

## Refining 1641

Chapter 1641 – East Pole Mountain

Three days later, Qin Yu woke up. As he took a breath, it felt like all the spiritual energy in the world was moving towards him, like water trickling into him. It slowly increased his power. Though the increase was very minimal, it was there.

Using his senses, Qin Yu could feel the benefit of what Min Changjing did in opening the Nine Bends Heaven Crossing Great Dao for him.

Simply put, Qin Yu was now like a gigantic bottle with a very well made foundation.

No matter how big the bottle, as long as he slowly collected the ‘water droplets’ he would eventually fill it.

This confirmed that Qin Yu’s future cultivation was just a matter of time. He did not need to keep struggling to break through realms and come to realizations in order to improve.

As long as he accumulated enough, it was just a matter of time before he would cross the door and become someone of the King realm.

The difficulty for Qin Yu to enter the King realm had been reduced by half, and the remaining half would be easy.

Accumulating was something that took time. Even if Qin Yu was blessed, crossing into the King realm in a short thirty years was not possible. Since normal cultivation routes would not work, he had to find strange paths.

Hoo –

Letting out a breath, Qin Yu opened his eyes and saw Rourou sipping tea across from him. She glanced at him and nodded, “Not bad. Remember, the route that others create for you is not as good as the one you take by yourself.”

She rubbed her eyebrows, “Moreover, your cultivation path is not going to be normal from now. Chasing speed will sacrifice the foundation. So after you break through to the King realm, you have to get rid of the problems if you don’t want to stop there.”

Qin Yu nodded, “I will remember.”

Rourou got up, “If there is nothing else, let’s go. We have stayed here for too long and cannot remain any longer.”

She was also worried that if they stayed, she would lose control and kill that insufferable old chef.

Hehe!

Using his own life and forcing Min Changjing to decide to choose to achieve true longevity...this old thing was somewhat loyal.

Just wait. After she was done with this, Rourou would not mind coming to Long Island once more to fulfill that old chef's wishes.

Lord Min was smiling as he sent them off. He mentioned that the Thousand Islands had some beautiful scenery and asked if they would like to tour the area for a few more days.

He spoke very sincerely.

Qin Yu apologized and said that he had other things to do that couldn't be delayed. He thanked Lord Min sincerely for helping him open the Nine Bends Heaven Crossing Great Dao.

Min Changjing's face was stiff as he accepted Qin Yu's thanks. If not for that lady behind you, I would have slapped you and taught you how to be a proper person.

Don't pretend to be nice after you got so much!

Rourou remained silent throughout the interaction. She looked slightly annoyed as she saw Qin Yu and Min Changjing exchange superficial greetings.

"Cough! Since you two have decided, I will not try to convince you. Have a safe journey."

Rourou simply turned and left. Qin Yu smiled and greeted back, "Thank you Lord Min!"

At the port, the Min Family had prepared a few boats. When the three of them got on, they flew off into the distance.

The old chef appeared once more and said softly, "Lord, the lady left on her own. This is enduring even more."

There was a deeper meaning to his words, "There is no need to talk about this anymore." He turned to leave. You old thing, are you trying to die easily? There is nothing so good in this world. Since I am suffering, you shall have to accompany me.

He left the old chef to watch the boats leave. The old chef sighed.

"Father, let's go back."

The big lass with braids appeared by his side.

The old chef looked at his daughter, "Tell me, am I wrong?"

The big lass replied, "You are not wrong."

There was comfort on the old chef's face. Alas, she is my daughter and always sides with me.

But before his thought could settle, it was like he got stabbed, "Father, go and ask the lord if the promise from before still stands? If I am still the young lord's wife, anything you say will do. But if there is any change, this will be the last time I am calling you Father. Let's become strangers in the future."

The old chef blinked as he looked at the big lass. She appeared extremely serious and did not seem to be joking. He felt as if the knife had pierced into his heart and could not help the tears filling his eyes.

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On the ship, Qin Yu let out a long breath. He relaxed his tensed body and sat on a chair. 'Gulp gulp', he poured and drank a cup of tea.

Rourou looked at him, "Grow up!" There was disdain in her eyes.

Qin Yu did not care as he waved his hand while smiling, "Almighty Lady Rourou, I am nowhere near as powerful as you. Of course, I am scared of getting implicated. This is very normal. Please try to understand and don't find fault with me."

"Glib tongue!" Rourou sneered as she turned and entered the cabin.

Qin Yu smiled as he felt warm inside. If the almighty Lady Rourou wanted to hold onto her impressive status, then so be it.

If he was not willing to give in on these kinds of little things, then he would be stupid.

The Thousand Islands looked like a very peaceful and beautiful place without any dangers. However, even though Qin Yu had hardly travelled around it, he could sense the dangers all around. It was just like walking on a tightrope; any slips would cause severe injuries.

And Rourou chose this path in order to help him open the Nine Bends Heaven Crossing Great Dao. She had already decided this long before they reached the Seizing Heavens Sect.

There were some things that Rourou and Qin Yu did not say, but it did not mean they were clueless.

Taking a deep breath and slowly releasing it, Qin Yu looked at the vast waters in front of him with a complicated expression.

It was obvious that Min Changjing had suffered greatly in order to help him open the Nine Bends Heaven Crossing Great Dao.

Without getting compensation, would he have been willing to do it? Qin Yu did not think so. He was unfathomable and Qin Yu did not believe that he did not dare to risk it all.

Rourou must have paid a high price.

And this price must be the trace of weakness that she had been trying so hard to hide. After his Nine Bends Heaven Crossing Great Dao was opened, Qin Yu's senses had been heightened and could sense even the slightest things.

These were all favors. It seemed like he owed Rourou a lot more after such a short period.

Qin Yu reached out to hold onto a bamboo pole as he looked up into the sky. The nine suns above him had been shining down on this world since a long time ago.

The world was a lot bigger than he had seen.

So he had to become stronger faster. He had to become stronger so that he would not remain as the helpless 'little boy' who could never repay favors.

Stretching out, he clenched a fist and waved it in the air. He silently shouted to himself, "I can do it!"

One hour later, he turned and returned to the cabin.

From that day onwards, Qin Yu started to cultivate even more crazily than before.

He was becoming strong incredibly fast, as if he was not sleeping. Rourou frowned at him and reminded him that there was no need to struggle so hard with 'brute force'.

According to her, she had already prepared some strange methods. Though they were not the right ways, the results would be outstanding. It was just that it was not the right time now. After Qin Yu learned it, his rate of absorption of the spiritual energy of the world would explode.

Qin Yu believed Rourou. Since she said this, it meant that she had made preparations. However, he still smiled and continued training.

"I know you prepared some other ways and they will have outstanding results. But you also mentioned to me about having an unstable foundation. So now, my efforts are all to establish a better foundation such that the problems in my cultivation will be lesser in the future."

Rourou did not argue with him. She looked at Qin Yu as he closed his eyes to cultivate and did not stop him. There were some things that were a lot more precious when you knew it yourself than when others had to remind you...she was not going to ask Qin Yu to give up.

Leaving the Thousand Islands, they did not stop as they headed straight for a Teleportation Portal. As the air shifted, their figures disappeared.

It was on this day that the West Desolate capital received the latest news about Qin Yu and the others. After this, the three of them seemed to have sunk into a deep sea, with no news at all.

The West Desolate King thought about it before instructing that there was no need to investigate. With the power of the mysterious being beside Marquis Chongwu Ning Qin, it was extremely easy to hide their traces.

Moreover, if they wanted to hide, it would be easy to send the wrong signal if the king continued to attempt to track them.

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East Pole County.

The county was named after a big mountain, East Pole Mountain. Half of this huge mountain lay in the West Desolate's territory. However, beyond the peak, heading east would bring one to the Jade Gate.

The Jade Gate was an important place on the west border of the Central Desolate Divine Area and it guarded the entry into the area. To be able to control this gate was a dream to all merchants. It was an extremely good deal and something that was almost impossible – they would make money even while lying down!

If one stood on the peak of the mountain and looked east, they would realize that the forest was a lot taller and more lush than those on the west side. It was where the spiritual energy of the world was most concentrated, and hence, created this appearance.

After all, this place was known as being divine for a reason.

Today, the peak of East Pole Mountain was as crowded as usual, with people looking at the Jade Gate admiringly.

Although according to the territorial boundaries, there was still some distance to the Jade Gate, in order to remain respectful to the spiritual being guarding the Jade Gate, the mountain peak was the end for the people from the West Desolate. If they did not hold a Jade Pass to cross, they were not allowed to go any nearer.

There was some noise from the foot of the mountain and everyone stepped aside, looking in awe.

A few grim-looking young people were flying through the wind. Behind them, there were several guards in shining armor that reflected the light.

These people behaved calmly and gave off an imposing attitude.

The light armor was the armor that the soldiers guarding the Jade Gate wore. Though these guards did not have a high position at the Jade Gate, they would be able to crush strong cultivators from the West Desolate extremely easily, and no one dared to act rashly.

The group of young people they were escorting were even more scary. They must be from a prestigious background for the light-armored soldiers to escort them. They had to be from an important household in the Central Desolate Divine Area.

#### Chapter 1642 – Lantern Festival

As the group crossed the mountain peak in silence, they headed towards the Jade Gate under admiring looks. Their figures slowly disappeared into the forest.

“Children from the Central Desolate!”

“Hehe, reincarnation is actually a skill!”

“What is there to be proud of? They are just slightly luckier than us!”

“Ssh! Be careful of what you say. If the people from the Divine Area hear you, there will be trouble,” said a young person beside them with a dark face.

The few who got reminded immediately shrunk back. They only breathed a sigh of relief when they confirmed that nothing was amiss. One of them chuckled bitterly, “I spoke too rashly, thank you for the reminder! Now that I have seen the Jade Gate as well as the cultivators from the Divine Area, there is nothing to regret!”

There was a pause before he placed his hands together respectfully, “From your accent, you must be a local. I wonder if you can recommend a good drinking place and have a drink with me?”

The person across from him hesitated for a while before nodding, “Okay.”

The few of them turned and left.

“These are cultivators from the West Desolate, alas, they are impressive.” Not far away, a young man wearing a black robe looked to be deeply moved.

Beside him, the woman's mouth pulled up in a mocking smile, "Although that person was speaking slightly out of jealousy just now, he was right. Reincarnation is a complex thing. Since the Central Desolate can be known as the Divine Area, it must be because of that. Their prestige comes from their power."

The servant girl beside her nodded. She has never questioned what was said. As long as the lady in her family said it, it must be right.

Qin Yu looked annoyed, "I did not say anything; why must you speak in such a cold and mocking tone towards me?"

Rourou hurrumphed and turned and walked towards the city at the foot of the mountain.

White Iris lagged behind. She seemed to hesitate before she whispered, "Marquis, while you have been busy cultivating..." Before she could finish, she was cut off, "Don't talk so much, hurry and come here!"

Qin Yu had a realization as he caught up to her and smiled, "I heard that there will be a huge lantern festival in the city tonight. I am a bit tired from cultivating, so let's go and check it out."

Rourou was expressionless as she glared at White Iris. White Iris was looking down apologetically. Rourou put on a cold expression, "No."

"Let's go, let's go. I have been cultivating for this entire journey and am about to suffocate. Please accompany me, Lady Rourou."

Qin Yu spoke earnestly.

Rourou sneered but did not say anything. This meant that she agreed.

Qin Yu smiled before looking at White Iris.

Her head was lowered and she did not say anything.

In the night, the city was filled with lanterns. Flowery lanterns were hung up all over and the whole place was brighter than it was in the day.

A merchant with ample wealth and a solid backing spent lavishly to construct a gigantic flower lantern that turned, in order to attract people. It was beautiful.

Though Rourou's expression was cold, her eyes shifted to it and she could not help but stare. When she noticed that Qin Yu was looking at her, she frowned and snorted before turning away.

Qin Yu smiled gently, "It is such a beautiful lantern. This is my first time seeing it. Let me have a few more looks. I don't know when I will be able to see it again and I will regret it if I don't appreciate it now."

Hearing this, Rourou gritted her teeth and really wanted to pull and wrangle his ear!

Qin Yu spoke, "Let's not be mad at each other. I know you have been accommodating to me for this entire journey. It is my fault. Let's enjoy the lanterns tonight. After we enter the Jade Gate, I promise to go with you to the famous Ask Immortal Building to drink the amazing Immortal Brew."

Rourou snorted before finally giving in. If only this brat could always be so discreet...yesterday, he had overheard a few cultivators talking and he had actually remembered such a small thing. This was why her mood improved.

Looking up at the huge flower lantern, Rourou's eyes shimmered.

