

Refining 921

Chapter 921 - Investigating the Abyss

Because of Lei Xiaoyu's 'great heart', Qin Yu discontinued the minor tricks he tried to use, lest the girl become even more interested in him. As a result, the ensuing journey proceeded smoothly.

With his sensory abilities, besides when he was caught off guard by the snake immediately after he broke free from the turbulent flow of space, if he wanted to evade others, he wouldn't be targeted.

They continued forwards at a fast pace. Lei Xiaoyu blinked her eyes, covering the happy look on her face. But as she glanced around she couldn't help but feel curious. Just where was Qin Yu going?

Two hours later, Qin Yu finally came to a stop. Right in front of them was a fathomless black abyss. It was like a terrifying maw that was wide open.

After a brief hesitation, Qin Yu said, "We must go down. I'll carry you on my back; remember to hold on tight."

Lei Xiaoyu sensed how wary he was. Without asking why, she climbed on his back and held tightly onto his clothes.

Qin Yu thought for a moment and took out something of unknown material that resembled a long silver whip, tying Lei Xiaoyu up with him. Then, he took a deep breath and stepped into the abyss, allowing himself to rapidly sink down.

But he was careful. Whenever his speed got to a certain degree, he would reach out and grab the walls, slowing himself down.

The darkness in the pitch black abyss was as thick as ink – it wasn't ordinary. Even a cultivator's divine sense would be hindered, and the deeper one went, the more interference there was until it was completely blocked.

The walls weren't smooth like a mirror. There were large bulges and also some withered vines. Lei Xiaoyu could only vaguely see their outlines as she passed by before she had moved far past them.

She had no idea what method Qin Yu used to avoid making any mistakes in the dark. At this moment as she laid against his back and wrapped her arms around him, she felt at peace.

As if the surrounding darkness and the bottomless abyss were no longer scary.

Even though Qin Yu constantly slowed his speed while the two dropped, as time passed, they went astonishingly deep down.

And this abyss was like a door connecting to hell; there was no end in sight.

After an unknown length of time, Lei Xiaoyu felt a cold chill. Qin Yu stabbed his hands into the stone walls, coming to a halting stop.

A transition from extreme speeds to a grinding stop would inevitably cause great pressure on the body. But, Qin Yu's movements were smooth and natural, and Lei Xiaoyu didn't feel too much impact.

Looking down, Lei Xiaoyu raised a hand to cover her mouth, blocking her cries of alarm. Her eyes widened until they were like full moons.

Tens of thousands of feet below, the darkness dispersed a little due to a faint light that was there from some scattered shrubs. Perhaps because the living environment here was too harsh, they didn't seem too lively, resulting in the light they sent out being much gloomier.

But since there was light, Lei Xiaoyu could see through the darkness. Her eyes grew increasingly large. Because in the dim light she saw a shockingly massive skeleton lying in the depths of the abyss.

It lay on the ground. Every rib was like a bridge that spanned the sea. And, only a small part of the skeleton was illuminated by light. More bones of the giant beast were hidden in the darkness.

What Lei Xiaoyu's mind logically told her was that this great beast had died a long time ago. But for some unknown reason, when she saw it, she felt an intense sense of threat.

As if this giant beast that had already been dead for countless years could come back to life at any time, opening its terrifyingly large mouth to tear all intruders into pieces.

"Big...Big Brother Qin..." Lei Xiaoyu shivered as she spoke. She felt even colder. A light frost unexpectedly began forming on her eyebrows and the tips of her hair.

"Shh, be silent!" Qin Yu didn't look back at her. "I have to continue down still. If you're afraid then close your eyes."

A warm flow of energy rushed out from his body, thawing Lei Xiaoyu from her soon-to-be frozen state.

"Mm." She nodded and closed her eyes. Although her heart still raced, she didn't try persuading Qin Yu to leave.

Because she knew that if Qin Yu came all the way down here and wanted to go even deeper, he had to have his reasons for doing so.

Of course, it was even more because the one carrying her was Qin Yu, and she believed in him.

Qin Yu took a deep breath and continued downwards. He no longer dropped down. Rather, he lay flat against the steep stone wall and slowly crept lower.

Kacha –

Kacha –

Tiny cracking sounds reverberated through the darkness without end. This was a sound coming from a black layer of ice on the stone walls being chipped apart.

The breath Qin Yu exhaled turned into countless tiny ice crystals the moment it left his body. Then, it fell onto the walls and tumbled downwards.

White frost spread across the surface of his body. But, an invisible line seemed to separate it from Qin Yu's body, making it so that the frost couldn't truly reach him or Lei Xiaoyu.

Suddenly, Qin Yu came to a stop. He was like a stone, melded into the walls. He could clearly hear Lei Xiaoyu's constrained breathing.

His intuition told him that this was the limit. If he continued down any further, something truly terrifying would occur.

He looked downwards. Because he had moved down even deeper, he could see the bottom even more clearly.

Qin Yu could not determine whether the giant skeleton buried at the bottom of this abyss was the same bone beast he saw on the night of the blood moon.

His eyes slowly landed on the huge head of the bone beast. Half of it was obstructed by a boulder, revealing one hollow eye socket.

Hou –

Without warning, the beast's roars crashed into his mind. His eyes turned blank for a moment before clarity was instantly restored. He coughed and stabbed his hands into the walls, forcibly stabilizing himself.

Then, without hesitation, Qin Yu's arms tensed and he howled upwards.

He used his hands and feet, racing up the stone walls like a racing horse as he dashed through the darkness.

If someone could clearly see what was happening, they would see a layer of ice extending up the stone walls below Qin Yu...it was silent, like the world's most terrifying hunter, ruthlessly chasing after him.

Whoosh –

He shot into the skies, leaving the range of the abyss. Then he flew into the distance without pausing. Faintly, he thought he could hear the angry and unwilling roars of a beast in his ears.

Lei Xiaoyu opened her eyes. She saw Qin Yu's entire head covered in white frost, almost as if he were an ice sculpture.

She looked at his clean back and herself who hadn't been touched by frost at all. She bit her lips, her expression turning complex.

You were the one who wanted to estrange yourself from me, but you treat me so well. Big Brother Qin, you're such a contradictory person.

Sensing Lei Xiaoyu's eyes on him, Qin Yu paused and placed her on the ground. He shook off the white frost that covered his body and smiled, saying, "It just looks bad. I'm not injured at all."

Lei Xiaoyu bit her lips. "I was the one who involved Big Brother Qin in this."

Qin Yu waved his hand. "Don't say that. There are two of us here. Without you to accompany me, I might not have dared to go down just then."

Though she clearly knew this was a lie, Lei Xiaoyu still smiled. Because she knew that Qin Yu was trying to comfort her.

Qin Yu laughed. "There's still a place we need to go. Don't worry, there's no danger this time. I just want to verify a thought I have."

He grabbed onto Lei Xiaoyu and hurried along. But, he was clearly going much faster than before, as if he were rushing for time.

An hour later, as they stood before a black stone wall, Qin Yu loosened his hand and said, "You can take a look around, but don't go too far."

As he spoke he walked up to the stone wall, looking at the bulges atop of it. Hesitating for a bit, he placed his hand above it.

Lei Xiaoyu quietly stood behind him. She looked at the stone wall before her. While she had no idea what these bulges were, she felt restless being here.

"Ah...Big Brother Qin, come and look..." Lei Xiaoyu suddenly shouted after a while.

Qin Yu looked up, following the direction of her finger. His eyes flashed with a sharp light.

The originally smooth stone wall slowly bulged out, as if a new fruit had been born.

Qin Yu stepped up into the air until he reached this new bulge. Then, he punched without hesitation. The stone wall was harder than he expected. This punch only caused several stones to fall down.

Taking a deep breath, a dark golden light flashed in Qin Yu's eyes. The bulge in front of him immediately became incomparably clear.

Bang –

Qin Yu punched again. This time an enraged roar came from the bulge. A large crack appeared in the stone wall.

With the third punch, the bulge was blasted open. Qin Yu's pupils shrank as he saw what was revealed within.

In the bulge, there was a growing embryo egg. It was thick and covered with black blood vessels that drilled out from the stone walls, submerging into a black-armored warrior within.

Its growth wasn't complete. Only one of its fleshy wings was grown and half of its body wasn't covered in black armor yet.

It was only now that Qin Yu learned that the black armor these warriors wore was not equipment, but something they were born with.

When the stone wall was forcefully destroyed, the black-armored warrior was exposed to the light. As if tossed into a vat of hot cooking oil, it started to scream with pain.

The black armor that grew over its body rapidly rotted away, turning into thick black and red goo that dripped down it.

Qin Yu's complexion changed. As the black armor melted off, the warrior's face was revealed. Unexpectedly, it was one of the cultivator corpses that had been dragged away during the slaughter at the mountain valley.

It was him!

With a roar, the black-armored warrior screamed fanatically. Its violence-filled eyes stubbornly glared at Qin Yu.

A throbbing feeling erupted from the bottom of Qin Yu's heart. He flew away from the stone wall without hesitation.

After losing its obstruction, the broken stone wall squirmed and regrew, quickly returning to its original appearance.

Lei Xiaoyu had long since been shocked speechless. She mumbled, "Big Brother Qin, this is..."

Qin Yu arrived by her side. "I'll explain it to you later. Let's leave."

He grabbed onto Lei Xiaoyu and rushed towards the dead tree.

An hour later, the two people shot into the skies. Space twisted and vanished, revealing the entrance to the tree hole.

Pa –

Qin Yu landed and let loose a long breath. The fierce unease that lingered in his heart finally began to dissipate.

He turned and looked at the puzzled Lei Xiaoyu. Without saying much, he pointed a finger, "Look."

Lei Xiaoyu blinked her eyes. The outside was peaceful, exactly the same as when they returned.

What was she supposed to be looking at?

But before this thought ended, the world outside of the hole fell into sudden darkness.

Chapter 922 – Secret of the Slash Marks

The skies were dark, like the eternal night had arrived.

If it weren't for Qin Yu standing right beside Lei Xiaoyu, allowing her to clearly hear his breathing, she would have cried out in alarm.

The entire world was swallowed by darkness, making one feel as if they were the only ones left alive. The encroaching fear and unquenchable sense of loneliness were enough to crush the strongest wills.

Luckily, this darkness didn't continue for too long. A faint blood-colored light sprinkled down from above.

Lei Xiaoyu's eyes widened. She looked at the blood moon that had appeared. It hadn't been there a moment before, but now it was in the heavens.

The feeling it gave off was that it had existed for tens of millions of years and would continue to exist like this.

“Big Brother Qin, this is...”

Qin Yu looked at the ground that was bathed in red once more. He slowly said, “I thought it was like this. A great terror is about to arrive.”

He looked at the blood moon quietly resting in the skies and his pupils shrank. Because today’s blood moon was even rounder and fuller than the last time.

This was likely to bring about unknown and even more horrifying changes.

Qin Yu never thought that his guess would be confirmed so quickly. When the tree hole started to shake, the dead heaven-reaching tree was revived once again.

Whoosh –

Whoosh –

Countless dead branches turned into bloody tentacles that shot towards the opening. Lei Xiaoyu shouted out loud, her face instantly paling.

Qin Yu pulled her back. Soon, the slashing marks at the entrance released a silver-colored light and the blood red tentacles stopped once again.

But this time, Qin Yu furrowed his eyebrows. He remembered that when the blood moon appeared before, the tentacles stopped a hundred feet away from the opening. But now they had come in even deeper.

Measuring the distance, the tentacles were at most 70-80 feet away from the opening.

His eyes swept over the silver slash marks at the tree hole’s opening. Then, he looked up at the even fuller and brighter blood moon in the skies. His eyes darkened. Was this the reason?

If the blood moon in this mysterious land followed the waxing and waning rules of the moon in the outside world, then this blood red moon still had a time to go until it became a perfectly full moon.

In other words, if Qin Yu’s guess was correct, then over the next few times the blood moon appeared until it reached perfection, the power possessed by the revived dead tree would become stronger and stronger.

Once the slash marks at the entrance weren’t able to block the tentacles anymore, this place of temporary safety would become a death zone.

After hovering around for a while, the tentacles retracted once again. Just like yesterday, the dead tree pulled out its roots, twining them into thick legs as it rumbled off into the distance.

Lei Xiaoyu had finally regained her composure. Disbelief flooded her eyes. “Big Brother Qin, this tree came back to life, it actually came back to life!”

Qin Yu looked at the direction the tree was going in. He knew that it was heading towards the same mountain valley from yesterday and the same bloody scene of death and slaughter would reappear. He thought for a moment and said, "Xiaoyu, in a while you might see something that leaves you uncomfortable. If you can't stand it, seal your senses and stand behind me."

Lei Xiaoyu pursed her lips. "I understand."

Like yesterday, the withered tree climbed up the steep mountain cliff, rapidly ascending to the summit where the great mountain valley appeared.

The smell of blood from yesterday had completely vanished, as if some unknown existence had sucked it all up.

