Qin Yu didn't deny that he had an extremely good impression of that ice-cold on the outside and crazy on the inside East Han.

The change in Qin Yu's expressions caused Su Hongyi's hopes to rise. After a brief silence, he slowly said, "If something like this happens, shouldn't Miss Su inform the East Family? Why look for me?"

Su Hongyi looked at him. "Searching for them is useless. Right now, I know that you are the only one that can help me, the only one that can help avenge Big Brother East!"

Qin Yu furrowed his eyebrows. No matter how good his impression of East Han was, it wasn't to the point where he would take revenge for him.

Moreover, in the finals, everyone had been competing against each other. With brutal attacks flying out all around, it was likely one could lose their life.

With this being the case, he had no reason to interfere.

Qin Yu shook his head without hesitation. "I must apologize. Miss Su, I know that you are sad right now, but I need to prepare to enter the mystic realm. If there isn't anything else, please leave."

"Hold on!" Su Hongyi screamed out loud. "Big Brother East was killed by Luo He!"

Luo He...

When Qin Yu heard this name, he frowned. According to what he knew, East Han had a good relationship with this person.

Why would he kill East Han? Were there other facts behind all of this?

Qin Yu looked at Su Hongyi and said, "Do you have evidence?"

Su Hongyi shook her head in low spirits. "I don't. But I am sure that the one who killed Big Brother East is Luo He."

Qin Yu was expressionless. Hey, if you can't present any evidence, I'm not going to believe you just because you tell me to.

Su Hongyi clenched her teeth. Then, she placed her hand between her eyebrows. Her black pupils widened until they occupied two-thirds of her eyes. Only the corners showed a hint of white.

She looked at Qin Yu. After a brief pause she said, "Not long ago, you killed someone in the finals. It was a man."

Qin Yu gave her a cold stare.

Su Hongyi hurriedly said, "I have no other meaning. I just want to tell you that I was born with an inherent ability that allows me to sense the blood that has contaminated a cultivator. If it's someone familiar, I can even smell the scent of their blood.

"When he left the finals' field, Luo He brought back Big Brother East's remains. He hid it well and said that an accident occurred while they were fighting a powerful monster beast. But I know what I sensed. That man is stained with Big Brother East's blood!"

Qin Yu was silent. He was considering whether or not Su Hongyi was speaking the truth. Although her eyes were strange and she had accurately judged what he had done, he couldn't help but be wary. The reason was Luo He!

For some reason, he felt an inexplicable sense of hostility towards this person from the very beginning. And now East Han's death was also linked to him...who knew if this was a trap aimed at him or not?

Qin Yu never underestimated the unknown. In this world, those that were careless never survived for long.

Seeing Qin Yu refuse to take a position, Su Hongyi burst out once more. "Big Brother East died in my arms. He personally told me that the one who killed him was Luo He and he ordered me to never reveal anything, since I would be eliminated due to what I know! I swear that not a single word I said is a lie, otherwise I will die like a dog!"

Qin Yu said, "Then why didn't you say that just now?"

Su Hongyi's voice was awkward. "Big Brother East forced me to promise him that I would never seek revenge on Luo He, and also to never come to you...he seems to understand your strength well and I know you are already hostile towards Luo He."

She looked up. "Mister Qin Yu, I don't know why you don't like Luo He, but now he is our common enemy. Only you can take revenge for Big Brother East. As long as you agree, I will give this to you!"

She took out a jade pendant. It was in the shape of a fish and its surface was carved with the texture of scales. Although it wasn't too clearly defined, it gave off a light and nimble feeling.

"This comes from the Beast Trainer Alliance's mystic realm and it is inextricably related to it. Big Brother East also had the same jade pendant. As long as you obtain both, you will have a chance of obtaining a massive good fortune in the mystic realm. It's just that Big Brother East's piece has been lost and I'm sure that Luo He has it.

"Mister Qin Yu, this is the greatest sincerity that I can reward you. Please help me. Please help my Big Brother East who was murdered!"

Qin Yu was silent for a moment. "Why do you have this jade pendant?"

Su Hongyi silently wept. "I was engaged to Big Brother East a month ago. This jade pendant was the engagement gift given to me by the East Family."

Seeing the sad and sorrowful Su Hongyi, Qin Yu was silent for a moment longer. He looked at the jade pendant in her hands and slowly said, "I promise you that if I have a chance, I will help you. But, I cannot make any guarantees."

The reason he agreed to help was because of his good impression of East Han, his unreasonable hostility towards Luo He, and also the sorrow that came from Su Hongyi.

But Qin Yu had to acknowledge that the root reason he agreed to help was the jade pendant that Su Hongyi took out.

He didn't know what this jade pendant was, but when he first saw it, the Ancient's heart in his chest started to speed up its beating.

Intuition told Qin Yu that Su Hongyi wasn't lying. This jade pendant was a treasure and it was likely linked to some lucky chance in the mystic realm.

And what was even more mysterious was that for no reason at all, Qin Yu felt that this lucky chance was his.

Su Hongyi offered the jade pendant without any hesitation. "I agree!"

The three days passed in the blink of an eye. When the token gave off heat once again, a message was transmitted through it.

It was time to enter the mystic realm!

When Qin Yu pushed open the door and walked out, the alliance cultivator who welcomed him on the first day was standing there. The man respectfully bowed and said, "Mister Qin Yu, please come with me."

They hurried along to the center of the island where a peculiar hall was set up.

The reason it was peculiar was because the materials used to build it were quite rare. It was formed with a kind of crystal similar to ice. Cold fog rose up all around.

And what was strange was that after approaching it, not only did one not feel any coldness at all, but it seemed as if the air was burning.

Around the hall, there were several guards in full suits of black armor. Only their eyes shined from behind their helms. They stood with a swift and fierce posture.

The alliance cultivator came to a stop. "Mister Qin Yu, this is as far as I can bring you."

He bowed and said, "I wish you good luck in advance. I hope you find harvests in the mystic realm."

He turned and left.

Qin Yu turned and walked towards the great hall. With the current intensity of his mortal body, he naturally didn't fear this high temperature.

The black-armored guards standing outside the hall seemed to know his identity. When Qin Yu approached, they didn't even glance at him.

After he stepped into the hall, the temperature in the air drastically fell. With just a single step, he seemed to cross from an intense summer heat into the freezing winter.

Faint traces of cold constantly drilled into his body like needles. He furrowed his eyebrows. The Ancient's heart within his chest beat, breaking apart the intruding cold energy.

Shua –

Shua –

Several eyes gathered on Qin Yu's body. When they saw him continue walking forwards without slowing down from the chill in the air, a dignified light shined in their eyes.

This was an expert!

They had also experienced the fierce changes of temperature from the outside to the inside of the hall, so they understood how mystical it was. Extreme heat and extreme cold might not be much to these people, but the sudden transformation was difficult to deal with.

To calmly resolve the sudden change in temperature while maintaining his composure...this alone made people see Qin Yu in a brighter light.

Of course, everyone also knew about Qin Yu's even battle with East Han in the finals. No one dared to underestimate him anymore. In fact, they took him even more seriously now.

Qin Yu realized this. Since he could no longer keep a low profile he might as well make himself appear a bit stronger, lest some people come looking his way for trouble.

This was the reason he acted as he did when he entered the hall and saw everyone inside.

An alliance cultivator approached and whispered, "Mister Qin Yu, please wait a moment."

Qin Yu nodded. He walked inside the hall and stood quiet.

With the sound of arriving footsteps, the eyes on Qin Yu soon scattered as they continued to judge the strength of the newcomers.

Luo He was the last to arrive. Qin Yu didn't even glance at him, and the other party didn't look at him. But, both sides were paying attention to each other.

The top ten ranked contestants were all here.

Four Alliance Elders walked in, their gazes stern. The one in the lead said, "After entering the mystic realm, everyone will follow me. No one can leave the group without permission, otherwise the consequences will be dire!"

He didn't delay. With a loud rumble, the entire hall started to violently shiver. Runes began to appear all over the translucent hall.

Rumble rumble –

Above the island, wind and clouds stirred. Black clouds gushed out from nothingness and the world darkened.

At this time, a bright light split the black clouds and fell onto the hall. Then, as if a formidable strength had been poured in, all the runes in the hall were activated.

Hum –

Hum –

The hall trembled. Space distorted and everyone inside the hall vanished!

Chapter 823A – Sky Reaching Jade Pendant

Far away from Starfall Archipelago, deeper south into the sea, the sea region here had become even more mystical and terrifying after losing the suppression of the alliance's array formation.

The angry waves raged to the skies. From time to time, one could see giant beasts of astonishing size breaking through the surface and howling into the skies.

But deep in this terrifying sea region, there was one place that was incomparably calm. Whenever any turbulent undercurrents approached they would instantly be erased.

As if this place was shrouded by an invisible and invincible might. It allowed nothing to provoke its dignity!

Going deeper down through the icy waters, one eventually passed through a black screen. Then, light suddenly appeared. It shined from the bottom of the sea, illuminating everything.

A stone altar stood atop the black sand that covered the bottom of the sea. It was extremely large, like a great city that stretched over the land with no end in sight.

The reason for this description was that the construction of the altar was incredibly rough and simple. It looked like random stones had been moved and piled on top of each other.

Strange runes covered the surface of these stones. But because too much time had passed, even though they had the protection of the altar, they had still become blurred after being endlessly washed over and eroded by the sea waters.

One could clearly feel the rich aura of passing years from these stones, an aura so thick that it nearly condensed into essence.

But this aura had no scent of corruption or decay. Rather, it was filled with a light vitality.

It was as if green buds would drill out from these worn stones in the next moment and blossom and bear fruit.

And the light at the bottom of the sea came from this altar. Or to be more accurate, it came from these seemingly ordinary stones.

Illuminated by light, one could clearly see that countless monster beasts were lying peacefully around the altar.

These giant beasts came from different races and had varying appearances and diets. A considerable portion of them recognized each other as natural enemies. If they were to meet in the sea, they would immediately engage in fierce battle without hesitation.

But now, all of these monster beasts were quietly lying in place. One could see signs of awe and reverence on their fierce and gruesome faces.

Perhaps the only thing that could be considered similar about these monster beasts was that they were all large. The smaller ones were thousands of feet, some were tens of thousands of feet, and the largest ones were even more amazingly large.

The easiest way to measure the strength of sea beast monsters was their size. Even if this wasn't 100% accurate, it was reliable most of the time.

If someone came here and saw this sight, their eyes would pop out of their head.

Suddenly, the rays of light that emanated from the altar stones began to condense. They gathered together, forming the outline of a giant eye.

The stone altar was large to the point where it seemed like the foundation of a city, but this eye occupied 90% of it. It was hard to imagine how terrifyingly large the eye's master must be.

As light condensed and the eye appeared, the monster beasts around the altar all roared out loud and bowed their heads.

The giant eye slowly rotated. Then, it looked over the monster beasts. Its line of sight pierced through the ice cold sea waters to the endless nothingness beyond it.

Suddenly, a great roar came from the sea bed. With the sea bed altar at the center, the incomparably deep sea turned riotous.

The peaceful sea waters became the incarnation of great beasts. They roared and revolved as a horrifying vortex appeared on the sea bed.

Its volume rapidly grew as more and more sea water was drawn in. The energy within the vortex grew at a staggering pace!

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Qin Yu vowed that this was the worst transmission experience he had ever endured since he was born. If it wasn't for his mortal body being powerful enough, things wouldn't have ended with just a pale face. He would have vomited blood on the spot!

He could hear the sounds of hacking coughs in his ears as well as people taking in great gasping breaths. The four Alliance Elders were fine but most of the other cultivators who had come here couldn't compare with Qin Yu. A female cultivator in a long white dress was openly vomiting on the ground.

A sour scent stung the nose. The smell caused several people who were just barely holding back to also retch out loud. This could be called a splendid scene.

After all, for peak beast trainers who had such an honored status to end up in such a distressed state this was definitely a rare sight.

The four Alliance Elders silently watched everyone's actions. After looking around and not sensing anything off, they finally relaxed.

In the finals, 100 participants had entered the martial field. Only 87 had returned alive; the other 13 had perished.

These 13 deaths would undoubtedly bring new troubles to the alliance, especially since they had just managed to quell the anger from the last incident. But, they still did this because their purpose was to confirm whether or not there was a spy sent by the sea in the final ranking list.