Qin Yu finally understood why Rourou particularly loved bright things. There was warmth in his eyes as he watched her.

Behind the two of them, White Iris observed them silently before lowering her head.

There were many people starting to move along the streets of the city. The performance troupe of the lantern festival was moving through and there were people on both sides clapping for them.

There were numerous beautiful ladies holding lanterns and dancing along with several handsome and tall men moving and pretending to hit something in a martial arts performance.

The people cheering were not only for them.

Initially, Rourou looked at them with interest. However, she soon started to frown as she glared at Qin Yu, "Are you watching this? Did you notice the third girl from the left? She is staring at you intently."

Qin Yu looked up in shock as he pretended to look around, "Where? Why do I not see it. Don't lie, how can someone pretty be attracted to me?"

He did not move as he continued to stare straight ahead.

Amidst the lantern performance troupe, there was a lady with long eyebrows who was biting her lip. She had lingered in front of that man for a while. Did he not understand what she meant? He was like a block of wood standing there. Was the woman beside him his wife? But from how far they were standing from each other, it did not seem so!

Taking a deep breath, the long-eyebrowed lady took a step forward. All the ladies in the troupe were chosen to represent the city and she had some pride. But as soon as she walked over, she felt her breath leave her and she felt lost.

The long-eyebrowed lady did not know what was going on with herself. She usually had very high standards. Why did she feel so emotionally affected by this man today? He looked ordinary!

She could not help but turn back to look at where the man was standing. She was surprised and almost made a mistake in her dance. They were gone. In the short time that she had taken a step forward, the man had not hesitated and left.

Biting her lip, the long-eyebrowed lady was frustrated and wanted to chase after him. Was he looking down on her? Did he really think that as ladies of the lantern parade, no one wanted them?!

As the bustling troupe continued moving, the crowd around them grew bigger and bigger.

Qin Yu and Rourou stood side by side and he pointed at a red flower lantern from a merchant, "They are too noisy and annoying. I think this quiet flower lantern looks better. And it is red! A joyous color!"

The shop assistant standing outside the shop had been annoyed that the troupe had caused more than half of the crowd to leave with them. As he heard this, he gave them a thumbs up, "My Lord, you are a smart man. You must have studied quite a bit!"

Qin Yu smiled and waved, "I have not read much, I only know a few words at most."

The shop assistant was used to dealing with people and although he did not have any outstanding skills, he was observant. His smile grew wider as he looked at them, "Our shop has over a hundred years of history. We are a famous and reliable old shop. We have various treasures that are of good quality and are for sale at a low price. Would you like to head in to have a look?"

Qin Yu looked at the big red lantern at the door and smiled before nodding, "Okay, I was feeling a little tired from walking. Let's have a look and have a cup of tea."

Rourou nodded.

The shop assistant turned and shouted, "Welcome, distinguished guests!"

Chapter 1643 – Sun Moon Stone

The store with the huge red flower lantern outside was big. The first floor looked very grand and numerous crystals lit up the entire place, making it as bright as daytime.

It was obvious that such a grand store was empty now because the lantern performance troupe had lured all their customers away.

A few female shop assistants were whispering amongst themselves in the shop, and one of them looked worried. The rest looked like they were trying to console her. Hearing the commotion outside the shop and seeing customers enter, the group spread out and greeted respectfully, "Welcome."

It was very normal for shop assistants to help guide and answer questions that customers might have. Qin Yu casually pointed to one of them and Rourou suddenly spoke, "Introduce us."

The female shop assistant who got pointed out smiled and nodded, "Yes."

She was beautiful and had fair skin without any blemishes or moles. She looked like the most beautiful jade in the world. Qin Yu glanced at her and felt that her skin was unnatural and her aura...was slightly too weak.

The shop assistant had a pair of sparkling, clear, and beautiful round eyes.

She seemed to notice Qin Yu assessing her as she lowered her head and gestured, "May I know if you are looking for anything in particular?" She took a step and positioned herself next to Rourou, widening the distance between herself and this sole male customer.

The corners of Rourou's mouth curled up as she glanced at Qin Yu. She saw how he was rubbing his nose in annoyance and her mood improved significantly. She seemed to be smiling more, "Nothing in particular. We are just browsing."



The shop assistant did not look disappointed when she heard this and merely remained respectful. She smiled, "Then let me bring you around the first floor. The second and third floor are our selling grounds. If you have any requirements, please let me know."

The store was called Surplus and they sold items for cultivators. They were known for having items from the mountain and the items ranged from low to high quality. Most of the items were labelled with the price. What you paid was what you got.

From what Qin Yu saw, though there were some items that were marked up, most of the prices were fair. The shop assistant must have been telling the truth when he said that their shop had existed for over a hundred years.

They really came with the intention to browse casually but Rourou unexpectedly found an item. She did not say much, but her expression was sufficient.

Qin Yu stopped and looked at what caught her attention. On the red silk, there was a jade box with a stone that was about as big as a thumb. The stone was green and white in color but it did not look complicated. On the contrary, it gave a feeling of flawless blending – like water and milk.

Dappled light shone from it and fell onto the jade box. It reflected a magnificent halo and looked mysterious and charming.

Qin Yu pointed, "What is this stone?"

The store assistant was slightly scared but she did not show it. She said respectfully, "This stone is called the Sun Moon Stone. This is because it is said to have absorbed the essence of both the sun and the moon through a karma relationship for over a thousand years. In the day, it lights up like a lamp, and in the night, it looks like a thousand shooting stars. It is extremely mysterious. When someone of a high cultivation level uses this, it will be able to automatically absorb the essence of the sun and moon. It has a tranquil and concentrated effect. Every month, it will be able to produce a drop of Sun Moon Essence and consuming it will help with spiritual cultivation."

She was well-versed in the various treasures and it was clear how much effort she had put into studying it.

Qin Yu looked over at Rourou's expressionless face and smiled slightly, "We want this."

The shop assistant was delighted. The Sun Moon Stone was one of the most valuable items in the shop. Other than its quality and appearance of the sun and moon, its effects of tranquility and concentration, as well as the Sun Moon Essence, were very useful.

Cultivators who were able to pay the price for this Sun Moon Stone must be impressive. If it was just for looks, there were various other treasures in the store that cost about one tenth of the price.

All in all, she would get a commission for selling this Sun Moon Stone and she could finally resolve some of her own family's issues.

Suppressing her delight, the shop assistant smiled even more sincerely, "Would you like to continue browsing and settle it at the end or purchase it now?"

Qin Yu replied, "Let's settle it now."

Rourou's mouth curled up.

At this moment, there was another voice, "Wait, I want this stone as well."

A few people had entered the shop and the one who spoke was a young man in a white robe. He looked handsome and there was an arrogance in the way he carried himself.

A lady in a pink skirt was beside him and she was pointing at the Sun Moon Stone. She was holding onto his arm as she swayed her chubby body. Her soft protest could be heard.

The young man in the white robe smiled, "Don't worry, since you want it, I will get it for you." He opened a fan and waved it, "Gentleman and ladies, since this was something that you saw first, I will pay three times the price as compensation to you."

Seeing the young man in the white robe, the shop assistant's expression shifted before she looked relieved after hearing what he said. She rushed to look at the three customers.

"Sister Xu, we meet again. What are you looking at? Just say what you want, I won't blame you."

The shop assistant took a deep breath before greeting, "Young Master Li, you have an honourable status and I am just a worker here. I do not deserve being called that."

She did not say more but she believed that the three other customers could sense the warning. This was all Xu Zhiruo could do.

The young man smiled and did not seem to mind, "Since Sister Xu has spoken, I will be more sincere and raise it to five times. You can leave after you get the money. This is a huge profit for you without doing anything."

Qin Yu said slowly, "Sorry, we want this Sun Moon Stone. We do not intend to give it to you."

The second young master of the Li Family from East Pole City narrowed his eyes as he heard this, "I could not tell that you were such bold foreigners with such an appetite. Since my mood today is quite good, I will double what I offered...leave quietly after getting the money and we will pretend nothing happened today."

He was warning them to know their place or today's issue would blow up. This second young master of the Li Family was petty and made the threat clear.

Glancing at Rourou, Qin Yu could not help but sigh as he saw that she was still expressionless.

When it came to snakes, provoking them would be troublesome. Although he could kill them, he was bound to get some blood on himself.

"Sorry."

With this word, his intention was clear.

Li Yuantai smiled. 'Pak', he opened his fan, "This Sun Moon Stone is yours. But remember to close the door properly when you sleep tonight. If there is a thief and you lose it, you cannot blame it on me."

“Young Master Li, these three customers are Surplus Shop’s distinguished guests. Please watch your words and reputation.” An old and slightly chubby man in a green shirt was smiling. He spoke amicably but there was a glimmer in his eyes.

Li Yuantai put his fan away and placed his hands together, “Shopkeeper Zhou, I did not know that you are here today. I was too careless with my words!” He blinked at the three of them, “I was just joking, please do not take me seriously. Our Li Family of East Pole County has always been extremely welcoming.”

He laughed before turning to leave. The girl in the pink skirt beside him kept her head down and remained silent obediently. As they left, she could not help but throw a glare and her face paled slightly.

Shopkeeper Zhou stepped forwards and smiled, “Sorry for the disturbance.” He fell silent for a while before he turned and instructed, “Give them a twenty percent discount on this Sun Moon Stone. You will still get the same commission, just tell the account room to note it down.”

Xu Zhiruo looked grateful as she acknowledged.

Qin Yu thought about it before putting his hands together, “Thank you Shopkeeper.”

Shopkeeper Zhou returned the gesture before smiling and turning to leave.

“Wait.” Qin Yu pointed to the second floor, “I have some items to sell. Would you like to have a look?”

Shopkeeper Zhou looked at the three of them, who appeared calm, and he smiled, “You came to our Surplus store and are willing to do an exchange. You are looking upon us highly and of course, I can’t say no. Please follow me.”

Rourou said, “You can go ahead, I will look around.”

Qin Yu nodded, “Okay.”

Shopkeeper Zhou had no opinions as he gestured and brought Qin Yu to the second floor.

Rourou looked at Xu Zhiruo, “Let’s continue looking.”

Xu Zhiruo abided and led the lady to continue browsing the first floor. She introduced a few more items. She then hesitated before lowering her voice, “Dear customer, if you have any relatives or friends in the city, you should stay with them. Try not to stay outside or...you should leave early.”

Rourou looked at her before smiling, “Okay, we will consider it.”

Xu Zhiruo looked anxious, but for her to give this warning was already a lot. She silently sighed and did not say anything more.

White Iris looked confused as she followed behind them. She did not understand why the lady was treating this shop assistant so differently.

But after getting slapped and kicked multiple times, she was smart and knew that she should not ask things that she was not supposed to know.

On the second floor, a white-haired appraiser stood up to welcome Shopkeeper Zhou and Qin Yu, "Shopkeeper, what brings you here personally? You can just inform me of what to do."

Shopkeeper Zhou waved his hand, "This customer has something to sell and I will handle this. Let me borrow your area."

The appraiser nodded, "Okay, if that is the case then I will slack off and have some tea." He put his hands together to greet Qin Yu before putting his things away and leaving.

Shopkeeper Zhou sat where the appraiser previously was. He gestured, "Please have a seat. I am Zhou Yunshan, and I am the shopkeeper of Surplus Shop. I am responsible for everything around here."

He looked serious as he said slowly, "May I know what you wish to sell? Don't worry, our Surplus Shop has been running for over a hundred years and will keep your items a secret. Whether our exchange is successful or not, we will not let anyone else know anything."

Qin Yu believed him.

If they did not even have this reputation, this store would have been torn and burned to ashes, much less survive a hundred years.

It was a pity that while he had a few things, he did not intend to sell.

Smiling, Qin Yu put his hands together, "It is the Lantern Festival in the city today and there were numerous shops with red lanterns. However, your lantern is the biggest and that is why we came."

Shopkeeper Zhou frowned slightly, "You are not intending to sell anything?"

Qin Yu nodded, "We are buyers."

"What do you want to buy?"

"The red lantern in the shopfront looks good. I wonder if you have a similar one."

Shopkeeper Zhou gestured for him to wait before standing up and walking to the door. He raised his hand and hit the wall.

Buzz –

There was a flicker and in a flash, the entire room was covered, forming a small area.

He quickly walked over. Shopkeeper Zhou looked serious, "Since you know about the red lantern, you must be someone in the know. I am going to get to the point: how many do you want?"

Qin Yu raised three fingers.

Shopkeeper Zhou frowned, "Do you know the price?"

Qin Yu reached out and drew something on the table.