After yesterday's battle, the number of cultivators and monster beasts that was reduced by half had basically recovered to the original amount Qin Yu first saw.

It was clear that this place wasn't sealed up. It connected to the outside world, and this was the only reason it was continuously replenished with new troops.

If there was a passage, then this wasn't a land of absolute death. There had to be a way to leave...

Taking a step back, even if this was a danger zone, Qin Yu would still use his fists and break open a path to survival!

Before he could think more, a chill coursed through his heart as if something had locked onto him. He could hear loud heaven-shaking rumbling sounds.

He turned his head and saw the massive body of a bone beast. Covered in blood red moonlight, it wildly rushed over.

It roared out loud, its giant hollow eye-sockets fixed onto Qin Yu. The gaze was so intense that it almost condensed into substantive killing intent...as if all the water in the world would be unable to wash it away.

The withered tree instantly reacted. Its legs spread out and countless roots drilled into the rock walls to fix itself there. At the same time, innumerable tentacles formed from dead branches howled out at unimaginable speeds, causing the air to explode.

In an instant, the giant beast collided with the tentacles and a sky-shaking explosion rang out. The tentacles that struck the giant beast instantly collapsed. But, they clearly had an incredible regenerative ability. The broken tentacles regrew in the blink of an eye, restored to how they were at the beginning.

Countless blood red tentacles twined together, forming a massive cage that trapped the bone beast within it.

At the mountain summit, the battle between the withered tree and the bone beast attracted attention from all sides. A quiet eerie light shined in the eyes of the creatures that had been revived by the blood moon.

Hou –

With an enraged roar, the bone beast tore through the cage of tentacles. It didn't continue throwing itself over. After giving Qin Yu one final glare, it returned to its own position and roared into the skies.

Beneath the blood moon, its damaged bones started to recover at a speed visible to the naked eye. In a few breaths of time it was fully restored.

The attention from the mountain summit shifted away, falling back into the valley.

The withered tree didn't pull out the roots it had stabbed into the mountain top. It was like a great tree that had grown here for countless years. It had enough confidence and strength to withstand any baptism of wind and rain.

Qin Yu was secretly frightened. Yesterday, he had expected that these terrifying creatures who climbed up the mountain, waiting to eat the blood energy, had to be extremely powerful. But only today did he truly see how much destructive power they possessed.

Beneath the blood moon, they seemed to obtain a horrifying boost of power. So, the strength they could erupt with far surpassed Qin Yu's imagination.

This world immediately rose several levels on the danger scale in Qin Yu's mind.

Lei Xiaoyu said with a pallid complexion, "Big Brother Qin, this bone beast seems to be the same one we saw in the underground abyss."

Qin Yu nodded. "That's right, it's the same one. What you are seeing now, I saw yesterday. It was because I didn't understand it that I wanted to seek out the nearest bone creature to us in hopes that I could unlock the secret behind its resurrection."

As he spoke to here he shook his head. It was clear that these terrifying creatures only lived beneath the blood moon. Even if they were in a 'dead' state, they weren't easily destroyed.

Otherwise, the cultivators and monster beasts who were forced to desperately risk their lives in this mountain valley would have used every means at their disposal to help these creatures sleep for eternity.

Lei Xiaoyu looked at the numerous grim-faced cultivators and monster beasts in the mountain valley. "What are they waiting for?"

Qin Yu quietly uttered, "I think they are waiting for the true horror of this world."

When he finished speaking, there was no need to explain further. Because bulges already began to appear on the cliff walls. Under the blood red moonlight, they were clearly visible.

The bulges burst open and black-armored warriors spewed out, carrying sabers in their hands. Without any hesitation, they flapped the fleshy wings on their backs and howled forward.

There was no emotion or thought in the opened eyes of these black-armored warriors. There was only endless violence, killing, and destruction!

Even though Qin Yu had seen this before, when he saw the tragic and brutal battle taking place in the mountain valley he still felt startled.

If one fell into this sort of fighting, unless one had the absolute power to suppress it, even a fierce tiger would eventually be exhausted of all strength and die on the battlefield.

Lei Xiaoyu subconsciously grabbed onto Qin Yu's arm. She shivered. If it wasn't for Qin Yu, she feared she would have slumped to the ground.

Perhaps she had heard that her father had experienced a battlefield that was far more cruel and vicious than this. But the impact of seeing it with her own eyes was a hundred times, a thousand times greater than hearing about it.

Smelling the thick stench of blood in the air, Lei Xiaoyu hugged onto Qin Yu tighter. This wasn't because she had no courage, but was from the natural fear all living beings had towards death.

Qin Yu lifted a hand and covered her widened eyes. He softly said, "Don't be afraid. We are safe here. If you cannot forget this sight, just take it as a vivid nightmare."

He placed his other hand on Lei Xiaoyu's neck. Her body tensed and she fell into Qin Yu's arms. He placed her on the floor. Even though she was unconscious, she was still furrowing her eyebrows together. He sighed inwardly.

Since they were both in hell, there were some things she needed to know. He had no idea when they would leave and what sort of situations they would encounter in the future. Lei Xiaoyu would eventually have to face all of this.

He sat down beside Lei Xiaoyu and subconsciously held her hand. He looked at the slash marks at the entrance.

Everything he saw in the mountain valley, including the evasion of the dead tree's tentacles, proved that the silver light from these slash marks held a great deterring power against the revived creatures. They didn't dare to take a single step past it.

If he could control this strength then this purgatory would become safe. In fact, these horrifying creatures would become chickens and dogs in Qin Yu's eyes.

Of course, it wasn't easy to control this strength. Otherwise, in this world that had existed for an unknown period of time, wouldn't someone have thought of the same thing?

Qin Yu didn't believe he was smarter than most people. Since these horrifying creatures were still in control of this blood moon-covered world, it was clear that the strength within the slash marks was still a secret even now.

And what Qin Yu wanted to do was to figure out this secret. If it were any other cultivator, it would simply be wishful thinking.

But after refining the jade embryo egg, Qin Yu's level had far surpassed those at his boundary.

He looked at the slash marks that emitted steady silver light. A thought appeared in his heart. If he could figure out the secret behind these markings...then there would definitely be a great harvest waiting for him.

He drew in a deep breath and suppressed the restlessness in his heart. This wasn't the time for that. Who knew what sort of consequences would be waiting for those who tried to unravel this secret?

If an accident occurred and he ruined these slash marks, this peaceful resting zone would become unbelievably tragic.

The brutal battle continued for almost 24 hours. The black-armored warriors dragged away the corpses of their partners as well as those of the cultivators and monster beasts, retreating like a tide.

After eating enough blood energy, the 12 satisfied creatures turned and left.

Without reason, before the bone beast left it swept its rage-filled eyes over. Qin Yu looked up at the skies.

The blood moon was about to disappear and the time for the bushes to illuminate the world was about to arrive. He had a safe period of around 24 hours to crack the secret of the slash marks.

Rumble rumble –

The withered tree wildly rushed back to its original position and took root. The blood moon disappeared as suddenly as it appeared.

The world fell into darkness. Then, a faint light quietly brightened the land...the curtain to the terrifying night had come to a temporary end!

Chapter 923 – Someone At the Tree

In reality, besides cracking open the secret of the slash marks, Qin Yu had an even better option. That was to break through the blockade of this land and open up an outlet. If he did that, he could naturally avoid all dangers.

But what a pity, he had already tried once. While he had been able to make out some blurry lines, even though his eyes had turned red and started bleeding, he couldn't find a true way out.

The blood moon was becoming fuller and fuller with every night. This likely meant that the terrifying creatures here would grow increasingly strong.

Qin Yu didn't dare to take this risk, because he wasn't completely confident that he could find a way to leave here before the blood moon reached perfection.

At that time, if he was lucky he might be able to survive on his own. But Lei Xiaoyu would certainly be killed. This wasn't a guess, but something he knew with absolute certainty.

One of Qin Yu's advantages was that he had always been able to maintain a relatively calm and objective self-awareness of his own abilities. So, when he chose to unravel the cut marks, he had a reason behind it. He could feel that there were great benefits to be found within these cut marks.

Once he figured out the secret, those benefits would be his.

Lei Xiaoyu had already woken up. She didn't blame Qin Yu for knocking her out, because the scene she saw had reached her limits. If she had continued to watch it would have casted a shadow over her mind that she would never be able to rid herself of.

Qin Yu simply explained to her what happened but didn't mention the changing cycle of the moon, nor the fact that this world was becoming increasingly dangerous. He only told her that he was very interested in these cut marks and wanted to perceive the strength they contained.

Almost half of the 24 hour period that the bushes would remain illuminated for had passed. Qin Yu quietly observed the cut marks, not yet touching them. It wasn't that he didn't want to touch them and feel their power, but because he could clearly perceive the flow of power within them and knew that this hidden power was in an extremely delicate and balanced state.

If an external force intruded then the balance would be broken. The consequences would be that the cut marks would lose all their energy.

Qin Yu couldn't accept this consequence before he found a new safe foothold. Thus, he could only look and not touch.

But this didn't mean that he didn't obtain anything. On the contrary, during these 12 hours of observation, he made a startling discovery.

But he needed to conduct a further examination to see if it was correct or not. Qin Yu let out a breath and stood up. He said to Lei Xiaoyu, "I have to leave. Stay here. Remember, no matter what happens, do not take a single step outside of this tree hole."

While the blood moon hadn't yet arrived, that didn't necessarily mean this world was safe.

Because besides the terrifying creatures that were revived beneath the blood moon, there were also numerous living beings that struggled to survive.

Whether it was human cultivators or monster beasts, once they found a place that was safe and could be used to temporarily avoid the terrors of the blood moon, they wouldn't hesitate to pay any price to capture it.

Lei Xiaoyu nodded, "Big Brother Qin, don't worry. I will wait here for you to come back..." She took a deep breath and said, "You must be careful."

Qin Yu could sense her nervousness. But, what he was about to do was going to be dangerous, and he couldn't take her with him.

He smiled and comfortingly said, "It's alright. The blood moon will arrive 12 hours from now. I will hurry back before then."

He leapt down from the tree hole and flicked his sleeves in midair. Space twisted, covering up the hole.

He landed on the ground. Without pausing, he rushed into the distance.

He had two goals in going out this time. The first was to find other cut marks and verify whether or not his guess was correct.

While he knew that there was a massive number of cut marks in the mountain valley, it was exactly because there were too many that if a problem occurred, it would likely create catastrophic trouble.

If there were other options, he didn't hope to go to the mountain valley. At the very least, the mountain valley was the place where countless creatures fought and slaughtered when the blood moon came.

He also had no idea if there were people standing guard there. Even if he could smoothly enter the area and conduct his experiment, if damage was done to the cut marks...every gap would swallow up countless lives when the terror of the blood moon descended.

His own strength was limited so it was fine if he couldn't save them. But, he didn't want to add more misfortune to their plight and increase the difficulty.

His second goal was based on the premise of his first goal. It was to find another safe point besides the tree hole.

The blood moon was growing increasingly full. The cut marks at the tree hole's entrance might not last much longer, and Qin Yu wasn't confident he could crack their secrets before then.

Before considering victory, he had to consider defeat first. He had to find an escape path for him and Lei Xiaoyu.

With 12 hours, including the time it would take to travel back, Qin Yu couldn't search too large of an area.

First he discarded the paths that led to the bone beast in the abyss and also the bulging rock wall. He had noticed there were no cut marks nearby yesterday.

Four hours later, as Qin Yu frowned and was thinking of stopping, a massive decayed skeleton appeared in his line of sight.

It really was decayed, unlike the abyssal bone beast where even if only bones were left, it was still extremely hard and possessed great power!

With one glance, Qin Yu could determine that this skeleton was completely dead. It wouldn't revive even if the blood moon arrived.

In this eerie and perilous world, encountering any strange situation was normal. This was only a decayed skeleton, so it shouldn't have aroused Qin Yu's interest.

But it was exactly because it was decayed that Qin Yu furrowed his eyebrows. The blood moon could revive dead beings, so why not this?

His thoughts raced and he changed direction, his figure howling out.

He landed beside the skeleton. Compared to the abyssal bone beast, this body was much smaller. But as it lay on the ground it was still almost 10,000 feet long.

If this monster beast was still alive and its body was filled with flesh and blood, it would be like a moving mountain with incredible momentum.

But now, its aura had thoroughly dispersed. Besides being big, it didn't give off any feeling of threat.

He carefully looked over the bones. A dark golden light flashed in his eyes. Moments later, he happily smiled.

With a flick of his sleeves, strength gushed out from the void, lifting up the bones into the air. They tumbled and collapsed, decomposing into pale white bone dust that blew into the horizon.

At this time, his complexion changed. He could sense a throbbing in his heart. But when he tried to focus on it, it disappeared.

With his current level, he wouldn't have such a feeling for no reason. But, there had indeed been nothing special about this giant skeleton.

His thoughts raced. He took a deep breath and suppressed these thoughts. His time was limited and he couldn't delay here.