Before entering the mystic realm, the sudden change of temperature in the hall and the fierce transmission everyone experienced were both additional methods of screening. If any participating cultivators revealed anything off, the four Elders would immediately suppress them.

Luckily, there was no problem this time.

After waiting a moment and allowing everyone to compose themselves, an Alliance Elder said, "The existence of this mystic realm is the foundation of the alliance. The jolt you all felt just now is a screening method to prevent people with bad intentions from mixing their way in."

If someone was able to break into the top ten rankings, then in terms of pure talent and ability, they might be no weaker than the Alliance Elders. Moreover, Luo He, Qin Yu, and the others were all young and would surely have great achievements in the future. This explanation was to avoid them being dissatisfied in any way. Who wouldn't do something that was free and so effective?

Another Elder smiled. "Alright. If you're done resting, let's get moving. Take a good look along the way; you might have some harvests."

The third Elder had a stern expression, "You can look and you can remember. But, keep this in mind. Anything you see and hear within this mystic realm cannot be disclosed outside. Otherwise, once the alliance finds out, you will be severely punished!"

After stepping out from the hall they had arrived in, Qin Yu discovered that this building looked the exact same as the hall they were transmitted from. Even the materials were similar. The only difference was that the crystal used to construct this hall was faintly red. It seemed to be wreathed in flames yet produced a chill instead.

But soon, Qin Yu couldn't care about this. This was because not too far away from the hall, he saw a strange tree.

The reason he thought it was strange was because this large tree's branches had already withered and died. One could even clearly see its cracked and desiccated bark.

The bare branches were like the claws of a skeleton reaching towards the sky. But what was astonishing was that fresh flowers bloomed on these branches.

That's right. Qin Yu could determine that these fresh flowers came from the dead wood. As the breeze blew, he could even smell a faint fragrance.

It wasn't just Qin Yu who saw this strange tree. Everyone had their eyes wide open, their faces full of disbelief.

The Elder from before who had told them to take a good look faintly smiled. He said, "Don't be so surprised. The truly unbelievable is yet to come."

As the group travelled along, Qin Yu saw numerous scenes that subverted his cognition.

For instance, burning rivers. These rivers wined across the earth like massive fire dragons. The blazing flames they emitted scorched and twisted the air. But, countless fish swam through these rivers, happily and freely, as if they couldn't feel the heat at all.

For instance, an active volcano that spewed out black smoke and dust. It erupted with a roar, but what shot out was not lava but massive chunks of ice and snow. The ice landed on the ground, causing a layer of frost to rapidly spread out.

For instance, a great bird that flew across the skies. It had a body covered with magnificent feathers that shone like a rainbow beneath the sunlight. It looked as if it were a statue carved from crystal. But when

it lowered its head and looked at the walking cultivators below, it revealed two hollow and white eye sockets.

Qin Yu even saw a massive meteor falling down from the skies, dragging a tail of flames behind it. This was a giant meteor. Even from afar, one could feel the terrifying strength it contained.

Qin Yu didn't doubt that as long as the meteor crashed into the earth, it would instantly turn the surrounding calm plains into a purgatory of flames and death. But he discovered that the four Alliance Elders only glanced at it before turning away and hurrying along the path.

And below the meteor, the goats and green cows that were lazing about on the plain didn't move at all. They slowly chewed and ate.

The meteor landed!

Qin Yu subconsciously narrowed his eyes. However, the expected heaven-shaking thunder and the terrifying explosion of power didn't erupt. Rather, it was as if everything he saw had only been an illusion.

But Qin Yu was sure that he hadn't seen anything wrong. The meteor that fell from the skies was definitely real.

Moreover, he noticed that the reactions of everyone else around him were similar to his own...if it was an illusion, they shouldn't all be suffering from it!

As Qin Yu furrowed his eyebrows in contemplation he heard a loud thundering sound from above. The meteor that had landed had once again appeared in everyone's sight, following the exact same trajectory it did before as it crashed down once more.

The alliance's mystic realm was filled with unbelievable sights everywhere. It was a place that completely subverted one's expectations.

Qin Yu had a feeling that this mystic realm was hiding an incomparably astonishing secret. And now, the place that these four Alliance Elders were leading them to was likely related to this secret.

At this time, Qin Yu had unknowingly forgotten about his original goal for coming to this mystic realm.

His mind was fully focused on this secret. He wanted to get closer to it and understand it!

This sort of invisible influence and interference was truly terrifying. However, Qin Yu hadn't noticed it at all.

Chapter 823B – Sky Reaching Jade Pendant

A colossal jade pendant rose into the skies.

When one really stood in front of it, all descriptions paled. One could only stare at this miraculous scene, their thoughts in a haze.

It was like a waterfall that fell from the highest heavens, crashing into the earth. But in that instant, all of that tremendous force was frozen and erased.

Its surface was as smooth as a mirror, warm and transparent. The jade pendant glowed with a faint halo. Looking left to right, one couldn't see how far it extended. Looking up, one couldn't see where it ended.

All four Alliance Elders, whether they had been cold and aloof or friendly and inviting, had solemnly respectful expressions right now. Without needing any warning, all top ten rankers, including Qin Yu, instantly felt endless awe surge from the depths of their hearts.

As if this jade pendant was like a god. Just by standing in front of it, one felt like they were blaspheming it with their presence. It made one feel horrified and frightened.

"Everyone, please line up according to your rank. Then, stand in front of the jade pendant and tell us what you feel. And tell us the truth. Also, I apologize but the alliance cannot tell you what this jade pendant is for now. But please believe that it might be the greatest lucky chance in your life.

"So no matter what, you must do your best. Do not hold back at all...I guarantee that if you hide anything, you will regret it for the rest of your lives."

"Number one, Luo He!"

The four Alliance Elders spread out, their expressions dignified.

Luo He took a deep breath and stepped towards the jade pendant. After several steps, he stopped. It was unknown what he did, but he closed his eyes.

Everything fell silent.

The four Alliance Elders fixed their eyes on him. At this moment, even though almost all of Qin Yu's attention was attracted to the giant jade pendant in front of him, he felt a trace of caution coming from the Elders.

That's right, it was caution!

They seemed to be worried that Luo He would suddenly attack and do something to damage the jade pendant.

But at this time, Qin Yu's ability to think was nearly suppressed by his strong instincts. He didn't think about why he thought this; nearly all rationale was tossed to the side. He just felt that when he looked at this sky reaching jade pendant, there was something inside that he wanted with all his heart.

Moments later, Luo He opened his eyes. He stared at the sky reaching jade pendant in front of him. Hesitation flashed in his eyes and then he made his way forward once again.

One step, two steps, three steps...

Luo He stopped. He seemed to be suppressing something, but in the end he couldn't hold it in any longer. His complexion paled and he spat out a mouthful of blood. A wave of strength wrapped around him and sent him flying away.

Puff –

After he landed he spat out another mouthful of blood. Luo He looked at the jade pendant, his face full of shock!

There was a flash of nearly imperceptible disappointment in the depths of the four Alliance Elders' eyes. They immediately composed themselves.

One of them came to Luo He's side and helped suppress his injuries. Then, they asked him what harvests he found in front of the jade pendant.

At this time, the second ranked person started walking towards the jade pendant.

Qin Yu suddenly felt regret. He shouldn't have hidden his strength. If he hadn't, he would have gotten a higher ranking than sixth place and he would have already stood in front of the jade pendant.

Although he knew that this was simply a difference in order and he would be able to approach the jade pendant eventually, he still couldn't help but feel regret!

This was an incomparably intense mood, one that nearly washed away all logical reasoning.

With Qin Yu's intelligence and personality, this was an abnormal thought for him. But, he wasn't aware of it at all.

As if when this jade pendant appeared in front of him, all thinking and reasoning was destroyed and it washed over his entire mind!

The second ranked person vomited blood and was sent back. He was even worse than Luo He; he wasn't even able to move forwards before he was injured by that invisible strength.

Then the third, the fourth.

Qin Yu drew in great heaving gaps before barely managing to suppress the impatience in his heart.

Finally, the fifth ranked person failed...

That's right, he had failed. Although Qin Yu had no idea what these people experienced when they stepped in front of the jade pendant, them spitting out blood and the look of disappointment on the Elders' faces proved that they hadn't succeeded.

It was Qin Yu's turn!

Before the Alliance Elders said anything, he immediately walked forward. If his instincts didn't tell him that he shouldn't approach rapidly, he might have flown forward.

One step, two steps, three steps...seven steps, eight steps, nine steps...13 steps, 14 steps, 15 steps...

The originally expressionless Alliance Elders stirred. Their eyes started to light up.

This was a surprise dark horse!

Was he hiding his strength? Or did he have a withstanding capacity that surpassed others when facing the jade pendant? But none of that mattered. What mattered was that there was a chance.

Even if this chance was infinitesimal, to the point where the alliance hadn't been able to grasp it even after spending hundreds of thousands of years.

But as long as this chance existed, they would continue trying and would never give up!

16th step.

Qin Yu felt his limits arrive. The air surrounding him was like a thick swamp, desperately wrapping around him as it tried to grind him into dust. Or, it was like the maw of a great beast, one full of teeth and trying to tear him to shreds!

Within his chest, his two hearts wildly beat. Feeling the burning in his lungs, Qin Yu knew he couldn't continue any further.

He let out a deep breath, looking at the jade pendant in front of him with unwillingness in his eyes. He was so close...just a few more steps and he would be there. But, these steps were an insurmountable gap.

Hum –

A shaking strength arrived without warning. It crashed into his mind, diving straight to his soul.

Qin Yu closed his eyes. He could feel his consciousness being drawn out from his body and arriving at a strange and bizarre world.

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Starfall Archipelago, Beast Trainer Alliance Headquarters.

President Beech Daogasi opened his eyes. His expression was calm and unhurried, the display that a superior should have on at all times. But, the three vice-presidents across from him could sense the heavy dignity in his eyes.

“President, how come your uneasy feeling hasn't disappeared yet?” A vice-president suddenly asked.

Daogasi slowly nodded. “Yes, not only has it not vanished, it has become even more intense.” He paused and looked over the three. “Everyone, my intuition tells me that the alliance will soon welcome a great chance.”

The three vice-presidents felt a chill race through their hearts.

Because President Daogasi had a variation bloodline, his intuition and foresight far surpassed others'. And in the long span of years, his intuition had repeatedly proven to be true.

Another vice-president had an ugly complexion. “Could it be that the ship attacks by the giant sea beasts mean that it is about to take action?”

“We've already gone through the heaviest screening. For this purpose, we didn't even hesitate to sacrifice the lives of 13 excellent beast trainers. And during the transmission, there were two other auxiliary tests, all of which turned out fine...could it be that we were still lacking?”

“The chosen ten people have entered the mystic realm. With four Alliance Elders there, any changes will be detected. Even if that thing in the sea wants to wage war with us, I fear it won't have a chance. After all, the world of the mystic realm is completely different from our own.”

Beech Daogasi was silent. He understood what the three vice-presidents were saying yet he still couldn't eliminate the disturbance in his heart. But, there was one thing he was sure of. The rules of the mystic

realm and prime world were different. Unless one became an existence that stood above the rules, it was impossible to send strength there.

He hoped there wouldn't be an accident!

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In truth, as they feared, there was a strength that surpassed endless space and time. What it wanted to do was intrude into this mystic realm.

The source of this strength came from the little blue lamp!

When Qin Yu stepped into the alliance's mystic realm, it had detected something through their connection. It was left shaken beyond belief.

With the level on which the little blue lamp existed, it had never been so shocked, even when Qin Yu had touched the path of time...this was truly a bout of good fortune. Even the little blue lamp was filled with disbelief.

When Qin Yu stepped in front of the jade pendant, it was no longer confused. While it still couldn't figure out why this was happening, the truth was laid bare in front of it.

It couldn't bother caring about why this thing would be here. After determining what the jade pendant was, the little blue lamp only had one thought.

Obtain it!

It had to help Qin Yu obtain it!

Even if it was discovered by the Heavenly Dao, it would still do everything in its power.

Thus, the little blue lamp moved with all of its power. This was not just because it had the ambition to obtain it no matter what, but also because the rules of the world in which it existed had long since changed. In a situation where it didn't have permission, if it wanted to force its way in it would have to expend a mind-boggling amount of power.