Shopkeeper Zhou was silent for a moment before he said slowly, "Three passes. There are very few shops in the city that can do this. Our shop is indeed able to.

“But you must know that things are always changing and accidents may happen at any time. Hence, I cannot give you any guarantee and will need some time to prepare.

“Please leave your contact information. When I confirm things, I will inform you as soon as possible.”

Qin Yu nodded, “There are ten more days to the opening so it is not too much of a rush...as for where we are staying. We have not confirmed. Once we find a place, we will inform you.”

Shopkeeper Zhou frowned and he had a strange look.

Qin Yu thought about it before pointing outside, “These matters have always been decided by the lady. Please do not worry, I will leave a deposit. Please proceed with what is necessary.”

Shopkeeper Zhou smiled, “Thank you for understanding.” He thought about it before continuing, “The second young master of the Li Family, Li Yuantai, is not known to be forgiving. You have to be prepared in order to avoid trouble.”

Qin Yu thanked him.

#### Chapter 1644 – Scene in the Restaurant

After a moment, Qin Yu and the shopkeeper headed back to the first floor. Rourou had picked out another two items.

Shopkeeper Zhou glanced over and smiled, “The customer has sold a few good items to our Surplus Shop. Give them a thirty percent discount on all their items, including the Sun Moon Stone. Just sell them at cost price.”

Rourou did not say anything as she did not care. Qin Yu had a good impression of this smart shopkeeper and smiled as he nodded.

After paying, the three of them were about to leave when Shopkeeper Zhou hit his head and smiled, “Dear customers, you almost forgot something.”

Xu Zhiruo walked over with a wooden box. It was completely sealed shut except for a small round hole for one’s hand. There was a faint glow around the box and a restrictive aura could be felt.

Shopkeeper Zhou explained, “Every time the Lantern Festival is held, it is to cater to the County Lord as well as to make customers happy so that shops like us can tap on the atmosphere. All customers who buy something will have a chance to participate in the lucky draw. It is nothing very precious. It is purely for fun.”

Rourou would definitely not do it, and neither would White Iris. Hence, Qin Yu did it personally. He extended his hand into the wooden box, which had a seal around it to prevent anyone from using their divine sense. He retrieved a white ball.

After the item was taken out of the box, it shattered with a ‘pak’. A red skirt appeared in midair, shining brilliantly.

Xu Zhiruo exhaled and could not stop her eyes from widening.

Shopkeeper Zhou laughed bitterly, "I regret reminding the customers." He pointed at this beautiful red skirt that had appeared in midair. "In this wooden box, there are a few thousand white balls. However, there is only one of this red skirt. The chances of picking it are extremely slim."

He could not help the pain that filled his eyes. The real value of this skirt was almost equivalent to the combined price of the three items they just bought.

It was no longer just for fun!

Qin Yu thought about it and said, "We already got the discount and should not take too much from you. I will draw again and leave the red skirt."

Shopkeeper Zhou immediately waved his hand, "No no. Surplus has existed for over a hundred years because of the trust our customers have in our reputation. Since you are lucky, the red skirt is yours."

Qin Yu smiled and did not say more. He put his hands together, "Thank you."

Taking the red skirt, the three of them left Surplus and Shopkeeper Zhou personally sent them off. His face was filled with ache as he waved them goodbye. He really regretted placing that red skirt in the wooden box.

The only consolation was the purchase of the three passes. This was extremely rare and he would be able to earn a lot from this.

But time was tight and he needed to work fast in order to complete the business.

Qin Yu stretched out his hand and handed the red skirt to Rourou, "I am a man and don't have any use for a long skirt. This is for you."

Rourou rolled her eyes, "A gift that you got from a lucky draw and you almost gave it back. Now, you are giving it to me. Do you think I will take anything?"

Qin Yu raised his brows, "You don't want it...then I will find a chance to sell it. I can probably buy a good robe with the money."

"Hmph!"

Rourou snatched it away, "Thinking of selling? Do you know how much you owe me? Let me remind you, don't think that because we are on good terms now, you don't have to repay me. This red skirt can only cover the interest. I will slowly get everything back!"

Qin Yu smiled and nodded, "Okay!" He looked up at the sky, "It is quite late. Why don't we find a place to stay? Though there is no curfew in East Pole County, it is not good to sleep on the streets."

Rourou stretched, "I have already chosen a place. Let's find somewhere to sit and wait for a while."

She randomly pointed, "The scent of wine is average, but I guess I could force down a sip."

The three of them entered the restaurant that Rourou chose. If they were able to set up their store along the main street, they must be selling well.

A waiter in clean clothes moved nimbly to them and smiled to greet them. He invited them to have a seat and asked them what they would like to eat.

But in the end, only two of them sat. White Iris stood with a calm expression beside Rourou.

“Just send over a few dishes. Give us two bottles of your best wine.”

“Okay, please give me a moment!” The waiter turned and left without hesitating.

Very soon, the dishes were served. They were simple but exquisite. Two dusty jars of wine were brought to the table. When they were opened, the scent of wine filled the air. But to the two of them, who were used to consuming wine fruit, this was just passable.

After drinking a few mouthfuls and casually picking up some food, before Qin Yu could talk about the passes, there were sounds of fighting from the first floor.

The commotion quickly grew bigger. Two parties were fighting and there were cheers all around the restaurant. It was obvious that everyone just wanted to watch the show.

‘Bom’ A person was thrown onto the floor and a window shattered. He spat out blood and seemed to be badly injured.

Woosh –

Woosh –

A few figures flew in and rushed to help their comrade up. The others that followed all looked icy and fierce.

A white gown flashed past and a fan was opened. There was a slight wind from the fan as the man chuckled coldly, “Which bastard dares to create trouble in East Pole City. I will show you all who is boss!”

It was the second young master from the Li Family, the one who had wanted to snatch the Sun Moon Stone at Surplus earlier, Li Yuantai. A few more figures appeared behind him and surrounded the young man that was spitting blood.

“Young Master Li!”

“Tsk tsk, you foreigners, you can mess with anyone but...I am afraid today you are going to suffer.”

“In this county, whoever dares to insult the Li Family will not have a good ending. It doesn’t matter if the County Lord is involved.”

Seeing that the people from the Li Family were about to make a move, a young man gritted his teeth as he walked out from the crowd. He smiled and put his hands together, “Young Master Li, I am Xu Xianglin and I work with Mister Sun. They are currently discussing a deal with me and are Mister Sun’s guests. Young Master Li, please be gracious and don’t pick a fight with them.”

The corners of Li Yuantai’s mouth pulled up, “People of Mister Sun?”

Xu Xianglin felt his heart contract as he nodded.

With a flying kick, Li Yuantai's sinister laugh could be heard, "A dog of Mister Sun dares to make noise in front of me. I am just kicking it to teach it a lesson!"

Two people beside him rushed forwards to throw punches and kicks. Though their hits were not hard enough to kill, they were not light either. Xu Xianglin was soon throwing up blood.

"Brother!"

With a shriek, Xu Zhiruo pounced forwards. She had changed her clothes. "Why are you all hitting him? Leave my brother alone!"

Li Yuantai lifted his hand and smiled, "Oh, it is Sister Xu. I almost could not recognize you. What are you two doing, hurry and help Young Master Xu up. If he is really injured, you all will pay!"

Xu Zhiruo helped her brother up. She looked at how pale he was and the bloody streaks from his mouth and nose. Her heart ached as a tear rolled down her face; she shouted with red eyes, "The county is a place with laws. The County Lord will definitely not let you all do this!"

Li Yuantai narrowed his eyes as his smile intensified, "We did not hurt him without reason. Your brother created trouble for himself. Sister Xu, don't talk nonsense and sully the Li Family's name. It will make things difficult for me."

He took two steps forwards and reached over, "Why don't you follow me back to my residence today. We can talk about this. After everything is settled, we will be one family and small things like this can be overlooked. I will not press this matter further."

"Don't touch my sister..." Xu Xianglin struggled and pushed him.

'Bom', another person was sent flying. A jade pendant fell out of Li Yuantai's clothes and broke into two with a 'crack'.

He lowered his head to look at it and a mischievous look took over his features, "Young Master Xu, this is your problem now. This jade had been passed down the Li Family by my ancestors. Though the quality was nothing great, it held great meaning. It is something that is irreplaceable to my Li Family. Today, you broke it. If you cannot account for it, even your sister will not be able to save you."

Xu Zhiruo held onto her brother and she looked anxious, "You are the one who dropped it; my brother did not touch you!"

Li Yuantai said slowly, "Sister Xu, although I like you, I cannot allow you to slander me like that. Our county is a place with laws, and if you ruin something of mine, you need to pay. You have to be clear on this."

Xu Xianglin gritted his teeth, "Give a price!"

Li Yuantai threw him a glance and the corners of his mouth pulled up, "This jade is really very expensive, are you sure you can pay? Or do you want to use your life as payment?"

Just when the Xu siblings were helpless, the three people sitting by the window on the second floor were watching all this. Both parties in the argument were somewhat considered acquaintances of theirs in this city.



There was no need to mention Li Yuantai and Xu Zhiruo. Even Xu Xianglin and the young man earlier had bumped into them at the peak of East Pole Mountain.

Rourou had even commented on what the man said. From this angle, it seemed like the argument today was closely fated.

Qin Yu looked over at Rourou, who appeared calm. She has never done something without reason and disliked being involved with people she had no relation to. Her behavior at Surplus Shop today was already unusual.

However, she did not have any connection to the current situation. Qin Yu thought about it and smiled slightly as he continued observing. There were many unfair things in the world; he was not able to get involved with all of them.

If not, even the endless cause and effect could be forcefully broken.

“Stop!”

The young man who had vomited blood earlier was the one who had spoken rashly on the mountain peak and eventually invited Xu Xianglin to drink after getting reminded to watch his words. He struggled to stand and there was a conflict in his eyes. He said slowly, “Today’s situation has nothing to do with the siblings of the Xu Family. Let them go.”

Li Yuantai sneered, “Take care of yourself first.”

Ssss –

The young man tore his shirt at the chest area and silence filled the air. On the young man’s bruised chest, there was a birthmark in the shape of a fire dragon. The scales on the dragon seemed to be moving as if it would come out of his body at any moment.

“The Fire Dragon of the Yang Family!”

There was a shout before dead silence. Everyone was staring and the whole situation seemed to have been blown bigger.

Li Yuantai’s face stiffened and his fan was no longer moving. He stared at the Fire Dragon on the young man’s chest and confirmed that it was real. His mouth twitched and he forced out a smile, “Brothers of the Yang Family, we all know each other...I am very sorry for today!”

He admitted defeat immediately.

It was not that he was not tough enough, but he was not qualified to act tough in front of the city’s Yang Family.

If he did not admit defeat, he would die!

Chapter 1645 – Stay

The Li Family was a high-ranking and well-known family in East Pole County. However, the Yang Family was stronger.

Simply put, when the County Lord held a banquet, the Li Family would definitely be invited.

However, no one would dare to start eating until the Yang Family arrived.

The difference was as such.

The Fire Dragon tattoo on one's chest was something that was passed down the bloodline of the Yang Family. Everyone in East Pole County was aware of this.

When an unknown member of the Yang Family suddenly appeared, Li Yuantai immediately admitted defeat in this conflict. He could no longer continue.

It was like the surge of a tide coming to an abrupt stop!

The boss of the restaurant, who had been scared of offending the Li Family, was wiping his sweat and begging for mercy. He knelt and kowtowed continuously, his face filled with fear and despair.

A member of the Yang Family had been beaten by Li Yuantai, till he vomited blood, in his restaurant. Ignoring how the Li Family would pay for this, he would undoubtedly be implicated as the owner of this place.

The East Family backing him would definitely not beg for mercy from the Yang Family for him. They would rather he died and resolved the issue.

"Interesting." Rourou's mouth curled up in a sneer. Qin Yu did not know what she thought was interesting.

There was nothing left to see and Qin Yu did not know what she was going to do next. He was going to take this chance to close his eyes and cultivate. Pretending to sleep was not the same as truly sleeping, but it was better than nothing.

When he opened his eyes again, an unknown amount of time had passed. Qin Yu turned to look around.

He could hear something. The Yang Family had arrived, but they were not too overbearing about what happened. It looked like they even tried to console the restaurant's boss who was crying and looking extremely dejected. They said that it was okay since he did not know.

It might have been said because lots of people were there, or maybe they were really that magnanimous. Or perhaps, the Yang Family could not be bothered with this. After all, a descendant of the Yang Family had appeared out of nowhere and this was their priority.