He looked down at the shallow cut mark that appeared where the skeleton had originally been lying. The cut mark was three inches deep and nearly a meter in length. It had previously been covered. If it weren't for his eyes that could see into the essence of things, it would have been impossible for him to detect.

Dark golden light surged in his eyes. He looked at the cut mark and then sighed.

While it was much longer than the cut marks around the tree hole, it seemed to have lost too much strength. Now, only a faint trace was left behind. He feared it would dissipate as soon as he touched it – not enough time for him to complete his experiment.

But he couldn't give up now. Everything would depend on his luck. He squatted on the ground and probingly touched the cut mark with a finger.

He closed his eyes. His mind was wholly focused on the cut mark with his fingertip as the medium.

After a moment, there was a light 'pa' sound. He opened his eyes to see that the cut mark had shattered and disappeared.

Without a trace, as if it had never been there to begin with.

He was just a bit away, just a bit away! And he would have been able to grasp the key point!

At this moment, no matter how calm he was he still couldn't help but feel anxious. He took several deep breaths before stabilizing himself.

He stood up and drew back his hand. He looked down at his fingertip. There was a cut mark on it. The flesh and blood wriggled as it tried to regenerate, but then it broke apart again in the next moment.

This was the overflowing strength of destruction that emanated when the cut mark shattered. Although it was only an infinitesimally small amount, its might was astonishing...

At this time, Qin Yu wanted to find out the secret behind these cut marks even more!

Time was about to run out. He needed to hurry back.

He turned to leave, soaring towards the dead tree even faster than when he left.

There was still an hour until the blood moon arrived. Qin Yu could already see the branches of the dead tree in the distance.

He relaxed. But then, his heart suddenly tensed.

There was someone beneath the tree!

When Qin Yu saw them, the cultivators below the tree seemed to sense something. They turned to look at him.

His heart shrank and an uncontrollable sense of loathing surged forth from the depths of his heart. He frowned.

This feeling...when he was at the City Lord Mansion playing chess with Lei Xiaoyu, he had felt this before.

A spark flashed in Cui Yongji's eyes before returning to tranquility. He cupped his hands together and said, "My name is Cui Yongji. I greet fellow daoist."

Qin Yu maintained his composure as he looked towards the tree hole. The seal at the entrance was still intact, so Lei Xiaoyu should be fine.

But to be careful, he still loudly shouted, "Xiaoyu, if you can hear me then reply!"

"Big Brother Qin, I'm here." Space fluctuated to reveal Lei Xiaoyu's figure. When she saw Qin Yu beneath the tree, her face brightened with joy.

Qin Yu's eyes flashed. "Xiaoyu, how long have these two guests been here?"

Lei Xiaoyu said, "Around four hours. This Mister Cui said that this was a hiding place he discovered a long time ago. He didn't know it had a new master."

Cui Yongji smiled. "Fellow daoist Qin, right? We mean no ill intent, otherwise we wouldn't have waited this long. This tree hole is only one of several safe hiding places we have found. Since you two have moved in, I will give it to you." He lifted a finger and pointed at the skies, "But the time has arrived and we aren't able to rush to another place in time. I hope that fellow daoist Qin can let us stay for the night.

"Fellow daoist Qin, rest assured that once the blood moon vanishes we will immediately leave. We have no other intent."

His voice was sincere and his demeanor casual.

Qin Yu's eyes sharpened. "So that's how it is. Since we have fallen into this land, we must support each other. Mister Cui and this other fellow daoist may naturally stay."

Cui Yongji smiled, "Thank you, fellow daoist Qin!"

Qin Yu gestured with a hand, "Please."

Before his voice fell, he took a step forward. The ground hollowed as countless cracks spread out.

Power surged up his legs and body and he rushed forward like lightning. His momentum was cruel and vicious...unstoppable!

Chapter 924 – Ruler of Thunder

Qin Yu's sudden attack caused the situation to take a turn for the worse. Lei Xiaoyu's eyes flew open; even she hadn't expected this.

But after spending several months together she had come to know Qin Yu's personality. Although he wasn't a pure and kind-hearted gentleman, he still had a bottom line he wouldn't cross.

If Cui Yongji and his disciple could be trusted, then he wouldn't mind generously receiving them for the evening and helping them avoid the terrors of the blood moon.

Since he attacked, there had to be a problem with these two. Although she had no idea how Qin Yu had discovered this, she didn't doubt it at all.

Thinking of this, her complexion paled and her heart started to race.

Lei Xiaoyu was smart to begin with. Now that she regained her senses and thought for a moment, she had guessed the truth.

The reason Cui Yongji and his disciple had put on such a kind facade and didn't attack her was because they feared the spell Qin Yu placed on the entrance to the tree hole.

If the blood moon arrived and Qin Yu still hadn't returned, they would have torn off their hypocritical faces. Just thinking about the consequences left Lei Xiaoyu shivering with fear!

In fact, her guess was extremely close to the truth. When Cui Yongji was caught off guard by Qin Yu's fist, his eyes darkened. He couldn't figure it out at all. His act had been so perfect, so how had this boy discovered it?

Whatever. The blood moon was about to arrive. He had no time to waste contemplating such things.

Originally he wanted to save his strength dealing with these two people, but now he had to expend some effort.

That's right, even though Cui Yongji had been discovered by Qin Yu and had also been caught off guard, he still possessed absolute self-confidence.

This was just a junior that hadn't stepped into the God boundary. Even if he had some strength, how could he be his opponent?

"Go. Break open the imprisonment over the entrance and catch that woman!" Cui Yongji sneered. He raised a hand and blazing flames condensed from nothingness, forcing Qin Yu back.

Behind him, his disciple grinned diabolically and shot up into the skies. With a punch, the temperature in the world drastically fell and large snowflakes started to fall.

"Xiaoyu, hide in the tree hole!" Qin Yu shouted. He avoided a scarlet fire saber. The black robes he wore were torn open to reveal charred red skin.

At this time, his eyebrows flew up. A feeling of fear descended, thoroughly submerging his mind.

This feeling...the blood moon was about to arrive!

Across from him, Cui Yongji frowned before gravely smiling. "Junior, consider yourself lucky. I don't have time to play with you."

He stepped forward and vanished from sight. "Let's end this!"

As these ice-cold words still tumbled in the air, his figure flickered in front of Qin Yu. He thrust out a finger.

With a roar, Qin Yu seemed unable to dodge. He lifted his arms and grabbed at Cui Yongji.

Puff –

A fingertip submerged into Qin Yu's flesh and blood. Cui Yongji had a ruthless and cruel expression. His eyes shined with mocking disdain. "You want to fight me with your life? Junior, you are ruthless enough, but your life is already gone, so what are you going to use to fight with me?"

The fingertip that sank into Qin Yu suddenly split up. Countless blood red thorns emerged, crazily digging deeper into Qin Yu's body.

Then, these tiny thorns all sprayed out poison. Even a single drop was enough to kill a million lives.

It was because of this that Cui Yongji was so confident. His most powerful ability had never been his cultivation, but his life's vital poison that he had accumulated and refined over countless years.

When this finger pierced Qin Yu's chest and sank into his flesh and blood, he was already a dead man standing in Cui Yongji's eyes!

"Is that right?" Qin Yu's lips curved up in a smile. Blood red spots caused by the poison had already appeared on his face, but his eyes were still filled with glacial coldness. His raised arms suddenly turned into a hug, dragging Cui Yongji into his chest.

His arms were like iron, stubbornly imprisoning him.

Cui Yongji's complexion changed. The moment he felt the powerful strength contained within Qin Yu's arms, he knew a problem had occurred.

He understood best how potent his life's poison was. Let alone a mere junior that hadn't reached the God boundary, even a powerhouse at a similar level would turn into a fish on the chopping block as soon as the poison entered their body.

And it was clear that his life's poison wasn't having the effect it should have...

Moreover, what caused Cui Yongji's heart to shake the most was that he vaguely felt he had fallen into some kind of fatal trap.

Like lightning cutting through a thick fog, a thought appeared in Cui Yongji's mind – this junior had deliberately drawn him in!

But why? How could this junior know his most formidable ability, and how was he able to resist the attack of the poison?

Qin Yu didn't give Cui Yongji any more time to think. The index finger of his right hand suddenly turned transparent as a terrifying swallowing strength erupted. And what it was swallowing was the poison that Cui Yongji had injected into Qin Yu!

"Ahhh!" To Cui Yongji, his life's poison being swallowed up was a heart-wrenching pain. His eyes flashed red and he screeched, "Impossible, how did you do this!?"

At the same time, he crazily erupted with all his strength. He wanted to break free from Qin Yu's imprisonment and pull out his finger.

Kacha –

Kacha –

In an instant, countless cracking and tearing sounds of flesh and blood echoed out from inside Qin Yu's body.

Even in the God boundary, Cui Yongji was an absolute powerhouse. As he wildly struggled, even the Ancient race's Undying Body sustained heavy damages.

But the Ancient race's Undying Body's strongest ability was its nearly indestructible and endless regenerative capabilities. Qin Yu's two hearts wildly beat in his chest, stimulating his blood energy to seethe with excitement and accelerate his body's restoration.

At this time, all of Qin Yu's exposed body turned red, as if a raging inferno was burning him up!

But this sort of eruption technique caused terrifying losses. Even with the intensity of Qin Yu's mortal body he couldn't maintain this for a long time. He needed to find a source to supplement it.

Qin Yu's ten fingers that grabbed onto Cui Yongji's back suddenly tightened like sharp claws. They tore through skin, digging into flesh and blood as they utilized the Ancient race's overbearing plundering technique.

Bang –

Billowing blood energy was madly sucked away, rushing over like a river as it roared its way into Qin Yu's body, where it was suppressed by the Ancient race's Undying Body and refined. It was like oil being poured onto a raging fire, causing Qin Yu's speed of regeneration to rise, nearly instantly restoring his body as soon as it was damaged.

Cui Yongji felt as if he was going insane. A boy that hadn't even reached the God boundary had pushed him into such dire straits. Not only was this boy able to swallow his life's poison, he could even plunder his blood energy to accelerate his healing ability!

Out of the two of them, who was looting who?

Cui Yongji could clearly feel that each time he erupted with strength and struggled, he caused fatal damage to Qin Yu. Qin Yu's mouth and nose were flooded with blood but he was like glue that couldn't be torn off, clinging onto him at all costs.

Time slowly passed. Cui Yongji began to feel fear. He could gradually feel the shadow of death arriving.

It was rich like ink, as deep as the abyss!

“Badun, come back and kill this boy! Kill him!”

Cui Yongji screamed out loud.

Badun was in the midst of attacking the spell that covered the tree hole. He suddenly turned around and leapt behind Qin Yu. He lifted a hand and an ice sword condensed in his palm. Then, he brought it down on Qin Yu’s head.

Pa –

The ice sword shattered. A fierce wound appeared on Qin Yu’s face. Flesh and blood split open to reveal the pale bone beneath. One could even see the sword cut on the surface of the bone.

But in the next moment, the bone and flesh grew back at an astonishing speed, restored to how it was in the beginning.

Qin Yu turned his head to stare at him. With just one look, Badun, whose hand ached from the shaking force, froze in place.

Badun felt as if he had been targeted by the cruelest beast that stood at the top of the food chain. Any rash actions would lead to him being torn to pieces.

Cui Yongji angrily shouted, “You stupid idiot, what are you doing!? This person has an ultra-powerful ability to regenerate his body! Hurry and use your eternal cold power to seal up his blood energy! Now!”

“Ah...yes, teacher!” Badun seemed to wake up from a trance. He raised a hand and tore at the point between his eyebrows. Then, as if a seal had been opened, his aura soared.

Dark black lines appeared over his body. They wove together, forming an incomparably complex pattern that covered him from head to toe.

The temperature in the air rapidly fell and countless black snowflakes fell from up above. Badun raised his hands forward. The black snowflakes gathered together, condensing into a black ice crystal spear.

Badun grabbed the spear without hesitation. After leaping up high, he stabbed it into Qin Yu’s back.

Puff –

The tightened flesh and blood tore apart as the black ice crystal spear pierced through Qin Yu’s chest. Badun’s eyes lit up with excitement. Without hesitation, he pulled the spear out and ruthlessly stabbed again.

Puff –

Qin Yu’s chest was pierced through once again. He spat out a mouthful of blood, mixed with pieces of ice. The eternal cold energy within the black ice crystal spear had invaded Qin Yu and was crazily destroying his body.

And the most terrifying part was that this cold strength could freeze blood vitality. It visibly reduced the speed at which Qin Yu’s body was restoring itself.

Cui Yongji cackled out loud, “Yes, that’s it!” He stared at Qin Yu, his resentful eyes full of burning heat. “Junior, although I sensed your aura was uncommon, I never imagined you would possess such terrifying methods.

“But you are destined to die here today. I will slowly swallow you up and obtain everything you have!”

