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Chapter 1221 - The Loser Will Break Off One Arm, Dare You Take the Challenge

No matter what, Tian Jiange's decision was a clever one. Those who headed up first tended to not be too strong. He gained three consecutive wins. At the beginning, more people would pay attention as well.

He might have gotten the attention of people from Divine Might Dynasty's royalty. This time, the person who came forth was a lady who was quite beautiful, with a generous and mature beauty. Most people with good aptitude would tend to have a good bone structure, a proportionate body, and good skin. This was why there were no lack of beauties and handsome men amongst cultivators.

"Please!" The lady smiled and said to Tian Jiange the moment she went up.

"Please!" Tian Jiange cupped his fists together.

The lady was very nimble, with a footwork that was as flexible as a sly little rabbit. The lady had a snow-white claw-like weapon which glowed with a fluorescent light, appearing to be very eye catching.

Ding!

Their weapons collided and Tian Jiange's body trembled a little. His body appeared a little weird and he retreated a step a bit unnaturally. Qing Shui managed to notice something. He felt that the lady's attack must have an ability that was similar to a numbing effect.

If it was Qing Shui, he could fend it off with his Nature Energy. There was an increasing number of people with unique abilities as they grew stronger. At this level, who would not have a killer move of their own? It wasn't surprising for this lady to own an ability like this. She might even have some other, even more terrifying abilities.

Sky Sword of Emotions!

Tian Jiange's longsword was also snow-white and now it was releasing a brilliant snow-white and sharp aura through his body. Very quickly, the numbness was gone and his movements were even smoother than before.

Song of the Sky Sword!

Tian Jiange's longsword created a clanking sound that was like a song. When hearing it, one's morale would be boosted and it also unleashed a powerful killing intent. If ordinary people were to hear it, fear would develop in their hearts and they wouldn't be at ease.

However, when Tian Jiange heard this sound, the blood in his body would boil, as if a person's fresh blood was lit up. It was an ability that could stimulate a person's potential within a short period of time, making him stronger than before.

Soul Attracting Claws!

The lady didn't show any signs of faltering. With a swing of her left hand, another claw appeared in her hand. When the two claws clashed, a crisp and melodious sound like a wind chime rang out,

overpowering Tian Jiange's clanks by a lot. The melodious sound she produced was one which could calm a person down and even induce sleepiness.

Soul Charming!

Just as Tian Jiange fell into a short trance, the lady made her move. She was fast as a fox and her claws attacked toward Tian Jiange's neck and chest, as if she was out for a kill. Moreover, her sharp claws were not ordinary weapons. It felt as if she would really be able to kill Tian Jiange.

Ding ding...

Tian Jiange tried very hard to defend. A series of densely packed metallic sounds rang out and even his Demonic Beast Armor Manifestation sent out rippling waves. If not for his Demonic Beast Armor Manifestation, Tian Jiange would have died many times over.

"Admit your defeat. If I wish to kill you, it wouldn't be hard to accomplish. Your Demonic Beast Armor Manifestation won't be able to fend off my attacks." After forcing Tian Jiange back, the lady smiled and said.

Tian Jiange felt very depressed as well. He wasn't a match for this lady, but he didn't wish to admit defeat. It was actually very normal for one to admit defeat in a sparring exchange like this. It was good for one to understand the feelings of humiliation and use that as to propel one towards becoming even stronger.

"I'm not admitting defeat. You can either knock me off the arena or kill me." After a long hesitation, Tian Jiange said.

"Why?" The lady looked at him, her eyes gleaming.

"I can't get it past myself." Tian Jiange smiled bitterly and said before gradually lifting up his sword.

"Sigh, what's the point." The lady shook her head and her Demonic Beast Armor Manifestation appeared as well. It looked very light. If one didn't pay extra attention, it would be hard to tell that it was a Demonic Beast Armor Manifestation. It was something like a robe made of a fox's fur.

Sky Fox Flash!

Soul Charming Bone Corrosion!

The lady suddenly dashed out toward Tian Jiange like an illusion. Her claws glimmered with colorful lights and she brought about a series of dreamy colors as she waved her claws above.

Tian Jiange looked at his opponent's terrifying yet beautiful attack and tried to fend it off. However, in the end, his Demonic Beast Armor Manifestation dissipated and her ice-cold claws stopped at his throat and chest respectively. The sharp claws flashed with an icy cold light, exuding a killing intent which was not to be doubted.

Tian Jiange had lost. He looked at the lady and said slowly, "I've lost. I've lost in the battle."

With that, Tian Jiange turned and headed down.

"I'm called Hu Yiya!" The lady said to Tian Jiange's back view.

“I’m Tian Jiange.”

“This is my first time at Heaven Secrets Academy. I wonder if you can bring me around later?” The lady said with a poised tone.

“Of course. You can come look for me later. I’ll be over there.” Tian Jiange pointed to Qing Shui’s location and said.

“Good for you Brother. To think that you can attract good fortune with women even under such a situation.” Qing Shui looked toward Tian Jiange and remarked.

“What good fortune with woman. If you’re capable, then go and beat her down.” Tian Jiange said helplessly.

This was the lady’s eighth round and the other people after Tian Jiange weren’t as lucky. Those who didn’t admit defeat would suffer some injuries. Due to this, many people could tell that she seemed to treat Tian Jiange a little bit better.

The lady’s consecutive wins brought about loud cheers from many members of Divine Might Dynasty’s royalty. They were all cheering for her. When Qing Shui saw the next challenger, he was stunned for a moment.

It was Young Master Fu!

since the last time he had quickly left the Sacred Hall, they hadn’t met since. When Qing Shui looked up toward the arena, Young Master Fu just happened to look in his direction as well.

“The two of you have a grudge?” Tian Jiange looked at Qing Shui and asked.

“We had a little problem.” Qing Shui said, not paying it much heed.

“He’s a member of the Saint Child Band and is now Elder Tianyi’s disciple. You’re better off keeping your guards up against him. A hypocrite like him is worse than a villain.” Tian Jiange gritted his teeth and said.

This perked Qing Shui’s curiosity. He could sense that there was definitely bad blood between Tian Jiange and Young Master Fu, and it seemed to be very mysterious. Qing Shui could see that Tian Jiange’s eyes were spewing fire as he looked towards Young Master Fu.

And when Young Master Fu looked at Tian Jiange, there was a smirk in his gaze.

“This bastard...”

“Brother’s new girlfriend might be in trouble.” Qing Shui looked at the arena and said softly.

“All these years, none of the ladies I’ve taken a liking to have had a good ending. Not even a lady who merely had some more contact with me.” Tian Jiange sounded especially helpless.

“Why is that?” Qing Shui looked at Tian Jiange.

“He is related to Saint Child Band’s Saint Child by blood. They are brothers. I’m the brother to Lord Sect’s leader. There has always been friction between Lord Sect and Saint Child Band but it was merely competition. Sometimes, things can be truly unbelievable. His fiancée liked me and after this Fu Yanting

found out about it, he announced that he will make sure that I'll never get married in this life. Any lady who is even a little bit closer to me shall not be met with a good ending." Tian Jiange smiled bitterly and looked at Qing Shui.

The battle on the arena had already started. Young Master Fu was Fu Yanting. He held two short daggers, which were in a way similar to Hu Yiya's claws. However, this time around, it was Fu Yanting pushing back Hu Yiya. Occasionally, Fu Yanting's short dagger would suddenly reach out from his sleeves and slashed against her Demonic Beast Armor Manifestation.

Pfft!

Fu Yanting's dagger slashed Hu Yiya's shoulder. Not only did it injure her, but it also made her panic. After all, if her clothes were torn, she could possibly be exposed.

Fu Yanting's two daggers were like an executioner's blades and he was just like a cat playing with its prey.

"Senior Martial Sister, admit defeat! Stop fighting with that bastard!"

"How can this person be like this? Torturing a lady like this. He's really bringing shame to Heaven Secrets Academy. This will definitely worsen the following battles between Heaven Secrets Academy and Divine Might Dynasty."

"Speak softer, Young Master Fu is Saint Child's brother. Don't let him hear you. Otherwise, we'll be in big trouble."

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Qing Shui also saw Tian Jiange's conflicted gaze. After all, many people had seen that the lady seemed to have taken a liking toward him earlier. Most importantly, Tian Jiange felt that it was because of him that she was in such a situation. If she hadn't met him nor spoke with him, then Fu Yanting would not have taken action.

"Admit defeat!" Tian Jiange let out a sigh and said to the stubborn lady on the arena.

"Admit defeat? If she had wanted to do that, why would she wait until now? Tian Jiange, are you feeling pained for her? Are you feeling upset? Hahaha."

Fu Yanting continued to attack without rushing, occasionally leaving another wound on Hu Yiya.

"Fu Yanting, if you have a problem with me, then direct it at me. What you're doing is creating problems between Heaven Secrets Academy and Divine Might Dynasty. Aren't you afraid that the Elders would put the blame on you?" Tian Jiange bellowed.

"You only know how to holler down there. You can't even defeat a lady. What's there to blame? She's not admitting her defeat, so I'll continue to fight until she does. Is there something wrong with that?" Fu Yanting looked at Tian Jiange and spoke with disdain.

"Go on. What must I do for you to stop?" Tian Jiange sighed and said.

Qing Shui finally realized why Tian Jiange and that lady had hit it off well. The two of them were actually very similar, and they were similar to him as well. This was the feeling he got.

“That person besides you seems to be your brother? The elder brother is trash. I wonder how the younger brother fares. Why don’t you let him take the place of this lady to have a fight with me? What do you think?” Fu Yanting looked at Qing Shui, his gaze filled with challenge and viciousness.

Tian Jiange didn’t say anything but clenched his fists tightly. It was a pity that he wasn’t a match for Fu Yanting. Moreover, he no longer had the rights to step up onto the arena.

There were no rules in such an exchange competition that those who were from the same side couldn’t spar. It was just that even though there were no strict regulations, people from the same side wouldn’t usually challenge each other in such a situation. They had plenty of time usually. Why would they have to fight between themselves in front of outsiders?

However, Fu Yanting’s words caused many people in the surroundings to be taken aback.

“A bunch of cowards, just like that trash.” Fu Yanting threw a challenging look toward Qing Shui.

“It’s fine to have a fight. However, it’s a bit petty for there to be no prize. How about this, the loser will break off one arm. Do you dare to take the challenge?” Qing Shui appeared on the arena.

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Qing Shui stood still on the arena. The thing which he said made Fu Yanting a bit surprised. But very quickly, he smiled, “Sure, why not? I don’t think an arm is enough. Why don’t we bet on two instead?”

“I think that will be a great idea,” Qing Shui said with a smile.

Now, a lot of the people below the arena were all having their own discussions. Fu Yanting was quite a famous figure within the Heaven Secrets Academy. Normally, people wouldn’t dare to provoke him. Not only did he have powerful martial brothers, he himself was also considered to be quite formidable.

Not every person who talked big was useless. A real good-for-nothing person would still have something which he could boast about. Merely the family background or the people behind their back were not enough to make someone arrogant. Well at the very least, they wouldn’t be able to stay that way for long.

It might have seemed like Qing Shui stood out without thinking carefully about the consequences. But he didn’t actually do it out of rage after being pointed at by someone and being called trash. Naturally, logically, he would feel that way. But right now, the reason he stood out wasn’t because of this. Qing Shui was confident that he would be able to handle him even now.

The Eldest Princess had already broken through. Besides, the battle this time was witnessed by a lot of people. Even if there were people who had wanted to do bad things to him, they would have to think twice before doing so. Heaven Secrets Academy might be loose with its rules but it still had discipline. There were a few rules which were stated clearly by the academy itself. Firstly, one could never bully someone else just because they were weak. Secondly, they were not allowed to attempt to win a battle with numbers. Last but not least, one could never kill someone through dirty methods like poison or assassination.

Even though there were a lot of issues regarding these modern laws, it was just as stated above, things would be fine as long as no one noticed it. It was also because of this that Qing Shui wasn't worried. Since they had wanted to deal with him in secret, it was impossible for them to make such a huge crowd appear. Furthermore, his level didn't manage to force them to send out their strongest candidates. By the time they realized his true strength, everything would have been too late.

Hu Yiya had already gone down. On his way up to the arena, Qing Shui passed her some Golden Medicinal Salve Powder and whispered to her, "This is something brother told me to give you."

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"Let's start. I will give you the initiative to attack," Fu yanting said generously.

"Sure, I won't be polite then."

As Qing Shui finished speaking, he operated his Demonic Beast Armor Manifestation. At the moment he swung his Big Dipper Sword, the surroundings got covered in ocean.

Tidal Cloud Waves Seal!

他不想一直依赖金鳞龙象，如果招出金鳞龙象可以瞬间将这个府徒，或者说已经比起一般的府徒地位高很多的人秒掉，但那样对他实力，最重要的是以后的境界提升有影响，所以他决定不到逼不得已不想使用，毕竟现在他的实力还在一个快速的提升阶段。

He didn't want to constantly rely on the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant. If he had summoned it, he definitely would be able to instantly defeat the core disciple. Or rather, even people who were stronger than core disciples. However, that would influence his strength from growing. He wouldn't use it unless it was absolutely needed.

Water Binding Force, Monstrous Wave, Toppling Mountains and Oceans!

Qing Shui continuously swung the Big Dipper Sword in his hand. He also began operating the Divine Nebula Formation. As these things happened, it was as if his entire body was right in the middle of an enormous catastrophe. The moment the battle started, both sides had already gone up into the air.

Both Qing Shui and Fu Yanting were surrounded by a vast ocean. Enormous waves could be seen constantly assaulting them. However, it was unable to make its way to within three meters within Fu Yanting. There was a faint invisible halo around him, blocking the waves and the killing intentions in the surroundings.

