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Chapter 1431 - Not One Left Behind, Ancient Forest, Ancient Fire Snake

Demon Lord Palace had suffered quite bit of damage as well, although it was quite negligible compared to Dragon Palace.

Blood-curdling screeches and battle cries - the scene was certainly lively. Once Qing Shui and crew found a strong martial artist, they would directly kill them. They did not give the opposition a chance to use any Sure Kill Heavenly Techniques. No one was allowed to live.

It was a massacre, a one-sided massacre. This result was unbelievable. Qing Shui knew that the surrounding people could see everything. Just like this, 5000 Dragon Palace members were wiped out. These were all highly skilled martial artists, the core of their forces. These 5000 made up of more than half of the strength of the Dragon Palace, all that remained were 100,000 members that made up the other half. Dragon Palace was waning, and they still had lost even with two dragon tamers. What was even worse for them was that the two dragon tamers were dead.

Qing Shui directly collected all the resources from the Green Dragon. Injuries were unavoidable during battles such as these, and so he took out several medicinal pellets to aid people in their treatment. Many of them recovered quickly, but those that died did not leave behind anything.

Though he was a bit sad, it was still a huge victory that was worth celebrating.

After cleaning up the battlefield and collecting Interspatial Silk Sachets and whatnot, everything that was collected was handed over to the Demon Lord. The Demon Lord then handed everything to Qing Shui. Qing Shui laughed as he saw the amount of Interspatial Silk Sachets, "Lets share everything."

At the end, each person was given an Interspatial Silk Sachet, several of the formidable elder martial artists' Interspatial Silk Sachets were given to Qing Shui. He waved his arm and stored the sachets away, leaving everyone shocked. They knew that an Interspatial Silk Sachet could not store other Interspatial Silk Sachets. Interspatial type things simply could not store Interspatial type things.

The Realm of Violet Jade Immortal was a heaven-rebelling existence. Everything besides living humans and things that did not fit within the realm could be stored inside.

Other people branded their Interspatial Silk Sachet and kept it on their bodies.

Qing Shui did not give the two women any, as he felt that they would not have wanted it. He would compensate them with other things, naturally having to share the goods with them.

After taking care of things here, he directly used Nine Continents Step to leave. This place was covered in a gigantic forest that was beyond belief. It was filled with trees the height of skyscrapers. In the forest, there was a lake, river, small hills... The entire sky was being blocked, thus the area looked a bit dark.

Ancient Forest!

Arriving the Ancient Forest, the rumored Ancient Divine Shrine was within the Ancient Forest. This was an extremely dangerous existence. Not only did he need prevent the dangers associated with ancient giant beasts, he also needed to ward off human attacks.

The forest occasionally had damaged trees where the sunlight could seep through the forest. Here, the trees were at least 1000 meters in height. Their thickness was shocking.

“Here in the Ancient Forest, everyone please be careful. This Ancient Forest has many formidable beasts, the trees are also very strong, the treetops were not damaged from one thing alone. There are extremely poisonous toxic insects, snakes and the like. There could also be countless ancient beasts, with many different types. These are the most threatening existence in all of Ancient Ruins.” Hua Rumei said as she walked.

Suddenly, an Ancient Fire Snake appeared in front of them as they were walking forward. It was ten meters wide, emitting a golden flame that was several meters tall from head to toe. The snake had a height of 400 meters and it slithered about within the forest. The surrounding trees did not have a single scratch. Everyone was shocked as they saw the Ancient Fire Snake.

It was too stimulating for the visual sense. Compared to the Green Dragon, its look was decent and it was emitting an ancient but formidable aura. It belonged to the Fire Dragon kind, as it had the Fire Dragon bloodline within its body.

What appeared now was a snake and not some dragon head, yet it was a high tier snake type. Just like the legendary Nine-headed Snake, at the end of the day it was still a snake without the option of ever evolving into a dragon. However, it was several times more powerful compared to a dragon.

This ancient beast was not afraid when it saw Qing Shui and the others. It rushed towards several of the people. This Ancient Fire Snake’s strength was immense, though it was not comparable to the Blue Dragon or Green Dragon. It was about the same as the Old Turtle and not far off from the dragons.

Hu!

Before the snake arrived, it opened its mouth widely and spat out a concentrated flame.

Solar True Fire.....

Once Qing Shui saw the flames, his expression changed. He used the Nine Continents Mountain to directly block the giant flame.

“Everyone else retreat!”

Qing Shui commanded them. The prank had gone too far. He summoned the Dragon Slaying Beast, then to debuff it for 20%, he quickly used Emperor’s Qi.

Hiss, hiss!

The ring of flame spat out by the Ancient Fire Snake was blocked, its body swept over horizontally. The flame on its body was not affected by its speed.

Xiu Xiu!

Qing Shui directly took out the Soulshake Bell and aimed it towards the Ancient Fire Snake as he shook it. The sharp noises would cause the beast listening to it to feel like their soul was leaving their body. The target of the Soulshake Bell was locked on, capable of being either single target or multi-target.

The bells' consecutive shaking had the Ancient Fire Snake's body trembling, its speed reduced. At this very moment, the Dragon Slaying Beast poked a giant hole through the snake's body.

Hiss Hiss...

"Stop, I give in. You actually had the Destruction Beast." A screeching noise like fingernails scratching on metal was transmitted over.

Qing Shui had the Dragon Slaying Beast stop after the unexpected outcome. The thing about Destruction Beast was that Qing Shui thought it was talking about the Dragon Slaying Beast. But why was it called the Destruction Beast? Did the Green Dragon not know about the Destruction Beast?

"Older sister, are you interested in keeping it as your battle partner?" Qing Shui turned around and asked Hua Rumei.

"Me? Can I?" Hua Rumei was shocked and asked. She had wanted a battle beast for her own, a formidable battle beast. She was most definitely satisfied with the Ancient Fire Snake in front of her.

Hua Rumei already had a mount, but it did not help her in battle. Demon Lord had the Old Turtle which was an Ancient Rare Species, it knew several Heavenly Techniques, and its speed and battle prowess was also very strong.

"Of course. Feed it this and it will be your tamed beast afterwards." Qing Shui took out a bottle of Mid Grade Sacred Beast Pill.

After many years, Qing Shui had refined some Mid Grade Sacred Beast Pills. The materials were overly valuable, however, so he could not mass produce it. Moreover, each person had a limit on its use. If they were not beast tamers, they could not use more than one or two pills. Qing Shui had not tried Double Portion or Quadruple Port Medicine, he felt it would not affect the effects of the Sacred Beast Pills.

With Hua Rumei's strength, using the mid grade Sacred Beast Pill on the Ancient Fire Snake should not incur any accidents. Seeing the Ancient Fire Snake's resentment in its eyes, however, Qing Shui wanted to rid his mind of any thoughts of worry.

"Older sister, take out your weapon and come over."

Hua Rumei was stunned but still took out a pair of blood-red thorns, then walked over to the Ancient Fire Snake.

Qing Shui noticed that once the Ancient Fire Snake had seen Hua Rumei's weapon, it obediently opened its mouth and swallowed the mid grade Sacred Beast Pill. As Qing Shui was not stingy, he took out several items for beast consumption, including Ancient Demonic Fruit.

Hua Rumei happily fed the Ancient Fire Snake. This trick was effective without fail. After all, it made Hua Rumei into a beast tamer. With the imposing effects of the Sacred Beast Pill, neither would allow the other to receive a fatal blow. With this human giving it such benefits, staying by her side was not such a bad idea.

He never thought that they would receive such a huge gift from the Ancient Forest. The Ancient Fire Snake was a formidable beast, and although its defense was not comparable to the Old Turtle, its attack

and destructive power was stronger than the Old Turtle after it had consumed the Ancient Demonic Fruit.

The Ancient Fire Snake was a mutated species. Its fire had mutated to Solar True Fire, therefore its power was horrifying. The flame was comparable to Hellfire Phoenix's Hell flame. The only reason he did not tame it himself was for the Demon Lord Palace.

The strength of this beast was attractive to Qing Shui, but Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant and Fire Bird's strength was too far apart from the Ancient Fire Snake, so his urge to tame it was not big. One person's formidability was not comparable to a full group's formidability, he had already begun raising the strength of reliable people around him when opportunity arose.