The barrage of attacks that assaulted the tree hole entrance had come to a stop. Lei Xiaoyu hesitated and cautiously peered out. What she saw almost caused her heart to stop beating: Qin Yu was flanked from front and behind by Cui Yongji and his disciple. He couldn’t even turn his head anymore and could only allow the person behind him to pierce him through with an ice spear.

Puff –

Puff –

As she was stunned for a moment, two more holes appeared in Qin Yu’s chest.

Ice covered their surface and the speed at which they regenerated was much slower. Looking through the holes, one could see the scarred hearts within – they had been pierced through numerous times, and although they were regenerating, the speed was slowing down more and more. If things continued like this, they would eventually stop!

“Ahh!” Lei Xiaoyu screamed out loud. Without any hesitation she rushed out from the tree hole. Her long hair surged against the wind, instantly turning purple.

Rumble rumble –

Black clouds instantly wove together in the heavens above. Endless lightning leapt within. Hundreds of thousands of thunderbolts raged and twined together as they crashed down – their goal was unexpectedly Lei Xiaoyu!

Badun was startled by the thunderclaps from above. He immediately looked up.

Then, he saw Lei Xiaoyu in midair. She was wrapped in endless crackling lightning, like a descending goddess of thunder.

Everyone knew that Roc City’s Lei Qianjun had slaughtered his way to where he was now, cutting off hundreds of millions of heads with a single word. With this, he led the Lei Family to become an overlord of their own region. But what people didn’t know was the reason why the Lei Family’s surname was Lei. Lei meant thunder. It was because among their ancestors, there was once a mighty being who became enlightened upon the path of thunder and condensed thunder runes into his bloodline, becoming known as the Ruler of Thunder.

Because of a great change that occurred later, the Lei Family’s bloodline was nearly cut off. All that remained of them was in Roc City. Even through dozens of generations of inheritance, none of them had been able to awaken their bloodline.

But now, tens of thousands of years later, the Lei Family’s thunder ruling bloodline appeared in the world once again!

Chapter 925 - Blood Servant

Bathed in a baptism of endless thunder, Lei Xiaoyu's pupils turned silver white, her face icy cold and without emotion. Then, she lifted her hands and pressed them down.

Badun screamed out loud and his body blew apart, changing into countless blood phantoms that howled out in all directions. This was his greatest life-maintaining technique and once he used it his cultivation would be greatly damaged. He would forever lose a part of his soul and his future cultivation would be affected.

But at this time he used it without hesitation, because the moment Lei Xiaoyu raised her hands, he felt a breath upon him that left him wallowing in despair.

If he didn't run away he would immediately die!

Rumble rumble –

Endless lightning flooded the world, weaving into a boundless net that covered the land without a single opening.

Badun had blown into countless blood phantoms. But no matter how many there were, there was no way for him to escape this omnipresent attack.

Beneath the thunder, the blood phantoms evaporated like steam!

The silver light in Lei Xiaoyu's eyes rapidly faded away and her hair returned to black. She fell to the ground, vomiting mouthfuls of blood.

That strike just now had exhausted all of her strength...the most essential reason that the Lei Family's bloodline hadn't awakened over dozens of generations was that the ruler of thunder bloodline was peerless and overbearing, and it had extremely high requirements for the cultivator themselves.

With Lei Xiaoyu's current boundary, being able to erupt with this much power was all because of her formidable bloodline. But at the same time she needed to pay a steep price.

She poured onto the ground and curled tightly into a ball. Her aura rapidly declined. It was like a candle precariously flickering in the wind, about to extinguish at any moment.

Qin Yu shouted out loud, "Xiaoyu!"

He drew in a deep breath and roared. Ice thorns drilled out from his body. This was the power of eternal cold that invaded his body being forcefully expelled.

Cui Yongji's eyes twitched. As he looked at Qin Yu, an irrepressible fear rose up within him.

This was a lunatic! A lunatic that wouldn't die!

Badun had already died so it was impossible for him to win. He had to immediately escape. If things continued like this, he really would die.

As for the blood moon...Cui Yongji couldn't care about it right now. With his skills, if he ran away he at least had a chance to survive.

“Junior, we will meet again in the future. I vow that I shall make you pay the price for today!” Cui Yongji screamed with hatred. His body began to dissolve like ice beneath the summer sun, turning into a pool of black goo that freed itself from Qin Yu’s confinement. It squirmed around, about to flee.

“You cannot leave!” Qin Yu looked down at the black goo that was tightly sucked into the wound on his chest. He raised his right index finger and coldly said, “If you cannot stop this person from leaving, your existence is no longer necessary!”

A black vortex appeared in his transparent index finger. As it rapidly revolved, one could faintly see a blurry face within it.

It seemed to be a copy of Qin Yu’s face. It was extremely similar, but it was pale and solitary, without any vitality at all. As if the significance of this face’s existence was only to destroy and slaughter, to make the world feel fear and doom.

The black pool of goo that Cui Yongji turned into was dragged out into a long line. The tail end remained caught in Qin Yu’s flesh and blood. Now, this tail was being pulled backwards.

“No! What kind of monster are you!? I have become the incarnation of an invisible body, free from all imprisonment, and yet I cannot free myself!” Within the black goo, Cui Yongji’s face appeared. He looked at Qin Yu with a panic-stricken expression.

As a seizer of the Great Dao, he had always been a nightmare for other cultivators. This was the first time he felt the taste of despair from someone else.

The swallowing strength coming from Qin Yu grew stronger and stronger. Cui Yongji thought he could hear the sound of grinding teeth. If he didn’t run he really would have no time!

“Ahh!” With a miserable scream, Cui Yongji’s invisible body was split in half, divided in two.

The freed half shrank into a ball that howled into the distance.

The other half lost all ability to resist and was swallowed up immediately.

Qin Yu looked at the direction Cui Yongji ran away in. Without hesitation, he turned and rushed towards Lei Xiaoyu.

This stretch of the world turned pitch black...the blood moon was arriving!

In the darkness, Qin Yu felt as if he were bathed in polar ice. The blood in his body almost froze solid.

He furiously shouted out loud. His two scarred hearts wildly beat, forcefully maintaining their movement.

Lei Xiaoyu’s weak voice was clear in the darkness. “Big Brother Qin...leave...you must leave...the blood moon is coming...”

Shua –

In the blink of an eye, everything they saw was bathed in a blood red sheen.

This was the first time Qin Yu was shined upon by the blood moon. The chill in the air grew ten times, a hundred times colder.

Kacha –

Kacha –

He could hear his own blood freezing!

He was close, he was so close, Lei Xiaoyu was right in front of him!

Pa –

Qin Yu landed on the ground, causing the earth to collapse. He reached out and grabbed the stiff Lei Xiaoyu. He looked up at the skies. Just this simple movement caused him to consume a tremendous amount of strength as his neck released harsh creaking sounds.

“Come out for me!”

With a roar, the sun and moon force field within his soul space dispersed outwards. The chill in Qin Yu’s body was directly isolated outside.

Then, he stepped forward, soaring into the skies with Lei Xiaoyu in his arms as he headed straight towards the tree hole entrance.

But now, bathed beneath the light of the blood moon, the dead tree had begun to revive.

The bare branches that aimed at the skies were touched by red light. They became as nimble as tentacles.

With excited screams, countless tentacles howled forth. They were about to weave into a net, blocking Qin Yu’s path into the tree hole.

They were in midair and life or death would be decided in an instant. Yet, Qin Yu’s consciousness fell into a state of incomparable calm.

He knew that he couldn’t enter the tree hole if the tentacles were blocking him.

There was not enough time. He would be a breath of time slower. This difference of a single breath represented the division between life and death.

Breathing in deeply, Qin Yu lifted his hands. A look of firm resolve flickered in his eyes.

Since there is not enough time, then I will add another breath of time to this world.

A finger fell. At this moment, the rules of the path of time were triggered.

Qin Yu spat out a mouthful of blood. The scarlet tentacles that shot towards him froze in place.

Whoosh –

With the tiniest sliver of error, Qin Yu brushed across the blood red tentacles and broke into the tree hole, tumbling across the ground.

Outside the tree hole, the frozen time was restored. The dead tree flew into a rage. The tentacles frantically whipped at the earth.

But the silver light emanating from the slash marks at the entrance caused the tentacles to stop 50 feet away. At that point, they no longer dared to come closer.

Hu –

Hu –

Qin Yu gasped for breath in great heaving gulps. He felt as if he had been cut open by a knife and every inch of his flesh and blood twitched from pain.

His field of vision flashed black. He fiercely bit down on his tongue to maintain consciousness. Then, he looked down and examined Lei Xiaoyu's condition.

"Big...Big Brother Qin..."

After entering the tree hole and escaping the light of the blood moon, the chill in the air vanished. Lei Xiaoyu squeezed out a smile on her pale face.

"I...am finally...not...a burden..."

Qin Yu placed a hand on her body, saying, "You saved my life, so of course you aren't a burden."

He took a breath and forced himself to stay awake. He continued to say, "Xiaoyu, if you feel tired then close your eyes and go to sleep. Once you wake up you won't be in so much pain."

Lei Xiaoyu blinked her eyes, "I'm afraid...that I won't be able to wake up."

Qin Yu smiled. "I promise that you will wake up. Trust me."

After staring at him for a moment, Lei Xiaoyu closed her eyes and fell asleep. A tear she had been suppressing slid down from the corner of her eye.

Qin Yu knelt on the ground. He had reached the limits of his willpower yet he didn't dare to fall unconscious. The moment he did, Lei Xiaoyu would die.

Because of the awakening of the thunder bloodline, her current condition had become as bad as it could possibly be.

After taking several great breaths, Qin Yu bit his fingertip and then placed it between Lei Xiaoyu's lips.

If one drank the blood of an Ancient, they would become a blood servant of the Ancients. This was a more primitive and yet higher level method than signing a blood slave contract.

A blood servant could withstand injuries for an Ancient. Sometimes they could even substitute for the Ancient at some moments.

For example, the witchcraft bug in Lei Xiaoyu's body. If he were the one affected by it, then he could have a blood servant withstand the backlash for him instead.

Of course, if the blood servant really did die, then the Ancient would also have to pay a considerable price.

But for Qin Yu, turning Lei Xiaoyu into a blood servant was in order to withstand a part of the witchcraft bug's swallowing.

With her alone, she wouldn't be able to overcome this hurdle!

Ancients were able to commune and share with their blood servants to begin with. It was just that there was an extremely small number of Ancients that were willing to wound themselves to save their blood servants.

Forcefully stopping the outflow of blood, the feeling of collapse and weakness within him increased. His mind buzzed.

Blood servant markings began to appear on the surface of Lei Xiaoyu's body.

Qin Yu could immediately feel the swallowing power from the witchcraft bug within Lei Xiaoyu's body. It was like a needle being jabbed into his brain.

He spat out a mouthful of blood. Before he fell unconscious, his last thought was: how had Lei Xiaoyu endured the pain produced by the swallowing of the witchcraft bug for all these years?

When Qin Yu woke up again, the blood moon hung high in the air and the withered tree was anchored to the mountain summit, brutally fighting against two bone beasts.

It was clearly at a disadvantage whilst fighting one against two. But by relying on its powerful regenerative abilities and massive body, the dead tree remained undefeated.

The potent restorative powers of the Ancient race's Undying Body began to display itself. Although Qin Yu still felt weak, he could move without problem.

He quickly examined Lei Xiaoyu's condition. While her aura was weak, she had stabilized and wasn't in a life-threatening state at the moment.

He finally relaxed. Then, he looked up at the two bone beasts that were fighting the dead tree. One of them was the one he had investigated in the abyss, but the other was unknown.

Mm?

Looking carefully, it seemed a bit familiar.

After shaking his still dizzy head, Qin Yu finally remembered where he had seen this second bone beast before. It was similar to the decayed skeleton he had seen when he was looking for slash marks. The only difference was that this bone beast's body was a whole size larger.

Looking at the battlefield, the bone beast he investigated still had plenty of strength remaining. As for the other crazy one, it didn't hesitate to use up all its strength to damage the dead tree's tentacles.

From how things looked, this enmity was clearly extremely deep.

Qin Yu rubbed his nose. He thought back to the foreboding feeling he sensed when he destroyed the decayed skeleton...could this second bone beast have come for him?

Huh? This was truly an unexpected misfortune. Who would have thought that a decayed skeleton would still have friends?

Uh...perhaps it wasn't as simple as being friends. One large and one small corresponded to a male and female. Maybe they were a couple when they were still alive.

If so, this bone beast's hatred could be explained.

Qin Yu rubbed his forehead and bitterly smiled. He quickly restrained all the random thoughts popping into his mind.

While it seemed that the dead tree hadn't yet lost, it was all because one bone beast wasn't doing its best. If it really seized the right opening, the course of battle would change in an instant.

And, he couldn't forget that besides these three parties fighting, there were at least ten other terrifying creatures that were eyeing the battle.

If the dead tree received heavy losses, these other terrifying creatures would definitely take advantage while it was down. Qin Yu didn't care about the wellbeing of the dead tree, but if it was eliminated, he and Lei Xiaoyu would suffer disaster.