Qing Shui didn't feel surprised. Fu Yanting ought to have something mysterious with him, perhaps, maybe even mysterious martial techniques. Just like himself, he had a lot of secrets not known by other people. The others would also have it. Actually, every individual would have their own secrets. The only difference was the level of the secret. But they all shared one similarity, since it had already been said that it was a secret, they would definitely not want anyone to find out about it. A secret would no longer be a secret once someone found out about it.

“Little brat, if this is all that you’re capable of, then today, it’s already been decided that you will lose both your arms.” Fu Yanting could be seen shuttling through the wave. In every spot where he passed, the waves around him would retreat back like a falling tide.

Roaming Dragon Steps!

Nine Palace Steps!

Inside the enormous wave, Qing Shui was like a deep sea dragon. He carried a powerful aura with him. That was a combination of both tyranny and quick-wittedness. Following his increase in strength, the power of his footworks had also become a lot stronger. His strength was the foundation for all of his martial techniques and postures. Brute strength was enough to destroy all skills. In front of absolute strength, everything was meaningless.

Certainly, Fu Yanting hasn’t reached the extent where he could destroy Qing Shui’s skills with brute strength. From this movement, one could already tell that if Fu Yanting didn’t have powerful killing techniques, he wouldn’t even be able to even drag on the fight.

Emperor’s Qi!

Qing Shui was aware that he would need to use the fastest and most tyrannical method to face off against opponents like this. He needed to make him felt completely disheartened and unable to face the reality.

A 20% reduction in strength was absolutely sufficient to make Fu Yanting cry. Before he managed to recover from shock, Qing Shui had already proceeded to land another hit with his Big Dipper Sword. He also swiftly tossed out his Primordial Flame Dragon Whip. These sorts of whips were almost a match to Qing Shui’s previous martial arts motions. He right away whipped it towards Fu Yanting.

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Standing in front of an enormous power with terrifying strength, Fu Yanting was put in a difficult situation and gave his all in avoiding them.

Qing Shui was stunned. He had forgotten that there was already a significant improvement in his strength. Now, his raw strength was already worth around forty seven nimbus. Naturally, its strength would be a lot stronger than before. Fu Yanting was only a core disciple, he was not qualified for Qing Shui to even keep in his eyes. He once again swung the Big Dipper Sword.

Ninth Heavenly Lotus Confinement!

An enormous petal which looked like a lotus which had just bloomed appeared. It was shining with bright light and in just a short while, it had already surrounded Fu Yanting at its center. However, Fu Yanting struggled inside the petal. The golden petal shook vigorously, causing Qing Shui to feel rattled. He was sure that Fu Yanting would have something which could resist it, maybe even something which he could use to reflect spirit energy attacks.

Divine Nebula Formation!

Qing Shui abruptly arranged the nebula within his sea of consciousness. It was just that its vigorous movement this time stunned Qing Shui for a moment. He had tried more than a hundred thousand

times in arranging the sixty fourth star with little to no success. Previously, he subconsciously arranged the sixty fourth star using the Seven-seven Divine Nebula Formation but at the instant he moved it, he felt as if his entire body completely burst open.

It actually succeeded at a time like this?

Qing Shui didn't have time to feel the changes within his body. He immediately activated the Divine Nebula Formation, without having a clue on whether he was activating the Seven-Seven or Eight-Eight Divine Nebula Formation. After that, an enormous palm appeared above Fu Yanting. Seven enormous palms merged into one in an instant. Furthermore, Qing Shui saw the picture of a nebula on top of the enormous palm. It was a profound eight trigram picture of the nebula.

Break!

Qing Shui abruptly pressed down the "One Hand Cover Sky".

A look of despair flashed across Fu Yanting's eyes. A white light emerged from his body. This time, it was even brighter than those before, so much so that the light itself began to look a bit dense as if it was very concentrated.

As Qing Shui witnessed this, he operated his spirit energy all the way to its maximum and pressed it down not holding back at all.

Bang!

An enormous noise came through. The heart of the stage was in a completely twisted and destroyed state. In there, even divine iron would be ripped into pieces. Even though Fu Yanting had the white light to protect himself, he still got blown away quite miserably. He even spurted out a mouthful of fresh blood.

Qing Shui lifted up his steps and slowly made his way towards Fu Yanting.

After that, he slowly lifted up his hand and once again formed the motion of One Hand Cover Sky.

"Little brat, you're the one who forced me to do this. Don't blame me for it. Come out, Golden Sun Wolf!" A ruthless look flashed across Fu Yanting's eyes. He once again retreated. As he did that, an enormous wolf in golden scaled armor with a size of a hundred meters appeared. After that, it shot out a mouthful of True Yang Flame into the sky. Those were all fireballs. They immediately bombarded Qing Shui's enormous palm imprint in rapid succession.

Qing Shui was stunned. That was a Golden Sun Wolf. He had seen information about this demonic beast from the demonic beast intel which he happened to come across not long ago. The Golden Yang Wolf was a pet wolf of the sun. They cultivated the Sun Immersion Technique and also the Golden Yang Pellet. All of their attacks contained the True Yang Force. Not only was their True Yang Fire powerful, they also possessed terrifying physical strength.

Qing Shui observed the opponent's demonic beast. It should be in a state where it was almost going to reach adulthood. However, in terms of strength, it should be almost as strong as the fire baby dragon.

If Qing Shui had relied on himself, it was very likely that even protecting himself would also be a problem. He still didn't have any idea on how the Eight-Eight Divine Nebula Formation was doing. But he

was able to feel a profound and mysterious strength from his “One Hand Cover Sky” from before. It felt as if there was nothing which it couldn’t overcome. But at this moment, that enormous Golden Sun Wolf on the opposite side was already charging towards him at an unusually fast speed. Most importantly, this demonic beast was very intelligent. Other than both of the wolf’s eyes looking fierce, there was also a kind of deceitful look to it.

It was an extremely cunning beast.

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“Golden Yang Wolf, Fu Yanting is indeed blessed with luck. To think that he would have a brother like the Saint Child. Prior to this, I have only heard that for his safety, the Saint Child used a high grade Sacred Beast Pill to help him tame the Golden Yang Wolf.” Everyone from below screamed in shock when the Golden Yang Wolf showed up.

“The Saint Child could accomplish this easily. But to us, it was something which we would never be able to achieve even if we have spent our lifetimes working hard.”

“Don’t feel sad anymore. Who is this young man? To think that he is able to beat Fu Yanting. Unfortunately, Fu Yanting is someone with personality, he will absolutely not let go of this young man so easily. I feel that this young man might end up getting killed by mistake.” At the moment when this man mentioned the words “killed by mistake”, he clenched his teeth particularly hard.

“Hai, this young man is also considered another super genius. This is such a waste.”

“Geniuses are meant to fall. Every day, there are a lot of geniuses parting with this world. The smarter one is, the higher the chance they die young. However, for all you know, this young man might come up with a surprising killer weapon of his own. After all, considering that he is this strong, he must have had a very powerful backing as well. For all you know, it might be even stronger than the forces behind Fu Yanting.”

“It’s hard but I do hope that this young man will defeat Fu Yanting.”

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Qing Shui didn’t dare to let loose. In any case, he was no match for the Golden Yang Wolf, hence, he summoned the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant right away. A noise resembling the enormous grunt of a dragon as well as the trumpet of an elephant was heard. After that, the dragon elephant immediately stood in front of the Golden Sun Wolf.

The Golden Yang Wolf chickened out. But indeed, Qing Shui wouldn’t hold back just because of that.

Kill! Qing Shui gave the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant the order to kill the Golden Yang Wolf. If he was not mistaken, it was very likely that the Golden Yang Wolf had done a lot of bad things before.

Diamond Sword Qi!

The Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant locked onto the Golden Yang Wolf with a bloody red colored sword qi.

Instantaneous Diamond Evasion, Ferocious Dragon Elephant Attack!

Vajra Subdues Demon!

Emperor's Qi!

Ferocious Dragon Elephant Attack!

Qing Shui coordinated himself with the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant and let off a series of continuous violent attacks. Their strength differed by one fold or more. After getting weakened even further, even if the Golden Yang Wolf had been a Mutated Species of Heaven and Earth, it also got bombarded to death right away. Only after that did Qing Shui make the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant stare at Fu Yanting.

"I admit defeat!"

Fu Yanting screamed quickly.

"Sure, break off both of your arms yourself. Or would you prefer I do it?" Qing Shui smiled and said.

"Brother, everyone makes mistakes, you should learn to forgive them whenever possible. What I said just a moment ago was just a joke. We're both people from Heaven Secret Academy, there's no point in stressing one another," Fu Yanting said seriously in a noble manner.

This was the first time Qing Shui saw a person with such a thick face. A lot of people from below had long since started criticizing him. Qing Shui responded slowly, "Since we have already agreed on it prior, you should be responsible and admit defeat. I will let my dragon elephant help you with it."

"Prior to this, we're just speaking without really thinking matters through. Do you have evidence? Can you find any witnesses?"

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"I am the witness!" Tian Jiange shouted from below.

"You are his brother. Friends and family members are not allowed to be witnesses. If this were allowed, I would have been able to prove that I had never mentioned anything about accepting the bet!" Fu Yanting's face didn't look red, nor was his heart thumping fast. Qing Shui really admired his accomplishment in terms of being shameless.

The others didn't have the guts to prove it. Fu Yanting would definitely dig up the graves of the ancestors of whoever dared to make him lose his arms. People who survived would feel as if they were dead.

Tian Jiange on the other hand, wasn't really scared of him. However, he really couldn't do anything about him.

"Qing Shui, forget about it!" At this moment, the eldest princess who was watching from a distance spoke out. He observed the surroundings and realized that only he was able to hear her. He looked at the princess confused.

The eldest princess nodded her head at him. Qing Shui knew that he wouldn't be able to break off his arms today. But it didn't mean that Qing Shui would let go of him. The reason being that he realized that people like Fu Yanting would definitely not admit defeat so easily.

Roaming Dragon Steps!

Nine Palace Steps!

“You big bully.” Qing Shui spoke up. While speaking, he rapidly took out a golden needle and pierced it quickly into Fu Yanting’s ears and head while holding Fu Yanting’s arm with his other hand.

From other people’s view, Qing Shui may seem like he was trying to break off Fu Yanting’s arm. However, only Qing Shui himself knew what he was doing. He didn’t know if others were able to tell but his movements were very obscure. So obscure that no one was able to find out anything about it. The reason being that the Gold Needle which was thin like a cow’s skin didn’t leave behind any evidence. Even Fu Yanting himself felt nothing.

“You dare? You are underestimating Heaven Secrets Academy!” Fu Yanting screamed loudly.

“Forget it, he has already admitted defeat. Lets sort out the grudge you two hold against each other some other day,” the old man who was being the judge stepped forward and spoke at this moment.

Fu Yanting smiled at Qing Shui before going down to the arena. He showed a face which looked as if he was the person who won the battle. But actually, only Fu Yanting knew that his heart was bleeding. The Golden Yang Wolf was dead. He has already made up his mind that he would definitely kill this man.

However, he wasn’t aware that Qing Shui already laid hands on him. The thing he was injected with was the Nine Yang Life Seeking Needle. So long as Qing Shui found necessary, he could make Fu Yanting die suddenly without making any moves. But he didn’t find now to be an appropriate time.

Qing Shui wasn’t in the mood to continue standing guard in the arena. He was also about to head down to the arena. Normally, no one would be willing to challenge him since his Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant exploded onto the scene. Despite him leaving the stage, he had unknowingly helped significantly raise the honor of Heaven Secrets Academy.

Today, it could be considered that he had officially planted a seed of hatred within Fu Yanting or maybe, even Saint Child Band. Furthermore, it was planted deep. At least he had already embarrassed Saint Child Band. The stronger an organization was, the more concern they would show towards their reputation. Hence, a day would come when Qing Shui and Saint Child Band tried to strangle each other to death. The majority of people thought that Qing Shui would vanish very soon.

Qing Shui went down to the arena. Tian Jiange patted him happily, “Brother, you are indeed really powerful. You violated Saint Child Band because of me but worry not, at least I can guarantee that they won’t seek trouble from you.”

“Can you guarantee that?” Qing Shui smiled.

“For the time being, the powerful people from Saint Child Band are unlikely to come looking for you. I believe that you would have been handle those small fries fairly easily.” Tian Jiange was really happy. Of course he would be, seeing Fu Yanting getting eaten empty was something which he looked forward to the most. Furthermore, the Golden Yang Wolf which Fu Yanting had been proud of and relied on the most had now died. This was a significant loss to him.

Tian Jiange didn't ask anything like why he didn't break off Fu Yanting's arms. Previously, even though he had said that he could be a witness, that only meant that he didn't fear Fu Yanting. He wasn't actually supporting Qing Shui breaking off his arms. This was because if Qing Shui really did that, it would have been very difficult for Qing Shui to stay alive.

Tian Jiange was aware that there would definitely people be stopping Qing Shui if he really wanted to break off his arms. For example, the leader of Breezing Wind Veranda, Saint Child or the woman whom his elder brother was after. She knew how strong Saint Child was. She would definitely not let Qing Shui break off Fu Yanting's arms.

"Well then, I apologize in advance for the trouble caused to brother then," Qing Shui said formally. It was also quite a good thing to have a few friends helping him at a time like this. At the moment, he was still quite weak. But what he was happy about was that he still had the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant. At least no Grade Four Masters or people below that could threaten him.

Added on that he had the Emperor's Qi. The Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant was definitely an invincible existence among the entire Grade Four State Masters force.

"We're brothers. There's no need for you to be so formal with me. Let alone this whole problem this time started because of me," Tian Jiange explained with a smile. He didn't know that prior to this, there had already been disputes between Qing Shui and Fu Yanting.