As the Yang Family left, Li Yuantai lowered his head and followed an elder from the Li Family out. Coincidentally, as he left, he looked up and caught sight of the three of them sitting by the window.

He did not give anything away as he lowered his head after seeing them. However, Qin Yu could sense the outrage from Li Yuantai.

With the main cast leaving, the bystanders also dispersed. As for Xu Xianglin, who had been beaten until he vomited blood, no one cared about him. The County Lord remained silent on what happened during the night of the Lantern Festival. From some angles, this was the right decision.

It was not important whether some people might lose faith in the County Lord. After all, none of these people were important.

Xu Zhiruo bit her lip, "Brother, let's go see a doctor."

Xu Xianglin waved his hand and forced a smile, "There is no need, my life is very hardy. I don't need to see a doctor. I just need to sleep."

"Brother, I earned money today. Listen to me, you have to go and see a doctor!"

Xu Xianglin hesitated before nodding.

Before the siblings could go far, they were stopped.

Xu Xianglin's expression changed and he gritted his teeth as he stood in front of his younger sister. Very soon, he heard his sister's surprised voice, "Dear customers, what are..."

They were his sister's customers.

With how he tensed and then relaxed, on top of his injuries which were not as simple as they seemed on the surface, Xu Xianglin blacked out.

"Brother!"

Xu Zhiruo shouted.

"Don't be anxious, he is not dead yet." Rourou then paused before saying, "But if nothing else happens, he will die soon."

"Don't talk nonsense, my brother has only been beaten. He has been in multiple fights since he was young and has looked worse than this. He will soon recover."

Xu Zhiruo rebutted quickly.

Rourou smiled slightly, "Then why don't we make a bet. If he does not die within the next hour, I will give the red skirt to you."

Xu Zhiruo's expression changed and sorrow filled her heart. She probably knew the value of the red skirt that the shopkeeper had been sad to give away.

Since Rourou was betting on this, she must be certain. If something happened to her brother, she would be left alone in this world!

Tears started streaming down her face and she wiped them. She struggled to help Xu Xianglin up and bring him to see a doctor.

"If you continue to put pressure on him, he won't last more than a quarter of an hour."

Xu Zhiruo's body stiffened as she placed her brother on the ground and knelt down, "Please save my brother...if you can save him, I will do anything!"

Qin Yu had a strange look and he could not help but rub his nose. Why are you looking at me when you talk?

Rourou's lips curled, "Let us stay in your house for a few days...as payment for our effort."

She blinked, "Don't reject us. Weren't you all talking about this when we entered Surplus Store earlier?"

Xu Zhiruo's face turned pale as she looked at her unconscious brother. She then looked at the three of them before nodding stiffly, "Okay!"

Allowing the wolf in...hadn't she seen this multiple times? She never thought that it would be her this time. Even though she knew it, she had no other choice.

Qin Yu coughed lightly. But before he could speak, Rourou cut him off, "Lead the way."

Xu Zhiruo bit her lip and looked at Xu Xianglin.

Rourou said slowly, "Don't worry. Since I am here, he won't die."

Xu Zhiruo then took a deep breath before picking up her brother and staggered as she led the way.

White Iris stepped forward to help Xu Xianglin and Rourou's eyes flashed. This fool was finally useful.

The Xu Family had a small, broken and old residence in the county. It did not seem like much, but it was a different story when they stepped in. The residence was actually quite big and there was even an old scholartree in the yard with luscious foliage.

There were many rooms and the siblings used one each, leaving the rest empty. Though they did not have much furniture, everything was neat and it seemed like the siblings tidied the area often.

After settling Xu Xianglin, Xu Zhiruo rushed to say, "This is my house, you all can make yourself comfortable. Can you save my brother now?"

Rourou looked at White Iris, who rushed to bow, "My Lady, I can kill, but I don't know how to save someone."

Qin Yu waved his hand, "Don't look at me. My power is not stable now and any fluctuation may cause me to end up killing him."

"Hmph!" Rourou snorted and she did not look happy as she walked to the bedside. She lifted her hand and very quickly touched Xu Xianglin's forehead.

She turned and started walking. She took out a white handkerchief and kept wiping her finger, "Done. He will wake up after sleeping for a few days."

This scene caused Xu Zhiruo's eyes to widen as fear grew in her – had she been tricked? How could this save someone? It seemed too easy!

Though Xu Xianglin did not wake up, his breathing seemed more peaceful and color returned to his pale face.

Xu Zhiruo only breathed a sigh of relief after seeing this. As she thought about the things she had to face now, she could not avoid feeling helpless.

But what was bound to happen would always happen. She could not avoid it. But she could not understand. This man had a beautiful wife and servant. Why was he still like this? Or was it that all men were like this?

Exactly like her playful father, who eventually caused trouble and ruined the entire family.

Rourou glanced at her and said blandly, "We have saved him and we are tired. Let's rest early."

Xu Zhiruo's face paled even more as her body trembled, "I...I will go and wash up..."

She left miserably.

Qin Yu let out a long sigh as he rubbed his brows, "Rourou, I don't think this is a good idea."

Rourou raised her brow, "I think it is good. Do you have something against it?"

Qin Yu nodded seriously.

Rourou sneered, "Bear with it!"

At this moment, White Iris felt that her lady was formidable and that all women in this world should be like her.

Of course, she did not dare to make it obvious and merely kept it in her heart. She did not want to anger her master.

It was fine if she got slapped or kicked. But she would be at fault if her master got angry and ruined her health.

That night, Xu Zhiruo felt extremely tormented as she lay on the bed alone, hands grasping tightly on her blanket. She stared at the door to her room as if a large grey wolf would come in at any moment and eat her.

Feeling frightened and wronged, Xu Zhiruo cried for a while before eventually drifting off to sleep.

The next day, there was a shriek and Xu Zhiruo shot out of bed. She then realized that her door was still closed, though it had not been locked.

Her clothes were still neat, and after checking herself, she did not feel anything different. She eventually let out a long breath.

In a room far away, Qin Yu opened his eyes. There was a bitter smile on his face before he shook his head and closed his eyes.

What should he do? Was he supposed to go over and tell her that she was dreaming and he was not in the slightest bit interested in her?

If she became angry from embarrassment, Rourou would be angry at him for ruining her show.

It was rare for Rourou to fool around, and since this was nothing major, he would let her be.

From that day, there were three more people in the Xu Family who did not pay rent.

Xu Xianglin was still unconscious and had yet to wake, but Xu Zhiruo was no longer worried. She could tell that her brother's condition had improved.

That lady was reliable.

But what did that man want? Xu Zhiruo's face flushed slightly. She had to pinch herself just thinking about it. She was an unmarried girl; it was shameless to think about things like this.

But everything was ready for him, so why did he not take action? Had she been wrong from the start? If this was the case, it was too embarrassing!

She hesitated. The three of them did not seem scary or fierce. Xu Zhiruo went to look for Rourou, who enjoyed sitting under the scholartree, drinking wine and looking at the sky. She carefully tested the waters.

Alas, the lady immediately knew what she was referring to and scared her with just a single sentence, "Oh, that thing. It is no rush, he needs to wait for a special time before he can do anything to you."

Xu Zhiruo did not know how she eventually made her way back to her room. Her expectations had fallen and she had heard something even scarier.

What is a special time?

This made Xu Zhiruo subconsciously recall numerous scary stories. In those stories, the female leads always ended up in a miserable state...in general, it was like depleting yin to replenish yang and refining a sacrificial yin yang combination. The more she thought about it, the scarier it sounded and she could not help but burst into tears.

In the garden, Rourou smiled as she thought that this girl was really tough. She could endure even things like this. She had to think of ways to agitate her and heighten her emotions. Only in this manner could she take the chance to check if what she saw before was right or not.

Hehe, this brat Qin Yu was pretty useful!

But thinking about it, all this was because of him. Otherwise she would not have needed to go through all this trouble as she would have been able to sense this girl's depth instantly. Her face fell and she was pleased that he was at least uncomfortable.

Chapter 1646 – Beautiful Big Eyes

At night, while Qin Yu was cultivating, he could hear some noises. It sounded different from normal. He hesitated before pushing the door open and stepping out. He headed for the garden.

Rourou was standing under the huge scholartree in the garden, looking at Xu Zhiruo's room.

The lady must have been abruptly awakened. It was either she had experienced this before, or because she was worried about the evil residents in her house, she did not dare to make too big of a fuss.

The moaning sounds were suppressed, and if not for their enhanced hearing as cultivators, they would not have been able to hear.

Qin Yu looked at Rourou and pointed to the room, "You intentionally agitated her just to see this?"

Rourou nodded and did not have any intentions to hide, "If I don't see clearly, how will I know if I should set a deal with her or not?"

Qin Yu replied, "Are you clear now?"

Rourou said slowly, "Yes."

"Worth the deal?"

"Of course."

Rourou looked up at the pitch black sky above her head, a sneer pulling at the corners of her mouth, "With such a good deal right in front, not many may understand the full value, but this will not stop them from bidding."

Qin Yu thought for a while before frowning, "So are you saying that we foiled someone's plan?"

Rourou sneered, "No, it is someone who is not seeing things clearly and is offering himself to us!"

Although the Xu Family's residence was old and shabby, it was in a good location and there was a big street in front of the house. Many people passed by in the day. The two shops next to their houses were open and it was quite lively.

But in the dark night, when one would not even be able to see one's hands, no one would choose to come here.

Especially not to climb and lay on the roof secretly. Only the eyes could be seen staring at the garden.

Pfft –

There was a soft, almost inaudible sound. However, the flesh, including the heart, had been pierced through.

The stalker's eyes widened and a gurgling sound erupted from his throat. Yet, before he could say anything, he died on the spot.

White Iris kept her sword expressionlessly. She was now wearing a black set of clothes, which made it hard to detect her. She disappeared into the night.

This was not the first person she had killed and would not be the last. White Iris walked through the night, taking one life after another.

Why did these people still continue to come despite getting killed? White Iris did not care and could not be bothered to know their reasons. Her master ordered her to kill any cultivators that tried to come near the residence, and she would just follow orders.

But there was something different tonight. Perhaps, the other party had become angry after losing so many people...and was finally doing something interesting.

In the dark night, White Iris' eyes glimmered and her silhouette flashed before appearing on the long street. Across from her stood a middle-aged man. He had some white hair on his temples and boasts an extraordinary aura as he stood holding a sword.

“Miss, if you want to chase them away, you can just indicate it. Was there a need to kill them?”

White Iris took a step forwards, “You can go and ask them personally.”

Ask who?

Of course, the people she had killed.

The sword cultivator frowned slightly before lifting his hand and stepping forwards. A sinister glimmer reflected off his sword and filled the air, shining down on a huge part of the county. It was majestic and magnificent.

However, the momentum of the aura from this sword came to an abrupt stop, like shooting stars in the sky. No matter how beautiful, they only lasted a few seconds.

A disheveled look appeared on the face of the man with white hair. He frowned and looked to be in pain, but more of it was in confusion.

“Can a sword be used like that?”

White Iris’ eyes lit up, “My master says that it can. So it can.”

She spat out a mouthful of blood before turning to leave. She felt that she was still too weak. Though she could force it, her body could not take it.

Behind her, the man with white hair on his temples crumpled and disintegrated in an instant, blood spurting out of his nose!

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With the single sword move lighting up half of the county, the entire county was startled and wondering whether it was related to the rumored Sword Immortal.

It was a pity that after one strike, there was no other movement. They did not know if the Sword Immortal had left after killing his enemy in one move.

In the remainder of the night, the commotion lasted for a while before dying down. But there were some people who would have a restless night.

The Li Family.

After a strange clash on the night of the Lantern Festival, everything had been peaceful as if nothing had ever happened.

At the Li Family’s residence, there were numerous lights but they were unable to light up the entire residence, leaving it looking mysterious.

The people from the Li Family who had awoken simply turned back before hearing any news. Li Yuntai had been awoken as well and anger burned in his heart. He felt tormented for a long time before he eventually fell asleep.

When day broke, there was a squeaking sound as someone pushed open the door to a house that faced southeast. A lady wearing a very thin piece of cloth appeared.



She moved quietly onto the patio and greeted respectfully, "Greetings, Master."

"White Temples failed." The figure in front spoke calmly without any emotions.

The woman stiffened as she looked up in shock. Under the faint light, it roughly showed that the woman was the one in the pink skirt who had accompanied Li Yuantai into Surplus Store back then. Now, she was almost naked but she did not seem to care. Her pretty face was pale.

Though she did not know where that sword cultivator came from, she knew that he had been one of her master's strongest cards. But he had not been able to reveal any information about the other party and he was dead!

Taking a deep breath, the woman bowed, "Please tell me what I should do."