He could not allow this to continue!

Chapter 926 - Change

Let alone with Qin Yu's current horrible condition, even if he was at his peak state he might not be able to block this bone beast.

He looked up at the increasingly round blood moon in the skies. Then, he took a deep breath. A flash of dark gold light appeared in his eyes.

As he thought, he saw something different. The moonlight from up above seemed to have a strange catalytic effect, causing the dead tree and two bone beasts to gradually fall into a frenzied state.

This might explain what happened. Otherwise, since the dead tree had a mind and will of its own, it would have been impossible for it to not have sensed the danger it was in.

Qin Yu reclaimed his vision and furrowed his eyebrows together. Several breaths of time later, a sharp light flashed in his eyes.

The more time passed, the greater the blood moon's influence over the dead tree became. He could only make a gamble here and hope that this revived dead tree wasn't as brainless as he thought!

With a thought, dark golden light appeared in his eyes once more. The sun and moon force field fluctuated, covering Qin Yu. He stepped heavily on the ground.

Because he was inside the dead tree, his shaking voice could be directly transmitted into its consciousness.

When the dead tree paused for a moment, Qin Yu shouted, "If you don't leave now, when will you!"

This voice contained a trace of aura from the jade embryo egg as well as fluctuations from the sun and moon force field that surpassed the material realm.

The root system that spread through the summit and the frenzy of tentacles that were fighting with the two bone beasts suddenly trembled.

At this time, the blood moon's influence over it seemed to have been broken.

Without hesitation, the dead tree drew out its roots, weaving them into legs that dashed down the mountainside.

Hou –

With a great roar, the second bone beast chased after it.

The first bone beast that kept most of its strength hesitated for a moment. Then, it flung its head into the skies and roared. It decided to stay at the summit.

As if it wasn't willing to truly force the dead tree into a hopeless situation.

Or, perhaps the blood energy in the mountain valley was far too enticing to it.

The dead tree dashed forward as the second bone beast pursued close behind. After running away from the mountain valley, a battle erupted between the two.

In the end, the bone beast had half its body broken and the dead tree lost almost half its tentacles. Both sides were severely injured.

Bushes drilled up from the ground and the blood moon vanished from sight. Just before that happened, the dead tree dragged its damaged body away and took root in its original spot.

Qin Yu could feel its weakened aura. It was clear that the repeated battles had wounded it deeply.

But he couldn't continue observing the dead tree's situation. He looked at the sleeping Lei Xiaoyu and closed his eyes, beginning to cultivate.

He had to heal his injuries as soon as possible.

Three days later, the blood moon was only a final sliver away from reaching perfection. Qin Yu guessed that it would be at most five days before it became a complete full blood moon.

This was a bit different from Qin Yu's original prediction. While the blood moon followed the rules of waxing and waning, it was clearly not on a 30 day cycle. It should be somewhat longer.

Shua –

He opened his eyes. Within the pitch black world, a sharp light flashed in his pupils.

Several breaths of time later, the light from the bushes illuminated the world.

He calmly looked out at the world outside the tree hole. He walked over to Lei Xiaoyu's side. After resting for several days and with him sharing in the swallowing pain of the witchcraft bug, her condition had more or less stabilized.

He placed a finger between her eyebrows and took it back a few moments later. Her eyelashes flickered as her eyes slowly opened up.

"Big Brother Qin..." She mumbled, her voice still weak.

Qin Yu smiled. "See? I said you would wake up. I didn't lie to you."

Lei Xiaoyu nodded. She tried to smile, but the more she tried, the more tears rolled down.

Qin Yu stiffened. He looked into her eyes and the emotions tumbling within them. He slowly asked, "You know?"

Lei Xiaoyu turned her head to the side and wiped away her tears. "When the ruler of thunder bloodline awakened, I felt the existence of the witchcraft bug within me. So it's because of this that I felt so much pain throughout the years."

She bit her lips and looked at Qin Yu. "Big Brother Qin, can you tell me how much time I have left?"

"Xiaoyu..."

"Big Brother Qin, I beg you to tell me. I promise I won't argue or cry."

Qin Yu let out a breath. "Half a year."

Lei Xiaoyu muttered, "It's just like I thought. It seems my senses weren't wrong. Big Brother Qin, thank you for not lying to me."

This girl, she actually sensed her remaining lifespan. It must be because of her awakened bloodline.

Qin Yu held her hand, "Xiaoyu, there isn't much time so I cannot sit here and comfort you. But I promise you that there is still a chance you will survive."

He gripped her hand and pulled her up, putting her on his back.

Arriving at the entrance, Qin Yu leapt down. Wind howled in his ears and he narrowed his eyes.

Pa –

He landed on the ground. Without hesitation, Qin Yu carried Lei Xiaoyu through the dim world, racing towards the distance.

"Xiaoyu, do you know? If I cannot crack open the secret of the cut markings, we might only have five days left to live."

He described the changes of the blood moon and the related cut markings with a simple explanation.

"Mm? Big Brother Qin, is this true!?"

"I won't lie to you. In truth, while I've grasped some key points, I have no idea whether I can succeed or not. So in some sense, we are standing on the precipice of death. But I haven't given up and I won't give up. Even if there is only a sliver of hope, I will do my best and carve open a road to survival."

"Big Brother Qin..."

"I didn't tell you before because I was afraid you would be worried about it. I'm telling you now because I hope you understand that there is no smooth road in this world. A catastrophe can appear at any time and kill you. All we can do is try to overcome all the obstacles in front of us to survive. Even if we fail in the end, there will be no need for us to be ashamed of our lives or feel any regret. Remember this. Whether we die or not, that is only the end result. But whether we want to die is our decision, and no one can change that."

At the end of their conversation, Qin Yu didn't tell Lei Xiaoyu that he had been living like this for all these years. Otherwise, with all the hardships and tribulations that came his way, how could he have lived until today?

There was no individual that could control everything in the world. But as long as something was within his range of control, he had to take hold of his own fate.

His luck couldn't be considered too good. Qin Yu spent almost ten hours before finding a new cut mark. After sweeping it over with his divine sense and discovering nothing wrong with it, he let Lei Xiaoyu down and slowly placed a finger on it.

He closed his eyes and meditated, enlarging his senses to a near infinite degree. With his fingertip as the medium, his mind entered the cut mark.

Six hours later, with a light 'pa' sound, the cut mark shattered and vanished without a trace. Qin Yu slowly opened his eyes. A few blurry shadows seemed to flicker in his eyes.

He looked down at his finger. There was another crack there that was in the process of healing and breaking open again.

He clenched his fists, feeling the pain in his fingertip. Then, he turned and walked away. When his feet landed on the ground, the dirt collapsed and fissures spread outwards as his speed reached the peak.

Finding the cut mark had used up nearly ten hours and perceiving it had cost six hours. Only eight more hours remained until the blood moon would arrive again.

Taking into account any unexpected situations and adding an hour as a cushion period, Qin Yu had to rush back to the dead tree within seven hours.

Lei Xiaoyu lowered her head as she clung tightly onto Qin Yu's back. His warmth spread through her. As she glanced at his calm profile, the fear, despair, and sadness in her heart slowly abated.

After today's conversation and what Qin Yu had been silently doing these past several hours, Lei Xiaoyu felt as if she had a much deeper understanding of him.

Big Brother Qin wasn't just speaking casually. He really was living it...life or death might be an end result, but whether or not a person wanted to die was their own decision. No one else could control it!

She inhaled a deep breath, pasting herself even tighter against Qin Yu. She quietly made up her mind – she wanted to fight against the heavens!

She had suffered enough pain and misery in these past years. Even if she committed some great sin in a past life, that debt had long since been paid off.

She wanted to continue living, because she had a premonition that this man who was carrying her on his back would surely become an existence that was worshipped and looked up to by countless people...only by living could she see and participate in this splendid scene!

“Big Brother Qin, thank you.”

Qin Yu could hear the tranquility in her words as well as a reinvigorated and unshakeable faith. He smiled and said, “You don’t need to thank me. Just live happily from now on.”

“Mm!” Lei Xiaoyu nodded with effort.

Whoosh –

Whoosh –

Qin Yu went faster and faster, leaving behind a series of afterimages in his wake. He occasionally looked up at the dark skies and some strange emotion rippled in the depths of his eyes.

Something didn’t seem right.

Taking in a breath, the two hearts within his chest started to accelerate. His exposed skin turned crimson and his flesh and blood thundered. With every step he took, the ground collapsed and shook. His speed rose to a new level.

Another two hours passed. There was still a distance to the dead tree. The restlessness in Qin Yu’s heart grew heavier.

At this time, he suddenly heard the sound of movement. He looked up to see a sword light shooting into the skies. The tyrannical sword will carried with it a bitter killing intent. Several miserable howls came to an abrupt end as the thick scent of blood was carried along the wind and flooded the senses.

Qin Yu frowned. Hesitation appeared in his eyes. In the next moment his feet landed on the ground and he came to an abrupt stop.

Lei Xiaoyu asked, “Big Brother Qin, what is it?”

Qin Yu breathed out, “I have to save someone.”

Shua –

He changed directions. Ten breaths of time later, after tearing through masses of black thorns, he arrived at a chaotic battlefield.

Sword marks spread across the ground. Each one released a chilling killing intent. If an ordinary creature were to step within, they would immediately be ripped to shreds.

Qin Yu looked around. Among a crowd of corpses, he immediately spotted a bleeding Ban Bu who had fallen to the ground.

That's right. When he was at Riverwater City, this was the formidable sword cultivator he had rescued in order to attract attention from all sides and lay out his plan.

Just before when Qin Yu saw the sword light, he had sensed Ban Bu's aura.

At this moment, Ban Bu opened his eyes. With the humming of a sword, a terrifying sword intent locked onto Qin Yu.

Qin Yu glanced at it and pointed a finger. The horrifying killing intent broke apart and vanished like a bubble.

Ban Bu's eyes flew open with stunned disbelief, "You...you are..."

Qin Yu lightly said, "If you don't want to die, come with me." He grabbed onto Ban Bu's hand and continued racing towards the dead tree.

Finally, the dead tree came into sight. Normally there would still be two hours until the blood moon arrived. But for some reason, the unease in Qin Yu's heart made him believe that a change would occur.

He didn't slow down. Instead, he went even faster. He held his breath and his speed erupted to an unprecedented level.

As Ban Bu was being dragged along he coughed as he was pulled forward even faster. His eyes subconsciously widened with confusion.

He had no idea why Qin Yu suddenly accelerated. But, it was clear that this sort of forceful eruption would create a tremendous burden and cause heavy losses to him.

In this terrifying place, one had to guarantee they had enough strength at all times. Otherwise fatal danger could arrive at any moment.

In Ban Bu's eyes, Qin Yu's actions seemed meaningless and even a bit stupid.

But he didn't dare to lightly draw any conclusions. Because when Qin Yu's dreadful finger easily destroyed his final sword intent, it also crashed into his mind, making him think of certain scenes from Riverwater City.

It was because of this that Ban Bu gave up all resistance and allowed himself to be carried away by Qin Yu. Before he could think of anything else, Qin Yu suddenly took a heavy step and flew up into the skies.

As the spatial distortion vanished, Ban Bu came to realize that Qin Yu's destination was this tree hole.

But they were already so close. This made Qin Yu's previous actions seem even more unreasonable.

Pa –

They landed. Qin Yu set Ban Bu down and turned around, looking at the world outside the tree hole.

One breath.

Two breaths.

Three breaths.

Time silently passed. Ban Bu's lips moved, but before he could speak, a blood red light covered the earth!

And before this, the eternal darkness hadn't arrived.

Chapter 927 – Coveting of the Blood Moon

Above the great earth, countless green bushes were exposed beneath the light of the blood moon. They screamed out together as if splashed by boiling oil and acid, rapidly darkening and rotting as billowing black smoke rose up from them.

They quickly contracted and shrank, shooting back into the ground. But, the black smoke shot into the skies, gathering in the heavens. It tumbled around and formed a massive sphere that continued upwards without stopping.

Because at this moment, the black ball's target was the blood moon hanging high in the skies!

It went faster and faster, flying higher and higher, until all that remained was a black dot in the skies.

At this moment, every single being in this mysterious world didn't hear the sound of collision but in their minds they clearly heard a heaven-shaking rumble, followed by endless shaking. It left their ears humming and their eyes seeing double.

Then, in that nearly perfectly round blood moon, an additional black spot appeared. One so small that it was easily missed.

But it indeed existed. It was like a giant pit that formed after being struck by a meteor.

Qin Yu had a grim expression. His eyebrows furrowed together as he looked at the blood moon which just appeared. In his eyes, dark golden light flashed. He could vaguely see the black smoke on the surface of the blood moon that was being quickly annihilated and swallowed.

But during this process, the light that the blood moon released was much dimmer than before. There was obviously some sort of delicate balance between it and the bushes on the ground. When the blood moon broke this balance and forcefully arrived at this world ahead of time, the bushes had been greatly injured and the blood moon had paid a price because of it!