A lot of people were curious as to why Qing Shui didn't continue to remain on stage even after he won. Nevertheless, no one commented on it. The victors had the right to choose whether they wanted to stay.

Qing Shui only went up once for the competition this time. However, a lot of people already remembered Qing Shui in their minds. Not only because of his formidable dragon elephant, it was also because Qing Shui himself had proven himself to be really powerful. A few of the elders from the academy also took a fancy to Qing Shui's future. Unfortunately, it was interrupted by Saint Child Band.

Don't underestimate Saint Child Band. It was a gang which even some elders from Heaven Secrets Academy wouldn't dare to provoke.

No one looked for Qing Shui, which was something which he wanted. Now, he had already thrown away his intentions to make the elder his teacher, let alone that he would most likely have been able to toss these elders far behind once he refined the strength within his body.

Qing Shui left before the competition ended. He would definitely kill people like Fu Yanting. In fact, it should be very soon. The day when he became capable would be the day Fu Yanting died.

Both the little girl and Qing Shui left while Yan Jinyu and Seventh Princess stayed behind.

By the time they went back to their residence, Qing Shui let out the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant and went into the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. He wanted to take a look at the current situation. Amidst the battle, he could feel that the sixty fourth star had been put into its rightful place. Furthermore, he had also seen the Eight Trigram Cosmic Images from the Golden Buddha Palm imprint which he released.

He immersed himself within his sea of consciousness.

Qing Shui noticed that the sea of nebula has gotten a lot bigger again within his sea of consciousness. The other nebula had officially separated itself away from the sixty four stars. The gold star was right in the center of the sixty four stars. It gave off abundant golden light, it was very bright, yet it wasn't harsh.

Eight-eight Divine Nebula Formation!

Qing Shui activated it instantly and felt the change in his strength only to find himself confused once again. His strength didn't change. It only increased a little bit. The Seven-seven Divine Nebula Formation helped raise spirit energy attacks by one fold but the Eight-eight Divine Nebula Formation continued to maintain it at only one fold. This only meant that compared to the previous formation, there weren't really many improvements.

In doubt, Qing Shui used it a number of times only to get the same result. Upon trying it countless times, Qing Shui had no choice but to face reality. The strength of both the Eight-eight and Seven-seven Divine Nebula Formation were the same. But what was the use of the eight trigram picture?

Qing Shui stopped thinking only about strength in his experiment this time. Slowly, he came to notice the problem with the Eight-eight Divine Nebula Formation. Even though it didn't directly increase the strength of spirit energy attacks, it helped make the spirit energy within the sea of consciousness more abundant. Also, in terms of its toughness as well as its confinement strength, they had both become more powerful by more than one fold.

For example, if Qing Shui was to use the Eight-eight Divine Nebula Formation at the time he used the Confinement Strength of Nine Waves Great Golden Buddha Palm, he could make the confinement strength of the golden palm imprint which looked like a golden lotus to go up by one fold.

And also, the Bloodthirsty Demonic Vines had become a lot tougher. With good toughness, it would be even more capable of trapping its opponent. Hence, toughness was one of the most crucial aspects of the Bloodthirsty Demonic Vines.

The Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal didn't ascend in grade. Qing Shui wasn't really that upset but deep down, he still found it a bit depressing. It had been a long time since he last upgraded the realm. Could it be that he really needed a woman in order to upgrade it? Who could he look for?

The final Mysterious Fruit had also been refined into Spiritual Liquid and consumed. Now, Qing Shui felt a bit helpless in terms of upgrading the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

He let out a long sigh and carried on with his cultivation. Qing Shui also refined his magic treasures. If they were able to break through, the strength of the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant would once again take another huge leap. The time for the Nirvanic Fruit to ripen was near. The Fire Bird had already been guarding that spot for many days. Normally, it would only behave this way at the time when the fruits were about to ripen.

He was also really excited, excited for the day when the Fire Bird had another transformation. At present, the Six-headed Demonic Spider's strength was also quite formidable. It was very intelligent. That metallic, soft and immature voice of its was also slowly maturing. Now, it seemed to be sounding more and more like the voice of a young lady. Qing Shui found it really weird, the reason being that now, the Six-headed Demonic Spider was almost as intelligent as the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant.

An Immortal Demon, Qing Shui felt that in the future, this Six-headed Demonic Spider might end up a being equivalent to that of an Immortal Demon. The reason why such weird thoughts arose in Qing Shui was because of the intelligence possessed by this Six-headed Demonic Spider. But as he remembered the fact that Immortal Fairy had to be at False God Grade, he found his thought really absurd.

Very quickly, the friendly competition between Heaven Secret Academy and Divine Might Dynasty ended. What shocked Qing Shui was that Tian Jiange and Hu Yiya had become a couple.

Even though back then, Qing Shui was able to tell that Hu Yiya liked Tian Jiange, he never thought that Tian Jiange would feel the same for her. Indeed, it was easier for women to go after men instead of the other way round. Just a soft poke would have easily broken the barrier between them and established the relationship.

Qing Shui didn't really feel anything for the friendly competition this time. Originally, he wanted to take a peek at the strength of the young generations from Divine Might Dynasty but he soon lost interest because of the appearance of Fu Yanting and the fight they had. That incident caused him to feel solely that he only wanted to break through as soon as possible and refine the strength within him. The most unworthy thing that could happen was someone ending up broken after standing guard over a mountain of gold.

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Yet another month passed. Suddenly, a group of people came into Qing Shui's manor. There were more than ten of them.

This entire month went on really quietly. So quiet that even Qing Shui himself found it hard to believe. Today, at least fifty men burst into his house right away. Among them, there were seniors as well as youngsters. But with one glance, Qing Shui could already tell that the group was led by two men.

These were two elderly men with balanced builds. One of them was wearing a blue colored gown whereas the other one wore a light grey gown. Qing Shui didn't notice them just because they were standing in front of him. On the contrary, it was because of their auras which felt as deep as an ocean.

"Young man, the reason why we came uninvited today is to get back something which belonged to us." The old man in blue gown slightly knitted his brows. But very quickly, he released it.

"What would you like to get back? What's so important for you to go to the extent of even mustering such a large force." Qing Shui hinted to the girl behind him to leave.

"We are people from Saint Child Band. Saint Child has given us orders to come and get back something from you." The old man in grey gown who was standing at the side calmly stared at Qing Shui. The old man's eyes looked way too gloomy.

"What thing?" Qing Shui asked in confusion.

"An arm, an arm of yours." Like before, the old man was still looking at Qing Shui really calmly.

Chapter 1224 - I belong to her..... A change in situation

"An arm, an arm of yours."

Qing Shui found his calm tone very irritating. The Saint Child had made them come over to take an arm of his. Qing Shui was unable to sense the strength of the two old men, hence he wasn't sure if the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant could beat the enemies.

However, Qing Shui had a bad feeling. The reason being that a lot of people knew that the Golden Yang Wolf was killed by the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant. They should be aware of how strong the Golden Yang Wolf was. Meaning that since they had dared to come today, they didn't really care about the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant. At the very least, these two elderly men shouldn't be any weaker than the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant.

As Qing Shui thought up to this point, he felt a bit distressed. He was worried that the two old men would be a lot more powerful than the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant. Hence, today, he would really have to either run away or wait for someone to come save him.

Should he ask Tian Jiange or the Eldest Princess to come and save him?

Which one of them could come and help him solve the danger at hand? The reason being that even if he managed to kill these people today, he still wouldn't be able to feel at peace. Next time, Saint Child Band would definitely send someone even more powerful.

Now, Qing Shui felt that he did the right thing by pulling off the needle trick at that time.

"Leave now. That way, at least Fu Yanting will still have a chance to live. If not, he will be dying very soon. I wonder if by then, your so called Saint Child will let you guys go," Qing Shui said calmly.

"What did you say?!"

"I'm asking you whether Fu Yanting's lifeforce is depleting little by little. If you want him to live, disappear now!" Qing Shui stopped being polite once he saw no good intentions from these people. Since they already weren't respecting him, why did he still need to put up with them?

"You impudent brat! Do you seriously think that you are truly invincible just because of a demonic beast? Come with us today and cure Prince Fu, if not, we will escort you there. That way, you are bound to taste some bitterness." The old man in grey gown took a step forward and locked onto Qing Shui with his qi.

"If you guys ever dare to lay hands on me, Fu Yanting will die for sure. By then, you guys will be the ones responsible for it. I am aware that you guys have looked for quite a lot of alchemists and doctors recently. You decide whether to believe it or not," Qing Shui said in an indifferent tone.

The hands of the old man in the blue gown trembled. The other old man on the other hand, he seemed like he was inquiring with his comrades about it. As Qing Shui saw their expressions, he already knew that there was no need for him to fight today.

Right at this moment, the Eldest Princess came in with a group of people.

"Go, if there is ever a next time when things like this happen again, I won't mind killing all of you. To think that you guys dare to even lay hands on my man." The Eldest Princess' words startled both the old men.

Qing Shui felt puzzled, "I'm her man....."

“Let’s go!”

“Go back and tell him that I look down on him!” the Eldest Princess said in an indifferent tone.

The group of people headed here aggressively, yet left with their tails between their legs. Seeing that they left, the little girl turned around and went into her room. Qing Shui on the other hand, moved his sight to the beautiful woman after looking at the little girl.

Now, it seemed like she has gotten even stronger. This was a hunch. Actually, human intuition was quite a terrifying thing.

“Thank you. To think that as the man I would need to be protected by a woman.” Qing Shui revealed a helpless smile.

“What’s wrong? Are you looking down on women now?” The Eldest Princess looked at Qing Shui with her brows knitted.

“Why would I look down on women? In fact, I respect them. They’re the greatest. Like my mother, she is a woman as well.” Qing Shui never thought that this woman would feel so sensitive about this.

“It seems like you are a chauvinist. I cannot stand this.” The Eldest Princess went up to Qing Shui and showed him a smile.

Her faint yet delicate womanly fragrance rushed into Qing Shui’s nose. As he lifted up his head and saw the face of this woman, it was so close to his own... She was beautiful to the point where his soul itself could potentially be snatched away by it. Her beauty wasn’t the seductive kind of beauty. Contrary to that, she felt more like a fairy, a fairy which had descended to the mortal world.

Compared to Yiye Jiange, her beauty tended more towards the ordinary kind of beauty. However, the noble royal aura on her was very pressuring. Qing Shui had a feeling of reluctance in moving his sight away when he looked at those beautiful eyes of hers. Other than sharing gazes with the women around her, he hardly shared gazes with other people, especially when it was for a long time.

The eyes were the windows into one’s heart. Through a person’s eyes, one would be able to see the fluctuations of their heart. However, Qing Shui was unable to tell how the Eldest Princess was feeling. In addition to that, there was also such thing as sharing gazes with each other’s eyes. It felt just like two hearts colliding with each other.

Qing Shui shook his head lightly and avoided eye contact with her, “Do you know about the Demon Lord?”

Qing Shui remembered the powerful woman and asked casually. The Eldest Princess on the other hand clearly didn’t know why he asked this question out of the blue. She still answered, “I have never seen her before. But I have heard about her.”

“Actually, I feel that this woman is really powerful. For example, the Eldest Princess, I used to think that women would still need men despite how powerful they were. But now, I am not sure if the way I think is still right,” Qing Shui smiled and said.

“Are you looking for a beating? Are you saying that no one wants me and that I don’t have any feminine personality at all?” The Eldest Princess asked angrily. She who looked as beautiful as a fairy seemed to be unusually repulsed by these questions.

Qing Shui’s heart unconsciously began to beat faster. He was stunned by her beauty. No wonder both of the leaders from Saint Child Band and Lord Sect would fall for her. Not only did she look pretty and graceful, she was born charming. This kind of woman was the most fatal to men. Legend has it that they were capable of squeezing a man completely dry. It was said that this kind of woman was capable of making men fight continuously in bed until they became dry husks. Furthermore, they would never show symptoms like tiredness or feebleness in the middle of it.

“Why would you think so? I am fully aware that there are a lot of people who harbor bad intentions towards you. You are one of the most beautiful woman I have seen,” Qing Shui chuckled.

For some reason which he himself was unclear about, he felt as if he was teasing the Eldest Princess. Seeing this side of her was also quite a rare sight.

“Ah, I forgot, you have quite a few beautiful wives. It seems like you are really good with women.” The Eldest Princess had seen Di Chen’s portrait before. She had also seen Yu Ruyan. She couldn’t help but look at Qing Shui twice. She found that the only good thing about Qing Shui was that he wasn’t really that annoying. But as she thought deeper into it, she came to notice that there were very few men who she wasn’t annoyed with.

Qing Shui didn’t say anything. He didn’t want to bind himself to this question. Hence, he smiled and said, “Let’s go sit down over there and talk about things regarding Saint Child Band and Lord Sect.”

Qing Shui made a pot of tea and sat down with the Eldest Princess in a pavilion in the yard.

“Actually, it isn’t as the rumor said. I have only met Saint Child twice and the duration in which we met each other wasn’t longer than an incense stick of time. That man is really mysterious. He holds a very high position in the academy. Legend has it that he may even one day turn out to be the leader of Heaven Secrets Academy,” the Eldest Princess said.

“Is he really that powerful?” Qing Shui was really curious about his opponent’s strength.

“He is really powerful. Some say that he is 200 years old, some say he is 500. He looks really young but I am not certain about how strong he is.” The Eldest Princess explained to Qing Shui.

“Is his strength beyond that of Grade Five State Masters?”

“I don’t know. Even though I have just achieved the strength of a beginner Grade Five State Master, I don’t know what the greatest strength a Grade Five State Master can achieve is. The things that were passed down from the past have proven to be absolutely inaccurate. Hence, State Master is really nothing but a title. At the end of the day, it still comes down to seeing who is strong.” The Eldest Princess didn’t try to hide anything in front of Qing Shui.