It had to do its best!

Chapter 824 – Shadow Vortex

As the four Alliance Elders watched Qin Yu stand in front of the sky reaching jade pendant with his eyes closed, their gazes grew increasingly bright. This was because they discovered that Qin Yu was not only closer to the jade pendant than Luo He, but the time he had managed to last for also far surpassed him.

In fact, this was around the same time as the several highest records.

While this didn't mean that he would obtain any harvests, the chances were at least much higher!

Suddenly, a thundering bang came from the skies above the jade pendant. It wasn't like a thunderous roar but more like a mountain crashing into the earth.

Then, the skies shattered and starlight fell down. It formed a straight beam that enveloped Qin Yu within.

Motes of starlight shone in the column of light. It was like a rainbow-hued galaxy, emitting an endlessly mysterious aura. Within it, Qin Yu was like an immortal that was being born.

His robes rustled even though there wasn't any wind. Then he rose up from the ground, soaring a thousand feet into the air.

Hum –

Hum –

A faint trembling came from the ground. Everyone watched with wide eyes, their faces full of shock.

Because they could feel that the source of this trembling was the sky reaching jade pendant.

As if it was resonating with the starlight that fell down from above.

The four Alliance Elders flushed red with excitement. They swore that such a scene had never occurred in the recorded history of the alliance.

This was the first time that the jade pendant had reacted to an outside influence. Perhaps the person that the alliance had been waiting for had finally appeared!

Luo He paled. He stared tightly at Qin Yu's back. After a brief moment of shock and disbelief, hatred flooded his eyes.

Qin Yu, it is you again!

Why do you destroy my plans every time? And why would this damned jade pendant resonate with you?

After a long silence, the frost in his eyes turned to viciousness. He wouldn't stare on helplessly as Qin Yu succeeded.

This time, it is my turn to destroy your good fortune and have you regret it for the rest of your life!

Luo He lowered his head. Because of the jade pendant's reaction, no one noticed that the shadow beneath his feet had begun to change. Like a drop of ink falling into water, his black shadow started to proliferate outwards.

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Failure!

Qin Yu and the little blue lamp's consciousness both fell into silence. While they were unwilling, there was nothing they could do.

This was its choice. And in this world, no one could force it to do anything it didn't want to do.

The starlight that fell from the skies was the compensation it gave to Qin Yu, as a way to comfort and ameliorate him after rejecting him.

Even if this was only a consolation prize, Qin Yu was still stunned as he felt the strength constantly flowing into his body from the starlight.

He couldn't help but wonder. If he obtained its approval with the little blue lamp's help, what kind of harvests would he receive?

He feared it was a wealth so shocking and amazing that he couldn't even imagine it.

Perhaps he should try one more time? What if he succeeded?

As this thought appeared, the little blue lamp kicked it to the side. "Don't waste your energy. Since it has rejected you, it won't give you a second chance."

After holding in its disappointment, the little blue lamp could only sigh heavily. It had no idea what sort of mind-boggling luck Qin Yu had to appear in front of this thing, but in the end they had no choice other than to give up.

How could anyone be resigned to this!

But none of that mattered. If this was a different kind of good fortune, the little blue lamp might think of some other methods.

Yet facing this thing, it decided not to use any other methods, otherwise it would be the one to regret it in the end.

The little blue lamp firmly believed this.

Qin Yu clenched his teeth. "Is there really no chance? Perhaps you can tell me the origin of this jade pendant and we can find a solution together."

The little blue lamp said, "If you have the qualifications to know of it then you will naturally know. If you don't have the qualifications then even if I tell you, you won't understand."

"Give up. You and it are not destined to be. It will continue to stay here and wait for its chosen one."

Qin Yu's complexion paled but he believed the little blue lamp. Since it said this, it was best if he didn't have any more greedy thoughts towards it.

At this time, a loud crash resounded in his world of consciousness. Qin Yu had no idea what was happening but he could feel that the formidable strength coming from the starlight was rapidly fading away. Finally, it even vanished.

The projection of the little blue lamp's consciousness suddenly had a strange complexion. It looked at Qin Yu and said, "There's been a change in the outside world. You should leave immediately...the process of the starlight gift was interrupted. For you, this isn't bad or good."

Qin Yu's eyes lit up. "What do you mean? Tell me."

The little blue lamp said, "Your consolation prize was ruined by others. Then strictly speaking, you were not completely rejected. That's right, it's just like you think. Perhaps after this, you will have another chance to try."

"But now you should leave here first, or more troubles will occur."

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In front of the jade pendant, the shadow that spread over the ground began to rapidly spin, like the projection of a massive vortex.

Then, with a loud roar, countless giant beast phantoms drilled out. Their were some that were over a thousand feet in size and some that were over tens of thousands of feet in size. They all rushed towards the jade pendant.

Qin Yu, who was floating in the air in front of the jade pendant, was clearly in the way.

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Qin Yu's eyes opened. Before his consciousness had fully taken control over his body, the powerful muscle instincts of his physical body had already reacted when facing danger.

Qin Yu tapped his feet and his body sank like a boulder, avoiding the jaws of a giant beast phantom that was biting at him. As for what happened after that, he didn't need to bother himself with it.

The four Alliance Elders ran in front of him at nearly the same time. Without hesitation, they shielded Qin Yu. "Hurry and leave!"

The entire alliance had waited 100,000 years and now they had finally found someone who could cause a reaction from the jade pendant. They couldn't allow him to be injured.

Bang –

Bang –

The four Alliance Elders fully unleashed their cultivation. A boundless aura erupted from their bodies and wove together. Like a giant grinding disc, it roared and rumbled as it spun, blocking all the giant beast phantoms outside.

Qin Yu immediately guessed the reason why the four Alliance Elders were protecting him. Of course, he wouldn't explain what had happened. While the four Alliance Elders were shielding him, he flickered and landed on the ground and immediately shot away from the battlefield.

He looked ahead. As if sensing an outside threat, the smooth surface of the sky reaching jade began to shimmer with light. It was thin and clear, like the light of a billion stars spilling down from the clear skies.

Hou –

Another loud roar came from the shadow vortex on the ground. Qin Yu's heart shrank as pain gripped at his mind. He turned and saw a giant shadow tentacle reach out from the vortex and ruthlessly whip at him.

Rumble rumble –

Wherever it went, air roared. Several giant beast phantoms weren't able to avoid in time and were directly destroyed, dispersing into nothingness.

The four Alliance Elders obviously knew how fierce it was. Their complexions changed and they hurriedly retreated. The shadow tentacle slammed into the jade pendant as fast as lightning. A heaven-shaking eruption occurred and a terrifying impact swept outwards.

Qin Yu didn't think that even after escaping the battlefield he would still be affected. He cursed inwardly as he only had enough time to defensively lift his arms. In the next moment he was sent flying away as if he had been struck by a great hammer.

He tumbled on the ground several times as the impact strength was unloaded from his body. He shook his aching arms, his mind shaken.

After fusing with the Ancient's heart, his mortal body had continued to transform. There was also the gift of starlight that helped rapidly strengthen his body. But even with all of that, he barely blocked the shockwaves from the attack.

If the impact had been stronger or if he had been closer, he feared his bones would have been broken and his muscles torn.

Pained howls and cries could be heard from all around. Most of the top ten rankers who had entered the mystic realm with anticipation and hope were now poured all over the ground, mournful sounds coming from their throats.

Qin Yu furrowed his eyebrows. He couldn't find Luo He. Where had he gone? Qin Yu certainly didn't believe he had been butchered and eaten up by the giant beast phantoms coming from the shadow vortex.

Even if most of the people here died, Luo He would likely be fine...in fact, Qin Yu couldn't help but suspect that the sudden appearance of the shadow vortex was related to Luo He.

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At this time, there was another roar from the shadow vortex. Qin Yu's pupils shrank. When he saw seven or eight more tentacles drill out, the only thought left in his mind was that he couldn't stay here any longer.

What nonsense. The shockwaves from a single tentacle striking the jade pendant had almost broken his arms. With so many popping up this time, was he supposed to stay here and be pounded into the ground?

He turned without hesitation and ran away. He still kept in mind that he had another chance of obtaining the jade pendant's approval. But no matter how great an advantage it was, the premise was that he was still alive to enjoy it. If he died, everything he did would be for nothing.

In any case, the jade pendant was here so he could come back when the great battle ended...as for whether or not the jade pendant would be destroyed by the tentacles reaching out from the shadow vortex, Qin Yu wasn't worried at all.

If there was something that could make the little blue lamp so excited, to the point where it would help him obtain it even at the cost of exposing itself, how could that thing be destroyed so easily? Even though those beings hidden in the shadow vortex were fierce, if the little blue lamp didn't say anything then that meant he didn't have to worry about it.

"...You are right...the jade pendant will not be destroyed. Even if this entire world collapsed and was annihilated, it would still be safe and sound." The little blue lamp's thought fluctuations spread out.

“But, the existence that created that shadow vortex isn’t ordinary. If it weren’t for the space of this world being unusual, it would be able to erupt with a strength ten times greater than that.”

As Qin Yu rapidly ran away from the battlefield he continued to ask, “If you can’t tell me the origin of the jade pendant, you should be able to tell me about the shadow vortex, right?”

The little blue lamp was silent for a moment. It thought that it should inform Qin Yu of some matters so that he was mentally prepared. After all, there was a possibility he could obtain its approval. The chances of this happening weren’t high, but what if he succeeded?

After several breaths of time, the little blue lamp slowly said, “You should have already noticed how strange this place is. The reason it is like this is because it is a place that should never have existed to begin with. This statement isn’t too accurate...to be precise, after it was formed it should have collapsed and been destroyed.”

Qin Yu’s eyes brightened. “Are you saying that the reason this space continues to exist is because of that sky reaching jade pendant?”

“Correct.” The little blue lamp lightly said, “It suppressed the collapse of this space and reshaped its rules and order. In a sense, you can regard this space as an independent small world. But, there is one point you must be clear about. This space that should have originally collapsed has already evolved into a stable small world. This means that the jade pendant is not only suppressing this place, but has also suppressed the will of the main world itself.”

Qin Yu’s eyes flew open.

The little blue lamp continued to say, “Yes, it is just as you think. The existence of the jade pendant has suppressed the source will of a world.”

Qin Yu sucked in a breath of cold air. Although he had already guessed that the jade pendant was amazing based on the little blue lamp’s response and the starlight that appeared before, it was only now that he truly understood. While he didn’t know where the jade pendant came from or what its mysteries were, he knew that it was beyond powerful!

To suppress the source will of a world...

Qin Yu had no idea what level of strength was required to achieve this, but it far surpassed the limits of his current cognition.

“What has been destroyed was not destroyed. Instead, it has survived for far too long. The source will of the world is suppressed so it cannot destroy this place, but instinctually it would try to adapt and utilize other methods. So, under the guidance of the world’s will, this shadow vortex was created. To put it in simpler terms, you can imagine those things hidden in the vortex as the incarnations of the world source.”

Qin Yu remained silent.

No wonder the shockwaves from that collision had been so dreadful. It was because the two sides that were fighting each other were such incredible beings!

But as this thought appeared, the little blue lamp splashed a bucket of cold water on him. It eerily said, "In that collision just now, whether it was the jade pendant or shadow vortex, they didn't even erupt with 1% of their overall strength, otherwise you would have been crushed into nothingness."

Alright. These words were just meant to spite him. But, the level of the little blue lamp's field of vision guaranteed that he wasn't trying to frighten him.

The reason Qin Yu was able to arrive where he was today and bloom from among countless cultivators was because he had a heart of awe towards the world of cultivation as well as a confidence that he had built up over time.

But this time, all of his confidence had disappeared. While his performance could be called extraordinary by those around him, if he looked at the myriad heavens, there were countless people who were equal to him and even better than him.

Could he really obtain the jade pendant's approval this time? Even if his heart was as broad as the sea, if he missed out on this chance he would surely regret it for the rest of his life.

The little blue lamp seemed to sense Qin Yu's thoughts. It said, "Qin Yu, you don't need to belittle yourself. It is true that there are more beings in this world with greater aptitude and talent than there are stars in the skies. But for you to appear before that sky reaching jade pendant, that is your lucky chance.