Was Hua Rumei reliable? The answer was certainly yes. Qing Shui had saved her life before, and he had saved Zhan Yu's life. Given Hua Rumei's personality, even if she had to sacrifice Zhan Yu, she would not do anything to harm Qing Shui.

Hua Rumei was the Demon Lord's left and right arms, the relationship between the two was not simple. They were similar to sisters; their two weapons were from the same hands.

Hua Rumei's power was Demon Lord Palace's power. Now that he was part of Demon Lord Palace, if there were no unforeseen circumstances, he would not leave the Demon Lord Palace. Unless, that woman did not want him there.

Ancient Fire Snake's flames emitted from its body could be retracted. Once the flames were out, it showed of a spirited golden snake. His flames were gold in color. It was really close with Hua Rumei...

Demon Lord did not have much change in her expression. At the start, when Qing Shui had mentioned the Destruction Beast or told Hua Rumei to take the Ancient Fire Snake as a battle beast, the Demon Lord had looked at Qing Shui several times.

This could be considered as a joyous occasion for Demon Lord Palace as their strength had increased significantly. Not to mention, Qing Shui had helped Battle Pavilion with their formation techniques, which also helped them raise the strength a bit.

Suddenly, Qing Shui looked at the Ancient Fire Snake. This thing lived here for so long, it should know the Ancient Divine Shrine's existence. Moreover, it should be familiar with the topography of the area. In a battle, the Ancient Fire Snake would provide a big advantage.

"Brother Snake, do you know the Ancient Divine Shrine?"

Qing Shui's way of addressing it was not strange, as a formidable Ancient Fire Snake had more than enough status to be addressed this way.

"Ancient Divine Shrine? You guys and those people are both going to the Ancient Divine Shrine?" A metal screeching sounding noise resounded.

"Those people?" Qing Shui asked puzzled, it would seem the Justice Alliance members have already arrived.

"The Ancient Divine Shrine already has lots of people, but they can't enter. There is a Ancient Formation and also Guardian Ancient Beasts." Ancient Fire Snake's sharp voice was very calm this time.

“Are the Guardian Ancient Beasts of the Ancient Divine Shrine strong? How many are there? Are they stronger than Brother Snake?” Qing Shui asked consecutively.

“I don’t know how many, but they are stronger than me. Entering the Divine Shrine is no easy task.”

At the end, Qing Shui had the Ancient Fire Snake take them to the shortest route towards the Ancient Divine Shrine. Even if it was not far, it would still take ten days to half a month’s time to reach it.

Ancient Fire Snake was the king in this area. With him here, the journey was especially peaceful. Qing Shui did not use Nine Continents Step to familiarize himself with the topography of the area.

Qing Shui did not ask any more things about the Ancient Divine Shrine, and that was because he knew the Ancient Fire Snake probably did not know. Moreover, Ancient Ruins did not have only one Ancient Divine Shrine. There were also many Ancient Ruins, each Ancient Divine Shrine with different items in it. It all depended on fate. Some Ancient Divine Shrines did not have restrictions, but others have Ancient Formations or Guardian Ancient Beasts.

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Under the conditions of restrictions, the items within the Ancient Divine Shrine would be more valuable than those without restrictions. Of course, this was not the absolute. There were the heaven defying items that came from Ancient Divine Shrines that had no restrictions. In general, however, items that came from Ancient Divine Shrines were usually much better even with restrictions.

With the Ancient Fire Snake, moving about in this Ancient Forest was easier than slicing cake. Not only did they save the hassle of risking themselves within the depth of the forest, they could also threaten some unnecessary troublemakers away.

The Demon Lord remained silent as per usual, not taking the initiative to say anything. Qing Shui did not know why she had this type of personality, but this type of personality was the most natural coming from her. A leader of the Demon Lord Palace did not need to say much, which explained Hua Rumei’s importance within the Demon Lord Palace. This entire time, Qing Shui discovered that many things were dealt with by Hua Rumei.

She moved about in the air. Underneath her feet was a cloud shaped item. Qing Shui was not sure whether it was a treasure or an ability. It was similar to Tantai Xuan’s Lotus Platform, yet it seemed more mystical.

The Ancient Fire Snake was walking in the front with Qing Shui, Hua Rumei, and the Demon Lord following behind. Zhan Yu had not fully recovered, but going for a journey was not an issue.

This Ancient Forest was huge, almost as if it had no boundaries. The trees within the forest were not of the same kind. Regardless of what kind the trees were, they shared one commonality. They were all trees with heights of skyscrapers.

If this had been his previous life, this location would have become a World Heritage site. But in this life, it was an existence with little value. At least Qing Shui did not want to get rid of this desire to treat it as a place of value.

“Let’s rest here for a few days, we should wait for them.” The Demon Lord looked at Qing Shui and Hua Rumei as she spoke.

Qing Shui knew that the woman was talking about the other Evil Powers. Regardless of the situation, they were standing on the same front, and so banding together would increase the chances of victory.

The others naturally had no objections, as the location was good. Any further in and they would be too close to the Ancient Divine Shrine. Too far and they might miss some people. This location was also sufficient for detecting the presence of people rushing over to the Ancient Divine Shrine.

This Ancient Divine Shrine was located not far from the entrance of the Ancient Ruins, therefore they would not need to wait for too many days. They casted the Maze Formation and allowed everyone to begin cultivation. Some people were tasked with observing for movements around them.

Four days went by like a flash, the Divine Sound Sect and crew having arrived already. The gathering of people was especially large. It was one people dared not to look down upon. Qing Shui once again saw Shen Ling and the brothers from the Divine Beast Sect.

Once Shen Ling spotted Qing Shui, she affectionately ran over. Her whole body was emitting a pure and charming aura - an innate charm, one that came from her bones. It was the most genuine pure charm, one that made it hard for people to resist.

“Qing Shui, we meet again.” Shen Ling said happily.

Shen Ling’s master and several of the elder generation all shook their heads helplessly. Though the movements were light, its motive could be easily seen through.

“Right, have you been well all this time?”

Hua Rumei, who happened to be right beside Demon Lord, looked towards Qing Shui and said to the Demon Lord, “That little devil looks like she likes him.”

“And this is related to me?” Demon Lord said without turning her head.

“Qing Shui seems to like you.” Hua Rumei said with a laugh.

“And this is related to me somehow?” This time the Demon Lord turned around and looked at Hua Rumei.

“You don’t like him?” Hua Rumei continued to smile.

“Don’t like!” Demon Lord said swiftly.

“En, then I’ll ask you one thing. You should tell me, I promise I won’t spread it. Do you have a man you like?” Hua Rumei looked at Demon Lord curiously and asked.

Demon Lord looked at Hua Rumei, then said lightly, “Having and not having someone I like, is that important to you?”

“Of course, don’t you feel that it is regretful to not have a man? Do you not yearn for a relationship between a man and woman? You don’t want a man to care for you, love you, spoil you?” Hua Rumei winked with those charming eyes of hers. It was even more bewitching.

“A person without a heart do not think about these.” Demon Lord waited till Hua Rumei finished before shaking her head.

Hua Rumei choked to the point where she was stumped for words. She helplessly smiled, “You should stop torturing yourself like this. They would not want to see this either, they would wish you had a happy life.”

“I can’t convince myself otherwise. A lonely person will remain lonely forever.”

The Demon Lord seldomly had any emotional fluctuations in her speech. It was natural for her innate cool elegance. No one had seen her laugh, not even a smile. She always appeared cold with a calm elegance.

“Your issues, perhaps he can help you.” Hua Rumei said seriously after thinking a bit.

The Demon Lord looked at Qing Shui, all she saw was a man who she could not see through. She did not like this man, but she somehow kept remembering this man. She wanted to forget him, but she had not been successful. It was like the image of him was imprinted in her mind. This made her feel emotions she could not describe. She could not distinguish whether these feelings were good or bad.

Originally, Qing Shui’s strength was nothing of worth in her eyes. Their lives would not cross paths, so she had left him alive. He was the person who broke through her seal. The fact that he was alive showed that he had a unique constitution. Otherwise, he would not have been able to break her seal.

However, his growth is terrifying. Every time she saw him, it seemed unrealistic and foreign. He seemed to be constantly changing, especially since he had entered the Demon Lord Palace. She understood his wish, but what about it?

Demon Lord shook her head, “Perhaps, but I don’t want anyone to walk in these muddy waters.”