The further one progressed in their cultivation, the harder they would find it to continue ascending in grades. Each time they ascended up to a new grade, there would be significant improvements. While people with low cultivation may find it really easy to break through, each time they did so, the improvement shown was insignificant from an expert’s point of view. By the time they reached State

Master grade, each ascension would signify a huge increase in strength. The further they progressed, the more terrifying the amount of strength increased would be. But similarly, it would be even more difficult to break through.

“Qing Shui, you still need to stay cautious. Even though I have showed up this time and that person may give me some face, I reckon that there will still be people seeking trouble with you as you have indirectly slapped Saint Child. It’s fine if you kill them but things won’t be as simple if you slap them. They won’t let things go just like that.” The Eldest Princess showed a bit of concern when she looked at Qing Shui.

The Eldest Princess left. Not long after, Tian Jiange came. He seemed a bit embarrassed, “Qing Shui, I have already informed my brother about the incident. He is going to talk through the matter with Saint Child Band. I never expected things to happen so suddenly.

“It’s fine as long as you have the heart for it.” Qing Shui smiled as he told Tian Jiange to sit down.

“I am the one who is incompetent. I am don’t have much influence in Lord Sect. To be honest, even meeting my own brother isn’t that easy a task. I need to look for people to help me pass along a message. Even so, they may have promised to help pass the messages, it’s unknown whether the messages will really be passed to my brother.” Tian Jiange let out a sigh and confessed his situation.

“Brother, I will feel like you are regarding me as an outsider if you put it that way. We make friends by sharing hearts with each other. In fact, I can feel brother, that you are not a fake person.” Actually, Qing Shui never planned to rely on Lord Sect. If he was to entrust his hope to someone else, that would be equivalent to him putting his life in someone’s hand. If you want something done, do it yourself, instead of relying on others, why not rely on yourself?

“What do you plan to do?” Tian Jiange was a bit concerned with Qing Shui’s safety.

“Don’t worry, I will be fine. Teacher Sunv just came not long ago. Hence, the people from Saint Child Band will more or less stay away for now. In any case, I am still someone from Breezing Wind Veranda.” As Qing Shui spoke up to this point, he remembered the Eldest Princess’ dominating words from before, he is my man. Qing Shui felt really weird about it.

“Sigh, I know Fu Yanting, there is no way he would just let things off as it is. Even if his brother doesn’t get involved in such small matters, Fu Yanting will try to think of a way to deal with you. He isn’t like me. He still holds quite an honorable position in Saint Child Band. A lot of the strong warriors are willing to help him do things.” Tian Jiange revealed a bitter expression as he spoke to this point.

“Brother, if you have strength similar to Fu Yanting’s, I wonder if you will be promoted a higher position in Lord Sect?” Qing Shui asked after thinking for a while.

“In the world of martial arts, it goes without saying that only the strong will be respected. Put aside the fact that my brother is the leader of Lord Sect. Even without this kind of relationship, once I become stronger, my position in there will also become significantly higher.”

“We are brothers. No matter what happens in the future, at least for now, we’re brothers. This is for you. It should be very helpful for you.” Qing Shui took out a Violet Gold Bloodline Pearl and passed it to Tian Jiange.

Suddenly, Qing Shui felt like pulling Tian Jiange to his side. He has had a few interactions with this person lately and felt that he was a person worth knowing. He was aware that he could help him significantly increase his strength within a short period of time. Added on that he had the Nine Heavenly Golden Pellet, once he took the Violet Gold Bloodline Pearl and let the Violet Gold Bloodline change his body's nature, he who was originally already a genius would have quite a high authority to speak in Lord Sect.

Chapter 1225 - The Missed Out Miraculous Nine Heavens Golden Pellet, Great Perfection Stage for the Nine Yang Golden Body, Unlocking the 8th Heavenly Layer of the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

Tian Jiange didn't stand on ceremony. He took a look at Qing Shui, then opened up the porcelain bottle and swallowed the Violet Golden Bloodline Pearl. This action showed how he trusted Qing Shui. Although doing this wasn't considered much, it let both parties feel the sincerity they had for each other.

"Circulate your power and refine it!" Qing Shui urged him on.

Tian Jiange didn't dare to show any delays and quickly circulated his powers to refine it. He now knew what it was and was naturally very agitated. In this world, there were too few people who had unique bloodlines and those people had great achievements. However, even if there were only too few people who were born with unique bloodlines, treasures that could allow one to change their bloodline still exist. The Violet Golden Bloodline Pearl was one of them.

Under normal circumstances, digesting this Nine Heavens Golden Pellet would still take some time. However, the domineering Violet Golden Bloodline Pearl not only planted a drop of Violet Golden Blood in his body, it also transformed the medicinal effects of the Nine Heavens Golden Pellet.

Within a short amount of time, Tian Jiange went through a life-changing transformation. He opened his eyes and saw that Qing Shui was smiling and nodding at him. Right now, saying thanks between them would only make it feel as if they were very distant.

"Brother, I'll head out to be promoted as a core disciple in this two days. After becoming a core disciple, I'll gain some status in the Lord Sect. At the very least, I'll be able to take part in some of the matters concerning the Lord Sect." Tian Jiange clenched his teeth slightly and said.

"There's no hurry. Don't worry, I'll be fine. What I need to focus on right now is to work on getting stronger. Brother, the same goes for you. Rather than relying on others, it's better to rely on yourself."

Qing Shui knew that Tian Jiange must have been living under the protection of his elder brother. If he couldn't get rid of this shackles, his achievements would be restricted. It's a good thing to have a powerful elder brother but it was also because of this that his elder brother became an unsurpassable shadow in his heart. It was as if he had been caged up. Even though the cage was very big, there were still restrictions applied to him.

When Tian Jiange heard Qing Shui's words, he fell into a short daze before his countenance changed. It took a long time before he let out a long exhale and looked at Qing Shui with a gleam in his eyes. He smiled and said, "I won't stand on ceremony with you. You'll always be my brother, for eternity."

“It’s easy to get money but hard to find a soulmate. I hope that we’ll always remain soulmates, remain brothers.” Qing Shui smiled and looked at Tian Jiange.

“We will. Let’s work hard together. A good future will come to us.”

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Although Qing Shui said that, he still harbored some slight selfishness. Humans are selfish creatures, who would tend to help someone they were close with rather than to side with reason. Therefore, he wanted to create a bond. Of course, whether or not it could be sustained in the future was another thing altogether.

No one knows what would happen in the future. Moreover, a large part of the reason for Qing Shui was still to make a friend. It was also considered setting up a base. Everyone hoped to have people who supported them. When facing enemies, a person would hope that there were others that stood together with him.

Right now, Qing Shui could only hope that the Saint Child wouldn’t hold it against him. Or rather, hoping that his current level wouldn’t be taken seriously by the Saint Child. This would allow Qing Shui some time to develop himself. Moreover, he hoped that what the Eldest Princess said would have some use and Tian Jiange would also be able to help him a little.

Qing Shui would be able to deal with most people. He had the Sacred Jade Divine Stone Ring, Nine Continents Steps and Nine Palace Steps. Together with the current level of his Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant, not many people would be able to stop him if he wish to escape.

However, no one liked escaping, to be seen running away with his tail between his legs like a lost cause.

Qing Shui opened the box in his hands. It was the Nine Heavens Golden Pellet which Tian Jiange gave him before he left.

Tian Jiange had two of these. He took one for himself and left the other for Qing Shui. Tian Jiange told Qing Shui that this was given to him by his elder brother and was an extremely rare medicinal pill. Each person would only be able to take one pill once. However, the effects might be tremendous to some people, while it was almost insignificant for others. Of course, this was all relative, since everyone would feel that the Nine Heavens Golden Pellet was very powerful after they took it.

Qing Shui looked at the jade bottle in the box. Just seeing the flashing luminous light that the bottle exuded, he knew that it was something very precious. He opened it up and saw that there was a medicinal pill that was thin and long like a silk cocoon. It was the size of a thumb and had a golden color which exude a powerful spiritual Qi.

Heavenly Vision Technique!

Nine Heavens Golden Bone Pellet!

Qing Shui was stunned. This wasn’t a Nine Heavens Golden Pellet. He seemed to have noticed something and quickly read on.

It was a mysterious medicinal pill that could increase the user's aptitude and talent. It could stimulate one's potential, allowing the user's rate of growing stronger to be raised tremendously within a short period of time. It had an excellent effect on people with strong bones.

If used with the Requiem Grass, there would be an unexpected surprise!

He had picked up someone else's missed item and found himself a treasure! This was what Qing Shui felt at the moment. After he called out the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant, he entered the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal directly. He wanted to give it a try. This Nine Heavens Golden Bone Pellet could be something which could change his destiny.

He had a very strong feeling about it. This time around, it was unusually strong.

Qing Shui had the Requiem Grass, which was something that he just left in there after he purchased it from the Central Continent very long ago. He didn't expect that it would be useful to him now.

After he adjusted his body to its optimal condition, Qing Shui took the Nine Heavens Golden Bone Pellet, which was followed by a Requiem Grass' essence.

Qing Shui's Nine Yang Golden Body was at the large success stage and his bones were already golden in color. This medicinal pill had a greater effect on people with powerful bones. He felt that his bones could definitely be considered as powerful.

Very quickly, he could sense the changes in his body. His bones seemed to be stretching and were becoming more golden in color. A feeling that wasn't uncomfortable but felt strange spread out in his body.

His bones had turned more golden than before. They seemed to be slightly thicker and stronger, which appeared more powerful. The energy in his bones were still gradually increasing. Slowly, the golden bones presented a translucent feeling.

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As if something was smashed, an existence that was like a small- pure golden seemed to surge up through his skeleton, which soon entered his consciousness.

Its target was the golden star in his consciousness!

Nine Yang Golden Body reached the great perfection stage!

A hint of will flashed in Qing Shui's consciousness and he felt that the light sound from earlier was akin to him breaking through a restriction. It must have been the Nine Yang Golden Body's restriction and thus, it was now at the great perfection stage.

Qing Shui only felt that he was pumped up with tremendous power. He didn't had the chance to feel surprised when his consciousness also went through an overwhelming change due to the collision of that small golden dragon. Both his cultivation level and spirit energy had improved to a large extent.

The changes to his consciousness made Qing Shui suddenly felt a very strong and familiar fluctuation. It was after the small golden dragon had entered the golden star. The golden star was currently located to where the Niwan Palace was at previously.

Qing Shui suddenly opened his eyes and looked toward the surroundings of his Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. Elation flashed in his eyes as he found himself in an even wider world that was over ten times bigger than it was before.

It had leveled up! The 8th Heavenly Layer of the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal!

Qing Shui hadn't expected that it would level up now. One Nine Heavens Golden Pellet, or rather, a Nine Heavens Golden Bone Pellet, had not only allowed his Nine Yang Golden Body to reach great perfection, it even leveled up his Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

Due to the small golden dragon clashing into the golden star in his consciousness, the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal leveled up. For the previous few times, he could only attain a breakthrough thanks to the ladies. This was why Qing Shui had always thought that upgrading the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal would always be related to women.

Even till now, he still wasn't sure. It was because this time around, the level up was still related to his spirit energy. Duo Cultivation could also increase one's spirit energy, so it was hard to say. However, this upgrade showed that leveling up of the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal wasn't just possible through women.

Qing Shui was in no hurry to check out the inscription steele. The pond in the past could now be called a lake.

It was too big. The black fishes, the Golden Medicinal Turtle, the Old Clam, the Rainbow Trout Fish and others were now all dispersed out.

Qing Shui had initially thought that the pond was getting overpopulated. However, it now had suddenly become big as a lake and was very deep.

It was several hundreds of meters deep but the water was so clear that he could see the bottom of the lake. It was a very beautiful scene.

As he stood next to the huge lake, Qing Shui calmed down and then looked around. He realized that the land area had increased and there seemed to be new additions.

Qing Shui walked towards the inscription steele to see what the 8th level of the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal was like and what new things were there.

Qing Shui went straight to the bottom where the description for the 8th level was written.

Level 8 Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, unlocked!

Looking at this, Qing Shui heaved a huge sigh of relief. The Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal had leveled up. Seeing these few words made a huge surge of happiness grew in him. He then lifted his head to looked for the rewards for the level 8 Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

Rewarded with a Spring of Life!

Qing Shui looked at the few words in a daze. After he stared at it for a very long time, he was sure that he hadn't made a mistake. Although he knew that the reward for the level 8 Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal was definitely not ordinary, he was still taken aback by the Spring of Life.

Just from its name, he could tell that it was a powerful existence. It should be spring water that could recover life, heal various illness and purge toxins. One that could increase one's lifespan and could bring the body great benefits.

Although Qing Shui hadn't taken a look at the Spring of Life, his senses told him that the effects it would bring were definitely tremendous.

Reward one Ancient Demonic Fruit Tree. It takes 1,000 years to bloom, 1,000 years to fruit, and 1,000 years to mature. Each time around, ten Demonic Fruits would be produced and it can only be taken by demonic beasts. Each demonic beast could only take one every 100 years and it could increase the demonic beast's abilities by a lot.

Reward 10,000 Years medicinal herbs: redbud flower, tianlan herb, emotion voiding grass, heartbroken grass...

There were several tens of varieties, all of them were 10,000 Years. Qing Shui even saw a few medicinal herbs required for the Golden Fragrance Jade. As expected, the reward for the level 8 Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal was extraordinary, all of the medicinal herbs were 10,000 Years and were still in the midst of growing. It could be said that other than certain unique places, they were hard to come by.

Reward ten Immortal Fishes. They have special uses.

Reward four loaches. They have special uses.

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Qing Shui was very happy. Even if he might not know how to use some of them and their names were weird, it didn't hinder his happy mood. Looking at the various rewards, each of them could make one go crazy.