"With this point alone, you surpass them countless times over. Because at the very least you have a chance to obtain its approval, and those people will never experience this chance.

"Moreover, you originally failed. It was the shadow vortex that interrupted the gift of starlight, giving you another chance. This is already a gain for nothing, so what does it matter if you are defeated again?"

Qin Yu took a deep breath. After a long time he slowly exhaled and said, "You're right." He paused, his eyes brightening. "But it's enough for me to get a consolation prize once. I still want to try it. There might be a chance."

Yes, to be able to stand in front of the sky reaching jade pendant was a heaven-defying stroke of good luck. Out of the countless trillions of quadrillions of lives in the universe, how many of them had this chance?

These other cultivators that entered the mystic realm with him, including even the four Alliance Elders, had no idea what sort of lucky chance was placed in front of them, let alone them attempting to obtain the jade pendant's approval.

He was already sufficiently lucky, so how could he be even greedier?

Everything was fine as long as he gave it his best effort. After trying his best, there was no need to regret afterwards!

The little blue lamp was surprised by Qin Yu's performance. Then, it revealed a trace of appreciation. For someone to pull themselves out of the pit of depression and readjust their worldview quickly was worth commending.

It didn't say anything else about this. It changed the topic, "What do you plan on doing now? Are you going to find a place to wait for the battle to end?"

Qin Yu shook his head. "No. Since I have an opening, I will use this time to look for something."

He succinctly explained his original goal here of finding the Icesoul Jade Bed.

The little blue lamp was silent for a moment. It said, "I have no idea what this Icesoul Jade Bed you speak of looks like, but I can sense that in a direction there is something of an extreme ice nature."

Qin Yu looked at the direction the little blue lamp referred to. A mountain winded in front of him, its steep surface covered in withered trees that had claw-like branches covered with fruit.

He revealed a puzzled expression.

The little blue lamp continued to say, "Inside the mountain."

The mountain range didn't seem that far away, but the actual distance was amazing. After flying for some time, Qin Yu dropped down and looked at a stone wall in front of him. With a glance, he saw man-made traces left on it.

He thought about the news that Sky Declaring Pavilion had obtained; it was said that the Icesoul Jade Bed had been used as a funeral object for an Alliance Elder. Qin Yu revealed a surprised look.

Could it be such a coincidence?

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It was indeed a massive tomb.

The tomb's entrance was originally flanked on both sides with giant stone statues. One stone statue was that of a wicked hellhound with three heads. The other was a flying yaksha that held a spear in its hand. They were fierce-looking statues that gave off a diabolical feeling.

But now, these two statues had been destroyed, turned into rocks on the ground. The tomb's entrance had been opened up and footprints were visible on the ground.

It was clear that an unwelcome guest had already arrived without invitation!

Qin Yu looked at the footprints and the residual fluctuations in the air. His complexion changed and the previous thought leapt out to the forefront of his mind once again.

Could this really be such a coincidence?

After a brief silence, Qin Yu moved. He flew up like a shadow and quietly entered the tomb.

Moving forward, he saw that the master of this tomb was an extremely cautious character. Even though this tomb was constructed in the alliance's mystic realm, it was still filled with layers upon layers of traps.

Of course, these traps had mostly been ruined. If it wasn't for this, it wouldn't have been simple for Qin Yu to make his way through.

He had to solemnly thank the trailblazer who made his way through first!

After avoiding two small traps that hadn't been triggered yet, Qin Yu continued unimpeded. He was careful with how he moved as he tried to avoid being noticed by whoever arrived first. But, he realized this caution was for nothing.

The entire tomb was empty, without a single shadow. The only good thing was that Qin Yu found the Icesoul Jade Bed. It was placed in the spot where the coffin should have been.

His divine sense swept out. After sensing that nothing was missing, he was left puzzled. Whether or not the one who broke in was the person he thought it was, that person had gone through so much trouble to come this far but hadn't touched anything at all.

Was he taking a leisurely day trip through the tomb?

Hey, who would do something as boring as that!?

As Qin Yu's thoughts raced, he walked next to the Icesoul Jade Bed. Its appearance was that of a bed that had been carved out of a giant block of ice. Besides its fine and exquisite construction, there wasn't anything off about it.

The ice wasn't fully transparent. As he looked deeper at it, he suddenly noticed something. He bent down. Deep inside the Icesoul Jade Bed, he had found the coffin.

He frowned and looked around further. He didn't see any signs of breakage. Then, how did the master of this tomb place his coffin within the ice?

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At this moment, the little blue lamp suddenly said, "How amusing. They actually designed the opening so cleverly. The master of this tomb didn't waste any effort when he built it."

Qin Yu said, "What have you discovered?"

The little blue lamp said, "In the coffin beneath this ice, there is a hidden space node. You can go through it to another overlapping layer of space. If you want to enter, you would have to break the Icesoul Jade Bed."

Qin Yu hesitated for a moment. It wasn't that he wasn't willing to destroy treasures, but he needed this to save the chicken overlord. If it was ruined...

The little blue lamp said, "Have you forgotten the mysteries of this mystic realm? Go ahead and destroy it. It will soon restore itself."

"That's right, I didn't think of that!" Qin Yu smiled. He suddenly figured out where the 'trailblazer' had gone. It was clear that this other party knew the secret of the space node and had entered the overlapping layer of space, thus the reason why no one was here.

He lifted a hand and punched out. The Icesoul Jade Bed didn't move, but the strength surging through the air had reached it like a tidal wave.

Kacha –

Kacha –

Countless cracks appeared and started to rapidly spread.

Qin Yu withdrew his hand. The Icesoul Jade Bed shattered to the ground, revealing the coffin beneath that lingered with a cold air. The coffin's surface had no textures or decorations. It was painted in a deep black, emanating a dignified slaughter intent.

“What do we do now?”

“Simple. Push it open and lie down in it.”

Qin Yu: ...

No matter how he thought about it, entering a coffin and lying down in it didn't seem auspicious at all. But since he had already begun, there was no reason for him to give up halfway. Moreover, he wanted to know what the goal of the 'trailblazer' was, and what was the reason for all the complicated arrangements and traps in this tomb?

He reached out a hand. Before he touched the coffin, the little blue lamp said, “Hold on. If you directly push it like this, there are sure to be great problems.

“Now, knock on the surface of the coffin according to what I tell you. Remember that you cannot deviate in the slightest from my instructions, otherwise it will be troublesome.”

“Alright.” Qin Yu nodded. A fluctuation of consciousness entered his mind. He suddenly moved without hesitation, his actions as quick as lightning. His hands rapped against the coffin 36 times, each strike hitting a different place, almost covering the entire lid.

When the 36th palm fell, Qin Yu had returned to the first spot. There was a sudden crackling sound as the lid quietly slid open, revealing a pitch dark slit.

Qin Yu didn't move forward. He stood where he was, as if he were waiting for something. At this time, a white bone hand reached out from the coffin. It held onto the coffin's edge and slowly pulled down.

Following that, a skeleton with withered and decayed flesh dripping from its bones stood up from the coffin, wearing a magnificent robe. Its empty eyes looked at Qin Yu and it said in a stiff voice, “Why are you here again?”

Qin Yu had no idea how to respond. After thinking for a moment he remained silent.

Fortunately, the skeleton soon said, “Come in.”

It lay back down in the coffin, scooting to the side and leaving a spot open.

Qin Yu had an uncertain expression. But after some time, with no response from the little blue lamp, he clenched his teeth and stepped in.

“Don't resist.”

The little blue lamp's voice resounded in his mind. Then, the skeleton immediately hugged Qin Yu tight and the coffin lid closed shut, making everything inside fall into darkness.

What Qin Yu found unexpected was that the moment everything fell into darkness, the skeleton actually seemed to become gentle and full of elasticity.

After a brief hesitation, his palms moved and he felt something soft and smooth in his hands. There was a soft gasp as a hot and warm breath fell on his ears.

This was strange...this was clearly supposed to be a horror plot with the skeleton in the coffin, but why did it suddenly become a tale of temptation in the dark?

Qin Yu's heart wasn't stirred at all. Instead, he felt even more frightened and disturbed. If it weren't for the little blue lamp warning him, he would have already responded with an attack.

A cool fragrance constantly flooded his senses. Qin Yu furrowed his eyebrows together. Within his chest, his heart started to beat out of his control.

A flow of heat appeared. It spread through his limbs and bones, soon reaching every corner of his body. It was like a flame had ignited within him. This flame was capable of burning down a person's logical reasoning, leaving behind nothing but instinct and desire.

"Since you came, why leave? Stay here and accompany me. Isn't that an even better choice?" A husky whisper spread in his ears.

"Reply to me! Do you choose me or do you want to leave!?"

"Why won't you respond to me? Are you worried that once you speak, you won't be able to stop yourself from staying? If you keep on remaining silent, then I'll take that as your tacit approval.

"Are you really leaving? Why? Am I not beautiful enough? But you haven't really seen me, you haven't given me a chance to prove myself. How about it?"

The flames in his body grew higher and hotter. Qin Yu could feel his heart beating like a great drum. His body temperature rose but his eyes remained faint and calm, like a peaceful lake beneath a layer of ice, without a single fluctuation at all.

"Stay! Stay!

"Why won't you say anything? Speak!

"I hate your silence! I want you to stay, stay behind and accompany me!"

The woman's voice became sharp and grating. She used more and more strength in the darkness, wildly grasping at Qin Yu. The soft and warm feeling soon turned into chains that bound him.

She was like a rope that was desperately trying to crush him. But facing all of this, he was as still and emotionless as a plank of wood.

Whether it was the temptation from before or the craziness now, Qin Yu didn't respond. He was like a bystander watching from afar.

After an unknown length of time, Qin Yu could hear the woman's unwilling scream.

The little blue lamp lightly said, "We've arrived."

Shua –

Qin Yu opened his eyes. He was peacefully lying down in the coffin. Besides himself, there was only a darkness so thick that he couldn't see his fingers in it.

Faintly, from this darkness, he seemed to sense a pair of eyes filled with unwillingness, stubbornly staring at him.

Qin Yu frowned and closed his eyes once again. This feeling of being glared at was shielded outside.

Bang –

There were movements outside.

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Luo He stood in a large tomb. This environment was almost exactly the same as the other space. The only difference was that there was an extra black stone chair here.

Right now, the figure sitting on this stone chair had been imprisoned and lifted into the air by an invisible force. Their eyes were wide and full of startled anger.

"This is impossible. In this space, you can actually utilize a strength that is even greater than mine!?" Yun Yueming furiously struggled, but all of his efforts were futile.

Luo He held his hands behind his back, his eyes cold. "In this world, nothing is impossible. But I really must thank you. If you weren't an Alliance Elder and your selfishness wasn't so great, even hoping to be revived after your death, how could I have locked onto it?"

Yun Yueming's eyes flew open. "Who are you? Just who are you?"

Luo He lightly said, "I am nothing but a lonely ghost that has already died and yet stubbornly refuses to return to ashes. There is no need for you to know too much. In order to express my thanks towards you, I will be quick and won't let you suffer too much pain."

"Ahhh!" Yun Yueming cried out in pain. His soul began to burn. In the dark gray flames, his soul figure rapidly melted away.

But as this happened, an embryo egg phantom appeared. It was thin and translucent, as if formed from intertwined smoke. It seemed like a single puff of air was enough to blow it away.

Luo He's eyes began to shine. His face flushed red with excitement. He stared at this embryo egg, as if he saw all his future hopes and dreams in it.

This was indeed his final chance. If he succeeded then all the pain he experienced, all that he lost, would become nothing but the fog of the past.

He would be reborn anew and receive an even greater strength than before. Or if he failed...he would be sent beyond redemption and lose everything!

"I won't fail, I won't fail!"

He looked up, his eyes locking onto the embryo egg phantom. Luo He reached out a hand. His movements were slow and steady, as if he were worried he would disperse the phantom if he used a little bit more strength.

His five fingers grasped forward. But at this moment he stuffily coughed and all the blood drained from his face.

At the same time, the lines within his palm started to turn black. They were like black river waters as they gathered towards the center, condensing into a fathomless pitch black hole.

Sensing the aura of the embryo egg, the edges of the black hole started to creep and crawl, eventually swallowing all the flesh and blood of his palm. His five fingers were even invaded by the darkness and turned a dark metal color. They were like five iron needles embedded in space, fixed inside the black hole.