“You think he will listen to you? You know why he entered the Demon Lord Palace? Anything to do with you, he would help until the very end. If this is the case, why are you still shutting your heart in?” Hua Rumei continued to say.

“We will see. I had thought that my heart was dead, and I don’t know if anything can rekindle my heart.” Demon Lord finished what she had to say and walked forward.

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The two brothers from Divine Beast Sect saw how Shen Ling was being overly familiar with Qing Shui and they glared at him, unknowingly releasing some resentment. However, Qing Shui’s spiritual sense was strong, he directly turned around and looked at them just to see that their expression had not fully recovered.

Looks like these two were interested in Shen Ling. The reason Divine Beast Sect was one of the Four Great Evil Powers was because they were licentious. Demon Lord Palace was known for being bloodthirsty. Divine Sound Sect were known for their bewitched beauties, but using music was considered heretic. Divine Beast Sect needed no other explanation. Wild Ghost Valley was even more evil, and all their cultivated techniques were sinister.

Qing Shui did not feel anything from their stares, if they decided to make any unnecessary movements, Qing Shui did not mind wiping them off the face of the world.

“Qing Shui, those two are sinister and ruthless. You should be careful. They have all sorts of malicious methods of doing things.” Shen Ling saw Qing Shui look at the Lu Brothers and reminded him.

“They better not provoke me, or else I wouldn’t mind having them stay here forever. You should be more careful, I think they are interested in you.” Qing Shui smiled and warned Shen Ling.

Shen Ling’s face blushed, as she brushed her words towards Qing Shui’s ear and said, “But are you interested in me?”

Qing Shui lightly pulled his head away, and looked at the bashful woman, she was an alluring existence. He could not fully see through Shen Ling’s thoughts. He could only stand there stunned, without saying a word.

“I’m just joking. Making you so nervous, am I not satisfactory enough to enter your eyes?” Shen Ling said while pouting.

“What do you mean? I am surprised. For someone of your quality, I would never dare approach.”

“Hypocrite, alright time to go.”

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Qing Shui unconsciously started to avoid Shen Ling whenever he could. He also paid extra attention to the two brothers in the Divine Beast Sect. The foundation of the Divine Beast Sect was rich with talent. Beast tamers were the hardest to estimate in terms of power. The reason was because people did not know what kind of beasts, especially formidable beasts, were tamed by them.

Ten days later, Qing Shui and crew were already at the Ancient Divine Shrine. This place was an open space within the Ancient Forest. There were no trees, just a large mountainous area.

Battle God Mountain!

The mountain here was not especially tall, but it was blooming with spirit. The most eye-catching part was the giant statue at the peak. It was the Battle God Statue.

The stone statue was at least 300 meters tall, standing tall through the years weathering. There was not the slightest damage that could have been seen. The statue was very lifelike, with a full body of armor and a dragon lance in one of its hands. As it stood there, it gave off a strong spiritual pressure.

Divine Sense!

A Divine Sense was left in this stone statue. Anyone who stepped on this mountain will have to receive his attack, even this bit of Divine Sense was already terrifying. Though Qing Shui did not see the real strength of this statue, he could guess from the Divine Sense that its strength was comparable to the Blue Dragon and Green Dragon.

Qing Shui could not see the situation above, but he could feel the ancient aura. It was the aura of the Ancient Formation. The stone statue should be within the formation, that was the reason why it was so powerful.

There were a lot of people here and Qing Shui saw the familiar sects such as the Eternal Spring Palace. There were many here that represented the strength of Soaring Dragon Continent. Qing Shui was uncertain whether or not they had forces within Phoenix Dance Continent and Haohan Continent.

Qing Shui had a feeling the top strength of Soaring Dragon Continent was not here. Although they were in the top triangle tier of the Soaring Dragon Continent, they were not the peak.

In reality, the World of Nine Continents was a place where crooks were mixed with the honest folk. Nothing was as it seemed. A book could not be judged by its cover and those that appeared strong may not be the strongest. The opposite was also true. The strongest force within Soaring Dragon Continent was the same as the Phoenix Dance Continent. It was Soaring Dragon Organization.

Soaring Dragon!

Inside this place were forces from Soaring Dragon Organization, such as Dragon Palace, Immortal Poison Sect, and Eternal Spring Palace. Suddenly, Qing Shui thought of the time when elder Ling Hu had told him that Yan Zhongyue was the Head of a terrifying force. Perhaps he was the Head of the Soaring Dragon Continent?

Thinking to this point, Qing Shui was stunned. He had originally thought he was the king of some dynasty, but now he felt that he was the Head of Soaring Dragon. Now that the Demon Lord Palace and Soaring Dragon Continent were at opposite sides and the fact that Soaring Dragon Organization was naturally the strongest Justice Alliance within Soaring Dragon Continent...

Qing Shui went blank here. Would he have to fight him? To bring him down? How could Yan Zhongyue do all these? His increase in strength was too terrifying. These last several dozen years he went from a Xiantian martial artist to this sort of accomplishment. Qing Shui could not understand it.

Qing Shui was a mess. He did not know if that person's memory was still there, but he was Qing Shui's mother's hope. Qing Shui could not allow him to have any accidents. However, Qing Shui was helping the Demon Lord Palace to bring down Soaring Dragon. What was he going to do?

Everything was coming, but he did not know if it was him. He did not know Qing Shui, he probably did not know that Qing Shui existed. Even if he had any memory, it would only be the memory of Qing Qing.

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Regarding that man, Qing Shui had no recollection of him. If it was not because of his mother, that man would not be significant. In his previous life, he had parents that loved him, as well as an older brother and sister. Coming here, his mother was the most important to him. Afterwards, he got an older sister, his own women, and children.

"Qing Shui, what are you thinking about?" Hua Rumei looked at Qing Shui who seemed like his soul had parted with him and thus, hurriedly woke him up. This sort of state was not a good thing.

Qing Shui shook his head and smiled, "Nothing, I was just too into my thoughts."

Qing Shui left his thoughts behind, any idea before meeting that man was not a certainty. If any forces took actions against the Demon Lord Palace, he would not mind wiping them out as long as he had the power.

Everyone was spread out. Forces that had a good relationship with each other stayed together. Qing Shui and his group stopped a little bit away. Everyone wanted the treasures within the Divine Shrine, yet no one wanted to be the first one to dip their toes into the water.

However, there would always be someone who would try. At this very moment, a silhouette had rushed into the fray. Many watched as the silhouette rushed up directly to the giant divine statue when suddenly, a giant Dragon Spear swung down fiercely and the sky was filled with Dragon Spear shadows.

The one who rushed up was also not just some small fry. He took out something that looked like a tree branch and with one sweep, a circle had formed around him. The man was at the center of the circle, and with this, he passed through the shadow images of the Dragon Spear.

When everyone thought that this person could rush through, the giant stone statue spun the Dragon Spear in its hand. The spear was like a giant stone snake that sucked the man into its vortex.

Bang!

An explosion resounded. The person from before had disappeared and the stone statue returned to being inactive. The people that were not on stage were all shocked, but after a while, they started to discuss with each other.

“These many people and only three have passed thru the stone statue. Now there’s no movement, the rest of the people have become broken corpses.”

“You’re right. Many people are now thinking about ideas like dog-eat-dog, but this type of loss cannot be taken by everyone. This Battle God Statue is a big obstacle, its power is immense and its attacks are continuous. The only way to pass thru it is to rush inside, there’s no way to dodge. Perhaps, one can try to destroy the Battle God Statue.”

The Battle God Statue’s strength was powerful, but it was not invincible. The material of the Battle God Statue was special and would not be easily damaged, let alone be destroyed. Otherwise, these people would have destroyed it already.

After the person died, no one wanted to attempt again. Qing Shui was not in a hurry, he knew that the Ancient Divine Shrine was not something easy to break through as the Ancient Fire Snake had already told him this.

“We already have a few people in there, do you guys not want to enter?”

At this time, an outspoken and straightforward voice was heard.

That voice came from a slightly-old elder that represented the Justice Alliance. His body was straight and he wore plain white clothes, as he gave off a scholarly air. His body emitted a type of natural energy.

Within the Justice Alliance, there were still people who were Justice Warriors. However, there are still hypocrites hidden within the group, some of those Justice Warriors were left in the dark by the lies of those pretenders.