Qing Shui read on till the end but there was no change to the time ratio in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal with the outside world. He didn't know if he should be happy or upset. Each time he come, it would be 100 days. If one didn't have determination, it would be hard to hang on. If he didn't use up all 100 days, it would feel like a waste. However, Qing Shui's disappointment in this area was still stronger. If the time were to increase, he could choose to spend less time cultivating and have more time to manage and control.

The time he could spend in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal was still 6 hours!

Chapter 1226 - Spring of Life, Golden Body at Great Perfection Stage, Refine

The time ratio within the realm stayed the same. However, Qing Shui was already really satisfied with the result. Even though strong warriors required to spend a lot of time cultivating, time alone wasn't the only factor in getting stronger. Otherwise, there wouldn't have been sayings such as "an unusual genius that comes down from heaven". Besides, Qing Shui already had an absolute advantage in terms of time.

In his previous life, there was a saying, "Success is 99% effort and 1% talent. Without considering the truth of this statement and assuming that it is true, the main point was the 1% talent. It was definitely more important than the 99% effort. In his previous life, the purpose of this saying was to motivate people, telling them they would succeed as long as they put in effort.

Qing Shui shifted his sight away from the stone tablet and looked towards the lake-sized pond. The water was so clear that one could see the bottom of it. Seeing that the pond was about a hundred meters deep, Qing Shui felt really secured and satisfied. Everything in it belonged to him alone.

Qing Shui looked at the pair of Longevity fish he caught when he was in Southern Sea. Currently, there were already more than ten smaller Longevity fish following behind them. They were happily swimming inside the pond at the moment. Their agile bodies could aid them in avoiding dangers.

Qing Shui also saw the Immortal Fish and Four-Tailed Mud Fish. However, there were still very few of them. Other than being extreme delicacies, they could also help in cultivation and strengthening the consumer's body. It even helped slightly increase the consumer's Innate Skills as well as helped them cleanse their bone marrow.

It was the marvelous nature which enabled a lot of these weird things to be born. All of these were the results of absorbing the spiritual qi of heaven and earth. The majority of people might not even get to see these things once throughout their entire life.

Other than these two species, there were also a few others within the pond. But for now, Qing Shui didn't touch them because there were very few of them. For now, he should raise them first. This process shouldn't take long within the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

Qing Shui may have a limitation in time within the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal but that didn't apply to the things living here. Hence, one day spent by Qing Shui in the outside world was equivalent to the medicinal herbs as well as fish species staying in the realm for four hundred days. Furthermore, Qing Shui could only stay here for up to six hours. They on the other hand, could stay the full 24 hours. The difference was just too large.

Ancient Demonic Fruit Tree!

Qing Shui saw the Ancient Demonic Fruit Tree which was by the pond. It was the height of two men together. However, it was as thick as a person. It seemed strong and tough and felt bursting with vitality. This tree was greenish grey in color. There was a layer of thick bark on the outside, preventing any swords from cutting through it. There were around ten fruits which looked like peaches on it, except they looked sparkling and translucent with not even the slightest flaw. In fact, they looked even more like works of art.

Qing Shui plucked all of the Ancient Demonic Fruit and carefully put it away. For now, he didn't dare to let the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant consume it. He wanted to refine the strength as early as possible. If not, he wouldn't dare to let the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant break through once again.

Qing Shui had no idea what the Ancient Demonic Fruit was used for. For now, he would just put it aside first as he had other things that he needed to look at.

Spring of Life!

At the moment when Qing Shui saw the so called Spring of Life, he felt a bit speechless. The reason being that the Spring of Life was located at a spot on top of a jade stone-like platform that was about half the height of a man. The stone platform was just like the wells from ancient times, it was a few meters in size and looked white like jade, there was even a faint white light emitted from it. The Spring

of Life on the other hand, was about the size of the mouth of a bowl. It was one foot deep. There was a white qi being emitted from it. Its formidable life force and spiritual qi was very stunning. They were all gathered around the mouth of the Spring of Life.

Qing Shui looked inside. The spring became smaller as it went deeper. By the time it reached the bottom, it was only the size of a wine cup. There was some very shallow sparkling jade liquid. It looked clear and brilliant and seemed to be more concentrated than water. Even though he had never seen bejeweled nectar but he felt that this liquid-like substance was precisely it. Actually, Qing Shui had also seen other forms of “bejeweled nectar”. It was said that one would be able to taste it through kissing.

Heavenly Vision Technique!

Qing Shui looked at the Spring of Life with his Heavenly Vision Technique.

Spring of Life. A spiritual spring of Heaven and Earth. It was formed as a result of spiritual qi gathering together. Only one drop would be produced per year. It could help increase one’s strength and increase their lifespan. It could help cure a hundred kinds of diseases as well as help strengthen one’s body. It increased one’s hidden potential and could be used to aid in refining medicines as well as demons..... The degree of increase varied between people.

“Such a good item! To think such a heaven-defying substance exists.” At this moment, Qing Shui was so happy that he was unable to put it into words. But it took one year for a drop to be produced. Without the realm, he would only be able to get a hundred drops in a hundred years. How much was a hundred drops? Even a large mouthful of water would be more than that.

Qing Shui tried using his hands to condense the spiritual qi. Very quickly, Qing Shui already managed to take out a drop of Spring of Life. It was the size of a yellow bean. Its body was surrounded by a layer of faint spiritual qi which resembled white mist.

After hesitating for a while, Qing Shui immediately opened his mouth and absorbed the Spring of Life. It tasted sweet and refreshing. It also had a faint sweet smell. As soon as it entered his mouth, it immediately melted and spread out towards his limbs and bones instead of merely getting swallowed down into his stomach.

Qing Shui closed his eyes as he felt the changes within his body. That was a very subtle feeling. It’s just like a layer of sand, where the original hideous marks on it were currently being wiped softly by one’s hand, causing the layer of sand to look untouched.

The fastest ability of the Spring of Life was its ability to regenerate one’s body. For every cultivator, their bodies were bound to have some unmentioned diseases, for example their injuries. Even though they recovered, a few scars were still bound to be left behind. It might look like a small issue but it was precisely these small issues that would cause someone to reach a bottleneck in the future and no longer be able to break through. It might even cause their vitality to be in turmoil.

Every warrior was bound to receive injuries. Qing Shui was already hiding a lot of secrets within his body. Furthermore, he was confident in his medical expertise and other skills. The thing he was the proudest of was his body’s ability to self-recover. Previously, he had a feeling that the Spring of Life had helped him significantly change himself. Most parts of his body had already recovered. His organs as well as his bones also got a huge upgrade and became perfect again.

The Spring of Life had no limit. But there was no use taking a lot of it in within a short period of time. Hence, one drop would basically be enough for each person. It could be used to treat illnesses as well as strengthen one's bones and veins.

Qing Shui licked his lips and felt that he was unable to fully express himself. He just remembered that his Nine Yang Golden Body was already at Great Perfection Stage. The Spring of Life from before, on the other hand, had also helped provide a tremendous boost to the strength of his body.

The Spring of Life could also be used to stabilize one's strength and help find balance within one's body. As Qing Shui sensed it, he smiled. All of these sudden changes as well as the Spring of Life had made his physical strength reach a hundred nimbus.

A hundred nimbus and the Nine Yang Golden Body at its Great Perfection Stage..... Qing Shui felt that his body had reached a height like never before. He felt that he was now able to refine that strength. Prior to this, he was afraid that his body would explode. But now, his Nine Yang Golden Body was already at its Great Perfection Stage, his physical strength had also been significantly increased. The energy from Spring of Life was now within his body and most importantly, his spirit energy also received a tremendous boost. He felt that if he didn't refine it today, there wouldn't be as many opportunities to do so in the future.

All of this happened thanks to the Ninth Heavenly Golden Pellet given to him by Tian Jiange. He didn't know if this was considered good karma which he planted. It was just that the "fruit of karma" came so soon. No matter what, everything was already considered to be really, extremely worthwhile.

Qing Shui clenched his teeth and decided to refine it. He restored his body to its peak. After that, he sat down cross-legged near the Bodhi Tree beside the Spring of Life.

He slowly revolved his qi of the Ancient Strengthening Technique. The revolved cycle by cycle. After it had revolved a number of times and carried an enormous amount of both the Violet Gold Divine Force and Qi of the Ancient Strengthening Technique, they rushed together towards that formidable energy.

Hong!

That grey colored pellet burst open in just a short while. An enormous energy that almost made Qing Shui collapse surged through his body. Qing Shui's body was just like a balloon which suddenly got inflated.

Qing Shui was really focused as he swiftly revolved his Eight-eight Divine Nebula Formation. The Yin-Yang Image also began revolving at great speed. However, his body was still expanding whereas the internal part of his body was being compressed. At the moment when he felt like his body was about to explode, a indescribable refreshing feeling spread through his body. It was as if the toughness of his body was increased a number times. It helped temporarily remove him from the danger of having his body explode.

Spring of Life!

This was the power of the Spring of Life. Both his organs and bones were also being compressed. Luckily, his Nine Yang Golden Body was at its Large Success Stage. Otherwise, his bones would have most likely been crushed. His organs would have also burst from being squished.

The energy within Qing Shui's body was still increasing. Of course, he was also madly operating and refining the energy. This looked just like a person who was about to starve to death madly gulping delicious food. Qing Shui knew that he would only be able to live if he absorbed it quickly.

Absorb and refine!

The golden pellet within his Dantian was revolving very rapidly as it continuously refined and absorbed the tyrannical energy.

But very quickly, Qing Shui realized that he was near his limit yet again !

However, he currently had no other choice but to absorb as much as he could. It felt just like when a person was full but still had to gobble their food.

It was a very unpleasant feeling!

Veined patterns which resembled spiderwebs had already started appearing across Qing Shui's body. They were all bloody red in color. In just a short while, dark red liquid could already be seen coming out. In an instant, he got dyed into a red man.

"Is my body really going to explode?" Qing Shui felt really distressed. If his body was to really explode, he would definitely die. Even if he had medicines like Bones of the Living Dead, it would still be useless. The reason being that his physical body would disappear right away as a result of the explosion.

Time went on little by little. At the moment when Qing Shui felt that he was no longer able to hold on, a powerful energy burst out from deep within his body.

Force of Rebirth!

Qing Shui who experienced the Force of Rebirth looked as if he got his entire life force renewed once again, madly absorbing the energy within his body.

After repeating it a few times, his body eventually reached a saturated state. Qing Shui was considered to have been out of danger. But still, he didn't manage to absorb all of it within such a short period of time. The only thing he could do was to digest as much of the strength he absorbed as he could.

Time went on little by little. After Qing Shui digested a bit, he would proceed to refine more. This process lasted for around three months. In his last two days, Qing Shui opened both of his eyes. Both of his eyes looked really bright and solid. But very quickly, they went back to normal. Qing Shui let out a long breath expelling the turbid gas within his body.

Qing Shui smelled a bloody smell. As he looked down, he realized that the blood scabs on his body were already about an inch thick. It was black in color. Not only did it have strong bloody smell, there was also a fishy smell to it.

Qing Shui quickly changed his clothes and took a bath. He immediately burned the clothes from before. Qing Shui felt a little depressed as he looked at his skin. It was almost comparable to that of women's.

Luckily, he had muscles. Even though they weren't ridiculously huge, they were defined. Qing Shui actually didn't like it for men to have such good skin and felt that it was better if it was rough.

Qing Shui felt as if he was in a dream, sensing the surging energy within his body.

With excitement in his heart, Qing Shui proceeded to sense his current strength. Even though he wasn't certain of his own strength at the moment, he was sure that it had skyrocketed.

Chapter 1227 - Skyrocketed, formidable strength

Qing Shui immersed himself into his Sea of Consciousness. The Sea of Consciousness was like a very impressive looking small world. There were sixty four stars which looked just like spiritual seeds arranged there. The brightest golden star was located in the center of it.

There were still a lot of spiritual stars in the surroundings. The break through this time had caused the stars in the surroundings to increase tenfold. As he activated his consciousness, the boundless spirit energy started moving gracefully. Qing Shui really enjoyed this kind of feeling.

The Golden Pellet within his Dantian had gotten slightly bigger. It wasn't any significant increase in size, instead, it looked just like when a fruit ripened. It looked really solid and contained a terrifying amount of Divine Force.

His Spirit Energy had spread across his entire body. In just a short while, he could already feel his current strength.

His raw strength had achieved a terrifying amount of around three thousand two hundred nimbus. This seemed to be a bit beyond his expectations. In the past, the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant gave him 10% of the total strength increase which it experienced. After that, it went up to 20%. Until just a while ago, Qing Shui's raw strength was worth around a hundred nimbus. But now, it had gone up to three thousand two hundred nimbus. That was not 10%, nor was it 20%, instead, it was somewhere in between 10 to 20%.

Qing Shui remembered the danger he experienced from before. Could it be that this was the maximum amount of strength which he was capable of absorbing before he reached his limit? Actually, he was already extremely lucky to be able to avoid his body bursting earlier. With his raw strength, which was only worth a hundred nimbus, he was already able to absorb as much as three thousand one hundred nimbus worth of strength. Hence, with his current three thousand one hundred nimbus worth of absorbed strength, did it mean that he would be able to absorb even more in the future? Was it that his body was unable to absorb so much of the strength that it didn't manage to absorb up to 20% of it?

Qing Shui operated his Divine Force to experience his current strength. His raw strength was worth three thousand two hundred nimbus. The Seven-colored Pellet helped multiply his raw strength fifteen fold. The Big Dipper Sword helped increase it by five fold. Along with the help provided by the Demonic Beast Armor Manifestation and other things like the Golden Pellet, Qing Shui's physical strength managed to achieve a terrifying amount which worth as much as 2.5 million. If it was to be doubled, his strength would worth around 5 million, which was also the current offensive strength of the Nine Continents Mountain.