Then, black light spewed out from the black hole, weaving into a net that covered the embryo egg phantom.

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Thump –

Thump –

Lying down in the pitch dark coffin, Qin Yu could hear occasional beating sounds. They were low and deep like the striking of a hammer. Each strike seemed to move the world, sending out a formidable will that suppressed all.

Because of the little blue lamp, while Qin Yu was in the coffin, he clearly saw what happened outside. He saw Luo He kill Yun Yueming as well as the black hole appear from his palm and imprison the embryo egg.

It really was him!

As time passed, inside the net of black light, the embryo egg phantom became increasingly clear. From a shadow, it seemed as if it was slowly substantializing into reality.

And the beating sounds he heard came from the embryo egg. Moreover, as it came closer and closer to reality, these sounds became increasingly clear.

“That is the will within the shadow vortex.” The little blue lamp said. “It seems that my estimates were flawed. I don’t know why the sky reaching jade pendant would appear here, but there must be a problem with it. Otherwise with its strength, even if its opponent is the power of the world’s source, it still would not be able to forcefully summoned through a projection!”

Qin Yu furrowed his eyebrows, “What do we do?”

The little blue lamp said, “Stop him!” After a brief pause, its voice was even more firm and decisive. “He must be stopped!”

Qin Yu said, “Are you confident?”

If it was just Luo He then he wouldn't care. But right now, what descended on his body was the strength of the will within the shadow vortex.

To be more exact, this strength came from the source will of the world!

The little blue lamp said, "I'm not. But we have to try, even if it is only a 10% chance!" It seemed to take a deep breath as it said, "You must be confused why I have suddenly become so aggressive. But to tell you the truth, we have no other choice.

"Without accident, it will be forcefully summoned here and destroyed by the will within the shadow vortex. If we were to bear witness to all of this and yet stay out of it...trust me, even if we manage to escape today, in the future we will be cursed and eventually fall into extinction because of it!"

Qin Yu: ...

How was the sky reaching jade pendant related to the embryo egg? And what was its background? After encountering it in a dire situation, he couldn't even escape without suffering calamity and had to help it at the risk of his own life. Was there such a domineering thing in this world!?

"Restrain your thoughts and don't waste any of your energy. Soon, we really will have to go all-out." The little blue lamp was calm and serene. But in this serenity, one could sense the resolve of someone who had tossed everything aside.

"In a moment, I will transfer the entirety of my strength to resist the shadow vortex's will. You will have to do everything in your power to kill that person in the shortest time possible. As long as he dies then it will lose its medium and the will of the shadow vortex will have no choice but to retreat.

"Believe me. While this battle is dangerous, it also might bring about unexpected harvests...Qin Yu, I have a feeling that whether or not you obtain its approval will depend on this."

The little blue lamp no longer spoke but Qin Yu could feel a terrifying strength spanning across time and space, constantly gathering here.

At this time, the little blue lamp felt like a genuine great sun hanging in the skies!

It was enormous, boundless, unstoppable, and capable of reducing everything it touched to powder!

It really was going to go all-out.

Qin Yu knew that while the little blue lamp was prepared to utilize its full strength, even if it was defeated here it would still survive. Perhaps it would fall into a long slumber until a new person found it. But if he failed he would certainly die here, and he was sure he would die a horrific death.

If he didn't want to die then he would have to bet it all and win!

Qin Yu closed his eyes, quietly waiting.

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Beneath the net of black light, the embryo egg was almost fully condensed. At this time, there was a loud explosion as the entire tomb sank several dozen feet down.

The smooth stone tiles laid across the ground cracked like webs. They even spread all around the tomb, causing a groaning sound that seemed like mournful howls.

An invisible suction strength was released from the embryo egg. It was like the aggregation of all good and joy in the world. Just by looking at it, one desired to take it and possess it regardless of all else.

Luo He's breathing turned heavy and red blood vessels rose up on the surface of his eyes, turning his gaze blood red. He took a step forward but the black hole of his palm sent out a fluctuation, awakening him. A cold sweat seeped out on his forehead.

A moment ago, he had unexpectedly developed a sudden impulse to recklessly protect the embryo egg no matter what the consequences were...

If it weren't for that one's strength, Luo He knew he would have already become a puppet and been controlled.

What an amazing and terrifying embryo egg!

His pupils shrank with dread and alarm. Luo He no longer dared to look anymore. He closed his eyes and grasped forward.

Bang –

The black hole rapidly grew in size. The net of black light contracted, slowly pulling the embryo egg over.

The entire process was extremely slow. Even the net formed from black light continuously collapsed and reformed.

It was clear that even though it looked as if the embryo egg was simply being dragged over, this was actually at the cost of an astonishing loss of strength.

Qin Yu suppressed his impulses. He had some idea of what the little blue lamp was plotting. It wanted the shadow vortex's will to lose some strength first; this would increase their chances of success.

Even if this was an infinitesimally small amount, in the face of death, any fraction of success was worth striving for.

The embryo egg drew closer and closer to the black hole. Faintly, one could hear excited roars from the black hole.

“Now!”

The little blue lamp roared. Qin Yu's eyes flashed open and a potent aura erupted from his body.

Bang –

The coffin lid was blown open as he rushed out. Without hesitation, he raised a fist and punched out.

Qin Yu had poured all of his strength into this punch. At the same time, the little blue lamp erupted with all its gathered strength.

In the moment of life or death, one couldn't hold anything back. This punch was a surprise attack while the opponent had their guard lowered; this attack ensured the greatest chance of victory!

Bang –

There was a heaven-shaking ringing as the black hole suffered a violent bombardment. Its edges trembled and the devouring power it released stagnated.

Then, the net of black light that wrapped around the embryo egg collapsed.

Hum –

Light flashed across the surface of the embryo egg. It shined like a blazing fire star. The light swept out, creating an impact that tore the rest of the net into pieces.

Hou –

An enraged roar spread out from the vortex. Although there was nothing but darkness inside, Qin Yu could feel a pair of eyes lock onto him.

It was like an invisible mountain had arrived, capable of suppressing the heavens and earth!

Luckily, this feeling only lasted for a flicker of time before it was blocked by the little blue lamp. Otherwise he feared his mind would have been ground into dust.

“Qin Yu!”

Luo He clenched his teeth and roared, his face twisting with anger.

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It's him! It's him again!

From when Yun Die refused to be his disciple, this was the fourth time that Qin Yu had shattered his plans at a crucial moment. But this time, he had no path to withdraw. If he didn't succeed here, all that awaited him was death.

Looking at Qin Yu in front of him, Luo He wished he could eat his raw flesh and drink his blood. All of the hatred and loathing he felt gathered up in his chest.

“Kill him! Kill him!”

A voice roared from the black hole. An invisible strength burst out from within it, like a volcano that had erupted, able to burn everything to ashes.

The shadow vortex's will's hatred towards Qin Yu was a hundred times more intense than Luo He's. It had waited countless years for this chance.

If it failed, it would be impossible to use this sort of surprise attack again. And if it wanted to find a different way, it had no idea just how many more years it would have to use up.

“Leave this to me. Remember what you need to do: kill that man as fast as possible!” The little blue lamp shouted out.

In the next moment, a great sun phantom appeared in the tomb. The terrifyingly high temperature burned the air and it released a dazzlingly blind light that no one could look straight at.

Bang –

It was like two stars colliding together in the vast and endless space. An explosion erupted from the high speed collision, and destructive shockwaves spread through the entire tomb.

With a stuffy cough, Qin Yu swayed on his feet and blood dripped from the corners of his lips. He could hear pained groans coming from every inch of his body.

Fortunately, the destructive shockwaves dispersed almost the moment they appeared. The black hole and the great sun phantom disappeared from the tomb at almost the same time.

With Qin Yu's connection to the little blue lamp, he knew it hadn't disappeared. Rather, from the moment it started fighting, both sides had been dragged into another dimension. As for where this dimension came from, he had no idea.

Qin Yu sucked in a deep breath and looked up at Luo He. His eyes were cold and dense. He stepped forward without hesitation.

Whoosh –

His body tore through the air, releasing sonic booms. A series of afterimages followed behind him, as if he were a human-shaped arrow.

The moment those destructive shockwaves were released, Luo He had also received some injuries. He wiped the blood from his lips and demonically grinned. Then, he pressed his hands forward.

His blood-stained fingertips thrust into the air. Then there was the sound of a roar in his ears as a blood red great wolf appeared.

It seemed to be condensed from an endless sea of blood. The smell of blood was so thick that it was almost tangible. It faced Qin Yu and opened its great bloody maw, chomping down on him.

Chapter 827 – Death

Starfall Archipelago.

The news that a change occurred in the mystic realm had been transmitted back the moment the shadow vortex erupted. The alliance was shaken and they immediately responded. But to their shock and anger, even the transmission hall for the mystic realm had been sealed up for some unknown reason.

Beech Daogasi's face darkened. He looked towards the depths of the endless sea, his voice ringing, "Use the keepsake. Summon the Alliance Guardian!"

The complexions of numerous high-level alliance figures changed. According to their agreement with the Guardian, each time they requested help the alliance would need to pay a sky-high price. Even though the alliance had a deep and rich background, they would still feel the pain.

But in the end, no one opposed.

The existence of the mystic realm could be called the very foundation of the alliance. If it was ruined, then while the Beast Trainer Alliance might survive, they would no longer possess the same strength and status as they did today.

Moments later, a large bell that had been covered in dust for tens of thousands of years was taken out from the innermost reaches of the treasury. When Beech Daogasi dropped the hammer on it, a sound that no one could hear instantly spread out beyond the scope of the island, breaking into the boundless sea.

The sound continued, continued, and kept continuing. Finally, it reached an area of the sea that was covered in thick fog all year round...

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The blood wolf howled in pain. Its belly rapidly inflated and blew apart. Qin Yu didn't stop as his fist came punching out.

Luo He was without expression. All of his hate and anger had turned into ice-cold fury that simmered in his eyes. Facing Qin Yu's fist, he slowly said, "Qin Yu, you will die today."

Bang –

The punch struck Luo He. But then, a strange sight occurred. His figure instantly blurred and staggered to the side.

A wild eruption of strength shook the surrounding space. Like a calm lake being disturbed, Luo He's figure also distorted and changed. But, there was no sign of pain on his face. "It's useless. My Path of Shadow Transformation has already reached large success. To you I am a shadow, and to me you are a shadow.

"And no matter how formidable a shadow is, it cannot cause any destruction. With this point alone I stand in an infallible position."

Path of Shadow Transformation...

Qin Yu furrowed his eyebrows before composing himself. "I am a shadow and you are also a shadow. That means you cannot kill me either."

Luo He lightly said, "I don't need to kill you. As long as I delay for enough time and that strength hidden within you is destroyed, that means I will win."

Qin Yu said, "Are you so confident that the will of the shadow vortex will emerge victorious?"

Luo He's eyes flashed. "It seems you know much more than it appears. If so, then you should also understand what that will represents. To become enemies with a world...no matter who it is, all that remains is utter ruin!"

Qin Yu coldly sneered. "If you think you are right then we can wait and see just who the final victor will be."

The trembling space calmed down and Luo He's form returned to normal. After a brief silence he brightly smiled. "While I am confident, leaving my destiny to an unknown luck is indeed stupid.

"Moreover, I have now grasped the key for how to kill you...Qin Yu, before you die, I will tell you something. My true name is Sha Liuhe. Do you feel as if you are suddenly enlightened about something? But it is already too late."

The corners of his lips curved up. Luo He...or perhaps the incarnation of Sha Liuhe, stepped forward. When this step fell, he suddenly vanished. When he reappeared, he was already at Qin Yu's side.

Without attempting any attacks, Sha Liuhe welcomed Qin Yu's gaze and then fell into the ground, fusing into Qin Yu's shadow and disappearing from sight.

Then a cold sneer resounded in Qin Yu's mind. "Even if you possess great strength, so what? In the end, the one that kills you is your shadow. Strictly speaking, you will be killing yourself. Do you find that hard to believe?"

"Then I ask you to believe that what I just said will become true. Even if you know what is happening you will not be able to stop it. You can just stare on helplessly as you are slowly swallowed up by your shadow!"