This person belonged to the Sword Heart Pavilion. The Sword Heart Pavilion was a formidable sect within the Soaring Dragon Continent. Their specialization was on the interaction between the heart and the sword. This sect focused on the heart of the sword, the forms were not as important as long as the heart was one with the sword.

The Sword Heart Pavilion was reliant on the sword. A powerful member of the Sword Heart Pavilion could annihilate the world with one sword, however, it was not certain whether the Sword Heart Pavilion had such a person.

The Demon Lord didn't even turn her head, however, the Divine Beast Sect had an elder walk out saying, "To have so many people here, but only three people have managed to enter. Is this really something to brag about?"

The elder's words were provoking. They already knew that only three people from the Justice Alliance had managed to enter, thus he made such a statement.

"You, you... If you have the ability, how about you send three people up as well. Don't whine when even one of your men can't get in. You will just lose face on the entire continent," the elder that was being shamed by the Divine Beast Sect said angrily.

"Of course, we will go. However, we have to rest first since we just arrived," the Divine Beast Sect elder laughed as he said.

Qing Shui observed the surrounding. When he looked up, he could see glimpses of the divine shrine within the clouds. This Battle God Mountain had a strong pressure Qi which made people especially uncomfortable.

In reality, his objective for coming here had already been accomplished. The battle with the Dragon Palace had been victorious and the people here already knew it. In terms of the Ancient Divine Shrine, they did not care as much. Both the Justice Alliance and the Evil Powers were here, they would result in large losses. In the end, only the one who obtains the treasures would be the winner, everyone else was a loser without anything to show.

Now that they were here, they could at least try their luck. Most of them hoped to get something and decided to go here. Even when there were already three people inside, they could not see them. Thus, they don't know if it was true or not, and for all they know it could also be a rumor.

"What should we do? Do we want to give it a try?"

A group of people discussed as they gathered with the Divine Best Sect elder as the head.

"You have already seen how formidable the Battle God Statue is. There were already dozens of formidable martial artist who died in its hands," an eerier old man said. He was the head of the Wild Ghost Valley. He looked tall and thin to the bone and his green-colored eyes carried a gloomy expression.

"Then what should we do?"

The Divine Beast Sect's elder sighed as he said.

“The Battle God Statue is dependent on formation techniques. If you want to pass thru it, then you have to be an expert that specializes in formation techniques,” the elder from the Wild Ghost Valley exclaimed.

“Elder Li, I heard that Mister Qing was an expert on formation techniques. Do you think he can get past?” One of the Lu brothers spoke at this time.

Qing Shui was stunned. He now understood, the Wild Ghost Valley and Divine Beast Sect were echoing one another to provoke him to go. Although this method was lame, it was somewhat effective.

People looked towards Qing Shui and the Demon Lord Palace, everyone knew that the Demon Lord Palace specializes in formation techniques. The Demon Lord Palace was also the head of the Four Great Evil Powers, if they didn't make a move this time, it wouldn't go well with the others.

Qing Shui laughed and said, “I think my knowledge in formation techniques is quite strong, but to break through the formation before us will be quite difficult. I need two more people to cooperate with me. Perhaps the Lu Brothers would not mind manning up and joining me?”

The Lu Brothers cursed in their hearts, this guy was courting death. Even in death, he wanted to take them with him.

“Brother Qing, you jest. Us brothers should set formations with the rest of the people in the sect, perhaps it would be better to find someone from the Demon Lord Palace. Your cooperation with each other will be better,” The man only appeared to smile on the surface as he said.

Qing Shui knew this would be the result. He laughed and said, “That's alright, you don't want to man up.”

“You... you...” The Lu Brothers were angered to the point of changing colors.

“We will see if you are a real man or not,” the Lu Brothers said angrily.

“Relax, real men don't do things that don't have balls.” Qing Shui laughed and said.

This line was rude enough that the Lu Brothers shut their mouths right away. Qing Shui just said that the two Lu brothers had no balls.

“Qing Shui, you're so bad.” Shen Ling arrived at Qing Shui's side and laughed.

This woman would try to be beside Qing Shui at any chance that she got.

Qing Shui was too uncomfortable to say anything about this and he couldn't just send her away. The Demon Lord would also not call him, especially when she had no feelings towards him or who he was with.

Hua Rumei and Zhan Yu were always together. If they found an opportunity, they would call Qing Shui away but they could not do that every time.

Qing Shui found an excuse to leave and to talk to the Demon Lord and Hua Rumei.

“We still need to go up there and check. Which one of you would like to go? We still need one person to stay and handle things here,” Qing Shui said with a smile.

“I’ll go!” Hua Rumei said without any hesitation.

“I’ll go instead. You should be careful here, there should not be anything happening tho.” the Demon Lord walked two steps forward and said.

Hua Rumei thought for a bit and nodded, “Qing Shui, be careful okay. Also, take good care of the Palace Lord.”

“Relax, no one will be able to hurt her, even the stone statue cannot,” Qing Shui laughed. He walked out from in between Hua Rumei’s charming expression and Demon Lord’s calm demeanor.

“I have observed for a bit before. Use the Eight Trigrams Steps to dodge and the northeast location as your basis. If you can’t dodge, move to the northeast position, if rushing go to the northwest position, then retreat to the southeast position.” Qing Shui thought for a bit and said.

Qing Shui finished talking and rushed out without waiting for the Demon Lord’s reply. The Demon Lord did not dare to be careless, she immediately rushed forward to follow Qing Shui.

The spiritual pressure was overwhelming the further up they got.

“Look, those are people from the Four Great Evil Powers. There is the Demon Lord, but who is that man?”

“The Demon Lord had never been together with a man before.”

“What a beautiful woman. It’s unfortunate that she is so cold, cool, and elegant. Not many men could take that on.”

“To win a smile from that woman, even death was worth it.”

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The Battle God Statue directly thrust its Dragon Spear towards Qing Shui.

Nine Continents Mountain!

Qing Shui’s silhouette did not stop. The Nine Continents Mountain had already met the Dragon Spear as he had rushed towards the entrance.

Ding!

The Dragon Spear had directly sent the Nine Continents Mountain flying, then it smashed towards Qing Shui.

At this time, the Demon Lord rushed up.

“Quickly run inside. Remember what I told you, use the Eight Trigrams Step!” Qing Shui said to the Demon Lord without turning his head.

The Demon Lord had wanted to block the Dragon Spear with Qing Shui. However, as she heard Qing Shui’s words, she stepped towards the northwest position and thought about Qing Shui’s instructions before rushing forward.

The stone statue swept again and the sky was once again filled with Dragon Spear shadow.

Nine Palace Step, Replacing Sky and Sun!

Qing Shui was the king of the Nine Palace, he was quite adept when it came to dodging attacks. He swept his hand out and the Bloodthirsty Demon Vines rushed out then wrapped around the Battle God Statue.

Gold, Water, Wood, Fire, and Earth. Earth was weak against Wood, the Battle God Statue was of the Earth element and its strength was debuffed by 20%. This was the restraining power of the Five Elements, this was why the Five Elements Divine Refining Technique was so strong.

Emperor's Qi!

Qing Shui used his Emperor's Qi on the Battle God Statue directly, and it was successful. The Emperor's Qi was definitely tyrannical. Afterwards, he buffed himself and debuffed the statue with Heavenly Talisman. In addition, he also used Phoenix Battle Intent, directly reducing the Battle God Statue's strength in half. His abilities were terrifying.

Suddenly, the statue waved its hand and a giant Stone Dragon appeared from the Dragon Spear. It spat out large piles of magma, it almost looked like a landslide to Qing Shui.

The Demon Lord had already passed the Battle God Statue. Qing Shui observed her and thought the timing was right.

Great Reversal!

Qing Shui directly used this ability on the Battle God Statue.

Chapter 1434 - Entering The Divine Shrine, Stone Boar Beast, Treasure Box

In an instant, Qing Shui and the Battle God Statue swapped positions. After the swap, Qing Shui directly entered into the middle of the formation. At the same time, the Demon Lord also entered the formation. Both of them were stunned once they were inside.

Ancient Formation!

This was the Ancient Formation? Qing Shui could see that there was fog everywhere. Additionally, there was a heavy killing intent around and an Eight Trigrams drawing at the bottom of the formation. Moreover, Qing Shui saw that within the formation, there was an elder who was struggling inside.