Five Million nimbus. Qing Shui was stunned for quite a long time. He was already at a level where he was capable of levelling a mountain by merely swinging his hands.

Under the effect of Demonic Beast Armor Manifestation, Golden Pellet, Big Dipper Sword, Divine Nebula Formation as well as the Arhat Rosary Beads, Qing Shui's Spirit Energy managed to achieve a strength worth almost 3.3 million nimbus. When he used the Seal of Roc, his spirit energy would once again double in strength. And when that happened, its strength would definitely be really terrifying.

However, there were a lot of limitations in the Seal of Roc. Qing Shui wouldn't be able to use it a lot of times within a day. The percentage of it getting doubled was also relatively small. Hence, at the moment, Qing Shui found the Nine Continents Mountain to be the most steady in terms of strength. It was not that the Seal of Roc wasn't steady, it was just that it couldn't be used for a long period of time. On top of that, every time it was used, it also consumed a huge amount of energy.

Qing Shui skyrocketed in strength. At the moment, he had a feeling that no one but him was able to achieve these kind of things. That tremendous increase in strength triggered a huge change in his heart. His entire state of mind had gone through a complete change.

No matter where one was, only strong warriors would give people the impression that they were able to do things with ease. No matter what they did, they could do it relatively easily. Furthermore, this would also make them look charming and composed.

The reason why he could be like this was because no matter what kind of accidents happened, they would still be capable of dealing with it. In the eyes of the majority, it may seem like a disaster but in the eyes of the strong, it was nothing worth mentioning.

Qing Shui didn't know what grade he was in with his current strength. Was he a Grade Five State Master? Or was he an existence which was already beyond that? But one thing that Qing Shui was certain about was that he still hadn't managed to break through to the Eighth Heavenly Layer.

Even though he hadn't achieved the Eighth Heavenly Layer, Qing Shui felt as if he was already able to see the doorstep which led to the Eighth Heavenly Layer. It was the same situation as when he needed to hike up a mountain to go over it. But this mountain was rather tall. Nevertheless, he was still able to see the mountain. Unlike in the past when he wasn't even able to see it.

In a way, he was already considered to have come in contact with the entrance into the Eighth Heavenly Layer. It might have had to do with his strength increase.

Unknowingly, the time to exit the realm was near. Qing Shui had managed to finish refining it. He didn't have enough time to go look at the conditions of other things. Most importantly, merely one refining process already took him nearly a hundred days to finish.

It was good to have the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. If this had happened in the outside world, Qing Shui would have had to seclude himself. That was about three months time without being interrupted. On top of that, he wasn't a core disciple in some sort of aristocratic clan, he wouldn't be able to be at peace even if he was to seclude himself. With the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, not only was he able to do it within a day, his safety was also ensured.

By the time Qing Shui came out, it was already morning. Yesterday, when he was refining the energy within the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, he purposely went in only at the latter half of midnight. Now, Qing Shui wanted time to pass faster. This way, he would be able to enter the realm again to do things which he hadn't finished doing.

The Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant was in the manor. Even though the five acre manor wasn't really considered that big, it wasn't that small either. The Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant which was about a hundred meters was still really obvious in the manor.

When it saw Qing Shui, it happily greeted him. Qing Shui patted it before putting it back into the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. By the time he went into the backyard, the girl was already doing her morning exercise.

The moment the little girl saw Qing Shui, she was a bit shocked but she didn't really express it. Qing Shui knew the reason for it. Even he himself wasn't used to his current skin.

Luckily, it didn't happen too suddenly. Only people familiar with him would be able to realize the change in him. Outsiders wouldn't be able to notice it. They would only feel that this man had a very good appearance.

"Father!"

Ever since the last time when the little girl recognized Qing Shui as her foster father, she was already used to calling Qing Shui that. Naturally, he wouldn't have any objections to it. This was in a way also considered an improvement. It came to show that his relationship with her was improving. His intention was to let the little girl feel the kind of warmth between parents and their children.

Qing Shui smiled and gestured for the girl to continue. He on the other hand, also looked for a place and started practicing his Taichi Fist. Now, Qing Shui felt really special while practicing Taichi Fist with his current strength. Both of his arms felt really strong and solid. There was a kind of smoothness that he was unable to describe in words when he swung his hands. It felt just like when a person was swinging a stick with moderate weight with his strong body, at that moment when he was swinging it, he felt as if it was capable of cracking open mountains and crushing rocks.

Taichi Golden Qi!

Qing Shui slightly closed his eyes as he felt the abundant amount of divine force within his body. The Roaming Dragon Steps seemed to have completely merged itself with his Nine Palace Steps. Now, he was unable to tell which steps he was using. That was a really mysterious kind of fusion. As soon as he moved, his footsteps would automatically turn into the Nine Palace Steps.

Qing Shui was engrossed in this kind of mysterious state. While practicing his Taichi fist, he was shuttling around one square meter of the ground where he was like moving clouds and flowing water. When the Taichi Fist was performed, a strand of faint golden qi followed along and circled around the surroundings. In the qi, there was a profound and pressuring aura mixed within it.

Qing Shui only came to a stop when the sun was at three poles high. He noticed that the girl was watching him from the side. He lifted up his head and looked into the sky before smiling and saying to the girl, "Little brat, you must be hungry. Let's go eat something."

The little girl smiled and nodded her head.

It should be a smile. Qing Shui could feel that the little girl was smiling despite it being not so obvious. One would need to look very carefully in order to be able to see something.

“Daddy, you look a bit different today.” The little girl turned her head and looked at Qing Shui.

“Which part of me looks different?” Qing Shui asked with a smile.

“The kind of aura you emitted and that expression of yours. Daddy, has your strength increased yet again?” The little girl asked Qing Shui while blinking those jet black eyes of hers.

“Little brat, not only do you look gorgeous. You are also good at observing things. Daddy has indeed broken through. I am going to give you a present after we finish our meal. I am sure you will like it.” Qing Shui smiled and pulled the little girl to the front yard.

Actually, since the beginning, Qing Shui had already been thinking of fighting for a place in Heaven Secrets Academy for the little girl. Even until now, he still had the intention to do so. It’s just that until now, hadn’t managed to talk to the girl about it.

Previously, it was mainly because Qing Shui was faced with great difficulties in making progress for himself within the Heaven Secrets Academy. Like even just recently, he was being bullied by other people. But now, everything had turned in his favour. He broke through, meaning there would be very few people who could actually bully him. Furthermore, he also felt that very quickly, he would be able to refine this kind of strength yet again. As long as the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant could break through, Qing Shui would be given countless benefits.

The refining process this time was in a way considered to have helped Qing Shui pave the way for his future in the continent. So long as the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant remained alive, Qing Shui wouldn’t have to worry about his strength. The Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant was a Heaven and Earth Battle Beast. Even if Qing Shui had to consume his time within the realm, he would still benefit in a lot of ways.

The Divine Marionette which he got by accident at that time, when he first tamed it, it was still only a Diamond Demonic Boar. Despite this, it was still a mutated beast. He never expected that it would actually possess the Dragon Elephant Bloodline. On top of that, it awakened little by little. It had truly come a long way to be able to accomplish so much today. It could even be said to be unimaginable.

Normally, there would only be Qing Shui and the little girl here. Both the Seventh Princess as well as Yan Jinyu too didn’t come everyday. The Eldest Princess on the other hand, it goes without saying that she wouldn’t come on normal occasions. Hence, normally, it was really quiet here.

The breakthrough this time had made Qing Shui completely give up on his plan to be a core disciple and then the elder’s disciple before finally becoming a teacher of the Heaven Secrets Academy. Right now, he didn’t have the mood to get promoted step by step.

Now, he was thinking about some other things. For example, the Eldest Princess’ Breezing Wind Veranda, or maybe the Lord Sect which Tian Jiange was in.

And now, Qing Shui’s strength has already been increased. It was about time he went to visit Di Chen. This was the thing which Qing Shui wanted to do most. The Qing Shui at the moment was very calm. So long as he had sufficient strength, anything could easily be talked through.

“Father, didn’t you tell me before that you were going to give me a present?” While the little girl was helping Qing Shui wash the dishes after their dinner, she noticed that Qing Shui had no intention of talking about the present. Hence, she decided to ask him herself.

Actually, Qing Shui had been like this all along. In the past, he would take the initiative to speak. But now, since they had already gotten fairly close to each other, he would think of ways to make her talk on her own to slowly help her develop the way of thought and emotions which normal humans would feel to make her more rich with emotions.

Qing Shui took out a small porcelain bottle. This was purposely prepared by him. A drop of the Spring of Life was contained within the porcelain bottle. Qing Shui would only put it within a bottle if he was planning to use it within a short period of time. Or else, he would have left it in the spring well. That was the best place to keep it.

“Try it and tell me how it tastes,” Qing Shui said with a smile.

The little girl first looked at Qing Shui and smiled before swallowing the drop of Spring of Life. She didn’t show any sign of formality to the guy who she already regarded as her father. Only he would treat her well in this world.

Qing Shui looked at her from the side. Normally, no accident would occur when someone swallowed the Spring of Life. Furthermore, he also sensed that the Spring of Life could be used to cleanse one’s life. Cleanse everything about a person. Hence, he felt that it would have even more effect on the girl.

A faint white halo emerged around the little girl and surrounded her within it. But he very quickly noticed that a layer of black light appeared within the white one.

Qing Shui knew that the Spring of Life was suppressing the little girl’s vicious qi while the baleful aura was trying to resist it. Despite this, it was still unable to break through the white halo produced by the Spring of Life.

If ever, the baleful aura managed to break through it, at least half of the effect of the Spring of Life would have been reduced. The Spring of Life managed to suppress the baleful aura within the girl, this just came to show that things were already developing in a good way.

Chapter 1228 - Named Qing Sha, Easy Attack

The girl’s abilities progressed at a tremendous rate. Right now, she was already an Early Grade Three State Master. Even Qing Shui was astonished by the rate of her progress. This was talent, this was bloodline. It was just like how a tiger’s cub would have an aura that was unique to a tiger which could cause many wild beasts to flee for their lives.

The girl seemed to be in such a situation. The Blood Terminator Bead determined her path and destined her for future extraordinariness. She was still so young but already had such astonishing abilities.

The Spring of Life could remove some of the restrictions in her body, such as those placed on her life. Her lifespan was very low previously but Qing Shui had used fruits such as the Peach of Immortality, and other things to help her increase her lifespan by quite a bit. The Spring of Life had also increased once again it by quite a lot.

“Father!”

When the little girl regained her senses from her state and she looked at Qing Shui in surprise. Right now, she had a true smile on her face. Looking at this warm smile, Qing Shui realized that he was really very happy.

Qing Shui knew the reason. The girl had previously looked at this world with a pernicious aura. There was only hatred and disappointment in her life, but she couldn't leave this world. It could be said that she lacked vitality.

The Spring of Life could replenish a lot of her vitality. Furthermore, with the efforts he had made, she now felt that there was still some warmth and some reliance she could have in this world.

“How is it? Do you like this present?” Qing Shui smiled and rubbed the little girl's head.

“I like, I like it a lot. It feels really good.” The girl smacked her lips, showing an expression like she hadn't enjoyed it enough.

Qing Shui knew that feeling, let alone this little kid. After all, she was still young and it was very normal. In this world, Qing Shui was already about forty years old. Although he was still considered to be very, very young in the Nine Continents, after all, he was a soul which came from another world. In his previous life, it would be very normal for one his age to have a kid that was sixteen or seventeen years old. Moreover, his line of thoughts was also around there.

Therefore, he felt very natural when this girl called him father. Moreover, he already had a number of kids and he didn't find this unnatural.

“There's no additional effect if you take this again within a short period of time. Have some more after a little while longer.” Qing Shui smiled and knocked on her clear forehead. His smile made the girl's smile even brighter.

“I know that this is something good and should be very rare. To be able to give me a drop shows that father dotes on me a lot.” The girl tugged on Qing Shui's sleeve and said happily.

Qing Shui realized that a drop from the Spring of Life really made the girl's character a lot more cheerful. Previously, although they were considered to be on good terms, she wasn't as happy as she was now. It must be because the girl had thought through some things that were burdening her.

“Lass, it's about time for you to have a name.” Qing Shui knew that he should strike while the metal's hot, and thus he raised this issue up carefully.

“I like it when father calls me lass. A name isn't important. I'm fine without one.” The girl said nonchalantly but Qing Shui could still see a deep sadness in her eyes.

“Do you have any troubles? Father promises to help you with what you need to do.” Qing Shui looked at the girl and said, smiling.

“It's fine. Daughter is in no hurry. I'll settle it myself. I have time anyway.” The girl looked at Qing Shui and said with a smile in return.

Qing Shui let out a sigh. This made it clear that the girl really had something bugging her. He looked at the girl. "Sigh, I'm still going to say the same thing. If you were to go do what you must one day, you must tell me. At the very least, you must let me know."

Qing Shui knew that it was useless to say anymore right now. Furthermore, it wasn't as if she was going right away. Therefore, he didn't press on.

"Mmm, I'll tell father. How about father give me a name then?" The girl nodded and said with a smile.

"What's your surname?"

"Since father's surname is Qing, my surname is of course Qing."

Qing Shui was stunned as he looked at the girl. Most people would not change their surnames unless they were not happy with their own family. Could it be that she had a problem with her family? It should be so.

"Then how about Qing Sha ? What do you think of this name?" The reason Qing Shui came up with this name was to constantly remind her that she had a pernicious aura on her.

"I like this name!" The girl said happily.

After they had their meal, it was already late morning. Qing Shui helped the girl to strengthen her foundations again, guiding the pernicious aura in her body. The Blood Terminator Bead turned into pernicious aura and moved through her body. Right now, it faintly showed signs of turning into a Blood Terminator Pellet. After it had taken the form of a pellet, it would be different from the pearl state it was in previously.