The shadow at Qin Yu's feet suddenly turned its head, seemingly staring right at him. A cold chill swept through the air.

But at this time, Sha Liuhe pitifully screamed out. His voice was full of shock and disbelief. "Impossible! You clearly haven't cultivated the Path of Shadow Transformation, so why is your shadow world like this!?"

The shadow at Qin Yu's feet struggled fiercely. Sha Liuhe wanted to flee, but it was only now that he noticed that shackles had entangled his consciousness and he couldn't break free from them.

"Qin Yu! Qin Yu! Who are you!? I am unwilling, I am unwilling!"

Sha Liuhe's hatred-filled screams gradually faded. Qin Yu revealed a look of surprise. He rubbed his forehead, a bit confused. He indeed hadn't practiced the Path of Shadow Transformation, but Undying had once lived inside his shadow.

It was clear that before he left, he made some arrangements in Qin Yu's shadow world. Qin Yu hadn't encountered any such attack since Undying left so he hadn't detected it. It just so happened that Sha Liuhe was the unlucky winner of the first visitor prize. He originally thought that there would be a great battle, but who imagined things would end so simply and unexpectedly.

And this Luo He just happened to be Sha Liuhe. This explained why Qin Yu felt an inexplicable sense of loathing and dislike towards him when they first met.

Bang –

The void suddenly shook and two stacked up worlds appeared in Qin Yu's line of sight. One was a world of a great blazing sun, bright and dazzling, and the other was a massive black hole that swallowed all.

It was that mysterious dimension!

Sha Liuhe had died and the medium for the shadow vortex's will to arrive had been destroyed. The black hole trembled and started to collapse.

They had won!

It was only at this time that Qin Yu truly relaxed.

"Be careful!"

A thought fluctuation resounded in his mind; it was the voice of the little blue lamp.

Qin Yu's pupils shrank and an inexplicable sense of fear and alarm submerged his heart. He drew backwards without hesitation.

Bang –

With an explosion, he rapidly retreated.

But to certain existences, no matter how fast Qin Yu's reaction was, it was meaningless in their eyes.

Within the mystical dimension, the collapse of the black hole accelerated and it instantly dissipated.

At the same time, a black light shot out. It passed through the barrier of two different spaces and crashed into Qin Yu's chest.

As Qin Yu stormed away, he could clearly see the black light approach. He wanted to avoid but he couldn't react at all.

Like a wooden puppet, he could only stare on helplessly as it flickered and vanished into his chest.

Buzz –

His ears thundered and his consciousness fell into darkness!

Within the tomb, the great sun phantom suddenly appeared. Boundless strength gushed out, holding onto the fallen Qin Yu in midair.

A figure appeared from the great sun phantom. Without bothering to hide themselves, they placed a hand on Qin Yu's body.

At this time everything fell into a deathly silence. The great sun figure's expression turned dim and dismal.

The figure looked at Qin Yu. His eyebrows furrowed together in disbelief.

He died...

He had actually died!

Although the vitality of his mortal body had been preserved, his soul had been torn to shreds. The little blue lamp could feel Qin Yu's life aura rapidly fading away.

When his aura fully dispersed, he would no longer exist in this world.

The little blue lamp slowly turned around and stared at the embryo egg with icy cold eyes. His voice was dense and sharp as he asked, "Why?"

The embryo egg remained silent.

"You must acknowledge that he saved you. You could have helped him block that black light."

The embryo egg remained silent.

The little blue lamp didn't speak any further. With a flick of his sleeves he swept Qin Yu up and was about to leave.

Now that Qin Yu had died, he would soon suffer a backlash and fall into a deep slumber. But before that happened, he needed to give him a proper burial.

This was all he could do for Qin Yu right now.

Hum –

The silent embryo egg suddenly erupted with light. The little blue lamp was sent shaken away. He stared helplessly as Qin Yu's body flew towards the embryo egg.

"I can give him a chance. But whether or not he survives, that depends on his fate."

The little blue lamp was quiet. As he looked at the light around the embryo egg gradually suck Qin Yu in, what he felt inside wasn't as calm as he seemed on the surface.

"For you to reach this point, how much pain have you endured, how many sins have you shouldered? You cannot give up like this...Qin Yu, you must live, you must survive!"

An invisible will arrived in the tomb. Its boundless dignity could not be described, but it was able to suppress all. Even with the little blue lamp's level, beneath this suppression he had no choice but to extinguish his light and reveal his true form.

Then, black and gold runes appeared. They were especially striking within the pure white light.

The little blue lamp's will fluctuated as he stared tightly at the pure white light and the black and gold runes that were crazily appearing within it. He finally understood something.

No wonder its power and might was far weaker than he had imagined...so the old legend had been true.

It was actually...

But as things stood, if Qin Yu wanted to obtain its approval and take advantage of its strength to be reborn, things were now ten times, a hundred times more difficult.

That originally faint and weak hope was almost completely gone!

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There were more and more black and gold runes. They spread out in all directions, soon flooding out all of the pure white light.

When it was finally completed, a heaven-shocking great array was formed. It could reverse yin and yang, life and death, and change the paths of celestial bodies.

Even the little blue lamp couldn't help but feel at a loss when facing this great array formation, one that could subvert and change everything.

"As you see, I have wasted a precious opportunity on him. Whether it is death or survival, that will all depend on him."

A faint and calm voice spread out in all directions from the pure white world. It rumbled like thunder, shaking the millions of black and gold runes.

Hum –

Hum –

The array formation started!

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Deep in the endless sea, the terrifying vortex formed from sea water had vanished. Above the altar that was as large as a city, the phantom woven together from light reared back its head and roared at the skies.

A terrifying aura swept out in all directions. The giant sea beasts that lay prone at the edges of the altar shivered as blood gushed out from their noses and mouths. Some of them even fell over unconscious, their bodies twitching.

Even so, the giant sea beasts didn't dare to make a single sound, nor did any of them think of running away.

Because the existence floating above the altar was the supreme authority of the endless sea. It was the master to which all sea beasts submitted themselves.

It was the Sea God!

Several formidable sea beasts with high intelligence knew that their master had been waiting for this chance for countless years.

But in the end it failed!

At this time, any existence that caught the master's attention would be torn to pieces without hesitation. If they were to silently withstand the master's anger instead, then perhaps they might survive.

But all of their thoughts and efforts were for nothing.

The phantom woven from light suddenly stopped roaring. It looked up somewhere above its head and the entire sea seemed to feel the violence emanating from its body. Everything fell into silence.

If one stood in the clouds and looked down, they would see that the most violent and strange region of the endless sea had suddenly become calm without warning. It was as if an invisible hand had wiped away at it, erasing every single wave.

The sea beasts around the altar all shivered. They suddenly felt the shroud of death covering their hearts and minds.

Hou –

The phantom above the altar suddenly roared. The smooth mirror-like surface of the sea instantly collapsed and shattered as if a vicious beast that had been sleeping for countless years had finally been awakened.

Bang –

Bang –

Bang –

The sea beasts that crawled along the edges of the altar all expanded like balloons. Then, each of them exploded, one after another. Their flesh and blood soared out, creating endless waves of blood that dyed the seabed red. The smell of blood flooded the senses.

But soon, these crushed pieces of meat and blood began to fly towards the center of the altar at an astonishing speed. They melded and combined together. An astonishing vitality erupted from them as the flesh wriggled and grew.

Rumble rumble –

The sea surface wildly tumbled, the waves surging to the skies!

Suddenly, a shadow appeared from the seabed. As it approached sea level it became increasingly clear.

Bang –

The waters broke apart. A colossal being drilled out from the seabed.

It took the form of a great cow and its figure was over 100,000 feet tall. It was covered in thick black scales. Three horns jutted out from its head, fiercely stabbing into the heavens.

Endless sea water rose up as it appeared from the sea, turning into black clouds that lifted it up.

Hou –

With a loud roar, its four hooves rapidly moved atop the black clouds as it raced towards Starfall Archipelago!

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Qin Yu's body floated within the black and gold array. Countless spots of light gathered around him, as if he were drifting through the endless space.

These spots of light drilled into his body but flew out in the next moment; they were simply unable to fuse with him.

After an unknown period of time, the calm and faint voice resounded once more. "Observe. It is not that I didn't save him, but that he couldn't achieve it."

The little blue lamp said, "Give him some more time."

"You should understand that even if I wait further, there is no chance for him. Why waste the last bits of time you have left?"

"If you are willing, you may bury his corpse here. At some point in the future when I find the person I am waiting for, there is a chance he can be revived."

The little blue lamp was silent for a moment. He shook his head and said, "Even if that day comes, the one who comes back to life won't be him." His eyes fell on Qin Yu's body. "After knowing him for so many years, I understand his character well. If this is the result, he would rather die here."

"I won't force you. Lead him away."

The little blue lamp flew over. The motes of light that gathered towards Qin Yu started to disperse. But at this time, a fluctuation came from his body.

Hum –

The little blue lamp stopped. It could sense a brief flicker where time had paused.

This was the power of time!

On the edge of death, the power of time that Qin Yu controlled was trying to recall his life.

Unfortunately, this power was far too weak. It could only cause time to pause for the briefest moment.

But the mysterious and fantastical part of the world was that any minor and inconspicuous detail could cause the ending to change. For instance, the power of time erupting from Qin Yu's body.

Within the black and gold array formation, the scattered motes of light seemed to be wildly attracted by something. They crazily gathered over. The amount was dozens of times more than before, and they nearly submerged Qin Yu.

"The power of time!" The faint voice spoke up once more, but this time there was an additional complex emotion behind it that faded as quickly as it came. "For him to reach this boundary at such an age is unexpected. What a pity."

It was a pity. Because it still wasn't enough.

Even if time was used as a guide to affect the power of the array formation, a mortal fetus was still a mortal fetus. This weak bloodline and mortal body simply couldn't contain its power.

The little blue lamp stared tightly at Qin Yu. He roared out in his heart, "Qin Yu, this is your final chance! Wake up! Hurry and wake up!"

A massive number of luminescent spots sunk into Qin Yu's body and dispersed in the next moment. Perhaps because there was too much or perhaps because some change occurred in Qin Yu's body, but at some unknown time, a mote of light that drilled into his body made a few turns and finally fused somewhere.

Within Qin Yu's chest, the Ancient's heart seemed to feel something. After pausing, it began to beat once more.

Thump –

Thump –

It contracted and expanded, pushing the flow of blood through Qin Yu's body and forcing his own heart to beat once again.

Blood flowed through him faster and faster. There was a rustling sound, as if rivers and streams were surging inside him.

But if it was only this, Qin Yu's mortal body might survive but his soul would still dissipate and his consciousness would also be annihilated. He would eventually turn into nothing but smoke in the air.

Even ants did everything they could to survive and eke out an existence, no matter how humble. This had nothing to do with consciousness or intelligence. Rather, it was a powerful instinct.

Strictly speaking, Qin Yu had already died. His mortal body had recovered and the reason was that the black and gold array formation had reversed the line that demarcated life and death. After experiencing life after death, his instinctual desire to live had been completely activated.

This desire represented the most intense will of a person. It was formidable enough to summon all of the strength within Qin Yu's body that could be used.

Thus, as his two hearts wildly beat in his chest, a bloodline strength hidden deep in his body started to appear.

Many years ago, extremely likely at the moment that Qin Yu had been born, the bloodline he should have possessed had been ruthlessly extracted and peeled away.

But one's bloodline and life came together. As long as he survived, the power of his bloodline wouldn't fully fade away. It would simply fall into a dormant state.

After his bloodline was stripped away, Qin Yu's talent was severely damaged and it should have been impossible for him to truly step onto the road of cultivation.

However, the existence of the little blue lamp had changed Qin Yu's destiny.

As he stepped onto the road of cultivation and his cultivation grew increasingly strong, this in itself was a process in which his sleeping bloodline was slowly awakened.

And what was even more important was the Ancient's heart that Qin Yu had fused with. Its existence became a turning point. Under the oppression of death, that bloodline power had finally recovered.

Even if it was only a tiny and weak portion, that clan's bloodline was noble and glorious from birth. The moment it recovered, a phenomenon occurred. Golden light gushed out from the void. It was magnificent and dignified, wrapping around Qin Yu like a layer of golden liquid.

