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“Finally, a Half-Step True Spirit!” Zero murmured to himself.

He felt that he had become far stronger than before and had successfully condensed an ultimate True Spirit. However, it wasn’t perfect, appearing somewhat incomplete.

This kind of True Spirit definitely surpassed the supreme True Spirit but hadn’t yet reached the level of a true ultimate True Spirit. If there were a way to describe it, it could be called a half-step ultimate True Spirit.

“Strange, I advanced from a peak nine-star Divine General. Now, I’ve refined my divine soul, chaos divine force, and physical body to their utmost limits. I’ve also mastered several chaos divine abilities, all of which have reached the limit level.

This should already be the true limit, right? Why haven't I fully condensed a genuine ultimate True Spirit? Could it be that there's no such thing as an ultimate True Spirit in the chaos?"

Zero found it perplexing and felt a lingering dissatisfaction in his heart.

Yet, soon, he relaxed.

"Perhaps the so-called Supreme True Spirit in the outside world is like this. After all, I've reached the true limit. I don't think anyone could have deeper accumulations than I do!" Zero thought to himself.

Unfortunately, he hadn't been paying attention to the Heavenly Monarch Rankings. If he had, he would've known that before he even became a Half-Step True Spirit, he had already been surpassed by Ye Tian on the ranking, dropping to 2nd place—and that had happened quite some time ago.

Had he known, he might have realized that his strength as a Heavenly Monarch was far inferior to Ye Tian's current power.

At that moment, he might have seriously doubted himself and been even more unwilling to accept it.

“It’s time to kill the Dao Child of Ten Thousand Laws. But since he’s the personal disciple of a Dao Ancestor from the Void Sky Lineage, and I don’t have any strong backing, openly killing him would mean facing retaliation from the Void Sky Lineage’s True Ancestors or even their Dao Ancestors in the future!” Zero thought to himself.

Of course, he could choose to join a faction, which would eliminate his fear of the Void Sky Lineage.

But he disdained joining any faction. He had already received an inheritance from a Dao Ancestor; the only thing he lacked was resources.

Besides, he held no regard for those so-called great powers.

“If I can’t kill him openly, then I’ll assassinate him!” Zero decided.

He also knew that Ye Tian possessed the ability to shift between worlds, making his life-saving capabilities formidable. However, it wasn’t impossible to kill him.

No matter how powerful someone's life-saving methods were, if they crossed a certain line, death would be inevitable.

Zero was very confident in his own strength. He had mastered numerous chaos divine abilities at the limit level. His strongest offensive chaos divine ability was the Blood Fiend Destruction Art, ranked 90th on the Chaos Divine Ability List.

Once this ability was unleashed, it was incredibly fast, directly annihilating both the enemy's physical body and soul. As long as there was a flaw in the opponent's defenses, it would be difficult to withstand.

With his cultivation at the Half-Step True Spirit Realm, he could easily obliterate even some True Monarchs in a single strike.

Killing a Heavenly Monarch posed no challenge to him.

In fact, looking at the current Grand Universe, there wasn't a single person who could stand against him. He could kill anyone he wished.

He could now act without fear, without restraint. If not for the threat of the True Ancestors and Dao Ancestors lurking within the chaos, Zero might have even considered uniting the entire Grand Universe under his rule.

Swoosh! Zero traversed through the void, heading towards the region where the Void Sky Hall was located.

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After Ye Tian perfected the Heavenly Destiny Chapter of the Profound Void Technique, he continued to temper his physical body, soul, and chaos divine force using various rare resources. He even expanded his inner universe continuously.

With no lack of resources, he intended to push every aspect of himself to the limit.

Additionally, he cultivated various chaos divine abilities one by one.

He found that the more chaos divine abilities he cultivated, and the higher his realm, the more his potential increased. Although the improvement wasn't

drastic, it was a solid foundation that would greatly benefit his breakthrough into the Half-Step True Spirit Realm.

Moreover, once chaos divine abilities reached their limit level, they would provide a significant boost to the growth of the embryonic form of the Dao, allowing it to develop quickly.

This was something Ye Tian only discovered after pushing his first chaos divine ability to the limit level.

In fact, many Heavenly Monarchs were unaware of this. Most of them never had the chance to cultivate even one chaos divine ability to its limit, let alone reach the perfected realm.

Furthermore, Ye Tian had no personal guidance from a Dao Ancestor. He cultivated on his own, so he had been unaware of many things.

Once he learned about the direct relationship between chaos divine abilities and the growth of the Dao's embryonic form, he dedicated time to pushing each chaos divine ability to the limit level.

As a result, Ye Tian's embryonic Dao form grew rapidly.

It stretched from 500 meters to 600 meters, then to 700 meters...

Gradually, his embryonic Dao form extended over 10,000 meters! In comparison, most others' embryonic Dao forms were only 100 to 200 meters wide, but Ye Tian's had already surpassed 10,000 meters. Moreover, he could continue expanding it indefinitely. His Infinite Dao ability was something no one else possessed.

Thus, Ye Tian's embryonic Dao form, over 10,000 meters long, was even more powerful than others' Dao forms spanning tens of thousands of meters. It was even stronger than some fully perfected Daos.

A perfected Dao was merely 100 meters wide and 100,000 meters long.

Of course, Ye Tian had never encountered a truly perfected Dao and was unaware of its true power.

Hundreds of thousands of years passed. One million years! Two million years! Three million years!

Ye Tian remained in seclusion, continuously cultivating, while Zero, who had been lying in wait, grew increasingly anxious.

He had waited for a very long time, and continuing to wait further might disrupt his own cultivation.

He had just recently stepped into the Half-Step True Spirit Realm. His next goal was to fully integrate his True Spirit with his physical body. Only by achieving a 100% fusion would he undergo transformation and ascend to the True Spirit Realm, thereby becoming a True Monarch.

However, the fusion process was exceedingly slow. Most Half-Step True Spirit experts remained in seclusion, hoping to complete the transformation and breakthrough as soon as possible.

Moreover, those in the Half-Step True Spirit Realm were cautious about taking serious physical damage, as it could hinder their progress for many long years. This was why Half-Step True Spirits rarely appeared.



Back then, the Half-Step True Spirit from the Demon Sound Sect only emerged because of the Star Crystal, willing to risk everything to kill Ye Tian. Otherwise, they wouldn't have revealed themselves.

Zero's current plan was to kill Ye Tian in a single strike and then completely conceal himself. He would remain hidden until he broke through to the True Spirit Realm and then re-emerge into the world.

But he hadn't anticipated that his wait would be... so long!

"Won't the Dao Child of Ten Thousand Laws come out for a stroll? I heard he hasn't been cultivating for very long. Logically, a newcomer Heavenly Monarch shouldn't be in seclusion for this long!" Zero thought in frustration.