There was no righteousness in cultivation, with the exception of heresies' cultivation which might require the use of corpses to cultivate Rotting Corpse Palm or things like that. Martial techniques in itself had no righteousness. The one that was righteous was the human. There were many paths in martial arts and it wasn't necessary for one to make use of heretic means.

When it was nearing noon, a group of people came to Qing Shui's manor once again. His main door was knocked open violently once again.

"The one who goes by the Qing surname! Scram out here!"

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Only then did Qing Shui take out the needles. When he heard the loud noises and the racket, he frowned unhappily. The group from yesterday had left but it seemed that more experts were here today. Otherwise, they wouldn't be so arrogant.

"Lass, stay here and train. I'll go take a look!"

"I'll go too!" Qing Sha said quickly.

Qing Shui nodded helplessly. "Let's go!"

Qing Sha smiled and grabbed onto Qing Shui's sleeve as they headed out.

When Qing Shui and Qing Sha went out, they could see that there were about twenty people standing in the distance. Moreover, he saw Fu Yanting with his first glance. He knew that Fu Yanting must have been unable to hold it in. However, Qing Shui was surprised by the way he had chosen to come.

Qing Shui had originally thought that the other party would come while showing some humility. However, he hadn't expected that Fu Yanting would appear to be even more savage than before. He was the one who had shouted the loudest out of all of them.

"How dare you mess around with me. I'll let you live a life that's worse than death. If you know what's good for you, you better scam out here and give me treatment."

When Qing Shui came out, it was just nice that he heard Fu Yanting's shouts.

Qing Shui understood his feelings as a person who stood high up above others. He was the disciple of Elder Tianyi and his brother was Saint Child Band's Saint Child. He could have everything he asked for. For him to suddenly have his life threatened, by a nobody at that... How could he possibly stay calm?

"What did you do to me? If you don't come out with it, I'll let you live a life worse than death. Don't doubt my capability to do so." Fu Yanting gritted his teeth as he looked at Qing Shui. It was as if he wished he could pounce at him and tear him into pieces.

"This is my manor. I'm inviting all of you to leave." Qing Shui walked over with the little girl and said casually.

He paid no heed to Fu Yanting's shouts and threats. It was as if he didn't exist at all. Fu Yanting felt as if he had landed a punch on air.

"Young man, it's better to resolve grudges than to make enemies. Please take it on my account and get rid of the restrictions you've placed on him." An old man stood out and looked at Qing Shui.

His voice was very calm and there was a hint of pity in his gaze which was directed at Qing Shui.

Qing Shui knew that the old man must have felt that he hadn't long to live and thus looked at him with such a gaze. After all, there weren't many people who could keep their lives after offending Fu Yanting.

"Who are you?" Qing Shui smiled and asked.

Qing Shui had already guessed the old man's identity since the latter was a high level Grade Four State Master. In the past, Qing Shui might have thought that the old man was very strong. However, right now, he felt he could easily decide whether the old man lived or died.

"I'm Heaven Secrets Academy's Elder Tianyi." When the old man said this, he spoke with arrogance and pride.

It wasn't easy for a person of Heaven Secrets Academy to become an Elder. Even the lowest level Elder was a powerful existence. It was a symbol of status and glory.

Qing Shui had guessed as much—that the old man was Elder Tianyi. However, his abilities didn't seem to be as great as his reputation. Back when Qing Shui first heard of Elder Tianyi, he felt that his Elder status should be very high and thus so should his abilities.

However, why did he only seem to be on par with the Eldest Princess before her breakthrough? Then shouldn't he be even further off from the Eldest Princess' teacher? However, now that the Eldest Princess had attained a breakthrough, she should have grown a lot stronger.

"Oh? Elder Tianyi, are you guys always like this when you go to someone else's place?" Qing Shui looked at the old man. There was no smile nor fury on his face.

"Alright, young man. This isn't the time for us to dwell on this problem. We're here to get you to treat Young Master Fu." Elder Tianyi didn't seem to be willing to hear what Qing Shui had to say and merely waved his hand and spoke out.

"Why must I treat him?" Qing Shui rebutted the moment Elder Tianyi finished speaking.

Elder Tianyi was stunned speechless by Qing Shui's words. As an Elder of the Heaven Secrets Academy, even core disciples would have to treat him with great respect. Elite disciples, high grade disciples, and others would have to be even more respectful toward him.

In the Heaven Secrets Academy, an Elder was already considered a member of the higher management, an existence which most of the disciples in the Heaven Secrets Academy could only watch in awe. Across the entire Western Oxhe Continent, the Heaven Secrets Academy's Elder was also an existence at the top of the pyramid.

"Young man, don't act on impulse and be driven by your feelings. You must understand where you stand." The old man frowned. He was clearly very unhappy.

"Alright, I don't welcome you guys here. It's better that you leave. Don't make it look bad for everyone." Qing Shui really didn't think much of a mere Elder.

"How dare you! Get him!" Elder Tianyi shouted out angrily.

The two slightly old men next to him dashed out toward Qing Shui, grabbing toward each of his shoulders.

"Coming to my place yet raising your hands. Is the Heaven Secrets Academy yours?" Qing Shui causally struck out.

Taichi Cloud Hands!

Pa pa!

Kacha...

With a casual wave, the two old men from earlier were sent flying. His moves seemed very leisurely but only the two old men knew how terrifying Qing Shui's prowess was.

The arms they had reached out with towards Qing Shui had both been broken and they were sent flying while puking blood. Qing Shui had already gone easy on them. Otherwise, they would have died.

Everyone was astonished at how Qing Shui had seemingly defeated the two old men with great ease. They were so silent that one would even be able to hear the sound of a falling needle. Although the two

old men weren't Elders in the Heaven Secrets Academy, their abilities were much stronger than core disciples.

However, even for people at their level, Qing Shui's casual attacks had dealt them serious injuries!

Elder Tianyi was astonished. He felt that even he wouldn't be able to defeat those two as cleanly as Qing Shui did. What level was he at? How did he become so powerful despite being at such a young age? Elder Tianyi was even wondering if his eyes were playing tricks on him.

"Can you leave now? In the future, never be so headstrong when heading toward someone else's place. And, as a senior, you should act like one. If everyone's like you, won't it bring shame to Heaven Secrets Academy?" Qing Shui acted as if nothing had happened but his words showed no mercy.

The 'Sha' in Qing Sha's name has the same character as pernicious/baleful in pernicious/baleful aura.

Chapter 1229 - Departing in Dejection, Call me Sister Su

"We'll leave. But before we do, I'm going to see what you're capable of." Elder Tianyi unleashed his aura, causing everyone else to retreat.

The people he had brought with him were beaten up and this was in Heaven Secrets Academy. He was an Elder of the academy while the other party was merely an elite disciple. Furthermore, the latter didn't even give a hoot about him.

Qing Shui looked at Elder Tianyi and smiled. "You should leave. You're no match for me. You can be barely considered a Peak Grade Four State Master and won't be able to defeat me."

When Elder Tianyi heard that Qing Shui could actually discern his cultivation level, his expression flickered again as he looked at Qing Shui. It was only now that he realized that Qing Shui was an unfathomable young man.

"Let's go!" Elder Tianyi's face turned dark and he eventually left in dejection with the two old men who were injured. Fu Yanting, the one who had made the loudest noise, left together after taking a look at Qing Shui.

"Do you want your life or your arm? Take your pick. If you want to live, then break your two arms." Qing Shui voice rang out into Fu Yanting's ears.

Fu Yanting trembled. He now knew that things might not be as simple as he expected. What kind of person was Elder Tianyi? To think that he could be frightened off by a young man.

This proved one thing. Qing Shui was very powerful. However, the problem now was that the more powerful Qing Shui was, the worse it was for him.

However, thinking of his elder brother, that unease dissipated. His elder brother would not leave him be. No matter how powerful Qing Shui was, could he possibly be a match for his elder brother?

The answer would be no!

In the end, he only glared at Qing Shui viciously and said, "I don't have to lose anything and you'll still have to treat me. You're too young. There are too many things which you don't know yet."

Qing Shui didn't look at him but just shook his head and wanted to head back. As if he was thinking of something, he looked toward the sky to see that a lady was standing in the air, smiling and looking at him.

Eldest Princess!

When the Eldest Princess saw Qing Shui looking at her, she smiled and flew over, appearing next to him in an instant. Qing Sha quietly took her leave.

Qing Shui knew that the lass had left. He had gotten a little used to Qing Sha's behavior and thus didn't say anything. Even the Eldest Princess had gotten used to the girl's behavior.

"You've attained a breakthrough again." The Eldest Princess smiled as she looked at Qing Shui, her beautiful eyes shining with an intoxicating glow, causing Qing Shui to go into a daze for a moment before he looked away.

After attaining a breakthrough, Qing Shui's mental state had gone through some interesting changes. It was an urge to subjugate women. He found it strange that he would suddenly have such thoughts.

After thinking for a while, Qing Shui let it be. Even ordinary men would harbor such thoughts. It was just that ordinary people did not have that capability. When they had it, they would naturally chase after such thoughts. It wasn't strange at all. It was just like how, in Qing Shui's previous life, there would be people who kept lovers and mistresses. That was a capability in a way as well, albeit it wasn't accepted by other people. Once a person gains power, they would become bad. For many people, it wasn't that they won't become bad but it was just that they weren't capable of doing so.

"Mmm, I attained a breakthrough accidentally." Qing Shui smiled and said. He didn't dare to take a closer look at the Eldest Princess. Her skin that was snow white as jade would make a person have the urge to get a bite or two out of it.

"Do you know how many people would want to give you a bashing because of what you've just said? To think that you'd say that you attained a breakthrough accidentally." The Eldest Princess looked at this man who was now stronger than her, as she sighed with emotions.

His progress was really too fast. It was so fast that it was unacceptable.

Right now, Qing Shui finally knew the Eldest Princess' cultivation level. The reason he could reach the cultivation level he was today was because of some legacies he had received and his amazing chanced encounter which eventually led him to have the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant.

The Eldest Princess' strength was slightly above three million nimbus. Qing Shui knew that she had her own share of chance encounters and she was the youngest Elder in the Heaven Secrets Academy. Moreover, with her being as beautiful as a fairy, there were many people in Heaven Secrets Academy who were protective of her.

Right now, Qing Shui could roughly gauge the Eldest Princess' cultivation but the latter wasn't able to sense his. Qing Shui's aura was very vague and even people who were at the same cultivation level as him, or possibly even higher than him, would not be able to tell his cultivation level.

The main reason was that Qing Shui's change was too huge that it was simply unacceptable. This was also the reason why the Eldest Princess kept on accessing Qing Shui.

"We can be considered to have totally fallen through with the Saint Child Band." The Eldest Princess changed the topic.

"This day would come sooner or later. What difference does it make whether it's sooner or later?" Qing Shui shook his head and said.

"How can it be the same? Your cultivation improves at a tremendous rate and it can be said that you're able to travel 1,000 li in a single day. If we wait it out a little more, we might really have a chance to pit against the Saint Child Band."

Qing Shui belonged to the Breezing Wind Veranda and was even more powerful than the Breezing Wind Veranda's leader. Such a situation wasn't common. In the world where the strong were revered, people competed in strength. It might be because the Eldest Princess had thought of these things that a hint of a complicated gleam flashed on her face.

"What level is that Saint Child at? Are you aware?" Qing Shui asked again. He was really very curious.

"Few people know of his level. Very few. There has only been rumors about it. Some people say that he has already attained a strength of ten million nimbus, but some people say he hasn't. There are also people who say that he has already surpassed ten million nimbus." The Eldest Princess smiled and said as she looked at Qing Shui.

Ten million nimbus... This was still acceptable for Qing Shui. After all, the other party was Saint Child Band's leader and would naturally have an unordinary position in the Heaven Secrets Academy.

Qing Shui thought of himself. Right now, if he were to use the Seal of Roc, he could bring his strength to about 6 plus million nimbus. However, it was only when his attacking prowess for the Seal of Roc chanced upon the doubling effect would his attacks reach slightly over ten million nimbus.

He had the Emperor's Qi while the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant had the Vajra Subdues Demons. Relying on his battle techniques, even if the prowess of his Seal of Roc weren't doubled, he would still be a match for a person at ten million nimbus who was weakened. Right now, he should be considered one of the strongest in the Heaven Secrets Academy. Other than some ancient people, there were few who could be a match for Qing Shui.

"That Saint Child seems to be a great talent and I heard that he likes you a lot. If I were to fight with him one day, who would you help?" Qing Shui smiled and looked at the Eldest Princess.

He felt that this day would arrive. Moreover, right now, he wasn't afraid of the Saint Child either. During this period of time, he would continue to become stronger. Therefore, his mood got better.

"You've become stronger and you're even teasing me now." The Eldest Princess looked at Qing Shui, as if she was smiling yet not.

"How would I dare? I'm already yours. I'm just afraid that you won't help me when the time comes." Qing Shui smiled bitterly and said.

The Eldest Princess opened her little mouth slightly, as if she wanted to say something. In the end, she reached out her hand and knocked on Qing Shui's head. "You only know how to speak gibberish."

She thought of what she had said the other time. She didn't mean much. Qing Shui was a member of the Breezing Wind Veranda but if one were to take it seriously, it could be interpreted in a different light.

Qing Shui looked at the Eldest Princess and grinned. "I'm just joking, don't take it seriously. I only felt that what you said sounded very domineering and you were especially beautiful."

"You're still going on? Is there no end to this? Oh right, I'm thinking of handing the Breezing Wind Veranda to you." When the Eldest Princess heard what Qing Shui said, she felt speechless. This was the only man who would dare to be so brazen before her, only he would proclaim that his wife was very beautiful before herself, and only he would show no constraints and say how many wives he had before her.