Golden traces appeared on the surface of his skin, rapidly spreading out to every corner of his body. The intangible will contained in his bloodline seemed to contend with Qin Yu's Ancient body.

A noble and proud bloodline like itself would not allow one of its continuing members to be assimilated by another race. The two strengths wildly battled each other, each one trying to swallow the other party.

That clan's bloodline was noble, but the Ancient race's bloodline was similarly formidable. With the Ancient's heart supporting it, the power of the recovered bloodline fell into a disadvantage.

A change occurred as these two formidable bloodlines fought against each other. A warm and bright light gushed out from within Qin Yu's body. This strength came from the holy light granted by the Dao Monarch. In the past it had been suppressed by the Ancient race's bloodline, but now it had a chance to release itself.

Bang –

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A storage treasure on Qin Yu's body exploded. Everything within it was twisted to pieces, but a single jade chest remained.

If he were still conscious at this time, he would have realized that this jade chest was the one gifted to him by the Xue Sisters.

After receiving this thing, Qin Yu had never opened it so he had no idea what was inside the jade chest. At this moment the jade chest quietly opened and a stone flew out. It had a pitted and bumpy surface, each depression dark red in color.

It was as if blood had rained down from the skies and fallen onto the stone. And after breaking open these holes, it fused in.

In truth, not even the Xue Sisters knew the origin of this stone. It was something that an ancestor of their mother's clan obtained by accident.

By placing this stone to the ground and cultivating beside it, it would serve the role of a catalyst, allowing one to cultivate twice as effectively. Due to this reason, it was regarded as a treasure.

Later on, because their family suffered a bitter calamity the stone fell into the hands of the family that the Xue Sisters' mother had married into. She passed it on to her children when she was on her deathbed.

Xue Yueyue and Xue Qingqing were forced to flee, and the reason was this stone...when one didn't have enough strength to protect themselves, possessing any treasure was a crime.

There was no need to go into detail about what happened afterwards.

When holy light erupted from Qin Yu's body at this time, the stone within the jade chest flew out on its own. With a loud hum, it shattered into powder.

One, two, three...seven drops of blood appeared. And there just happened to be seven pits on the surface of the stone!

It was unknown how many years ago these drops of blood had fused into the stone, but they still remained bright red.

Suddenly, faint traces of white light were released from the drops of blood. This white light had the same origin as the holy light that came from within Qin Yu's body. The only difference was that it felt to be at an even higher level. Even though it was only a weak light, just looking at it made one feel an instinctual sense of awe.

As if a god had descended!

Whoosh –

Whoosh –

The seven blood beads howled down with whistling sounds and struck Qin Yu's body. Without causing any damage at all to him, they integrated into his body.

In the next moment, the holy light coming from Qin Yu rose a hundred times brighter and higher. He was a blazing conflagration, an inferno that wildly tumbled about.

Countless holy spirits condensed. They danced in the holy light, reverence in their eyes as they cheered and praised glory.

The phantom of a towering sacred mountain appeared behind Qin Yu. It seemed to connect the heavens to the earth. It had seven floors and on each floor countless figures crawled on the ground, bowing their heads in worship.

If someone from the Western Tomb Divine Church was here, they would recognize this scene as something recorded in the scriptures, where countless gods bowed towards the unsurpassed Dao Monarch...

This was a miracle in the truest sense!

Because at this moment, after fusing with these seven beads of blood, Qin Yu had become a true god upon the world...these blood beads came from the Dao Monarch's true body.

In the distant past, the Dao Monarch had personally arrived here to fight the Ancient in an almighty war. Although he was victorious in the end, he paid an enormous price in the process.

These blood beads had fallen from the skies at that time. They landed onto a stone and directly congealed.

At the Dao Monarch's level, not to mention a drop of blood, but even broken pieces of hair and flakes of skin contained an immense power within them. He could take them back with a thought and wouldn't lose anything at all.

But that battle had been dangerous. After narrowly winning with great difficulty, the Dao Monarch didn't dare to stay. He shattered the skies and left the world.

Normally, once his injuries were restored he could open a space channel with a thought and take back his blood. But not long after that fight, the Dao Monarch encountered an accident. At that time he fell into a deep slumber, and he still hadn't woken up ever since.

If it weren't for today's situation, then a few hundred thousand more years from now, perhaps the seven beads of blood incorporated into the stone might develop its own will and consciousness. Then it would be picked up by someone lucky, creating a story similar to gourd babies.

Of course, that gourd baby had been taken by Qin Yu, so it was impossible for that story to exist.

Bang –

The Dao Monarch's strength joined in, causing the situation within Qin Yu's body to become even more chaotic. After a brutal battle, the situation eventually developed into a balance of three sides.

The strength of the Ancient race was the strongest, the power of the Dao Monarch was second, and the newly recovered bloodline was the weakest. But as the latter two sides were at a disadvantage, they joined forces to contend with the strength of the Ancient race.

This formed a frail balance. The three sides established a temporary truce. But even now they covetously eyed each other, waiting for an opportunity to appear.

But in truth, there were more than three parties that had the qualifications to participate in this gamble within his body.

The fourth party was the power of time that Qin Yu possessed. Although it was extremely weak, in terms of the level of strength, it was in no way weaker than the other three.

The fifth kind was the strength that came from the black hole, the one that had instantly crushed Qin Yu's soul, killing him. To put it in other terms, it was strength that came from the world's will, so of course it had the qualifications to interfere!

The power of time was weak and only a small portion of the strength of the world's will remained after killing Qin Yu. As the strength of the Ancient race, Dao Monarch, and original bloodline were viciously battling each other, their influence wasn't obvious.

However, as the strengths of the Ancient race, Dao Monarch, and original bloodline established a balance, the function of these two strengths began to manifest.

The power of time hoped to save Qin Yu's life. As for the strength of the world's will, its original goal never changed; it wanted to extinguish Qin Yu's body and soul.

One went to the left, one went to the right; these were completely different directions. But not only did they fail to offset each other, they also caused uncontrollable chances to occur inside Qin Yu's body.

With the strength of the Ancient race, Dao Monarch, and original bloodline as the core, the power of time and the power of the world's will acted as wings. When they gathered together it was like a certain switch had been turned on, causing the five powers to rotate.

To illustrate it, it was like a rolling wheel of time that vigorously plowed forwards. There was nothing capable of stopping it. In front of time, everything was crushed to nothingness.

And there really wasn't anything that could stop it!

When the five strengths were sucked in, they were firmly absorbed. It was impossible for the five strengths to escape the invisible and formidable restrictions placed upon them.

Rumble rumble –

Thunderous sounds erupted from Qin Yu's body, rolling continuously like a storm at sea!

An inexplicable aura was released from him. The motes of light within the black and gold array formation seemed to have found the path to return home. They cheered out loud and crazily fused into Qin Yu, even faster than before.

This time, they no longer left but directly entered into the vortex formed by five strengths. They acted like the strongest adhesives, completely fusing the five strengths together so that they could no longer be separated.

Hum –

Hum –

The entire array formation shivered and emitted great rumbling sounds. The black and gold runes in the array formation all erupted with a rich light.

The main body of the little blue lamp flashed and a human figure appeared once more. His eyes were wide and his face was full of excitement and shock.

This was a change he had never imagined to be possible. In this hopeless situation, Qin Yu had found a way to survive once again!

One fate, two lives, three bloodlines!

Sure enough, his luck and destiny dominated above all else. It was impossible to predict what was going to happen to him.

He was clearly supposed to die, with ten chances of death and no chances of survival. He was supposed to vanish into nothingness and be forgotten, but the entire situation had suddenly reversed upon itself.

This was a great destiny!

His eyesight hadn't been wrong in the end. Qin Yu wouldn't die here. He would eventually become one of the most dazzling existences in the myriad heavens.

The little blue lamp took a deep breath and looked up. "How is he?"

The black and gold array formation was silent for a long time. Then, that indifferent voice sounded out once more, this time with a faint sigh within it. "With his level, there is no hope he will obtain my approval. But, the five strengths that appeared in his body are clearly mutually hostile to each other, and yet they have ended up in this current situation. This means his life hasn't reached its end yet."

The little blue lamp bowed, his expression solemn and respectful, "Please rest assured that even though Qin Yu is weak right now, after today he will return with his fate changed. His future will be limitless and he will not bring disgrace upon you!"

The voice spoke up again, "You should have seen the problem with my existence. If I give him the mark, his future road will not be smooth. Not to mention the countless calamities and tribulations he will suffer, he will also be doomed to endure infinite hardships...if something happens in the future, I fear that his fate will be ten thousand times more pitiful than it is today."

The little blue lamp stood up. "Allow me to borrow one of Qin Yu's phrases and reply to you on his behalf. As long as you are alive, anything is possible. After dying, everything becomes nothing!"

"He isn't the one I am waiting for nor is he fated to obtain my approval. But, all sorts of lucky chances and coincidences have brought him to this very point. Maybe this is the will of the heavens...whatever. All the things that happen in the future will be unrelated to me."

As the voice fell, the gold and black array formation erupted. A terrifying aura swept out, sending the little blue lamp flying away.

The surroundings flashed and they appeared in the Icesoul Jade Bed that Qin Yu had smashed apart earlier. They had been forced out from that layered world.

The little blue lamp gripped his fists, joy on his face. They had succeeded!

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Above the boundless sea, the colossal three-horned cow howled forward atop black clouds. Wherever it passed, the skies and sea would change color. Endless black clouds gushed out from nothingness, weaving together and blocking out the heavens.

Rumble rumble –

Endless thunder erupted from the layers of clouds. Heaven-shaking rumbles swept out in all directions and radiant lightning illuminated the world.

Dreadful waves rose up from the seas. They roared and raged, sometimes changing into the appearance of great vicious beasts. Bolts of thunder crashed into them, giving the sea-shaped beasts a suit of lightning.

The momentum was overwhelming!

It was the Sea God! It had been bred from the boundless sea and from the moment it appeared it had its own mind and will and was aware of the destiny it shouldered.

The Beast Trainer Alliance's mystic realm shouldn't have existed in this world, and it only remained intact because of the existence of the sky reaching jade pendant.

And the Sea God also wasn't a consciousness that should have appeared in this world. It was only here because the world's will conceived and guided its creation.

As soon as it developed consciousness, the Sea God revealed the directive of the world's will. It was to destroy the sky reaching jade pendant with all its might and cause the collapse of the mystic realm world so that the revolution of the world's Laws would return to their proper order.

But as it failed again and again, as time gradually passed, the Sea God came to realize a crisis – it shared one existence with the mystic realm, as if they were two halves of a body. If it were to destroy the sky reaching jade pendant and eliminate the mystic realm, then it would no longer have any reason to exist. Its only fate would be annihilation.

The Sea God wasn't willing to perish like this. But, it also couldn't go against the only mission that the world's will had entrusted it with. This was an instinct that had been forced into its consciousness from the moment it was born.

If it resisted the world's will then it would immediately collapse and wither away. Soon after, a new Sea God would be bred, but this new Sea God would have nothing to do with it.

It couldn't violate the world's will and it also wanted to survive. The Sea God didn't spend too much time before it found a way to satisfy both desires. That was...it wouldn't destroy the sky reaching jade pendant, but would swallow it up and fuse with its strength!

At that time, once the mystic realm was destroyed, even if the world's will didn't allow the existence of the Sea God any more, it wouldn't be able to erase it.

Simply put, the incomparably powerful and mighty Sea God was nothing but a pitiful consciousness desperately seeking a way to survive.

It had waited many years for this chance, yet everything had been ruined just as it was about to succeed. The Sea God was furious, but it could suppress its anger.

Because as long as the jade pendant still existed, the mystic realm would not be destroyed. It had endless time to wait for another turning point.

Moreover, the small bug that ruined its plans had been killed by its strength.

But some time ago, atop the seabed altar, the Sea God noticed a change in the aura coming from the sky reaching jade pendant.

It had opened its mark of inheritance...it had actually opened its mark of inheritance...this was a consequence that the Sea God couldn't accept no matter what!

Once the brand mark was completed, the sky reaching jade pendant would automatically fade away and the mystic realm would collapse. The world's will would have achieved its goal and it would be destroyed along with it!

Before it could think about who had the qualifications to obtain the sky reaching jade pendant's approval, the Sea God laid down all its scruples and rushed towards Starfall Archipelago.