He was not certain what this formation was, but he knew that this was at least a type of trap formation. In terms of killing techniques, it had the Battle God Statue outside. After a while, the struggling elder finally found the door to leave the formation.

Qing Shui observed for a bit and figured it out. If they moved forward more than halfway towards position the formation, the Battle God Statue will give up on attacking. He looked at the Demon Lord and said, "Don't leave the formation. Move at least one half of the way and wait for me there."

Suddenly, the Battle God Statue rushed over with the momentum of a stampede!

Nine Palace Step!

Qing Shui's footwork helped him completely dodge all of the Battle God Statue's attacks. The Battle God Statue that had been tangled did not look like it was using extra effort. Earlier, Qing Shui wanted the Demon Lord to wait for him so they could enter together without being ambushed.

When the Demon Lord arrived at the location that was a bit more than halfway through the formation, Qing Shui flashed over and instantly appeared next to the Demon Lord's side. He appeared very close her, to the point where he could smell her fragrant scent

The entrance to the formation was already this difficult to deal with, the lower palaces would undoubtedly bring unprecedented danger to them. Since Qing Shui had already encountered the Ancient Divine Shrine, he wanted whatever it was inside.

Though he had never seen this Ancient Divine Shrine before, he knew that there were good items inside. Any Ancient Divine Shrines with restrictions were bound to have good items inside.

Once Qing Shui and the Demon Lord left the formation, they felt a strong sense of danger and was followed up by an overwhelming killing intent. It felt like an overflowing energy that was rushing towards them

Qing Shui did not think too much. This power was too strong, so he grabbed onto the Demon Lord's hand and instantly cast his Nine Palace Steps.

He did this because his spiritual sense had already locked on to something a while ago.

Nine Palace Steps, Vanish!

Qing Shui and the Demon Lord disappeared from their location!

Bang bang bang.....

The place where the two stood before suddenly turned into a complete mess, even refined gold would turn into dust at that level of destruction. The two of them, hand-in-hand teleported several thousand of meters away. Only after they managed to stand firm on the ground did Qing Shui turned around to look at who had attacked him and the Demon Lord. It was a group of three elders, but he did not know which one of them had attacked.

Regardless of what or whom, it was without a doubt a Sure Kill Heavenly Technique.

Suddenly, his hand felt a feeling of softness and warmth. It felt so delicate that it could melt his heart and had a miraculous feeling that he could not describe with words. He finally noticed that he was still holding the Demon Lord's soft hand.

"Can you let go?" The Demon Lord's voice was cold but it was natural, without any emotional fluctuations.

"Yes, of course, I can. I really like you, you should consider me first," Qing Shui smiled as he said. Last time, he already thought it through. Towards this woman he had to be as thick skinned as the city's walls or otherwise, he would have no chance. Since there was no worst result, anything would be better than their current stalemate situation.

The Demon Lord did not think Qing Shui would suddenly be so bold. He suddenly said these words in front of her, and she responded in her usual coldness, "I don't like you, nor do I like men."

"..." Qing Shui almost choked until he was half dead.

As he heard those words, Qing Shui was ecstatic within his heart. Those words were proof that there were emotional fluctuations within the Demon Lord's heart. Even if it was little, he had already filtered out the other words she said.

Right now, Qing Shui could see the situation within this Battle God Mountain. Other than the center of the formation was a giant, divine shrine.

Ancient Divine Shrine!

This building exceeded even the heights of the clouds, the upper levels were emitting an ancient aura. It was covered with an everlasting, ancient-like aura that made people's heart tremble.

There was no Guardian Ancient Beasts in sight. They currently should be inside the divine shrine.

The three elders across from them were all wearing different clothes. One of them wore the clothing of the Sword Heart Pavilion. No wonder the elder from the Sword Heart Pavilion was so arrogant, one of them had already rushed in here.

"Just like those outside, all of you are not real men but men without any balls," Qing Shui said directly towards the people on the other side. Even if they were far away, they could still hear him clearly.

The Demon Lord did not look at Qing Shui. However, her body was still swaying slightly, as if it was restraining something.

"Since you guys came out, then we shall fight here until one side dies. This will save us from having a battle later," the elder in the middle elder with a vigorous appearance said.

"You think that if we don't stop you, you could successfully enter the Ancient Divine Shrine?" Qing Shui laughed as he looked at the opposition.

"Without your interference, of course, we can enter the Ancient Divine Shrine," one of the elders said with utmost confidence.

"Have you heard of the Guardian Ancient Beasts?" Qing Shui laughed as he asked.

"Of course we have. Are you telling me there are Guardian Ancient Beasts here? If there was a formation technique outside, then there will be no Guardian Ancient Beast inside. Do you not know this common knowledge?" One of the elders mocked.

Qing Shui thought about what the Ancient Fire Snake had said. There should be no mistake on what it said, the spiritual intelligence of beasts was strong. He laughed, "I won't stop you guys, but do you dare to enter the Ancient Divine Shrine?"

"You're just deliberately trying to complicate things. If that is the case, we will just enter first." The elder finished speaking and entered the shrine hall.

The surrounding area was filled with towering ancient trees. They were rare, but most of the trees were only pine trees. They looked especially vigorous and gave off a feeling of standing tall and never conceding until the end.

The Demon Lord didn't react as she watched the elders enter. This woman was forever frigid. In a certain sense, people wouldn't feel that they were being snubbed. She was just like a crane in a flock of chicken. Moreover, she was not just like any other crane but a red-crowned crane. She emitted a sense of self-assured superiority. Rather than feeling that she gave them a cold shoulder, people would feel unworthy of standing next to this heavenly beauty

Within the Ancient Divine Shrine, nothing could be heard. It was as if a stone had sunk into a deep, silent ocean.

"We should enter, let's see what good stuff is inside," Qing Shui laughed.

"En, be careful!" The Demon Lord thought for a bit and said. She then slowly moved towards the Ancient Divine Shrine.

Qing Shui was ecstatic in his heart. This time, he felt that those words carried something different.

The Ancient Divine Shrine was too big, it was larger than any open area mall in his past life. It was also not as simple as several dozen stone houses, the architecture of the building must have taken a long time to build. The materials used were also unique and had a special restriction, it could resist earthquakes and even counteract any force. Unfortunately, these materials could not be used to make an armor, otherwise, it would be invincible.

Once they entered, they could see a huge space before them.

Stone Beast!

There was also an ancient and old looking box. The three elders stood outside, one of them was injured.

"How is it? Does this count as a Guardian Ancient Beast?" Qing Shui greeted them as he walked.

"This is the first stage of the shrine, it's not easy to attack this Stone Beast. Its strength is formidable and nothing can shake it. That treasure box should have a treasure inside, why don't you guys try to see if you can get it or not?" One of the elders said slowly as he looked at Qing Shui and the Demon Lord.

"Can you not take it though? If you can't make it through you should probably retreat." Qing Shui looked at the elder.

"Hmph, we're giving you a chance. If you don't want to take it or are you waiting for us to defeat the Stone Beast and then steal the treasure box?" The elder looked at Qing Shui, seemingly wanting to annihilate both of them.

"I don't have time to play with you guys as I have to go to the next level. You guys enjoy your time with the Stone Beast!"

Qing Shui looked at the door behind the Stone Beast when he spoke.

The Stone Beast in front of them looked like a giant stone boar. It was 300 meters tall, with a giant grey body that would leave anyone speechless. The Stone Beast was given Divine Sense. It was carved out of a special type of rock. Its movements were simple and it only relied on its fierce power, sharp claws, and jaws. These were enough to make it unbearable for some.

“Dream on. If you don’t beat the Stone Beast, you can’t enter,” The elder said with disdain as he looked at Qing Shui.

“Watch how we enter.”

Qing Shui summoned the Dragon Slaying Beast, then he suddenly rushed towards the Stone Beast.

This Stone Beast’s divine sense only allowed him to move within a certain perimeter. Once something had entered the perimeter, the Stone Beast would attack it.

To guard the treasure box and door behind it, the area the Stone Beast could move around was not large. However, trying to kill the Stone Beast from afar was impossible. Qing Shui did not know if the indomitable Dragon Slaying Beast could pass through the Stone Beast or not.

With this Stone Beast’s Divine Sense, if the Dragon Slaying Beast’s beast could not break through, then the Dragon Slaying Beast would be sent flying. The Dragon Slaying Beast’s indomitable abilities weren’t able to penetrate everything, especially this Stone Beast. However, it could be possible.