"What would I want Breezing Wind Veranda for?" Qing Shui looked at the Eldest Princess, not understanding.

"With your current abilities, you're able to lead them. In the future, our Breezing Wind Veranda might even be able to stand on equal grounds with Saint Child Band, Lord Sect, and the other factions." When the Eldest Princess said this, there was a hint of yearning in her voice.

"Is Breezing Wind Veranda very important to you?"

"Mmm, very important. This is my faction. Even though it isn't as powerful as Saint Child Band and Lord Sect, it's not to be underestimated. There are also some people from Grade Three Dynasties and they are quite helpful to the Great Yu Dynasty."

She had the Great Yu Dynasty behind her because she was a member of the royalty.

"Then Eldest Princess can bear to give me the Breezing Wind Veranda? Aren't you afraid that I'll run away with it?"

"You won't be able to run. They won't allow it."

"Oh? They won't listen to me? Are you getting me to go become a puppet?" Qing Shui smiled and said.

"How would it be possible for you to bring them along and run away when you just appeared? You'll have to at least get them to trust you first before you do so."

"Alright. Breezing Wind Veranda is your painstaking effort and I'm yours. I'll definitely do my best to serve you." Qing Shui had no intention of taking over Breezing Wind Veranda. He had other things to do.

This time around, the Eldest Princess couldn't even retort. She knew that the more she did, the messier it would become. She increasingly realized that this young man was very mysterious, as if she had never known him at all.

"Share woe and weal together. I've got something here and will give you a drop. I'll also give you some to give to Sister Yan and the Seventh Princess." Qing Shui handed her a few small porcelain bottles.

"What is this?" The Eldest Princess looked at it with some curiosity.

“Not sure. Take a look.”

After the Eldest Princess opened it, she looked at Qing Shui in astonishment, “Spring of Life?”

Qing Shui was stunned. It seemed that this thing existed in this world as well, and the name was even the same. He continued to ask, “Spring of Life? This thing can increase one’s life and strength. There are many benefits.”

“I really don’t know what secret you have on you. Don’t let other people know that you have the Spring of Life. Even if you’ve become strong now, don’t say it.” The Eldest Princess reminded Qing Shui.

“Thank you. I will.”

The Eldest Princess didn’t ask what level of cultivation Qing Shui was at right now, nor how he got his hands on the Spring of Life. She also didn’t make another attempt to convince him to take over the Breezing Wind Veranda. Unknowingly, she realized that she had become very good friends with this young guy who seemed a little unfamiliar to her.

“Qing Shui, the way you previously called me is no longer suitable. If you don’t mind, you can call me Sister Su.” This was the first time the Eldest Princess had said something like this.

“That was what I was thinking. We’ve already become so close. I also think that this address is a little distant...”

Qing Shui went along with it and attempted to add a bit of teasing. He knew that there must have been no one who had spoken to someone like the Eldest Princess like this. He wanted to let her know more about the colors in life, but he didn’t know that his actions could let a woman change a lot.

Before Qing Shui finished, the Eldest Princess hand was already twisting his ear. It was only after she had done so that she felt that this action wasn’t suitable. This was the second time she had lost her cool today. However, since she was already twisting it, she might as well continue.

“Sister Su, please let go! It’s dropping off!” Qing Shui reached out with his hands to grab onto her hand that was twisting his ears, speaking with exaggeration.

He did this subconsciously. However, when he grabbed her hand, he realized that its softness and heat was a little cooling. It felt very comfortable.

Chapter 1230 - Saint Lord Custodian, What Is Love

It was when Qing Shui grabbed onto that soft hand that he discovered that their relationship seemed to have gotten a lot closer. However, it was also when he took it that he knew that he had gone a little overboard.

The Eldest Princess only noticed that she had lost her cool once again when Qing Shui had grabbed her hand. She had never been like this before. By right, this was nothing between siblings, but the two of them hadn’t reach that stage yet and were just friends, or rather, slightly better than friends.

She quietly draw out her hands but realized that Qing Shui had grabbed onto it tightly.

“You little rascal. How long are you going to grab onto my hand for?” The Eldest Princess chided. She felt that it was too strange today that she didn’t think that it was not realistic.

Qing Shui released the Eldest Princess’ hand and saw that there was a faint layer of flush on her face. That charming beauty made him thought that she was good enough to eat and he really wanted to get a few bites...

This episode got them to be much closer. This wasn’t an improvement of a love relationship between a man and a woman, but it was hard to describe.

“Sister Su, you’re already Heaven Secrets Academy’s Elder. What other people are there in the Heaven Secrets Academy who are above the Elders? Those people should be the true pillars of the Heaven Secrets Academy, right?” Qing Shui tried to find another topic.

“Let’s take a walk around here. I’ll give you a brief explanation.” The Eldest Princess smiled and said and after Qing Shui nodded, they walked on.

“The Elders are the true foundations to the Heaven Secrets Academy. Only those who have become an Elder could be considered a true member of the Heaven Secrets Academy. There are quite a number of Elders in the Heaven Secrets Academy. In the future, these people would have the chance to become Custodians and the Supreme Elders. Only the Custodians and the Supreme Elder can be considered the core existence of the Heaven Secrets Academy, the people supporting the Heaven Secrets Academy.” The Eldest Princess only turned to look at Qing Shui after saying these.

“Then what status does the Saint Child has in the Heaven Secrets Academy?” Qing Shui thought of how the Saint Child’s abilities was rumored to be at ten million nebula or even stronger. Therefore, he wanted to know his own position in the Heaven Secrets Academy and wanted to see what level the Western Oxhe Continent was at.

“He is Heaven Secrets Academy’s Saint Lord Custodian.” The Eldest Princess said slowly.

“What’s a Saint Lord Custodian?” Qing Shui was puzzled.

“By right, after the core disciples would be the teachers, followed by the Elders. There would be Elders who have the chance to become a Saint Lord, whose abilities would be at the Custodian level and is slightly above the Supreme Elders. The Saint Lords are also those who have the hope of taking over the position of the head of the Heaven Secrets Academy in the future. Not only must a Saint Lord be powerful, he must be loyal to the Heaven Secrets Academy and there must be a lot of people supporting him.”

Qing Shui understood now. In simple terms, the Saint Lords were the future candidates who might become the head of the Heaven Secrets Academy in the future. Custodian referred to their abilities. The Supreme Elder wasn’t weak, but most of them attained their level through experience. Supreme Elders tend to be people who were very old in age who had gotten stronger bit by bit. There were also some Supreme Elders who had attained their positions due to their old age as well as the strength of their juniors. It was a form of respect to them.

Comparatively, the Custodians were different. They had attained their positions through their own abilities. There were no age limitations nor any costs required. The individual’s background would not be

questioned. As long as one had the abilities and was loyal to the Heaven Secrets Academy, it would suffice. They would guard over the Heaven Secrets Academy and it was only those who played a role in guarding could be called a Custodian.

“Then in the future, Sister Su would also become a Saint Lord Custodian. You might even become the head of the Heaven Secrets Academy, bringing the Heaven Secrets Academy to exceed the Grade Four level even higher to Grade Five, reaching the very peak.” Qing Shui smiled and looked at the Eldest Princess.

“How can it possibly be so easy? Putting aside that it’s very hard for one to raise their cultivation, to bring up the level of an entire influence requires the overall improvement of the group.” The Eldest Princess shook her head.

“Sister Su, do you have any wishes? For example, to become a Saint Lord Custodian, or to become the head of the Heaven Secrets Academy.”

“I do, but they aren’t very strong. Sometimes, human just push themselves. Often, one doesn’t have a choice. It’s not that others are forcing you, but rather, you are forcing yourself. It’s human nature to want to win, regardless if it is for men or women. This is a pursuit. Just like how people would feel happy when they go through progress. Therefore, my wish is to hope that I can keep on seeing my own progress. And I hope that the path before me won’t be filled with too many hurdles.” the Eldest Princess smiled and looked at Qing Shui.

A lady with unparalleled beauty would be especially charming when she smiles. Although it is an exaggeration to say that beauties could draw out another person’s soul. However, it’s true that it can cause one to enter a daze and forget to breathe, especially under close view.

“I’ve learnt a bit about fortune telling through looking at one’s appearance. You’re born with a blessed life of great fortune, to have an amiable relationship with your husband, to have many offspring...”

The Eldest Princess looked at Qing Shui speechlessly. She knew that Qing Shui was just joking but it still felt weird. After all, she had never felt like this before. She wasn’t used to this, but she didn’t detest it.

The Eldest Princess wasn’t sure what feelings Qing Shui harbored. She don’t even know what’s the relationship between them. In a sense, this can be considered to be an affinity between them.

She didn’t know why she thought of relationship between a man and woman. She got a shock. She knew that the 7th Princess had taken a bit of a liking to this lad and back then, she was the one who had kept persuading the 7th Princess...

Although she knew that she didn’t like this guy, she was still frightened by her own thought. She unknowingly discovered that they had gotten a lot more closer.

Everything now were things which she would never dare to imagine in the past. When she thought of this, she looked toward Qing Shui with a weird expression.

This man was very honest and his eyes were very clear. He looked very handsome with a soft demonic beauty. However, he also had a yang aura which distinguished him from gigolos.

“Do you like Suxin?” the Eldest Princess suddenly asked Qing Shui.

“Suxin? Who is Suxin?” Qing Shui asked, puzzled.

The Eldest Princess was slightly taken aback before she spoke gradually, “The 7th Princess’ name is Suxin.”

Qing Shui guessed as much. His question had popped out unconsciously. He really didn’t know the 7th Princess’ name and had only guessed it when he asked the question.

“Why are you asking?” Qing Shui looked at the Eldest Princess, puzzled. He didn’t even know the 7th Princess’ name and they haven’t even spent time alone before. Moreover, he felt that there would be no such connections between himself and the 7th Princess.

Everyone liked beauties, but liking is not the equivalent of love. Qing Shui didn’t know what love was, but he knew that if a person were to fall in love with another, the person would willingly give up and sacrifice a lot for the other party. Other than kinship, love was the only other thing with such great prowess.

“I noticed that Suxin might have a favorable impression of you, or she may even like you .”

“If I were to say that I’ve a favorable impression of you and may even like you a little, what would you do?” Qing Shui looked at the Eldest Princess and asked softly.

The Eldest Princess was stunned, “Why didn’t I sense anything...”

Qing Shui felt baffled and said, smiling bitterly. “That’s it. A good impression is something that will come and go very quickly. These are but temporary. For example you can think well of a person, but when the other party shows their bad side or do things which you can’t accept, the positive feeling you may have would disappear completely very soon. To like a person, is even simpler. Take myself for example, I like beautiful ladies, but what would that matter? Everyone likes beautiful things and it’s also very normal for there to be feelings of like between men and women. However, that isn’t love and won’t be able to stand up to tests.”

The Eldest Princess looked at Qing Shui. He was really honest. She felt that this man wasn’t that detestable. Moreover, what he said made sense too. People who could say something like this would at least be one who was honest and dare to admit his own actions.

“Then what is considered love? How can it be tested?” The Eldest Princess asked.

“Toward love, 100 people would have 100 explanations to it. There aren’t any right or wrong to this, nor are there any model answer. For example, between two people who loved each other, one could die in order to protect another, while the other would commit suicide because he or she wasn’t willing to stay alive alone. To some people, this could be called love. Another scenario would be for the latter to choose to live on, to look for someone he or she love even more. That is another form of love as well. It was because when the former died in a bid to protect the other party, the person wished for the other party to stay alive.” Qing Shui smiled and said.

“Which kind are you?” The Eldest Princess looked at Qing Shui, her beautiful eyes glimmering.

“I’ll be the one who dies for the other party. This way, I won’t have to feel conflicted if it’s better to die or to remain alive.” Qing Shui said calmly.

The Eldest Princess' question was wasted, but she liked his reply. It wasn't for any other reason, but was just a feeling.

"I'm curious. In your heart, what is love?" If others were to know that she was discussing about love between men and women, their jaws would definitely drop from the shock.

In fact, even Qing Shui was a little taken aback. Although the princess continued to treat this topic with ease, and was still beautiful like a fairy, there was still a hint of a mortal's dignified disposition. Such a contradiction made the temptation she exuded to be even more lethal.

"They say that only love that can be put through tests is true love. I feel that no matter what love is, when it reaches an extreme, it would turn to kinship, into a love that is bound by blood. It'll be just like the love one has toward his birth parents and blood siblings." Qing Shui smiled and said to the Eldest Princess.

There was no need for him to explain any further. A normal person would know what kinship feels like. Kinship was one which would never change. What Qing Shui wanted to say that, only when the love reached a new extreme, it would become a love like this.

"I never knew that you're this good with words. No wonder you have such a beautiful wife." The Eldest Princess smiled softly and said.

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"Help me stay on guard for a while. I'll take it now." The Eldest Princess shook the porcelain bottle she had in her hand.

"Alright!"

Time passed very fast, and there weren't any huge disturbances. However, Qing Shui still felt that the aura in her body had gotten stronger. When the aura calmed down, she opened her eyes.

Qing Shui now felt that the Eldest Princess' strength was a bit indistinctive, but he knew that the increase was huge. She looked at Qing Shui and smiled, "Good things are really different. One drop from the Spring of Life is comparable to several decades of cultivation."

Qing Shui felt that the reason he could absorb those powers previously was also thanks to the Spring of Life. There should also be some powers from the Spring of Life which he had absorbed then.

The benefits obtained from the Spring of Life was permanent. The improvements to the body's functions and potential would affect one for life.

"If I get more in the future, I'll give it to you again." Qing Shui smiled and said.

"I should be leaving. Qing Shui, you must be careful. I know that you might have your own secrets, but you still must be careful. Will that Fu Yanting die?" The Eldest Princess gave it some thought before asking.