It had to kill that person. Otherwise once the brand mark was completed, that was when it would be destroyed!

There was no one who could stop its path...absolutely no one...

Bang –

Before the Sea God finished its thought there was a heaven-shaking rumble. Space shattered and a giant fist covered in white fur slammed into it, sending it flying away!

The shattered space was torn apart. The white ape that Qin Yu saw on the fog-shrouded island stepped out. His eyes were full of mockery as he looked at the Sea God that had been sent flying away. He sneered and said, “I haven’t seen you for some time and it seems you’ve forgotten the taste of my fist. You actually dare to run here and act wild in front of me?”

Hou –

The Sea God roared and its massive body came to a stop. It stubbornly glared at the white ape and said, “Even if it is you, no one can stop me today. Now screw out of the way, otherwise this will be the day you die!”

White Ape furrowed his eyebrows. Just what sort of stimulation had this fellow received? It seemed that it was serious this time. But with a turn of his thoughts, he chuckled and said, “Someone who has been defeated still dares to act so insolently in front of me!”

The Sea God roared, “Die!”

Bang –

At this moment, the endless sea all around suddenly erupted. Monstrous waves appeared, sweeping through the world in the blink of an eye.

The rumbling thunder linked together into a single stretch in the black clouds above. Lightning howled together, condensing into several thunder dragons. They dove down from the black clouds, drilling into the horrific waves.

The thunder dragons wreaked havoc in the rough seas. The great waves were suddenly covered with a layer of thunder, causing their momentum to increase dramatically! Even though White Ape had been relaxed when he spoke, he didn’t dare to lower his guard in the face of the Sea God.

If these were normal times, even if the Sea God’s strength came directly from the world’s source will, White Ape could still easily send it flying away with a punch.

But now it was better to be a bit more careful. He had no idea what had sent this fellow into a berserk frenzy. If he were to overturn his boat because of his assumptions, that wouldn’t be fun at all.

With a shout, White Ape lifted his hands and thrust forward. His arms immediately grew, looking like a heaven-supporting mountain. His claws were open and sharp and flashed with a blue and gold light as they smashed into the dreadful waves.

There was a shocking explosion as the wild sea waves were split in half. Screams came from the thunder dragons. It was like a catastrophe as they burst apart and faded one after another.

But White Ape wasn’t free from damage. After the thunder dragons blew apart, endless thunder broke out and wrapped around his arms. Every white hair on his arms exuded light that resisted the thunder, but even so, the hairs were still scorched and shed beneath the raging power.

White Ape furrowed his eyebrows. He clenched his claws and pulled his arm out from the spreading thunder. A thunder pearl was condensed in his hand.

Perhaps because too much thunder power had been condensed, this thunder pearl was deep black in color. It released an aura that shook the heart.

“I’ll give this back to you!” With a cold sneer, White Ape flung out his arm. The black thunder pearl was like a large stone as it crashed towards the Sea God.

Piki paka –

The black lightning was torn to shreds. The Sea God’s eyes turned blood red. “White Ape, you were the one that forced me to do this!” Its crazy aura suddenly rose dozens of times over. It became the incarnation of a hurricane, of the wild and stormy sea.

The black clouds in the skies turned even darker, as if they were formed of thick ink. They blocked out the light, shrouding the world in darkness.

What was strange was that the sea below no longer roared and raged. Rather, it fell into an eerie silence. The sea waters gently stirred. The chaos and destruction from before had thoroughly vanished.

White Ape furrowed his eyebrows as he stared tightly at the Sea God. He cursed in his heart. They had just exchanged the first round of attacks with each other. That didn’t even count as a warm-up and yet this fellow suddenly decided to start burning his source strength?

Damn, this fellow must have been truly stimulated by something. Those people from the Beast Trainer Alliance absolutely didn’t tell him the truth about what happened...

Screw it. Once this matter was done with, he would let them know the consequences of deceiving the elderly. He would take at least 30% of their treasury...no, it had to be at least half!

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Qin Yu felt as if he were in a dream.

In this dream, his consciousness had been smashed to pieces, leaving him floating in a vast and endless space. He could feel something constantly being stripped from him and dissipating into the world.

His thoughts became increasingly blurry and faint. He began to panic and try to stop this, but he found that he couldn’t do anything at all. He could only feel himself becoming increasingly weak.

His shattered consciousness gradually fell into chaos. After an unknown period of time, a warm strength appeared from all directions. It gently wrapped around the fragments of Qin Yu’s consciousness and tried to slowly piece them together.

It was like a jigsaw puzzle. When the last fragment was put in its place, Qin Yu’s consciousness awakened.

When he ‘opened’ his eyes, what he saw was a pure white world. Countless black and gold runes filled it. They wove together, sending out a mystical aura that he couldn’t understand.

A sky reaching jade pendant emerged from the infinite highest heavens. When it landed, it was impossible to see how far it stretched up or how wide it was.

Within the jade pendant, one could faintly see a vortex. And within this vortex, there were five different flows of energy. White, black, blue, red, yellow, they constantly rotated in the vortex.

“Where is this? Who am I?”

Qin Yu’s eyes were blank. He slowly looked around this strange world.

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Just as this thought ended, a broad and serene voice resounded around him. “Having reversed life and death and returned from the world of the dead, even if your consciousness didn’t fully dissipate, you still died. Even if you have resurrected now, this is still your second life.

“The memories of your previous life have been sealed in your soul. If you truly wish to know who you are and why you are here, you can only rely on yourself to awaken your sealed memories.”

Qin Yu closed his eyes in deep recollection. There were fragmented images floating around in his mind, but the more he tried to catch them the more they flew out of his reach. Suddenly, an incomplete image paused in front of him.

It was a little lamp, one that emitted a deep blue light in the dark night. It was like the purest and cleanest sea in existence, filled with a fantastic and enigmatic atmosphere.

This was...this was...

Little blue lamp, that’s right, this was the little blue lamp!

Bang –

The dam of memories exploded and all sorts of scenes flashed before him. In just several breaths of time, all of his memories of what he had experienced after obtaining the little blue lamp, the majority of his life, had returned.

But this wasn’t the end...

After a brief pause, Qin Yu’s memories continued to appear. This time, what appeared were his memories from before he obtained the little blue lamp.

Everything happened quickly. In the blink of an eye, he saw himself during his childhood as cold and stormy rain was falling down. He hid beneath the eaves of a house, rustling and shivering. Just as he reached his limits and was about to faint, Aunt Gu opened the door and brought him into her family.

This was the warmest and most peaceful moment of Qin Yu’s life. Gu Ling’er constantly followed behind him, shouting out, “Big Brother, Big Brother, wait for me!”

But continuing forward, his memories became blurry. Perhaps he had instinctively forgotten about them because they were too painful, or perhaps someone didn’t wish for him to remember them, so they erased them from his mind.

Qin Yu's head ached. He grasped his head and fell to the floor. Memories continued to gush out.

The memories were increasingly fragmented, like pieces of a mirror that had been smashed into countless parts. They were piled up and it was impossible to distinguish anything from them.

"Ahh!" Qin Yu roared out loud. Blood vessels bulged on his neck and blood flowed out from his nose, mouth, ears, and eyes.

Memories continued pouring out, except the speed became increasingly slow. The time it took to restore the memories from his first dozen years of life was far greater than it took for the hundred plus years he had lived after obtaining the little blue lamp.

Suddenly, an image appeared in Qin Yu's mind. It was a mountain that wasn't too high, and on its summit was a construction similar to an ancestral shrine. It was blurry and impossible to see clearly. But, he could see that the skies were blood red and thunder roared, a rainstorm endlessly pouring down!

Pa –

The image shattered. Qin Yu fiercely lifted his head, a hissing roar coming from his throat. It felt as if his spine had been pulled out of his body. A pain pierced into the depths of his soul, creating a mark he would never forget!

Pain, fear, hate, unwillingness...

All sorts of emotions crossed space and time to appear in Qin Yu's heart. Feelings that had been forgotten back then had all been found at this moment.

Where was this? Why do I remember this place? Why do I feel such pain?

He shivered, not a single trace of blood left on his face. He tried his best to recall those memories, but after that image, everything fell into darkness. No matter how hard he tried he couldn't find any memory fragments from that darkness.

Qin Yu fiercely looked up and cried out, "Why are my memories incomplete? Why haven't they been restored?"

A faint and broad voice sounded out, "Concerning these matters, you should ask yourself. If you cannot find an answer, then wait until the future."

Qin Yu took one final 'look' at that scene and pressed it into the depths of his memories. He took a deep breath and said, "Thank you for saving my life."

At the moment his memories had been restored, he naturally learned the reason why he had been able to come back to life.

"There is no need to thank me. It is because you satisfied the requirements and I have given you a chance according to the principle of fairness." The voice continued to resound. "Now, you must make your final decision. I may fuse with you, but the brand mark is not complete. It will need to swallow the strength within your body to complete the transformation."

“Either success or failure of the transformation is possible; both have an equal 50% chance of occurring. If you succeed, you won’t obtain any benefits for the time being. Even maintaining the same level of cultivation will be the best possible result. And you will also have to shoulder the karma of cause and effect of this in the future. If you fail, perhaps you will survive, but it will be difficult for you to keep your life’s cultivation. You must make your choice of whether or not you wish to fuse now. If you aren’t willing to take such a risk, I can still send you away from here.”

Qin Yu looked up at the vortex of white, black, blue, red, and yellow that continued to swirl within the sky reaching jade pendant. Without any hesitation he said, “I choose to fuse!”

As far as he was concerned, it should have been impossible for him to gain approval to begin with. He had died once, and countless coincidences and lucky chances had come together to create this opportunity for him.

How could he give up like this?

Moreover, that low mountain in his memories and the dignified and solemn ancestral shrine that lay upon its summit, just where was it?

Qin Yu had to find it. He wanted to take back all the memories from the darkness!

He wanted to know why he felt such fear and hatred. Just what had happened in that place?

Qin Yu’s intuition told him that if he didn’t choose to fuse, even if he had the little blue lamp he still would never have the qualifications to approach that low mountain in his lifetime.

So, he had to bet it all!

“I hope that in the future you will not regret the choice you made today.” As the voice fell, the vortex within the sky reaching jade pendant started to spin even faster than before. White, black, blue, red, yellow, five colors spun crazily, gradually fusing together.

The five strengths were absorbed by the jade pendant, making up the losses of the jade pendant. But the five strengths within Qin Yu’s body all had astonishing backgrounds. How could they be willing to fuse with other strengths and lose their own nature?

As a result, abnormal changes began to appear in the sky reaching jade pendant one after another. And, the one that could not tolerate being merged above all was clearly the strength of world destruction. It was entrusted with the will to completely kill Qin Yu, extinguishing his soul so that he would never be reincarnated.

Within the jade pendant’s vortex, a white light burst out. It was enormous and boundless, releasing the aura of endless years.

It represented an undying existence that had coexisted with the world, the sun, and the moon for trillions of years. Even if it faded in the endless river of time, it would eventually reform, never to be destroyed.

A faint eye appeared within. Its chilling gaze had no fluctuation of emotion. It stared straight at Qin Yu.

“You dare to fuse me?”

Rumble rumble –

It was like a million bolts of thunder crashed down in Qin Yu's mind. His consciousness buzzed and fell into a blank space. The sky raged, the earth screamed, and the oceans and mountains issued dire warnings. He could not take a single step out from the pool of thunder, otherwise he would be sent beyond redemption.

Countless voices screamed at him. There were men and women, the young and the old. They wanted him to bow prostrate before the world's will. Only by doing this could he obtain its forgiveness.

A phenomenon occurred. The power of the world had refused to fuse with him and the sky reaching jade pendant remained silent the entire time. This was Qin Yu's own choice, and all difficulties he encountered needed to be overcome by him.

After several breaths of time, Qin Yu let out a light breath. He looked up at the vortex and the icy gaze from the power of the world. "In truth, this isn't the first time I have seen an eye similar to yours. To be more exact, I've dealt with it a few times.

"So if you're trying to scare me or something, that's pointless. Today I will fuse with you, and if you want to settle this debt, you can come find me in the future."

The little blue lamp smiled. It knew that the hurdle of overcoming the world's will might be the most difficult test for others, but for Qin Yu it was the simplest.