Ban Bu's eyes widened. He looked outside the tree hole at the ground that was bathed in scarlet light. Then, he looked at Qin Yu's back. All of his hesitation and doubt started to rapidly melt away like white frost beneath the scorching sun.

It was that person, it had to be that senior. Who else could sense the arrival of the blood moon ahead of time and avoid its surprise attack?

With this judgment in mind, the more he looked at Qin Yu's back the more familiar Qin Yu seemed. While that senior wore black robes that concealed his face, he could still make out his general physique and shape.

Ban Bu took a deep breath and struggled to kneel. "I thank senior once more for the lifesaving graciousness! On that day..."

Qin Yu lifted a hand and interrupted his following words. He said, "You cultivate first. Once your injuries have stabilized, I have something to tell you."

Ban Bu respectfully bowed. He retreated deeper into the tree hole and sat down cross-legged.

Lei Xiaoyu looked at him and then at Qin Yu, "Big Brother Qin, you know him?"

Qin Yu nodded, "I helped him with a minor problem before. I didn't think he would remember me."

This was clearly a lie, but the smart Lei Xiaoyu merely blinked her eyes and said, "Oh," no longer asking anything else.

Qin Yu smiled, "Don't think too much about it. There's a reason I found this person. You rest first; I have to continue meditating."

He laid Lei Xiaoyu down and sat at the entrance of the tree hole. He looked at the cut marks, but found it difficult to calm his heart.

He looked up at the blood moon and narrowed his eyes. His intuition had been correct.

The blood moon arrived two hours ahead of time. It could be imagined that there were many people caught off guard. They must have experienced bitter dangers, even losing their lives as a result.

If he hadn't sensed it ahead of time, he might have become one of the dead people!

Qin Yu's eyes were deep and profound like a nebula of stars, capable of containing all things.

He was silent, but a thought reverberated in his mind. As more time passed this thought became increasingly clear...the blood moon broke the balance of this world and arrived early, even willing to withstand the backlash from the bushes to do this. Could he be its goal?

Qin Yu wasn't overly arrogant nor was he paranoid. He just knew that the secrets on his body were sufficiently enticing.

Ignoring the little blue lamp for the time being, even just the jade embryo egg or the sun and moon force field alone could raise a sea of blood if they appeared in the world.

And in this mysterious world, he had used these two strengths when the blood moon arrived.

Of course, the most important factor was that Qin Yu had sensed this heavy unease several hours ago.

If someone said this had nothing to do with him then how could he explain this feeling?

While he didn't know what this blood moon that arrived every 24 hours was, his instincts told him he had to leave as soon as possible.

Was this the coveting of the blood moon?

Qin Yu bitterly smiled and shook his head, dispersing these thoughts.

He closed his eyes. When he opened them again, there was nothing but tranquility there as he looked at the cut marks at the entrance.

There were still four days...

Even if he was in a hurry to leave, he had to survive the night of the full moon first!

Tonight, perhaps because it was too injured in its battle with the bone beast, the dead tree didn't unroot itself after reviving.

The tentacles attempted to enter the tree hole once more but stopped just 20 feet away. After a long period of hesitation, they finally retreated.

Even if it didn't rush to the mountain valley to take part in the feast of blood energy, the dead tree wasn't without harvest. It stretched out its scarlet tentacles, bathing in more moonlight.

Beneath the light of the blood moon, the rate at which it regenerated was visibly sped up. Qin Yu could feel the dead tree regaining its formidable strength.

But all of this was only reflected in the periphery of Qin Yu's senses, vanishing in a moment. All of his focus was concentrated on the cut markings.

Ban Bu woke up midway. Besides being a strong sword cultivator, he had clearly practiced other secret arts. His speed of recovery far surpassed other ordinary cultivators'.

He looked at the entrance where Qin Yu was sitting down. Admiration and respect slowly grew in his pupils.

It seemed that senior had appeared here to crack open the secrets of the cut marks.

Not long after Ban Bu left Riverwater City to search for a soul treasure, he stumbled into this world due to an accident.

Several months ago Ban Bu had also once tried to unravel the secret of the cut marks. As a sword cultivator, he could faintly feel the sword intent contained within them.

But what a pity, he failed in the end.

Afterwards Ban Bu learned that almost all cultivators who first entered this world had tried something similar. But none of them succeeded. Instead, because of their clumsy attempts, the cut marks were massively damaged.

Now, besides newly arrived cultivators, no one would try to mess with the cut marks in this world. Otherwise there would be fewer and fewer of them, and more people would die when the blood moon appeared.

If it were any other cultivator in front of him, then Ban Bu would have tried to stop them without hesitation. In his opinion, trying to figure out the secret of the cut marks was a futile effort that only ended up destroying them.

But the one who tried right now was Qin Yu...

Ban Bu couldn't restrain his joy and excitement. If senior succeeded then this world would no longer become dangerous. He could even leave.

Of course, Ban Bu also had a faint flickering of doubt in his heart. With what he had sensed so far and the power senior possessed, while this world was dangerous, it wasn't a threat to him.

But now, it seemed that senior was being extremely cautious. Was there another reason behind this?

24 hours passed in the blink of an eye. After the blood moon vanished, the eternal night that just arrived was impatiently lit up by the bushes.

After suffering a surprise attack from the blood moon, the bushes seemed dispirited. But, the light they released was even brighter.

As if they were silently warning the blood moon that it shouldn't try to change the rules again.

Qin Yu stood up. Behind him, Lei Xiaoyu and Ban Bu opened their eyes.

"Xiaoyu, come."

Lei Xiaoyu walked over and hopped onto Qin Yu's back. He turned and asked Ban Bu, "How is your condition right now?"

Ban Bu bowed, "I can move without problem. If senior has any instructions, please tell me."

Qin Yu said, "I need to find more cut marks. You should understand what I mean."

Ban Bu's heart shook. He thought that if this senior said this, he must already have some insights.

As he thought, senior was senior. Even if his current aura seemed strange, his abilities could not be doubted.

Without hesitation, he said, "Senior, I know a place where there are cut marks."

Qin Yu's eyes brightened. "With yesterday's speed, how long will it take to arrive?"

Ban Bu thought for a moment. "Around eight hours."

"Lead the way."

Ban Bu leapt down. There was the cry of a sword in midair as he flew into the horizon.

Qin Yu looked at this back before flicking his sleeves and placing a spatial imprisonment on the tree hole opening. Then, he shot into the skies.

"Ban Bu, this is only one of my avatars so the strength I can control is limited. Slow down a little."

Ban Bu's heart stirred. He nodded and the sword phantom slowed down. He continued to lead the way.

Two hours later, Qin Yu suddenly said, "Change direction. 15 degrees to the left."

Ban Bu moved accordingly. A moment later, Qin Yu also said, "Stop and restrain your aura."

Shua –

Shua –

The two landed on the ground. Qin Yu's thoughts stirred and the sun and moon force field dispersed outwards, wrapping around him and Lei Xiaoyu.

Behind him, Ban Bu's complexion changed. He quickly condensed his sword intent into a point so that none of it leaked out.

Several breaths of time later, a swarm of black bats flew across the skies. Each one was a meter long and had red eyes and fangs.

Faint traces of black gas exuded from their bodies, turning into a tumbling black fog that spread in their passing wake.

Soon, in the direction the bat swarm flew towards, there were the cries of monster beasts. A great battle had already begun.

Even though they were far away, Qin Yu could clearly feel the extremely formidable aura fluctuations coming from those monster beasts.

Beads of sweat appeared on Ban Bu's forehead. If he hadn't changed direction and stopped here, he feared they would have intruded into the territory of the monster beasts before being attacked by the bat swarm.

Even with his cultivation, just thinking of the consequences chilled his heart.

Hiss –

Ban Bu suddenly sucked in a breath of cold air. At some unknown point, a layer of black gas covered his exposed skin.

Poison!

This was the stench he discovered from the passing bat swarm. His complexion turned ugly. He thought he had been careful enough in sealing himself off, but he had been struck by surprise.

If there was such a rapid response, one could imagine how terrifying this poison was. Ban Bu didn't hesitate. He quickly said, "Senior, I've been poisoned. I must force it out immediately."

Qin Yu glanced at him, calmly saying, "Don't move."

Grasping his head, the black spots covering Ban Bu's skin began to retreat at a visible speed. Several breaths of time later they vanished without a trace.

Qin Yu withdrew his hand. "Let's get going."

Ban Bu was stunned for a second. He quickly nodded his head in respect. At this moment, he no longer doubted Qin Yu's identity.

Chapter 928 – A Boundless Sword From the East

As Lei Xiaoyu lay against Qin Yu's back, she quietly asked, "Big Brother Qin, you trust this person?"

Qin Yu didn't turn his head. "I just don't want to waste any time."

Lei Xiaoyu nodded. "I understand Big Brother Qin's meaning. My father once used similar methods to frighten others before. The effect is quite good."

She smiled, but her expression soon became downcast.

Qin Yu said, "Did you forget already? As long as you believe in yourself, you can return to Roc City. I'm sure City Lord Lei will be very happy to see you."

"Mm!"

Six hours later, Ban Bu arrived at the location of the cut mark. It was embedded in a rock on the top of a mountain. An unknown period of years had passed. The surrounding stone was eroded away, making the cut mark much shallower than before.

"Senior, here it is." Ban Bu fell to the side.

Qin Yu nodded, "Do you remember where the dead tree is?"

Ban Bu immediately understood. "I do. I will hurry back before the blood moon arrives."

He bowed and drew several steps back. With the cry of a sword, he howled far away.

When Qin Yu first sensed something wrong, he still chose to rescue Ban Bu. This was all in order to save time.

By himself, finding cut marks would take too long. With Ban Bu's help his efficiency would be much higher.

As a Divine Dao sword cultivator, if Ban Bu erupted with all his strength he would be far faster than Qin Yu.

Lei Xiaoyu leapt down. She had recovered and could basically move freely. "Big Brother Qin, I'll wait for you on the side."

Qin Yu nodded. He stood in front of the large stone and placed a finger on the cut mark, closing his eyes as he did.

Four hours later, there was the sound of splitting air. Several cultivators howled over. They had clearly discovered the two people at the summit of the mountain.

"Stop!" shouted the cultivator in the front with a dark expression. "There is too much of the blood moon's aura on you, so you cannot be a new cultivator. Do you not know that the cut marks involve our life and death? Even if it is just one, we cannot allow them to be destroyed!"

The people behind him all had ugly expressions. Among them, a female cultivator looked at Lei Xiaoyu and envy flashed in her eyes. "Brother, stop wasting your breath on them. The cut mark he touched can no longer be preserved. We must teach them a good lesson so they remember not to do this!"

Lei Xiaoyu arrived at Qin Yu's side. "What are you planning to do?"

The female cultivator coldly sneered, "You sly little girl, you have the appearance of a fox. What do you think is going to happen to you?"

Qin Yu opened his eyes. Without taking away his hand, he simply stood where he was and glanced at the several distant people.

The female cultivator's cold sneer and envy-filled eyes instantly froze. She felt like she had fallen into an icy cave, her entire mind flooded with fear.

As if she stood on the edge of death, about to fall beyond redemption at any moment.

The cultivators beside her had equally ugly expressions. Their eyes widened and their faces paled.

"Screw off."

A terrifying intent flooded the air. The several cultivators gasped for breath. Then, they fled like their lives depended on it, vanishing from sight in an instant.

Lei Xiaoyu wrinkled her nose. Hum hum, a group of trash wants to play pretend in front of my Big Brother Qin? I was ready to beat them up!

"Big Brother Qin, did those people affect you?"

Qin Yu smiled and shook his head. "No. If it were yesterday, it might have been troublesome. But I'm fine now. Xiaoyu, I'm going to continue."

Yesterday...today...

To be exact, this was the difference of a few dozen hours. If others were to say this then Lei Xiaoyu wouldn't believe them no matter how pure-hearted she was. To make so much progress in a single day, that had to be a lie.

But if Qin Yu said it, she believed him. She felt even greater. As she thought, the Big Brother Qin she liked was much fiercer than others!

Mm, Lei Xiaoyu, you can do it, don't give up!

She looked at Qin Yu before closing her eyes and cultivating. With every ounce of hard work she put in, there was that much higher of a chance she would survive.

Four hours later, Qin Yu opened his eyes. There was some enlightenment, but he couldn't help but furrow his eyebrows.

He had grasped the key point of the cut marks. But there was still a separation, as if he were looking at a flower through fog.

It was like a final thin piece of paper. Even though he could break through it, it was difficult to find a path.

Don't rush. There are still three days left.

Qin Yu drew in a deep breath and withdrew his hand. The cut mark shattered and dissipated.

But this time, there were no shockwaves from the collapsed cut mark left on his fingertip.

This was Qin Yu's progress. However, it was far from enough. Only when Qin Yu could touch the cut marks and leave them safe and unchanged could he be considered as being enlightened.