The door behind the stone beast was open. They could enter as long as they could pass thru the Stone Beast. However, the stone door was not very big and was also blocked by the Stone Beast. Even if they could lure it away, it would still block the door. It was a type of guardian that would guard the objective even in death.

Qing Shui used the Nine Palace Steps but no matter what he did, the Stone Beast would not leave the vicinity of the stone door. It would also continuously attack using the mystical powers of its body. The Stone Beast was like a robot that would never get tired. Other than eliminating it, there seemed to be no other way to enter.

Qing Shui did not know how he would deal with this tricky situation in front of him. He already landed many attacks on the Stone Beast but it seemed that Qing Shui’s attacks had no effect on it.

“Haha, all words and nothing to show for. Doesn’t your actions result in the same thing...”

The elder took the opportunity to mock Qing Shui.

Qing Shui was a bit annoyed. The Dragon Slaying Beast constantly cast Ice Bullet Attack on the Stone Beast several hundreds of times. However, this was his only method.

Ignoring everything to do with level or grades, it had a chance to freeze the target.

Even if the chance was small, it was still a chance. Qing Shui was waiting for it.

“I say, are you guys even going to make it. If not, retreat then. In any case, you guys won’t be able to retrieve the treasure here, so stop trying to get yourselves in trouble.”

Pow!

After the elder's words were finished, the giant Stone Beast was frozen by a large piece of ice on its body. Qing Shui once again grabbed the Demon Lord and blinked without any hesitation.

Nine Palace Steps, Displacement!

Qing Shui was the king within the Nine Palace, allow this giant statue to shift slightly was still alright, there was a crack that would allow one person to squeeze through, they rushed towards the crack. The Dragon Slaying Beast had already passed through.

He also squeezed through as they flashed over. At that moment, Qing Shui and the Demon Lord were facing each other. He could feel the softness in front of his chest and the light touch of her lips on his, the feeling was intoxicating. In this small crack, the two of them were glued together. It was a tight fit to get through, especially when the Demon Lord's breast were so plump.

Chapter 1435 - The Eleventh Portraits of Beauty, Fatal Strike

The comfortable feeling almost made Qing Shui forget about the treasure box. Luckily, he used his other hand to pull it over forcefully at this moment. The box seemed to have some sort of restriction that could render telekinesis ineffective. Otherwise, they would not be staying here in such a state.

Once they entered the stone door, the Demon Lord immediately broke away from Qing Shui. When she moved away, he could smell her fragrance on his face. Moreover, he could feel that her heartbeat had increased a bit.

Even though his memory within the Crystal Coffin was as clear as day, those memories were not comparable to the present. Thus, the feeling he now had been better than those good memories of the past.

When Qing Shui and the Demon Lord entered the stone door, the three elders suddenly rushed towards them. Moreover, their speed was ridiculously fast. However, at this time, the Demon Lord used the blood-red long sword in her hand and blocked the attack from the opposition.

Roar!

At the same time, the giant Stone Beast had recovered. The Divine Sense that was given to it was to protect the treasure box and the door behind it. Now that the treasure box was gone and two people had entered the stone door, the Stone Beast was furious.

Unfortunately, the elders all rushed towards the door just behind the Stone Beast. A loud roar resounded as a grey aura was released from the Stone Beast's body.

Bang!

The loud noise even reached to where Qing Shui was. On the other side, it was a direct explosion that scared the three elders to the point that they retreated a bit. However, the strong force of the impact had made the three of them vomit blood. The three of them were critically injured.

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Once the Demon Lord entered the stone door she immediately moved away from Qing Shui, and coldly looked at Qing Shui. Her face didn't have any expression and just appeared cool and elegant. Qing Shui

could not see what she was currently thinking at all. Was she angry? It did not seem like it. Perhaps happy? That was definitely not the case.

“I have already moved as far back as I could, but you kept sticking closer, This time I won’t blame you,” Qing Shui smiled as he said.

As she heard Qing Shui’s words, the Demon Lord clenched her fist. However, she just directly looked at the surroundings without replying to Qing Shui’s words.

Qing Shui shook his head. He still couldn’t cause a strong fluctuation of emotions in her, such as joy, anger, rage, etc... Even if she lost control of her emotions just a bit, or even several times, he wouldn’t mind. What he feared was her staying emotionless just like before. If at this time she could lose control of her emotions and give Qing Shui a beating, he would actually be happy.

This was a confession of emotions. Without opening her heart, there was no way for him to understand her. If he failed, that was okay as he would just try again. Qing Shui stopped thinking and just looked at his surroundings. They were now at the deeper palace of the shrine.

It was similar to the palace before, but it was slightly bigger. This location had the same sized Stone Beast, however, it was shaped like a Hound Beast. In fact, it was even a Three-Headed Hound Beast.

The Stone Beast’s body was jet black. Its distance from them was far and stood just there without moving. However, if there was any living thing that got within its attack vicinity, it will strike down and destroy it. On the other hand, if you were not within its attack vicinity, even if you threw things at it, it would have no reaction. Unless you threw something alive at it, then it would attack.

Living things, just don’t throw living things!

Qing Shui seemed to have grasped something. Retrieving the box required another method and even though it may not succeed, it was still worth a try.

They had already gotten one treasure box and now was a good time to see what items were inside. This box was not very big, it was two meters long, approximately two feet in width, and one foot in height.

This could only be considered as a small box.

“Come, we should see what’s inside,” Qing Shui looked at the Demon Lord and said.

Towards this woman, Qing Shui felt a bit lost. He thought that he could be a bit more thick-skinned in front of this woman, but he was only improving bit by bit. Every time he saw that cool and elegant face, the words that he could normally say shamelessly wouldn’t come out of his mouth.

The Demon Lord seemed to be also interested. She did not reject and walked closer to the box.

There was a stone porch not far with a height that almost reached a man’s waistline. Placing the treasure box there was perfect.

It was an ancient looking box. It looked very old but it could not hide its bleak elegance. Even the most extravagant box would be overshadowed by this treasure box.

Opening the box, there was not much activity. Inside were a scroll and a book, probably a battle technique. The book was inlaid with gold on the edges, it was lavish looking yet not overdone. However, Qing Shui was stunned when he saw the scroll.

Portraits of Beauty!

Another Portrait of Beauty and this was the eleventh portrait already. He had not found one in such a long time. Qing Shui was ecstatic, he wondered if he already knew who was in the portrait.

Qing Shui took out the scroll and unrolled it slowly.

He saw a tall and slim woman in the portrait who wore a golden phoenix pleated skirt. From top to bottom, there were two radiant and lifelike golden phoenixes. Her hair was tied up high, which matched well with her slender snow-white neck that made her look more divine.

The loosely fitting phoenix pleated skirt could not conceal her gentle and charming curves. Her beautiful curves yet graceful demeanor had captivated Qing Shui's visual senses with a huge impact.

With a body that was well proportioned, eyebrows that were shaped to perfection partnered with her eyes full of vigor, soft skin that was as white as the moon and shoulders that appeared like they were chiseled for a statue. She was standing there with charm and grace, appearing as a unique existence that was elegant beyond the vulgarity of the common world. Even from a distance, one could feel the cultured and refined aura that she exudes.

The golden phoenix skirt gave her a bit of a luxurious but graceful air. It made her appear like a divine woman from the Ninth Heavens.

Mu Qing!

It was Mu Qing, Qing Shui was happy and proud internally. She was already his woman, and more precisely his wife.

A divine beauty full of elegance and charm. Although Qing Shui thought that she did not have the divinity like that of the Demon Lord, the elegance from within that she exudes gave off a similar feeling.

At the same time when Qing Shui was looking at the portrait, the Demon Lord also took a look, but she did not say anything.

"This Portrait, can I have it?" Qing Shui asked as he looked at the Demon Lord.

"The box is also yours." Demon Lord said directly.

"I'll give you some drawings, do you want them?" Qing Shui thought for a bit and said.

"I don't want it!" The Demon Lord said swiftly.

"What if the drawing is you?" Qing Shui directly took out a stack of drawings, the one on top was directly displayed towards the Demon Lord.

To reach the level of Drawing Souls, Qing Shui's artistic abilities in his current drawings were indistinguishable from the craftsmanship of the Portraits of Beauty.