The figure in front of her spoke, "It is now known that the three of them came to East Pole County in order to cross the pass and go to the Central Desolate Divine Area."

What he said next could not be heard, as only his mouth moved.

Woosh –

The dark figure disappeared.

The woman returned to her room as if nothing had happened.

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After another night of being wary, Xu Zhiruo finally returned to Surplus after having been on leave for a few days. She had dark circles under her eyes and this made the other shop assistants exclaim and tried to make her talk. What had she been doing the past few days? Why did she look so drained!

Facing their strange looks and playful tone, Xu Zhiruo wanted to cry but no tears flowed out. Her brother was still unconscious at home and she did not dare to say anything.

She finally managed to find an excuse to get rid of them. Xu Zhiruo lifted her own spirits as she went to find the manager of the second floor. According to Rourou's instructions, she had to say just a single sentence to him.

The manager's face changed and he glanced at her, "Wait here, I will get the shopkeeper."

Shopkeeper Zhou arrived very soon and brought Xu Zhiruo into a room, "Zhiruo, are those customers now staying at your house?"

Seeing Xu Zhiruo nod, Shopkeeper Zhou looked at her thoughtfully. He hesitated before saying, "Zhiruo, you are someone who I watched grow up, let me warn you. If you gain something, don't think and dream too much about the future...you have to look at what is under you."

He could only say this. It would be up to Xu Zhiruo as to whether she could understand what he was trying to say. After all, the customers had only asked for three passes and there was no change in this.

Xu Zhiruo nodded ignorantly. It was only after she left Surplus and was about to reach home that she somewhat understood what Shopkeeper Zhou was trying to imply. She flushed red in embarrassment.

Rourou stood by the door and smiled as she returned, "Young lady, your face is flushed today. It seems like you are well."

Xu Zhiruo suppressed her annoyance, "Shopkeeper Zhou said the thing has been done. You all can go to Surplus to finish the deal on the day after tomorrow."

She did not know what the deal was about, but it seemed like something valuable.

But so what? Now, she was like a fish on a chopping board. Other than letting herself be descaled, she had no choice.

Lowering her head, Xu Zhiruo stepped over the doorstep and walked quickly to Xu Xianglin's room.

Behind her, Rourou's joking voice sounded, "Thanks. We will be waiting for you, Miss Xu Zhiruo."

Xu Zhiruo stumbled.

Qin Yu pushed open the door and looked impatient, "Okay, that is enough. If you want to do a deal, you should consider her feelings as well."

Rourou smiled and nodded.

Qin Yu's expression shifted before he turned and left.

"Stop."

Qin Yu coughed lightly, "I need to answer nature's call!"

Rourou sneered, "Bear with it!"

She walked over and circled Qin Yu, "Mister Qin, there is something that I have to make clear to you. I am not trying to take what Xu Zhiruo has for myself. Do you understand?"

Qin Yu nodded sharply, "Of course! Lady Rourou, if there is any way in which you need my help, please just let me know."

Rourou snapped and smiled, "On the right track."

She stepped forward and leaned into Qin Yu, "Tonight, let's act out a scene of bullying a weak young lady and having someone save her. How about that?"

Qin Yu's mouth twitched as he understood what she meant. He tried one last time, "Do you think that Miss Xu will believe it in this scenario?"

Rourou waved her hand, "Whether she believes it does not matter. I just need the process."

Qin Yu had been shut down. Looking at her sparkling eyes, he knew he could not avoid this. He did not know how he had offended her these past two days.

He clearly had not done anything!

Sigh, women were really complicated and impossible to understand.

Despite how Qin Yu sighed, he still appeared when night fell. He sat in the middle of the room and had wasted half a day of cultivation time. He frowned and thought of all sorts of things. But eventually, he rubbed his face and gritted his teeth as he stood up.

It was bound to happen, so he would do it before she had to remind him!

Standing up and pushing the door open, he looked sad from the back, as if he was about to catch a cold...Qin Yu then mustered up his courage to push open Xu Zhiruo's door. He saw the shocked look on Lady Xu's face before looking at Rourou, who was frowning and had a strange expression. He then knew that he had been tricked.

After getting berated, Qin Yu was stunned as he stood on the spot, looking guilty. He covered his face and escaped, leaving Rourou in the room to comfort Lady Xu.

He could vaguely hear her comforting. She said something like, "With me around, you don't have to be afraid. I will not let him touch you."

Qin Yu found it weird. Xu Zhiruo did not seem stupid. Could it be that she had forgotten everything that had happened and now believed Rourou? He was speechless.

But thinking about it, getting scolded was better than having to act out the entire scene of 'bullying the young lady'.

He let it go and decided not to care what Rourou was trying to do. He went back to his room to continue cultivating.

There was no choice. This world was just like that. Without cultivation, there was no power!

One day, in order to be able to...hmm hmm, he had to work harder.

In the room, Rourou, who was comforting Xu Zhiruo, glanced in the direction of Qin Yu's room and sneered internally. He was really bold but I will not give you the chance!

"Thank you for saving me tonight. Previously, I had many misunderstandings with you; I hope you will not hold it against me."

Xu Zhiruo stood up and bowed respectfully.

Rourou waved her hand, "Don't worry, I have always been magnanimous and won't hold it against you."

She pointed, "However, if you keep your beautiful eyes, it will lead to trouble."

Xu Zhiruo took a deep breath and spoke softly, "Please help me."

Rourou looked at the smart Lady Xu and smiled, "Don't worry, I will definitely help you."

Chapter 1647 – Don't Blow Things Up

No one knew what the two of them talked about but Rourou left with a huge grin. Evidently, she got what she wanted.

Under the big scholartree in the yard, she glanced at Qin Yu's room. Rourou seemed to be mumbling to herself, "Nature is really one's greatest fortune for karma. However, if the karma is too strong and it exceeds the limits of what a body can withstand, it will kill you instead."

A blast of wind blew across and the branches of the old scholartree swayed as though it was approving what Rourou said.

Rourou stretched an arm out and patted the old scholartree. "As expected, you are the most understanding. My efforts of observing the heavens and nature these days were not in vain."

In the room, Qin Yu's eyes opened. Rourou's words were obviously for him and she was probably worried that he would have too much of a burden on him that he should not have. He smiled slightly and closed his eyes again. In all honesty, Rourou was underestimating his trust in her.

There was not much need to explain.

Under the old scholartree, Rourou's lips curled and there was a look of disdain on her face. She turned and kept her hands behind her back as she skipped back towards her room.

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The agreement was to return to the Surplus Shop and complete the deal regarding the passes. However, the doors of the Xu Family were knocked on. After Xu Zhirou opened a door, he was surprised to find Zhou Yunshan standing outside.

"Shopkeeper, why are you here? Please come in."

Zhou Yunshan sighed and a bitter smile appeared across his face, "I am here to personally apologize to my customer."

Qin Yu heard the commotion and he paused his cultivation and walked out. As soon as he heard Zhou Yunshan's words, he frowned, "Shopkeeper Zhou, what happened?"

Zhou Yunshan stepped forward and cupped his hands together. There was a look of apology on his face, "Yesterday, you asked Zhiruo to pass a message to the Surplus Shop. I told her to send a message back, but there was an issue today."

Xu Zhiruo was a smart lady and she automatically turned and left the room, leaving the two of them to talk privately.

Qin Yu frowned, "Shopkeeper, please explain."

Zhou Yunshan gritted his teeth and said, "The Surplus Shop had already prepared to get three passes and we could have gotten them today. However, the Yang Family suddenly asked for another pass."

"There are still two passes left?"

Zhou Yunshan smiled bitterly and shook his head. "There is only one left. The Li Family also suddenly asked for one more. This goes against the rules, but the Yang Family and the Li Family were the ones asking and no one dared to say anything."

He cupped his hands together, "This is the Surplus Shop's mistake and we will refund you three times the amount of your money. Please forgive us."

Qin Yu was silent but he was not in a good mood. For him, time was incredibly precious now. Without the passes, he would need to wait for the next time the Jade Gate opened. It would delay him for a few months. Money was not an issue for him.

He waved his hand, "Shopkeeper Zhou. Have all the passes in the county been distributed already? Do you know if anyone still has some? We are willing to pay a high price to buy them."

In fact, there was no need to go through so much trouble. If Qin Yu announced his identity, the county governor would send the passes over. Not to mention three passes, it would not be an issue to demand five or more. After all, these hugely profitable business transactions were happening under the eyes of the county government. It was hard to believe that they did not secretly plant their own people in this.

However, his priority when entering the Central Desolate was peace. From the start, the three of them had decided not to reveal any trace that they were from the West Desolate. They would take on the identity of 'illegal immigrants'. They would not go for a moment of success and accumulate more trouble for themselves in the future. As such, Rourou covered up their tracks and they disappeared off the grid of the West Desolate to carry on with their activities.

Zhou Yunshan hesitated and said, "Young Master Li of the Li Family announced that he has two more passes and he is willing to hand them out." He glanced at Qin Yu, "I believe you can tell that there is something strange here too. However, it would also be strange to conclude that this happened because of the commotion in the Surplus Shop that day."

There was a complicated look on Shopkeeper Zhou's face and he was probably suspecting that there was something else to this.

There was something wrong if they directly announced such an obvious trap.

A flash of light crossed Qin Yu's eyes and he thought of what Rourou said about someone making an offer. He thought about the commotion that happened because of the Sun Moon Stone and he knew that there was something hidden in all of this.

If this was related to the Li Family, there would be an explanation for what happened in the shop today...in recent days, White Iris had killed a number of men.

After the swordsman was killed that night, the other party did not give up but instead chose another way to advance forward.

Qin Yu's mind spun quickly but he slowly said, "Let's not bother about the refund. Shopkeeper Zhou, please pass on a message asking Young Master Li if he is willing to hand over the two passes in his hands."

There was a look of hesitation on the shopkeeper's face when he heard Qin Yu's words.

Qin Yu smiled and waved his hand, "Don't worry, this is my decision. No matter what, I will not drag the Surplus Shop into this."

Qin Yu shot directly at what Zhou Yunshan was thinking, and Zhou Yunshan's expression turned awkward. However, he was a professional with a lot of experience and he regained his composure quickly. "Thank you for your understanding. Us businessmen are not willing to jump into the vortex."

Sighing deeply, he said, "Regarding this matter, the Surplus Shop will help you spread the word as much as possible. We will definitely have news by tonight."

Zhou Yunshan turned to leave. Qin Yu's eyes narrowed as he stood under the big scholartree. Many thoughts flickered through his mind at this moment.

This included why the Yang Family suddenly decided to take action and how the Li Family knew that he needed three passes.

There was much for him to ponder about. Even though Shopkeeper Zhou walked away with an apologetic attitude just now and appeared to have goodwill, it felt like he was mocking Qin Yu.

The Surplus Shop was interesting!

Rourou pushed the door open and walked towards the old scholartree. She lifted her head and looked up to the sky. She calmly said, "It is only normal that we encountered hiccups in this matter. If things had proceeded smoothly, I would feel like things are going wrong."

Qin Yu spoke in a serious tone, "Try not to kill so many people. We have an important journey ahead. The bigger the commotion, the worse it is for us."

Rourou nodded, "Don't worry. I am more experienced than you in cleaning up messes."

Before the sky turned pitch black, someone from the Surplus Shop came. It was not Shopkeeper Zhou but a regular manager at the shop. According to him, Shopkeeper Zhou was occupied with something else and the manager was here to apologize to the three of them. He proceeded to refund Qin Yu three times the amount he paid for the passes.

The manager said that Young Master Li was not sincere with the deal. If the three of them were not in a hurry, they could wait patiently for a month and the Surplus Shop would definitely get three passes and sell them at ten percent off.

Qin Yu waved his hand, "This is very urgent for us. Therefore, manager, please tell me the price that Young Master Li asked for."

The manager hesitated and laughed bitterly, "Li Yuantai said that he could make a deal with the passes. However, he wanted the lady and her servant girl to talk to him personally. The price he offered is good."

Qin Yu's eyes narrowed and the manager sucked in a cold breath of air as his face turned pale. There was a look of horror in his eyes!

Although this feeling passed by in a flash, there was still a deep fear in the manager's eyes.

He was slightly confused. Although the Li Family had always been overbearing in their ways, they mostly acted appropriately. Why were they ignoring the limits this time? This was especially so since this guest

was obviously not someone to be messed with. If the manager could sense it with a glance, how could the Li Family continue to be unaware?

However, this was something that a manager like him did not have the right to think and ponder about. He should just continue to feign ignorance.