"Xiaoyu, let's go!"

Whoosh –

Qin Yu picked her up and shot into the skies. Seven hours later, they arrived at the dead tree.

Moments after, with the cry of a sword, a clearly distressed Ban Bu hurried back.

Qin Yu frowned. With Ban Bu's cultivation, he could restrain his sword intent. There was no need to make so much noise and show.

The louder the movement, the worse his condition must have become. It seemed that the process of finding another cut mark hadn't gone smoothly.

Pa –

Ban Bu fell into the tree hole, staggering as he landed. He cupped his hands together and said, "Senior, there was an accident but I made a discovery."

He had a happy expression.

Following Qin Yu's instruction, four hours after Ban Bu left, he hid away in a cave in order to avoid a group of monster beasts.

He did so unintentionally, but in the cave he made a great discovery.

There was a giant cut mark hidden deep within the cave. It was a thousand feet long and extended deep into the earth.

But according to what Ban Bu said, this was a sealed cave from top to bottom. He had no idea why a cut mark would be there.

Qin Yu hesitated for a moment. He slowly said, "How far away is it?"

Ban Bu replied, "A little further. Senior must hurry to return within 24 hours."

Qin Yu frowned.

Lei Xiaoyu said, "Big Brother Qin, I'll be fine waiting for you here."

Qin Yu said, "Ban Bu, you left behind a marking on the cave entrance?"

Seeing him nod, he said, "Give me a way to sense it. Tomorrow you will stay here and guard Xiaoyu."

Lei Xiaoyu opened her mouth, but before she could say anything Qin Yu waved his hand, "It's decided."

When the blood moon arrived, the dead tree didn't rush over to the mountain valley once again. But, its tentacles reached only ten feet away from the entrance.

There were still two days until the full moon!

When the bushes illuminated the world, Qin Yu leapt out from the tree hole and howled into the distance.

He held a thin wooden sword given to him by Ban Bu. There was a trace of sword intent left within it that he could use to sense the mark on the cave.

It was indeed far.

Almost ten hours later, Qin Yu reached the cave entrance. Just by standing there he could feel a strange fluctuation.

It was the aura of the cut mark...sure enough, Ban Bu hadn't been mistaken. There was a giant surprise here!

But there wasn't much time left. Taking a deep breath, Qin Yu drilled into the cave opening, He shuttled through the darkness, following the sword intent within the thin wooden sword.

Moments later, there was a light cracking sound as the wooden sword in his hand turned to dust. He looked up. A thousand foot long cut mark appeared in his field of vision.

With just one glance, a buzzing sound passed through Qin Yu's mind. It was like a long sword cutting through mountains and seas!

A great deal of the fog from Qin Yu's meditation vanished. He couldn't help but laugh out loud.

With this cut mark as this object of meditation, he was fully confident he could unravel its secrets.

He couldn't wait. It was time to begin.

Qin Yu sat down and his divine sense broke free from his body, fusing into the cut mark. Then, he felt as if were placed in a sea of limitless swords.

It was vast and endless, without beginning or end. The chaos and turbulence here was enough to submerge and destroy all!

At this time, Qin Yu became aware that all the cut marks preserved in this mysterious world were left behind from the shattered fragments of sword intent after a super powerhouse that had reached an inconceivable boundary slashed out.

As this thought appeared, a terrifying scene appeared in Qin Yu's mind: boundless sword intent came from the east, piercing through the infinite clouds, tearing apart the heavens and earth, cleaving everything asunder, causing everything to break down and disintegrate.

With a cough, Qin Yu revealed a look of pain. Blood gushed out from his mouth and nose.

It was just a scene and yet sword intent passed through it. Even if it was extremely weak, it still caused Qin Yu to suffer heavy losses.

Pa –

Pa –

Wounds appeared all over his body. It was like an invisible sword cut all around him, causing a massive amount of blood to gush out.

But the moment these drops of blood fell, they were instantly cut in half and shaken into a bloody fog.

As time passed, there was more and more blood fog. It covered Qin Yu's body so one couldn't see his figure anymore.

The cut marks had a great secret. By unraveling them, one could obtain a great fortune.

But at the same time, one had to withstand a corresponding test...Qin Yu was currently experiencing all of this.

If he passed this hurdle, he would become the first person and the only person to perceive these cut marks throughout the countless years.

Otherwise, this cave was where Qin Yu would be buried!

Kacha –

Kacha –

Faint crackling sounds began to come from the blood fog that surrounded Qin Yu. The air started to freeze as the temperature dropped at a terrifying speed.

Because at this moment, against the pitch black skies, the blood moon had arrived!

The slumbering specters were released from the shackles of death, reviving from their sleep.

Horror descended once more. The even fuller blood moon gave them even more strength.

Living beings howled in despair and sorrow. They fought with their lives on the line to survive.

Everything was the same as usual. But, if someone stood high in the skies and looked down over the mountain where Qin Yu was, they would find that with this mountain at the center, the surrounding 10,000 miles was bathed in much brighter blood red moonlight.

As if the blood moon had opened a terrifying eye, and its vision condensed into essence, focused on this mountain.

An invisible will arrived from all around. Every terrifying revived creature no longer pursued the slaughter, but started to gather at the mountain.

Ten...a hundred...a thousand...ten thousand...

There were so many that it was difficult to count. They crashed into the ground, raising up dust and dirt like a torrent of destruction!

Among them, there were black-armored warriors, dried skeletons, and all sorts of strange specters. But, the most eye-catching one was an incomparably huge withered black vine.

Its roots were drawn out and woven together, forming a 10,000 foot tall giant. Each step it took shook the earth.

It rushed to the mountain where the blood moon was the brightest. Rumbling sounds came from all directions. As if having received instructions, all of the resurrected creatures rushed over with overwhelming momentum!

Chapter 929 - Cut the Moon

Qin Yu didn't return.

The blood moon arrived and the dead tree revived. It was driven into a furious rage as it wildly struck its tentacles against the earth.

It seemed to have sensed that Qin Yu had disappeared and was enraged because of this.

Lei Xiaoyu and Ban Bu became the objects on which it vented its anger. The scarlet tentacles were only a tiny sliver away from reaching into the tree hole.

The cut marks shined brighter than ever before, but they had reached their limit. If the tentacles were any stronger then the seal would be broken through.

Lei Xiaoyu stood at the entrance of the tree hole. Looking at the blood red world outside, she subconsciously bit her lips.

Ban Bu looked at her and said, "Miss Lei, there is no need to worry. Senior Qin has unparalleled strength. I'm sure nothing will happen to him."

Lei Xiaoyu nodded with effort. "Mm!"

Big Brother Qin had to be fine.

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The world shivered and an avalanche of stones tumbled down again and again.

The towering mountain was being flattered by the rampage of violent resurrected creatures.

They destroyed everything in front of them, constantly pushing forward.

Suddenly, there was a rumble from deep below. Then, countless cracks appeared in the stone walls.

Dazzling silver light shot out from the cracks, like countless reflected sword lights.

As if the mountain had suddenly been covered with numerous cut marks.

Puff –

Puff –

The sounds of splitting flesh and blood filled the air. Countless revived creatures were instantly cut into pieces by the silver light.

Instinctual fear appeared in their eyes. But soon, this fear turned into endless cruelty.

At this moment, the surrounding hundred miles of light from the blood moon grew even brighter.

The 10,000 foot tall withered vine giant smashed its arm against the stone wall. The silver light tore its arm apart. As the fragments disintegrated, they were rapidly melted away by the silver light. But even though it was seemingly burnt and evaporated, some thick black juice was left behind.

Hou –

The withered vine giant howled in pain. But, not only did it not withdraw, it instead became even more berserk. It continued to smash down with its other arm.

At the same time, even more revived creatures rushed at the silver cut marks in place of their fallen companions.

They no longer retreated in fear. Even if they knew that what awaited them was true death, they marched forward without hesitation.

Because at this time, the one commanding them was the blood moon up above. It was the blood moon's existence that allowed them to come back to life, and the instinctual obedience they felt suppressed all other thoughts!

The withered vine giant's body grew increasingly small and the number of revived creatures fell at a visible rate. But, their destruction wasn't without value.

After the revived creatures were destroyed by silver light, more and more black liquid was left behind. It was like raindrops falling from the skies, gathering into streams, and from streams into rivers, until it eventually began to roar as it flowed forward.

At this time the blood moon shined brightly in the skies, silver light soared out from the mountain below, and a black river galloped between them, forming a strange scene. Just by seeing this, one would inevitably feel fear in their hearts!

Time continued to pass. 12 hours after the blood moon arrived, it suddenly became even more radiant. The previously incomplete sliver was unexpectedly filled in.

Another change had appeared!

Today, the blood moon became complete...this was now the night of the full moon.

Hou –

Hou –

Throughout this entire mysterious world, every revived being roared into the skies. Bloodthirst and excitement were mixed into their cries.

The full moon had arrived. Their strength had reached an unprecedented peak.

Tonight would be the time of their harvest. All living flesh and blood beings would become their delicious food!

The time of slaughter had arrived!

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In the mountain valley, within the circle of cut marks, the cultivators and monster beasts who were resisting the desperate rush of black-armored warriors suddenly felt their hearts throb with fear.

They fiercely looked up. In the skies, they saw the perfectly full blood moon hanging up high.

Horror flooded their eyes. Despair filled their complexions.

“It’s the night of the full moon, how can it be the night of the full moon!”

“There have been no changes in millennia, and yet it has happened twice in a short period of time. The heavens wish to ruin us!”

“No one can escape...no one can escape...we’re all going to die here today...all of us...”

Hou –

Hou –

The black-armored warriors howled into the skies. Their bones crackled and popped. As the light of the full moon shined down on them, their bodies grew larger. A light blood red color stained their sabers, and after a moment, they suddenly ignited.

The flame-wrapped sabers were blood red in color. It looked as if they were immersed in blood, cold and without any heat.

Bang –

The black-armored warriors wildly rushed out. Their speed and strength had risen to a whole new level. The cultivators and monster beasts that clung tenaciously to the gaps suddenly experienced tragic casualties.

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The dead tree roared. At this time, more and more tentacles drilled out from its body. Beneath the full moon’s light, the tentacles ignited. A terrifying aura was released from the dead tree that grew stronger and stronger with time.

Whoosh –

Whoosh –

With the sound of piercing air, the combusting tentacles shot towards the tree hole.

Hum –

The silent cut marks suddenly burst out with a keening cry. The silver light they released grew brighter once more as they resisted the tentacles’ invasion.

But Ban Bu’s face had become incomparably pale. As a formidable sword cultivator, he could sense the collapsing internal aura from the shaking cut marks – using their self-destruction as the price, they were erupting with an even more potent strength.

This method couldn't last forever. Once the cut marks burnt through their strength, they would lose all power.

Kacha –

A light crackling sound fell into Ban Bu's ears, as loud as a thunderclap.

He stiffened. He watched as a crack appeared in the cut marks.

It really had come. But, this speed was faster than he expected.

He was going to die...

Ban Bu gulped. He only felt that his mouth was full of bitterness. He clenched his teeth and said, "Miss Lei, stand behind me!"

Lei Xiaoyu shook her head, "You cannot block it."

Ban Bu froze. Then, he sighed dejectedly. While she was direct, she spoke the truth.

Due to this night of the full moon, the dead tree's strength had risen by more than double. He also hadn't yet recovered from his injuries, so he certainly wasn't a match for it.

Most of his courage to sacrifice his life here was extinguished by this sentence. Ban Bu wailed in his heart, 'Senior Qin, Senior Qin, where are you? If you don't come back soon, we're all going to die.'

In his opinion, even if it was only an avatar, they had a chance of surviving as long as Qin Yu arrived.

Lei Xiaoyu had a calm expression. While she felt some fear, she was much better than imagined.

Perhaps this was because she already knew her life was coming to an end soon.

She would die sooner or later...

In fact, she even rejoiced inwardly that Qin Yu wasn't here.

With his strength, if she wasn't there to drag him down, there was a chance he would survive, whether this was the night of the full moon or not.

It was better to die. There was no need to suffer, and no need to try and be strong at all times.

Big Brother Qin, it isn't that I don't want to stay true to my words, it is just that the heavens won't give me a chance!

Then, let it all end like this.

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When the blood moon reached perfection, the black river rose. It was like a great mouth swallowing up the entire mountain.

This included all the cracks in the mountain and the silver light projecting out from them. Covered in darkness, they were all extinguished.

The black goo spun around and around. It was like a giant digestive organ, trying to crush the mountain and absorb everything inside.

Slowly, the black goo reduced in volume. This was because the entire mountain was rapidly melting away.

10,000 feet, 1000 feet, 100 feet...

As it shrank, the black goo became even darker and more viscous.

Finally, only around ten feet of it was left. Cracking sounds could be heard from within it.

As if the goo was gnashing its sharp teeth, grinding away the last layer of armor of its prey.