This was something that Qing Shui had drawn recently. Each drawing had different expressions.

The Demon Lord could not help but to reach out her hand and receive it. She had never seen her own portrait. She had never asked anyone to draw her, as even those who had seen her would not be able to draw her. Besides, most people didn't know what she looks like since she would mostly wear a veil or a conical bamboo hat.

She also did not use a mirror that much. To suddenly see a portrait of herself felt like meeting a stranger as she hadn't seen her own face in a very long time. She was a natural born beauty. Women from the previous life would not head out without makeup, but she did not have that sort of worry.

She looked at them one after the other. There were ones where she was eating and there quite a few others too. These actions of her were all from recent times. She knew that these were all drawn by Qing Shui and to be able to draw her to this level, his drawing expertise must be very high. She could tell from a glance, it was at a level that could capture the essence and expression of the person since her own drawing technique used to be very good. This also required deep feelings towards the person...

When the Demon Lord was done looking at them, she raised her head to look at Qing Shui. Qing Shui also just looked at her, he could not figure out what she was thinking.

Grateful?

Not.

Emotional?

Not likely also.

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"You are no longer allowed to draw me. These, I will confiscate," the Demon Lord said and took all the drawings.

Qing Shui looked at her, stunned. He had thought of 800 different reactions but this certainly was not one of them.

The speechless Qing Shui could only look at the battle technique book that was inlaid with gold on the edges. The words 'Fatal Strike' was written on the cover of the book in seal script. Qing Shui picked it up and looked at it, there were only a few pages inside. Suddenly, he laughed.

Fatal Strike was an attack buff, it could increase the attack of battle techniques. Just like the Sure Kill Heavenly Techniques, it could only be used once a day, moreover, it needs to be cultivated. It was not important whether the attack was a physical or spiritual one, it would still increase the attack. The increase was dependent on the cultivation level.

On the book, it was said that cultivating to a higher level was not only a double in attack, however the later levels were not that easy to cultivate.

Qing Shui looked at it once and handed it to the Demon Lord, "This is for you!"

"No need, I have already memorized it." The Demon Lord shook her head.

“Even if you have memorized it, I will still give it to you. I already took the other one, so treat this as a memento.” Qing Shui said without hesitation and handed it directly into her hand.

The Demon Lord looked at the man who was acting more shamelessly and getting more impertinent. However, she discovered that she did not feel anything particular about him. No man had ever acted this way in front of her.

He was not ashamed in front of the Demon Lord. He also tried his best to show the best side of himself to her.

Only Qing Shui would be so daring. After all, they had already done the most intimate thing that could happen. As his starting point, this was already an advantage to him.

The Demon Lord drew out her hand, naturally returning the “Fatal Strike” book without saying a word.

Qing Shui was relieved in his heart. Although he didn’t know what kind of feeling this was, he also did not know what she was thinking. Maybe it could not be considered as happiness or disappointment, but instead a bit of improvement.

Actually, Qing Shui was not certain whether he would have dared to pull out her hand to give her something directly. If it weren’t for those drawings, there was probably a high chance that she would have hit him. Fortunately, she did not have the heart to attack him because of those drawings.

The Demon Lord sighed within her heart. She didn't even know why she had to sigh.

“We should go over there and check things out. I imagine that those three elders would not be able to enter for a while. Let’s see how many boxes we can get.” Qing Shui stored the treasure box into the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal and said.

This place was similar to the one before it. Qing Shui tried the same method as before to see if he could use some tool to bring the box over.

After he retrieved his Demon Binding Ropes, he threw it over. However, once the Demon Binding Ropes latched onto the treasure box, it was immediately repelled back...

The result was not unexpected for Qing Shui, though he was a bit depressed. He retrieved the empty treasure box that he had stored away earlier. He studied it for a while before he finally realized that a special type of metal was used to create the box. It could resist powerful abnormal effects, moreover, the material was extremely sturdy. It was an excellent crafting material.

Perhaps they had to reenact what they had done previously, but this had a huge risk. He could not come up with a better solution, so he summoned the Thunderous Beast again. He wanted to see if Thunderbolt had any effect on the Stone Beast or not.

After his experiment, Qing Shui could only retrieve the Thunderous Beast. The Stone Beast was immune to the Thunderbolt’s side effects.

Chapter 1436 - Nameless Technique, Divine Truth Hearing Technique, Divine Exploding Door

In total, eleven Portraits of Beauty had appeared. If there were twelve of the portraits, that would mean that he only had one more left to discover. The Eldest Princess, Yehuang Guwu, and Yu He weren’t any

inferior to the girls shown on the portraits. Hence, Qing Shui had a feeling that the portrait might only have to do with the twelve types of women or a part of the women available across the world. After all, this was mainly affected by men. But one thing which Qing Shui wouldn't deny was that these were some of the most perfect women that existed.

Initially, Qing Shui used to think that the women in the twelve Portraits of Beauty were capable of opening access to the twelve Heavenly Meridians. Although that was true, women that were not in the Portraits of Beauty were able to do so as well.

Qing Shui never expected the day when he would be able to collect all twelve of the Portraits of Beauty would come. He wasn't sure if the twelve Heavenly Meridians were considered the secrets of the Portraits of Beauty. But that was likely not completely the case. Even for the last remaining Portrait of Beauty, Qing Shui wasn't sure if it was of someone close to him.

He already had eleven of them. For the last one, he could only rely on his luck. He also didn't actually feel that eager to find it.

While looking at the Stone Beast here with the Demon Lord, Qing Shui decided to repeat an old stratagem. Maybe he could only rely on this method to enter the next level. Only like this would he be able to collect the treasure.

"Do you think it will be better for me to continue the method from before?" Qing Shui looked at the Demon Lord.

Qing Shui didn't sound confident enough when he said this. Prior to this, he had already interacted with the Demon Lord's skin. They were tightly stuck to each other, so much so that their lips were even touching. All of this might have happened really suddenly, but this couldn't take away from the fact that it did occur. Now that he asked such a question, the incident would once again take another turn.

"Is there no other way?" The Demon Lord asked Qing Shui.

"You saw it yourself. I have already used other methods prior to this and none of them actually let me penetrate through to it to collect my treasure."

"How about this? I will stay here and wait for you while you go there to grab it." The Demon Lord responded after thinking for a while.

"Erm, won't you feel worried letting me go in alone? Do you not fear that I may die? This is too saddening. I have always been worried about you being alone here." Qing Shui said as he revealed a bitter smile.

The ice-cold face of the Demon Lord changed slightly before she finally gritted her teeth and said, "If you dare touch me, I will kill you right away."

Qing Shui laughed, "I won't, I won't!"

Qing Shui wasn't being specific with what he said. Could this 'I won't' simply meant that he wouldn't touch her, or could it only apply to him telling her that she wouldn't kill him?

The Dragon Slaying Beast was constantly breathing out its icefire there. It had already been fifteen minutes, yet the freezing effect had yet to appear. Qing Shui was a bit upset about the chance for the

freezing effect to appear, so much so that he had begun to wonder if this Stone Beast was capable of neglecting the freezing effect provided by the Icefire.

Peng!

Right at the moment when Qing Shui began to ponder whether he should stop, the Stone Beast appeared. Qing Shui once again grabbed Demon Lord and charged towards it. At the same time, he also used the Nine Palace Laws to move the enormous Stone Beast.

It's unknown if Qing Shui did it intentionally or the strength of this Stone Beast was even stronger. The distance that he moved was slightly shorter this time. Similarly, the gap between them was also very small as well. The both of them were squeezed together very tightly. But the Demon Lord seemed to have been prepared for this kind of scenario. She moved her head away from Qing Shui. However, those firm breasts of hers were being pressed upon by Qing Shui. Qing Shui was able to feel their softness and elasticity. It felt unusually good pressing against them.

Qing Shui felt that the Demon Lord's body was a bit stiff. He had to lean forward in order to reach out his hand and grab the treasure. As he did so, the same scene from before appeared once again. This time, Qing Shui needed to move his head towards his right side. Coincidentally, the Demon Lord's face also happened to be on his right side. Hence, Qing Shui's face interacted slightly with the Demon Lord's cold face. Not only that, his lips also swept across her face and her lips.

As soon as they touched, however, the woman lifted up her hand and slapped Qing Shui's face.

Pa!