“Go back and tell Shopkeeper Zhou to pass a message to Li Yuantai. Tell him that we have agreed to his terms.” Rourou pushed the door open, wearing a calm and composed expression.

Qin Yu frowned, but before he could say anything, she gave him a look which ordered him to remain silent.

The manager wiped his cold sweat. Not daring to delay things further, he bowed and left hurriedly.

“I feel that things are off.” Qin Yu said in a deep voice.

Rourou’s lips curved, “What is off?” She scanned Qin Yu and said, “You can’t be concerned about your image right? Do you think I will care about something so trivial?”

Qin Yu coughed and did not speak further. However, the look in his eyes was clear. If she really did not care, why bother saying this.

I did not say anything.

“Hmmp!” Rourou scoffed, “You don’t have to bother about this, I will handle it by myself. You can take care of the Xu Family lady. Watch her well at night. If anything goes wrong, it is your responsibility.”

Qin Yu nodded. After thinking for a while, he said in a serious tone, “Don’t forget what I told you previously. Don’t make things blow out of proportion.”

Rourou turned and left, “How naggy!”

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Li Family.

Li Yuantai was slightly stunned after receiving the message from the Surplus Shop. He did not expect that the other party would agree to his terms so easily.

This act had just been a pretence and he had prepared some other methods to mess around with these three foreigners. They would understand firsthand what it meant to be an important guest of the Li Family.

The female cultivator in a pink skirt leaned towards him and whispered a few words into his ear. Li Yuantai pondered for a while and then smiled, “Alright, since they agreed to the terms, send someone over and invite the girl here. If I am entertained tonight, there is no harm giving the passes to them!”

As he said this, he stretched an arm forward and pinched the round butt of the female cultivator in a pink skirt. “You are not allowed to leave tonight either. I want to have a party with a bouquet of flowers!”

The female cultivator exclaimed in glee and she hugged him in a flirtatious manner. Li Yuantai burst into laughter but failed to notice the icy cold glare deep in her eyes.

In fact, this flirtatious female cultivator also did not notice the mockery in Li Yuantai's laughter.

He was not a fool and he could naturally sense the strange things happening around him. However, the people around him, including his parents and brother, ignored what was happening. What could he do? He could only put on an act like the others.

Being a puppet for another person was not nice. However, not everything in life would go well. He was already the young master of the Li Family and he could enjoy life. He did not have to desire more.

It was rare for someone to be so foolish!

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A red sedan chair stopped outside the Xu Family household. Rourou led White Iris out of the house, pulled open the hanging screen, and had her settle in.

"Rise!"

The manager from the Li Family yelled. He smiled and turned his head towards Qin Yu who was standing by the door. In a respectful tone, he said, "My Lord, please rest assured. My young master said that he will definitely bring the two of them back in the morning. You should rest early."

Qin Yu's eyes narrowed.

Xu Zhiruo was hiding behind the doors. Her eyes bulged wide open in disbelief.

This was especially so since she saw how Qin Yu did not react. After her shock, she could not help but find Qin Yu despicable.

That's right. In her opinion, the guests in her house were not ordinary.

But so what? It was the manager from the Li Family here today.

Once they entered that household, they would not be able to use any talents. They would be vulnerable in front of the Li Family people.

Qin Yu turned around and met Xu Zhiruo's gaze. He nodded and walked back into the house.

"Hey..." Xu Zhiruo yelled.

Qin Yu stopped and turned around with a look of questioning in his eyes.

Xu Zhiruo gritted her teeth, "Although I do not know what you are planning to do and what you have up your sleeves, but the lady and her servant...will definitely be bullied once they enter the Li Family. You should think this through."

Qin Yu smiled, "Thank you for your concern." He walked away, but after a few steps, he stopped, "There might be some disturbances tonight. Miss Xu, you should remain in your room."



Xu Zhiruo's eyes widened. She had already explained things to him but he said that. Disturbances? What disturbances? Am I supposed to see you cry and howl in pain at night and bang your head against the tree?

What kind of man are you! If there is something wrong, you should take on the responsibility yourself. Why are you letting a lady block the rain and wind for you!

Chapter 1648 – God in the Small World

Back in his room, Qin Yu wrinkled his nose and a helpless look crossed his face. He did not know how deep the Li Family residence was and what hidden cards they held. However, they would quickly understand that it was easier to invite the devil in than to send him away.

Qin Yu was not worried for Rourou. After all, even though she had lost some things recently, the Li Family would not be able to shake her.

In this world, one chose their own path. Since it was his choice, he had to be prepared to pay the price.

Shaking his head, Qin Yu closed his eyes and started cultivating. Somehow, the look of the manager from the Li Family kept appearing in his mind. He was like a snake wrapping Qin Yu's mind tightly, refusing to let go no matter what!

Qin Yu opened his eyes and sighed. As expected, he was not good at cultivating peacefully and small matters continued to bother him. However, the real reason was that Rourou now occupied an important position in Qin Yu's heart.

If this was back when the two of them first met, Qin Yu would not have been bothered with something like this. The Li Family was willing to die, then so be it. Rourou wanted to play and that was her choice.

He would sit by the side and enjoy the show. However, it was hard for him to isolate himself from such a situation now.

His heart was not at ease and the effectiveness of his cultivation decreased by half. Qin Yu eventually got up and exited the room. He sat below the old scholartree in the yard.

It was not an exaggeration to call it an old scholartree. Many thousands of years had passed and it finally reached a stage of enlightenment.

Natural cultivators like trees and grass worked hard for many years to achieve enlightenment. However if something went wrong in the process, many years of hard work would go to waste instantly.

Compared to other creatures in the world, these natural cultivators were at a disadvantage. However, the cycle of life in this world eventually turned out fair. It was difficult for these natural creatures to be successful, but once they were, they were very strong.

Of course, this old scholartree was a far cry away. The only thing it could do now was suck up to Rourou.

Qin Yu lifted his head and looked at the old scholartree. He calmly said, "There might be some disturbances tonight. I shall apologize in advance if your branches break."

The old scholartree shivered slightly as though it was saying that it dared not accept Qin Yu's apology. It even looked like it was fearful.

Xu Xianglin was still sleeping and Xu Zhiruo had to carefully examine the residence and ensure that everything was alright before she could return to her room.

Today was no exception.

She observed Qin Yu pick a random fruit off the old scholartree and sip its juice. Xu Xianglin scoffed and turned around.

There was a 'bam' and her doors closed.

The young miss of the Xu Family was truly an intelligent person and she struck a deal with Rourou. Furthermore, she knew that Qin Yu was not bothered about her. As such, she was bold.

Of course, she held anger in her heart and was displeased with Qin Yu because there was a more important reason.

Qin Yu did not turn around and his expression remained the same. He really did not care about her.

All his previous displays of helplessness and when he could only smile bitterly was because he hoped that Rourou could have more fun.

The young miss of the Xu Family was pretty, intelligent, and inherently kindhearted...but so what?

In the end, she was just a passing person in his life.

He merely need to ensure that he did no harm to her. There was no need to take care of her feelings and explain to her.

Sorry but there really wasn't a need for that.

He drank from the wine fruit and then smashed it between his palms with a 'bam'. The husk of the wine fruit broke apart and Qin Yu muttered, "I can't forget that look, so I can only choose to kill you. Otherwise, I will not feel at ease."

The fragments of the wine fruit's husk dropped to Qin Yu's feet. Qin Yu smiled and tilted his head up to gaze at the sky; he mumbled, "What does Rourou look at over here? Why do I not see anything?"

Below the old scholartree was a stone table. It had endured many years of wind and rain and the surface of it was rough and cracked. There were supposed to be four stone stools around the table, but only two were left now. Qin Yu sat on one with his back facing the stone table.

Right at that moment, his eyes narrowed as he observed the sky darken. His fingers drummed against his thigh.

A wine fruit fragment rose from the ground and appeared in front of Qin Yu. With a light snap of his fingers, the wine fruit fragment disappeared into the darkness.

A few hundred feet from the Xu Family was a large tree. The expression of the person below the tree faltered, but before he could move, something pierced through his forehead and he immediately turned pale. Instantly, his body fell to the ground lifelessly with a 'bam'.

People beside him were stunned and they looked towards the courtyard of the Xu Family. Their eyes appeared icy cold.

"We have been found!"

"It seems that this person is not easy to deal with."

"Who cares how strong he is. Kill him and we will be rich!"

"Let's go!"

The group had been discovered and there was no use hiding anymore. With a yell, a few figures rushed out of the darkness. They were targeting the yard of the Xu Family.

Qin Yu slapped his knee and a large wine fruit fragment rose from the ground. He swiped his sleeves and the wine fruit fragment flew out.

Pop –

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With every pop, a figure's body was shot through in the darkness. Blood and flesh spilled out and life flowed out of them.

Under the old scholartree, Qin Yu had a helpless look. He continued to mumble to himself, "Sending these kinds of men out to kill me. Aren't you looking down on me?"

He stood up and looked at the sky. His eyes gazed past the branches of the old scholartree and he stared at the deep blanket of darkness in the sky.

Tonight, there was not a single star visible in the sky.

It was definitely not an ordinary night.

"After hiding for so long, it is about time for you to act. Unless, you want to wait till day breaks?" As he said this, Qin Yu threw a punch forward.

Bam –

A large branch of the old scholartree broke apart instantly. The force of the punch felt like a dragon rising to the heavens and it targeted the blanket of darkness above.

Shoosh –

One by one, the stars appeared. They were so bright that they were blinding. They scattered across the entire night sky and enveloped Qin Yu and the old scholartree.

A few figures appeared from the skies. Their bodies were curved and they cried in pain as they shivered uncontrollably. They had not obtained their human form and carried a branch of the scholartree on their backs. This was the real form of the old scholartree.

Now, it was immersed in the starlight and it felt like it was in a deep fryer. It fell to the ground and started twitching as it cried painfully, "Immortal, please save me, save me!"

Qin Yu shook his head, "Although I apologized in advance for breaking its branch, I did not say that I will kill it...after all, it is hard for a plant to gain enlightenment. It would be such a waste to burn it."

With a stomp, the ground shook violently and shockwaves spread out in all directions.

There was a 'boom' and it felt like the world had changed. All the rules around him disintegrated.

Qin Yu sensed his own powers and he could not help sighing. No wonder they said that the higher one's cultivation realm, the more one would understand how deep the world was.

He was in the Ruler realm now, a realm that could reach the heavens. This was starkly different from his beginnings.

For instance, the way he interacted with the world seemed to go smoothly. However, it actually felt like he created a small world in the world, which he was the god of.

Qin Yu's attack was still considered shallow compared to elites. However, using this against the assassination attempt tonight was bullying the rest.

He lifted his finger and pointed it out. With a light snap, one of the stars in the sea of stars before him instantly got destroyed.

There was a hollow 'boom' and the silhouette of the cultivator that was hidden in the darkness flickered for a brief second. The horror and shock in his bulging wide eyes could be made out.

This action of 'taking the stars and using them for himself' was an incomplete skill, however, its powers were mysterious and wonderful and it was considered hard to master. In history, even Rulers were not able to escape from it once they were trapped inside.

However, today, his target casually pointed a finger and destroyed one of the points in the array of stars. This was the first time that he was forced to reveal himself. Although his target's actions appeared very casual when he pointed the finger, it made him tremble in fear.

"Attack!"

According to the terminology of the Central Desolate, this cultivator was called an Array Master. He held an important role in this assassination attempt. As he yelled, sword lights appeared in the sky and targeted the middle of Qin Yu's forehead.

The speed of the attack was as fast as lightning but the user of the sword light had his eyes wide open in shock. The sword light was stuck between two fingers, and it seemed to have gotten trapped in the rumored Trapping Sword Pool; there was no way for it to budge.

In Qin Yu's opinion, this sword cultivator was a decisive man. He immediately shouted and released his sword to retreat backward. At the same time, he did not hesitate to self destruct his sword.

This would cause a huge blow to him, but if he did not do this, he would die.

Unfortunately, the truth was that he was still going to die even though he did this.

The long sword was destroyed instantly and it broke apart into numerous fragments, carrying an immense amount of energy. It was going to explode in a menacing way.

However, before it could explode, the fragments were grabbed lightly by five fingers. They were held tightly within the first and were molded into a steel ball.

"Back to you."

The five fingers casually threw the steel ball back. The steel ball flew forward, directly into the chest of the sword cultivator. His eyes bulged wide open and blood poured out of his nose, mouth, and ears. In the next instant, it felt like he was thrown into a sea of dancing swords and he was sliced apart into many pieces.

The smell of blood in the air was strong!

With the death of the sword cultivator, the Array Master gasped in shock. He made a mistake in the assassination today. This man who remained behind in the house was much more powerful than he expected.