At this time, within the ten foot round circle of black goo, Qin Yu was sitting down cross-legged. His face was incomparably white and his aura was so weak it nearly wasn't there.

A thick layer of blood-colored ice surrounded him. It was his last line of defense, formed from almost all of his blood energy freezing around him.

Then, the blood ice shattered and fell off. It became increasingly thin as tiny cracks spread through it.

Perhaps in ten breaths of time or maybe five breaths of time, it would break apart.

What awaited Qin Yu was the fate of being dissolved in this black goo.

One breath.

Two breaths.

Three breaths.

At this time, the flow of time within the black goo seemed to have been slowed. One could almost hear the distant sigh of time.

But this was only an illusion in the end. Following the revolution of the Great Dao, time flowed eternally and without end.

Like how rain in the skies would eventually fall to the ground. This was its destiny since the moment it was born.

Thus, when the defenses of the blood ice were finally exhausted and the first gap appeared, the black goo screamed in excitement and plunged towards Qin Yu's face.

It seemed to want to use his orifices as an entrance, drilling into his body and enjoying its prey.

Shua –

Qin Yu's eyes flickered open. The black goo was only an inch away from his eyes.

Then, time came to a standstill.

This was true stillness. Besides him, everything seemed to have been sealed up in an invisible block of ice.

Qin Yu looked up. His gaze pierced through the black goo, landing on the perfectly full blood moon in the infinite distance.

“As I thought, I was your goal...but I must apologize, I don’t want to die. And since I don’t want to die, there is no chance for you.”

After this small talk, he no longer spoke. He raised a hand, forming his fingers into a sword, and gently slashed upwards.

The frozen time vanished. The black goo screamed as it tried to cross the final distance. But, it had already lost its chance.

Puff –

With a muffled sound, the silver light split through the black goo. Although it was only a minor wound smaller than a palm in size, it took away all its power.

In an instant, the black goo disintegrated and splattered in all directions. Not a single drop touched Qin Yu’s body.

Then, the remnants dried up, turning into dust that blew away into the wind.

As for the silver sword light that destroyed it, it continued onwards, racing towards the full moon in the skies.

Then, the silver light seemed to think it was too small and wouldn’t have much face when confronting the full moon. So, it unexpectedly released a cry.

Like a summons, all the cut marks throughout the world that were still intact after countless years responded at the same time.

Hum –

Hum –

Hum –

Their sounds gathered together, until it became a dreadful wave of sound that pierced through the ears.

Pa –

Pa –

Millions of cut marks broke apart, turning into silver light that fused with the sword light.

As a result, the sword light began to crazily grow.

In an instant it grew to 100,000 feet in size!

Rumble rumble –

The sword light pierced through the vast skies, shooting towards the blood moon with unprecedented momentum.

It...would cut the moon!

Chapter 930 - World Key

Mountain valley.

All the cut marks instantly vanished, turning into silver light that shot into the skies.

With that, there was no longer a barrier between the living beings struggling to survive within the circle, and the black-armored warriors outside.

There was a moment of silence. Then, the black-armored warriors roared with excitement. They flapped their flesh wings as they hurtled forward.

“Ahh!”

Several cultivators that were sitting down and recovering from their injuries were dismembered where they were.

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Tree hole.

The combusting tentacles howled as they broke in. Ban Bu’s pupils violently shrank before he roared and stepped forward.

Although he was scared, he was still a formidable sword cultivator. Even if he was caught in a hopeless death trap, he didn’t lack the courage to desperately go all-out in a final battle.

He lifted a hand and pressed forward. Heaven-shaking sword intent erupted from his body. Then all of this sword intent condensed between his five fingers, forming a sword phantom from thin air.

Bang –

With a shocked explosion, Ban Bu spat out a mouthful of blood. As the sound of his chest bones being broken filled the air, he was struck flying backwards.

A massive section of blood red tentacles had been severed. But the moment they were, even more made their way in. In midair, Ban Bu was instantly submerged by tentacles.

The sword light flickered before it was extinguished.

Lei Xiaoyu looked through the blood red tentacles at the world outside the tree hole. “Big Brother Qin, I hope you can survive...you must survive!”

Tentacles twined around her body. As she thought, the blood red flames were cold and without any heat.

Instead, they released a near infinite cold. It was like thousands of thin needles piercing into flesh and blood.

In her ears, she could hear the sounds of screams coming from within her body. They were screams of fear, despair, and unwillingness.

Lei Xiaoyu laughed. She knew this sound – it was from the witchcraft bug inside her.

After suffering for all these years, while I haven't been able to defeat you, I can drag you to your death with me.

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Bang –

A deafening noise sounded from the distant skies, like stars colliding into each other.

The bright and dazzlingly silver sword light suddenly disappeared, as if it had never appeared in this world to begin with.

But it had still existed and it had still passed through the expanse of the heavens, leaving behind its final and strongest strike.

The blood red full moon that lived in the skies and illuminated this mysterious world was suddenly split in half.

It didn't crash into the earth. Rather, it was like a giant blood-colored bubble. The moment it was cut apart it directly dissipated.

The eternal darkness instantly arrived, extinguished all the blood red light of the world!

Thus, fear appeared in the eyes of every terrifying creature that had been revived beneath the blood moon. They froze in their final stance as true death arrived.

It was not just this. The existence of the blood moon had reversed the rules and allowed them to be revived, and this action in itself violated the Great Dao of the heavens and earth.

Because of the blood moon's existence, they received its protection and were safe from harm.

But now that the blood moon had been broken, the Great Dao's backlash arrived with it. All that awaited the revived creatures in this world was the fate of being thoroughly eliminated...not a single trace of them would be left behind!

This was the callousness and balance of the Great Dao.

It gave a small number of overwhelmingly powerful individuals the qualifications to interfere with the rules. But once this interference was weakened or gone, an extremely cruel and ruthless punishment would follow!

Whoosh –

Whoosh –

The bushes hiding in the earth seemed to have sensed the destruction of the blood moon. They drilled out from the depths, stretching out their leaves and illuminating the earth.

Although there was no breeze, the bushes still waved around, as if cheering in joy.

Qin Yu furrowed his eyebrows, surprise in his eyes. Looking around, he could see endless dim light gathering towards him.

Dark golden light flashed in the depths of his eyes. Then, the dim light came to a stop. An incomparably large bush phantom appeared. It bent like a person as it bowed respectfully.

Qin Yu hesitated for a moment before stretching out a hand. The bush phantom disappeared. Then, the surrounding dim light concentrated into his palm, condensing into a black seed-like crystal.

Holding onto this thing, Qin Yu could feel that there was an additional mysterious connection between him and this world.

It was like a set of coordinates. No matter how far away he was, he could lock onto this world and directly arrive here.

A fluctuation spread through his heart. A thought emerged in his mind – World Key, condensed by the source of the world. Beings that have obtained its approval can draw support from its power and temporarily open a spatial channel to arrive here.

This thought came from the jade embryo egg; Qin Yu had already adapted to such occurrences. He looked at the black crystal in his hand and smiled.

With this, he had another life-maintaining card. If he ever encountered a bitter disaster that he couldn't defend against, he could open a spatial channel and escape to here.

Qin Yu flipped his hand and put away the World Key. He cupped his hands together, "Thank you." The invisible will that lingered around him vanished from sight.

Qin Yu stood up. Without any hesitation, he turned and howled into the distance.

His speed was more than ten times faster than before. A sharp and overbearing aura emanated from his body, as if even if a thousand mountains and seas were in his way he could pierce through it all!

At this time, Qin Yu discovered that after obtaining the World Key, his speed could go even higher.

With a thought, the space in front of him rippled and he stepped inside.

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Lei Xiaoyu's eyes were wide open as she watched the flames extinguish from the blood red tentacles around her. Then, the tentacles turned into withered branches once more.

She hesitated for a moment before reaching out and touching one. With a light 'pa' sound, the branch turned into endless powder that blew away in the wind.

It was like a chain reaction had been activated. The countless branches started to collapse and dissipate, and even the tree hole started to break down.

"Ah!"

Lei Xiaoyu cried out loud. A faint sword light flashed, supporting her up. The powder in the sky separated to reveal a pale-faced Ban Bu. Though he appeared distressed, his face was full of joy. "We survived. It is Senior Qin..."

He was able to sense when that terrifying sword light broke into the heavens and cut the blood moon in half. It had been marked with Qin Yu's aura.

Lei Xiaoyu was about to say something, but her pupils widened. Then, a smile lit up her face like a blooming flower.

"Big Brother Qin!"

Ban Bu turned around to see Qin Yu stepping out of a spatial fluctuation. He hadn't even been able to sense his aura just now.

Then, his eyes hurt as tears rolled down. He quickly lowered his head, but a storm had been raised in his heart.

At this moment, in his eyes Qin Yu was like an unsurpassed divine sword that spanned from the heavens to earth. Just the aura he emitted was enough to destroy all.

If he had watched for a single moment longer, he feared his eyes would have been ruined.

As he thought, the one who cut through the blood moon with a sword strike was Senior Qin!

Ban Bu's respect and veneration towards Qin Yu was like a raging river...no...it should be like a vast and endless sea!

Qin Yu opened his arms and embraced Lei Xiaoyu who had leapt into his hug. He could feel her shivering. He smiled and said, "I'm fine. I'm still alive, so we'll all be fine."

Lei Xiaoyu didn't say anything and only hugged him tighter.

After suffering a life or death experience, one could better understand the joy in surviving and reuniting.

Qin Yu patted her back and looked at Ban Bu, "You did well."

Looking at Ban Bu's injuries, it was easy to guess what had happened.

Ban Bu didn't dare to look up. He bowed and said, "I'm glad senior has returned."

Qin Yu's thoughts turned. The sun and moon force field spread out, immediately isolating the terrifying sword intent.

Ban Bu let out a breath, but there was even more respect in his eyes.

As expected of senior!

He had just perceived such an overwhelming sword intent and yet was easily able to restrain it. If Ban Bu didn't see this with his own eyes he would have found it difficult to believe.

"Mm?" Qin Yu suddenly turned around and looked into the skies. "Someone has already found the way to leave this world."

Ban Bu's eyes widened, completely disregarding the redness and soreness he felt. "Senior, we can leave?"

Qin Yu nodded. "The blood moon has disappeared and the world's seal has vanished. As long as the blood sacrifice condition is satisfied, we can leave."

He slapped Lei Xiaoyu's head, who still wasn't willing to let go. "That's enough. Although the blood moon has been destroyed it's not suitable to stay here for too long. Let's leave as soon as possible."

After hearing this, the sobbing Lei Xiaoyu finally took a step back. But, her eyes still held onto Qin Yu.

Qin Yu smiled and flicked his sleeves. "Let's leave."

Bringing Ban Bu and Lei Xiaoyu with him, he shot up into the skies. The endless darkness all around him was like a massive black curtain.

And now, in front of this giant curtain, there was the phantom of a stone gate that flashed with blood red light.

Every living being that survived in this mysterious world was gathering here as fast as possible.

As the first person smoothly left, they had already sensed the existence of the exit.

But while this was an exit, there was still one final test before they could leave.

"Die!" A cultivator roared. His body crazily grew as black scales appeared all over him and his aura rose.

A monster beast across from him screamed in despair. Its chest had been torn open and its eyes quickly dimmed down.

Whoosh –

Its corpse fell to the earth.

Hum –

A fluctuation erupted from the stone gate phantom and wrapped around the black-scaled cultivator. The space around him trembled and he disappeared from sight.

And this was an ordinary scene in the endless field of slaughter that was taking place before the stone gate.

Because the final test to leave this world was to kill an opponent with a similar cultivation.

One lived. One died.

Those that lived could leave this world and obtain a new life. The dead would be buried here forever, their flesh and blood becoming a part of the earth.

When a mysterious cultivator sneak attacked his companion and was transmitted out through the stone gate, a final battle between the survivors was inevitable.

When Qin Yu arrived, the scene around him was like an asura battlefield. It even far surpassed the slaughter and destruction that occurred in the mountain valley.

This was because everyone knew that the way out had opened. It was right in front of them. They just had to kill the appropriate person to leave.

No one could give up!

“Die!”

With a loud roar, a wild aura locked onto them. Three figures howled forward.

These three people had been pacing around the stone gate for a long time. As soon as Qin Yu arrived, the three of them had targeted his group.

“How hateful! They were ahead of us!”

“I saw them but I didn’t immediately attack them!”

“What a pity.”

Many surrounding cultivators revealed looks of regret.

Qin Yu looked up. His eyes were calm. There was no sharp light in them nor was there any fluctuation of emotion.

But, this sight caused the other three people to shiver.

Bang –

Bang –

Bang –

Without warning, the three people with tyrannical auras all widened their eyes. Before they could say anything, their bodies inflated and they blew apart.

Shua –

The battlefield outside the stone gate fell into a deathly silence. Everyone’s eyes widened with horror.

Hum –

Hum –

Hum –

Fluctuations erupted from the stone gate and Qin Yu and the others vanished from sight.