How was he at the initial Ruler realm? Even a peak Ruler would not be this strong.

The desire to kill him was instantly gone, and he only wanted to escape this place.

"The master has given his orders. If you don't kill this man, we will all die!"

Boom –

The surface of the earth cracked and an assassin who had hidden in the earth revealed himself at this moment. At the same time, a large net appeared in the air. It was a bright green color. A single look at it would cause one's heart to tighten as it was very gross!

However, the real killing move did not come from the bright green net. Although it was scary, it was more like a vision-obstructing tool.

Eyes were attracted to the green net, but at that moment, a silver-colored robe that was almost translucent fell gently onto Qin Yu. It was like the kind of clothing that women wore to seduce men.

Then, a real lady appeared. She was stuck to Qin Yu's back and she had an elegant figure. She said, "Don't move. If you do, you will die."

This was the female cultivator with the pink skirt who had been beside Li Yuantai. She actually participated in tonight's assassination.

Qin Yu was bound by the robe and he could only hear the harsh mumble by his ear and smell her fragrant scent. He could not help frowning.

The Array Master was the one who ordered the men to attack and he originally wanted to take the opportunity to run away. At this point, he was momentarily stunned. Was he seeing wrongly? This person used such a fierce attack but she did not have a final move to kill him off. As an Array Master, he had an important identity. He could not compare with the rest.

Even if he abandoned the array and escaped, the master could only punish him. Otherwise, he would be accompanying the rest of his comrades to death if he remained here.

The assassin who came out of the ground suddenly glowed brightly. Armor appeared like flowing water, covering his entire body.

He threw a punch towards Qin Yu's chest. The punch split the air and there was a sharp sound. It seemed like he did not care for the woman who was on Qin Yu's back. He would kill them both with this attack.

Qin Yu sighed slightly. The punch headed towards him seemed to have entered a swamp and it could not move. The flirtatious female cultivator on his back was repelled away and the light silver net on Qin Yu's body split apart into multiple fragments.

"It seems that you guys are the only one here tonight. But this is within expectations...a King realm cultivator would not interfere with something like this."

The armored assassin did not hesitate to break his arms and beg for mercy. However, the moment he retreated, there was a thud and he fell to the ground lifelessly.

The armor around him shrunk to become a shining bright silver armor pellet. The face of the assassin inside was revealed. It was the Li Family manager who came in the horse carriage and dragged Rourou and White Iris away.

"I told you that you were going to die. I have to keep to my word."

Qin Yu pointed his finger out. The female cultivator wore a pained look. Between her clean brows, there was a transparent hole.

However, the one who had the most tragic death was the Array Master. He used a hidden technique to try to escape from the area. He had almost succeeded, but this meant that Qin Yu used all his strength.

The space shifted and the Array Master instantly turned to dust.

He previously reminded Rourou not to kill too many people to avoid creating too much trouble. However, he turned around and killed a large group of people.

Qin Yu shook his head silently and he turned around and smiled, "Why haven't you taken action?"

Chapter 1649 – Sun Moon Eyes

The ancient scholartree was trembling slightly in the dead silence of the yard. Qin Yu stared at it quietly and his eyes slowly grew darker.

A few moments later, the real body of the ancient scholartree appeared. The figure slowly formed and a young man in a light green robe appeared. He had a pleasant appearance and he carried a scholartree stick on his back. His brows were knitted together and he was puzzled.

“How did you figure it out?”

Qin Yu smiled, “When I first came in. Didn’t you wonder why the person that you feared would always look up at the sky?”

“In the beginning, I did not understand either and I thought that it was merely a scholartree trying to protect and hide itself. However, even though you did not take action just now, you revealed a bit of aura and I caught it.”

The handsome ancient scholartree man laughed bitterly, “When you guys entered the Xu Family residence, I guessed that something would happen soon. Destiny is hard for man to grasp and I believe that this is the development of heavenly law and a result of its vast networks of arms.”

Qin Yu said, “I don’t understand what that means, and you have not answered my question.”

The handsome ancient scholartree man fell silent, “Because I don’t dare to.” He pointed to the empty sky, “An entry Ruler realm cultivator created a small world of his own. Ignoring that and considering that there are exceptional talents in this world, how can you be the god of that small world? I don’t understand it.”

Qin Yu’s eyes were calm, “You know a lot, more than what an ordinary enlightened scholartree spirit in East Pole County should know. Are you trying to point out to me that you have a complicated background and have someone backing you? Are you trying to make me think twice about how I should take care of you?”

The scholartree spirit smiled and cupped his hands together, “You are wise. I was not born in East Pole County and this ancient scholartree is also not my real body. I am simply using it as a shell.”

Qin Yu thought about it and turned around to sit down. “What else do you have to say? Tell me everything at once and remember to choose your words wisely. Don’t hide anything, or don’t blame me if you lost your life.”

The smile of the scholartree spirit stiffened and he frowned. A serious expression crossed his face and he stared at Qin Yu who was sitting on the stone stool. After a few moments, he said slowly, “My master is an elite in the Central Desolate Divine Area. A thousand years ago, he wanted to look for clues and he gave me a mission to send an avatar to East Pole County’s Xu Family. Using this ancient scholartree as a medium, I would secretly observe the Xu Family and wait for an appropriate chance.

“This chance would help my master’s cultivation and it is an item that he must have. If you are willing to take a step back, my master would thank you, and when you enter the Central Desolate Divine Area in the future, you can head to Sweeping Clouds Peak. You will obtain much good karma and that will be beneficial for you as you travel in the Central Desolate.”

Qin Yu was silent but his fingers drummed against the table. He had not imagined that the person behind the scholartree spirit would be an elite in the Central Desolate. Hence, he was in a bind.

There was a slight smile on the face of the scholartree spirit and his tone turned more calm, "If you want to know, my real body is a ten thousand year old black scholartree. Because this is only an avatar, my strength here is not even ten percent of my original body's strength. My realm and power compared to my master is extremely weak. A simple wave of his sleeve would reduce me to dust."

Qin Yu's head lifted, "King realm?"

The scholartree spirit smiled and remained silent.

Qin Yu nodded, "Thank you."

There was a blank look on the scholartree spirit's face and he did not know why Qin Yu would thank him. He also did not know that Rourou prepared more than one way to help Qin Yu quickly increase his cultivation realm.

According to Rourou, these were all men who made deals with her in the past and had to repay her. Those who were noticed by her and owed her a debt were not ordinary.

For instance, one of her debtors was a Taotie. It only needed to open its mouth and thirty percent of its prey's cultivation would be transformed into its. However, it could only use this technique once every thousand years or it would self destruct.

Qin Yu thanked the scholartree spirit because he gave Qin Yu a very suitable partner. Of course, these were all things for the future.

Although King realm cultivators gave Qin Yu a strong suppression feeling, with Rourou around, Qin Yu felt like he could give it a go...more importantly, Rourou had stated clearly that the Sun Moon Eyes of Xu Zhiruo could not only help Qin Yu's cultivation, they were important items that could eliminate disturbances in his cultivation formation. He could not lose them.

Despite that, it was not good to turn down the elite in the Central Desolate...oh, if Rourou helped to cover up the eyes' aura, they would not easily be found.

The scholartree spirit could not see through the intentions of the man in front of him and there was uneasiness in his heart. However, he gritted his teeth and sighed, "Your honor..."

Before he could finish, Qin Yu smiled and cupped his hands to interrupt him, "Goodbye."

A huge wave of fear instantly rushed up his chest and the scholartree spirit yelled, "I am a black scholartree that is protected by the Sweeping Clouds Peak..." He was cut off again. However, this time, there was a thick scent of blood.

A massive tree sprouted out of nowhere and numerous branches immediately reached forward and bound the ancient scholartree in the yard. As though the branches were a mouth, they devoured the scholartree spirit and blood spurted out of the mouth and ears of the young man. With a pitiful cry, he disappeared like the clouds.

The entire process went by silently. If there wasn't a hole in the ground, people might think that what happened before this was an illusion.

The wine tree bent over and then disappeared.



In her room, Xu Zhiruo desperately held a hand to her mouth and kept it shut. Her face was pale as she held in her screams.

When she was young, she already realized that her eyes were different from others' and she could see things that she did not want to see.

For instance, that servant lady who killed endlessly and the assassination in the yard tonight.

She never imagined that the man who seemed to be henpecked by his wife would be such a powerful cultivator. She also had not imagined that the ancient scholar tree in her yard would be so mysterious.

Its roots dug deep into the Xu Family for a thousand years. With how smart Xu Zhiruo was, it was very easy to guess its intentions.

Could it be that the Xu Family fell from its grace as a prominent family in the county because of her eyes? Back then, her accomplished father caused a great calamity for the family and caused many of her relatives to die. She and her brother were the only two to survive. Was what she knew the truth, or was there something else hidden?

As soon as she thought of this, Xu Zhiruo's face turned pale and she shivered.

All of a sudden, she screamed and her hands cupped her head and she rolled around in her bed.

Outside in the courtyard, Qin Yu glanced in the direction of Xu Zhiruo's room with a look of pity. His body flickered like a shadow and he flew over.

The door opened and a figure flew in. Xu Zhiruo's eyes had dazzling light gushing from them. Through her brilliant eyes, a Sun Moon illusion appeared. It was clean and clear and it seemed as though there was a moon in it.

She carried a grand opportunity since birth and her eyes hid the sun and moon. This was it.

The sun and moon in Xu Zhiruo's eyes were not as big as the sun nor as round as the moon, but they carried the essence of them. They could be seen as the origin of the sun and moon formed from the karma of the world.

If she had sufficient opportunities and could refine the Sun Moon Eyes to make them hers, it would be an unimaginable transformation. A new super elite would be born in this world and she might cross the threshold of a human and enter the King realm.

It was a pity that this sun and moon transformation was noticed by others a thousand years ago. Xu Zhiruo's cultivation path was blocked and she fell into a pit.

Without a teacher to guide the way for her to step on the cultivation path, the Sun Moon Eyes continued to absorb her essence.

As such, when they first met, Qin Yu did not get a good feeling from this pretty female cultivator. Her skin was pale and her aura was weak.

This was also why Rourou said that if karma was too strong and it exceeded the limits of what a body could withstand, it would kill you instead. Xu Zhiruo could only live if she handed over the Sun Moon Eyes.

Tonight, her feelings were unsettled and it triggered the activation of the sun and moon. That was how she saw what happened. Compared to the past, it had been a dangerous night. Without external help, Xu Zhiruo could lose everything and even her life.

At the same time, the Sun Moon Eyes would also die with her. The dispersing of the clouds would return the karma back to the earth. Who knew how many years would pass before another baby would inherit this karma and be born with Sun Moon Eyes.

Qin Yu definitely would not let this slip through his hands. He had already offended the elite in the Central Desolate. If he ended up flipping the bucket over and returning empty-handed, that would be the most tragic outcome.

He stepped forward and placed a finger between Xu Zhiruo's eyebrows. The pair of Sun Moon Eyes were 'starved' for many years and they finally had a delicacy placed in front of them.

Boom –

A terrifying devouring force instantly erupted from her eyes and captured Qin Yu.

Qin Yu's expression hardened and he said in a deep voice, "Xu Zhiruo, wake up. The calamity that befell the Xu Family started because of you, but it is not something that you can decide by yourself!"

Opposite him, Xu Zhiruo's eyes remained tightly shut and she did not respond to his words as she was overwhelmed in pain.

Qin Yu's frown grew deeper. He sighed deeply and said, "Xu Zhiruo, I don't know if your mind is truly in turmoil or if you are faking it...I will count to three. If you don't wake up, I will pull away. Then, not only will you die, your brother will also die.

"One.

"Two."

Xu Zhiruo's eyes opened. There was a pained look in them, but they were calm.

She looked at Qin Yu silently. Inside her eyes, the shadows of a sun and moon danced around. It felt like a god in the heavens above. Qin Yu's heart sank.

However, he was not fearful and his pupils did not shrink. His finger remained on her forehead and he allowed the powerful devouring force to take his energy.

"Xu Zhiruo, if you want to change your destiny and keep the opportunity for yourself, you can try...because you are qualified enough.

"However, trust me. You will not succeed. You can decide whether to continue living now or drag Xu Xianglin to his death with you."

There was a pained look in Xu Zhiruo's eyes. She closed her eyes and the Sun Moon illusion in them quickly disappeared.

The devouring force that had 'bitten' Qin Yu vanished. He took a few steps back and panted softly.

The amount of time that passed from when he pressed his finger to her head till he removed it was short. However, he lost almost thirty percent of his strength. Compared to the assassination outside the yard, this was much more terrifying.

If more than half of his energy was stolen, Qin Yu would become a helpless fish on a chopping board. It would be hard for him to escape the fate of death.

Xu Zhiruo's eyes opened and she said in a soft voice, "You purposely mentioned my brother just now because you were fearful, right?"

Qin Yu continued to pant. He looked at her and did not hesitate to nod, "That's right, I was scared that you would take the risk."

After hearing this, Xu Zhiruo collapsed onto the bed and lost consciousness.

Qin Yu sighed deeply and he turned around to go back to the yard. His expression was calm but his face was pale.

He truly did have a way to forcefully interrupt the devouring by the Sun Moon Eyes. However, if he did so, Xu Zhiruo would definitely die.

In the end, Xu Zhiruo let go of him not because she did not dare to pull everyone into the fight. Instead, she knew that even if she succeeded and used Qin Yu's energy to refine the Sun Moon Eyes, she would still end up dying. Rourou would definitely not allow her to continue living. With the Sun Moon Eyes, Xu Zhiruo could already see how terrifying she was.

Rourou was an existence that could truly make her feel despair. This was why Xu Zhiruo did not hesitate to agree when Rourou brought up the deal.

If she did not agree, she would have died.

Xu Zhiruo was sure that even if she died, that lady would still have a way to get the things that she wanted.

At most, she would have to pay a price.

Chapter 1650 – 'Surplus' Word

The group of assassins that targeted the Xu Family were all dead. However, the county people could not be bothered with the assassination.

Something even bigger had happened in the Li Family.

No one knew how many hidden cards the Li Family held in its residence. However, the outcome was clear. All these hidden cards became a joke.

The Li Family residence was so quiet that it felt like a ghost town. The master and servant pair of ladies had not actually killed everyone there.

Mm...the strange thing was that everyone in the Li Family were sure that they could do that and they were willing to do that. It was because of some other reason that were all still alive.

As such, all of them held their breath and the entire area was silent. They obediently knelt on the ground and forced themselves to stop shivering out of fear. It felt like any movement would get them killed.

Of course, there was only one reason why the two could reduce the entire Li Family to such a pitiful state without starting a massacre – they knew those two would be dancing cheerfully while they killed!

The one who had been killed directly was the person who everyone in the family was confident in.

At this moment, the Li Family men were still in disbelief. That person had immense Divine Ways and he stood guard at the front. However, that lady merely glanced at him. Without any further movements, her servant beheaded him.

Li Yuantai knelt on the ground, shivering uncontrollably as his face turned as white as a sheet. He could not grasp what was happening. How did things end up like this?

An intelligent man was willing to become a puppet...however, he did not think that a puppet would end up like this while listening to its master.

He was in despair and he knew that he could only blame the person who was pulling the strings behind him. Otherwise, would he blame the two mysterious ladies in front of him?

He was supposed to turn into a real dragon that would shake the mountains and fly out of the water, but he acted like a harmless small fry. Why did things end up like that?

All of a sudden, Li Yuantai's body stiffened and his face turned paler. Sweat poured down his forehead. The pair of eyes looking at him felt like they weighed a million pounds. Their gaze was going to crush his bones and squash him.

"Hand over the passes." White Iris conveyed her master's intentions. These men were not qualified to hear the lady speak.

They were not worthy enough!

Li Yuantai quickly flipped his hand over and revealed the two passes. He knelt down respectfully and raised his hands above his head.

White Iris' sleeve swept across his hands and she put the two passes away. Rourou pointed her finger forward.

Bam –

There was a hollow sound and Li Yuantai's body exploded. His soul was instantly sucked away and landed on Rourou's hand. His eyes widened in horror. However, there was no room for him to struggle and he was suppressed completely.

Rourou's lips curled slightly and she smirked. Lifting a finger, she placed it directly in the middle of his soul's forehead.

"Ah!"

Li Yuantai screamed pitifully and he felt like he was thrown into a pot of hot oil. Smoke wafted from his soul and it quickly started to rot and change.

Some black-colored smoke lingered around his soul and this soul fragment looked like a piece of black jade. It fell out from his forehead and landed in Rourou's palm.

In the next moment, Li Yuantai's soul dissipated like the wind.

The second young master of the Li Family, an intelligent man who pretended to be a fool, did not know that he was not a living man from the start.

He was willing to be a puppet who enjoyed life's riches without regard for anything else. Yet, he met the same tragic outcome...even if he did not meet a tragic end today, he would be pitiful tomorrow too. This would not change.

Rourou carefully inspected the black jade-like soul fragment. All of a sudden, a handsome face appeared inside it. However, there was a look of scorn on the face and its eyes glared at Rourou, "You destroyed my avatar and ruined my Dao. I will not forget this grudge!"

Rourou smiled, "Then don't forget it; what can you do?" She pointed her finger forward and there was a crushing sound from the soul fragment. The divine sense that had been stored inside it was directly scattered.

This item was the real reason why she was willing to head to the Li Family tonight.

If she was going to steal a person's fortune and opportunities, she would take the full thing. Only if she took the thread of karma that existed between both parties could she successfully complete her objective.

The outcome was not bad.

As for the consequences of this...there was no such thing as pure karma in this world. Could she avoid the hatred of the person she stole fortune from?

Rourou felt like she was not such a domineering man. At most, she would kill him in the future and give Qin Yu more cultivation resources. This would resolve the karma between both parties once and for all.

"Let's go."

Rourou stood up and walked out.

White Iris followed behind her respectfully.

If this was before, her eyes might have been cold and she would scan the group of Li Family members with a strong killing intent.

However, this was no longer the case.

The lady must have her own reason for doing so and she did not need to fill in the gaps. Since the lady did not want to kill them, she would let them live. After all, they were just litter in a dirty river. So what if they lived; would they be able to redeem themselves?

They left the Li Family. The moment they stepped out of the gates, numerous eyes glued onto the master and servant pair. However, they could only stare at them. No one dared to go closer and they would not do any stupid thing.

The Li Family in East Pole County was not the strongest. However, aside from the Yang Family, who else would dare to suppress the entire Li Family? The master and servant pair crushed the Li Family tonight and they could easily consign them to eternal damnation.

As for the Yang Family...they had no grudges with the Li Family. Would they do this out of curiosity? Or were they already at odds with the Li Family in the first place? Forget it, let's stop joking around. Everyone is mature!

Their journey went smoothly. When they returned to the Xu Family courtyard, White Iris left respectfully after she opened the door. Rourou stepped forward. She went in and scanned the area. She stared at the big hole in the ground and then at Qin Yu who was standing quietly beside it.

She saw his slightly pale expression and smirked, "Lord Qin, you almost capsized. How did it taste?"

Qin Yu's eyes opened and his expression was calm, "Not bad." After a brief hesitation, he continued, "Although some of my strength was stolen away, the sun and moon did give me a strong impression."

Rourou scoffed, "Stubborn! This time, you owe me again. Don't deny it, otherwise I am going to settle the debt."

Qin Yu hesitated before nodding.

Although Rourou's chain of reasoning was a bit far-fetched, it was not illogical.

Just now, Xu Zhiruo really took a huge risk. Although she managed to escape death, Qin Yu could not stay out of the disturbance caused by the sun and moon.

Eventually, a small portion of the area in East Pole County would be swept cleanly away.

Just the thought of the disturbance alone would make people feel extremely alive!

Rourou turned and shot a glance at White Iris. White Iris stepped forward respectfully and handed over the two passes.

Qin Yu put away the two passes with a helpless look. Originally he did not want to attract any attention and wished to enter the Central Desolate silently.

However, reality did not go according to his wishes!

If he knew this earlier, he would not have gone through all that trouble and would have gone to a big family in East Pole County from the start to get the passes earlier. He would have saved himself from one of the events.

After a second thought, Qin Yu realized that if it weren't for the earlier events, he would not have entered the Surplus Shop and met this poor, exceptionally talented lady who unfortunately ended up being schemed against by others.

This was probably the destiny that was set in the darkness.

Rourou's lips curved and she turned and walked back to her room. She thought to herself, 'ridiculous destiny'. Lanterns lit the night and there were numerous merchant houses in East Pole County. There were not many that hung a red lantern at their door, but there were at least a dozen.

Did they eventually choose the Surplus Shop because the red lantern hanging from their door was the biggest? Oh...Rourou had to admit that this was one of the reasons. However, Qin Yu could not yet see the deeper meaning.

Xu Zhiruo was definitely an important factor because of her Sun Moon Eyes and the fortune behind them. Aside from that, there was a deeper reason...Rourou wondered if Qin Yu would be able to figure it out before he left East Pole County.

If she intervened, the outcome would be the same. However, it would decrease the meaning of the exercise.

Beside the old scholartree, Qin Yu's head was lowered and he glanced at the two passes in his hand. There was a thoughtful look in his eyes. Tonight, Rourou personally went to the Li Family. Since she 'made nothing of hardships', it must not have been difficult to get her hands on the passes.

Not to mention two passes, doubling or tripling it was easy since the Li Family had been so frightened out of their minds. They were probably not going to find trouble with Rourou over this matter in the future. Were they going to turn her down if she demanded more passes?

Of course not.

Rourou only took two passes, and that was her way of telling Qin Yu that the Surplus Shop still owed them another pass.

Whether Qin Yu would demand compensation for the last pass was up to him. Rourou would not interfere.

The night passed. Xu Xianglin and Xu Zhiruo were both in deep sleep.

There was a knock on the door. Qin Yu got up and opened it. His expression was calm when he saw Zhou Yunshan outside.

Shopkeeper Zhou's face was pale and as he sighed, he smiled. He bowed respectfully, "Honorable guests, I am here today to seek forgiveness for my crimes. Please give me another chance." As he said this, he presented a pass to Qin Yu with both hands.

Qin Yu took the pass and stored it in his sleeve. "Come in and talk."

Zhou Yunshan thanked him respectfully.

The hole in the yard had been patched up, and without the old scholar tree, the nine suns above shone down brightly on the land. However, it gave people a feeling of emptiness.

There were two round stools beside the stone table. Qin Yu sat down first and gestured, "Shopkeeper Zhou, please sit."

Zhou Yunshan sighed. The politeness he showed today was evidence of how distant he felt from Qin Yu. Preparing himself mentally, he sat down and said in a deep voice, "The Surplus Shop had actually disclosed information about the three of you purposely. We used the Yang and Li Family to create trouble for you."

Qin Yu glanced at him, "Shopkeeper Zhou, can you explain why you did that?"

Zhou Yunshan kept a straight face and there was a determined look in his eyes, "Sorry."

Qin Yu calmly said, "Since that is the case, do you think that your apology and this pass you gave me today is the end of it?"

Zhou Yunshan shook his head, "I would not dare to be too hopeful." His face grew more pale and he stood up and bowed respectfully, "I am willing to give my head to you in exchange for the explanation. I hope you won't continue to pursue this matter."

Qin Yu's expression was calm, but he was in disbelief.

He truly had not thought much about it, but after Rourou's reminder, he realized that the aura of Shopkeeper Zhou was unordinary.

The Surplus Shop had conducted business in East Pole County for a few hundred years...who would have imagined that they were a part of that clan?

Many years ago, there was a famous pastry shop in the Central Desolate called Surplus Years Hall. They could be considered an outstanding shop since they opened many branches in many cities. Then, the wind changed someday and the sun and moon switched positions. People were stunned and their eyes were wide in disbelief when they realized that the pastry shop, Surplus Years Hall, had such a complicated background.

Qin Yu did not have much evidence, but both shops were named with the word 'Surplus'. Evidently, there were some links between the two.

Did that clan realize their roots? Qin Yu did not think so. Otherwise, Shopkeeper Zhou would not have borrowed the hands of others to conduct his misdeeds.

Shopkeeper Zhou spent a lot of money before he barely put an end to the disaster and preserved his life. He walked away with a face as pale as a sheet.

Sweat was like rain pouring over him and he walked like he was on the verge of collapse. Obviously, aside from spending a large sum of money, he revealed something else...Qin Yu had touched his roots and ensured that Shopkeeper Zhou would not dare to do such a thing again in the future.

Rourou appeared behind Qin Yu. She sat on Shopkeeper Zhou's seat and frowned, "You let him go just like that?"



Qin Yu calmly said, "So what if I kill him? In the end, I am the victor of this room." There was a brief pause before Qin Yu smiled slightly, "Consider it a good beginning – a good omen without any deaths."

Rourou scoffed, "Pretentious!"

Qin Yu thought about what he wanted to do here and then the words he just said. He truly was being pretentious. He awkwardly rubbed his nose and remained silent.