It sounded really clear and loud, but it didn't hurt that much. It was just a simple slap. Qing Shui wasn't mad; he was actually happy. But at the same time, he also couldn't help but wonder if this behaviour of his was considered lowly.....

The woman stepped back and looked at Qing Shui before she proceeded to look at her own hands. She might have killed a lot of people, but it was her first time slapping someone in the face. She didn't understand the reason behind her doing that. She also came to realize that her heart was in a bit of a confusion. She was no longer able to maintain her usual calm mood. Why was that so? Even she herself didn't know the answer.

"Are you still mad?" The fingerprint on Qing Shui's face looked really obvious.

"Sorry!" The woman said softly.

Qing Shui shook his head, "You did nothing wrong, so why are you apologizing?"

The woman remained silent. The cold expression on her face had begun to turn even colder. She turned around and looked into the surroundings, seemingly hinting to Qing Shui that she didn't feel like talking.

Despite the fact that Qing Shui had successfully triggered fluctuations in her heart, things seemed to have taken a turn against his favour. He had come to the realization that he had been rushing things.

"I feel like heading back now." The Demon Lord suddenly said.

Qing Shui was stunned. He moved forward and held her hand.

The Demon Lord lifted up her hand, yet she didn't attempt to hit him. She wanted to break away from his hand but her attempts resulted in failure because Qing Shui held on really tightly.

"There is nothing wrong with liking someone. I was in the wrong before this. I promise you that in the future, I will not attempt the same thing again without your permission. Even I am not sure myself as to why I want to try to make you a bit happier. Are you not willing to give me even a single chance to try to do so?"

Qing Shui responded in a sincere tone.

"It's impossible, nor is there any hope for you to do so. I have told you before. Don't involve yourself in this mess, as it's a waste of your time." The Demon Lord once again tried to break free from Qing Shui's grasp. Qing Shui also let go of her.

"There is nothing that's impossible. Even though the outcome may be important, there are some things in which the process leading to the end plays an even more important role as well. Human life is filled with eight distresses: birth, age, sickness..... At the moment we are born, we are bound to suffer in human affairs. No one is perfect, nor will everything go according to your will. The greed which humans have deep within them will cause them to never be satisfied with what they have. It will lead to them competing against each other and ultimately lead to them thinking of ways to improve themselves." At this moment, both of Qing Shui's eyes seemed to be filled with wisdom. Regarding human nature, Qing Shui still had knowledge about it to a certain extent.

"I have already told you about it. It's up to you whether to hear it or not." The woman said gently.

"Then do you still insist on going back? Can you continue to progress forward with me? I guarantee you that I will definitely keep my promise." Qing Shui looked at her and said in a serious tone.

The Demon Lord nodded.

Qing Shui started to look around the area. This was an area with even bigger palace. The only difference was that no Stone Beasts could be spotted around here, nor were any stone gates able to be found. A familiar yet strange feeling suddenly emerged within him.

Yes, this was a formation!

"Why don't we start off by taking a look at what is in this box first?"

This time, Qing Shui opened the box very quickly. Within it were two books which seemed to talk about battle techniques. Like before, the books also had golden edges and they were also made from Beast Parchments which would stay pristine even after an extremely long period of storage.

Divine Truth Hearing Technique!

These were the words on one of the books. As for the other one, there were no words on top. Even its golden edge was made to be really thin. It looked even more plain and unadorned.

Qing Shui picked up the Divine Truth Hearing Technique whereas the woman went for the other book.

Qing Shui flipped through the Divine Truth Hearing Technique. While reading it, he wasn't sure if he should be happy or not. It was used to cultivate one's ability to hear, enabling them to hear people

speaking even from far away. That wasn't all; it could be used to lock on to a certain place. It was a really unusual technique.

Just as Qing Shui started to read the book, he heard the voice of someone crying out in surprise. It wasn't really loud. Following on, he was surprised to see the woman tossing the other book to the side. It's just that the battle technique which she tossed out was left open. As soon as he took a peek at the content in it, he automatically understood why.

Spring Palace Portrait!

Coincidentally, the page on which the battle technique was described showed a picture of a man and a woman having sex with each other. The picture looked very realistic. The way the expressions as well as the movements of both the male and female were portrayed in the picture were considered top-notch, particularly their elegance depicted in the picture.

Just as Qing Shui was about to move away his sight, he felt a mysterious sensation. It felt really familiar. Furthermore, the fact that this book was here already meant that it wasn't just a simple and plain Spring Palace Portrait.

Qing Shui handed over the Divine Truth Hearing Technique to the woman before he proceeded to pick up the "Wordless Battle Technique" to read through it.

As of now, the woman was a bit lost on her words. At the moment Qing Shui saw the "Wordless Battle Technique", the Demon Lord's face began to blush. There was only a faint pink color across her face, yet it was already enough to make her look extremely attractive.

Qing Shui briefly looked through the book and was surprised when he found out that it was a continuation from the Nameless Technique he had read from before. It's not that the Nameless Technique which he had read prior to this wasn't complete, it's just that now, it had finally been perfected. Furthermore, its effect was even stronger than before. On top of that, there were lines highlighted in red explaining the body motions and steps required to execute the techniques.

Human Body Qi and Spirit. This was a divine technique used to nurture and cultivate one's spirit, suitable for everyone from only ordinary people to powerful warriors. Qing Shui recognized himself to be really powerful in his Qi and Spirit.

The Qi of was also considered a sort of qi, whereas the Spirit was counted as an example of Spirit Energy. Qing Shui had an enormous Sea of Consciousness as well as the Golden Star. The Spirit represented his body physique, like the Nine Yang Golden Body. As of now, the Nine Yang Golden Body was already at a formidable level.

According to the fairy tale stories from his previous incarnation, it was said that the king would cultivate the classics, whereas the girls in the palace would become fairies. From here, it could be seen how powerful the Duo Cultivation Technique was. Even though this place wasn't a fairy tale world, in terms of the level of martial arts in this world, it was a lot more powerful compared to anything in those fairy tale worlds. In his previous incarnations, the most powerful warriors capable of causing ruckus across the temple of heaven would only have a strength worth thirteen thousand jin.

Across the World of the Nine Continents, warriors with weapons that weighed a hundred thousand jin or even more could be found everywhere.

Qing Shui only came back to his senses after he finished reviewing the book. He said a bit embarrassingly, "This is a technique, would you like to have a look?"

Seeing that Qing Shui didn't really have any other intentions, the woman shook her head, "No, it's disgusting. I'll give you this one as well because I have also finished it."

Qing Shui wasn't sure if she meant to say that the drawing was disgusting or the things which men and women did with each other were disgusting.

Right at this moment, the huge gate from before bursted open abruptly.

Qing Shui was stunned. To think that it was actually able to open like this. It was really powerful, such that Qing Shui even felt a bit nervous upon witnessing it opening.

"They used the Ancient Divine Explosive Pearl to burst open the gate. It is a substance made by pressurizing tens of thousands of Pearls of Immortal and Demons Essence together. Naturally, it will possess tremendous explosive ability." The woman said gently after seeing Qing Shui's shocked expression.

Refined from tens of thousands of Pearls of Immortal and Demons Essence..... That was too absurd and terrifying!

"Who actually possesses such a formidable weapon?"

"Divine Burst Gate!"

"The name sounds really aggressive. So, are there a lot of Ancient Divine Explosive Pearls?" Qing Shui asked. He was concerned about it because it was really powerful.

"This thing is something which is either left behind by our ancestors or an unexpected gain. As of now, they are no longer capable of refining something with such a formidable strength. But this still doesn't take away from the fact that they have a lot of powerful explosive weapons within their sect. For example, the Mini Divine Explosive Pearl is made by refining ten Pearls of Immortal and Demons Essence together. It possesses quite decent strength as well.

This is indeed quite a decent weapon. Qing Shui couldn't help but start to wonder how many people he would have crippled if he could have his hands on such a thing. He could just toss it out using his Hidden Weapon Techniques.

Unfortunately, he could only fantasize about it for now.

"Be obedient and hand over the treasure chest and I'll consider letting you guys leave alive." A calm voice came through and interrupted Qing Shui in his thoughts.

Chapter 1437 - Overwhelming Slaughter, The Third Treasure Chest

Was Qing Shui scared when he heard such words? Of course not. After going toe-to-toe with the Stone Beasts here twice, Qing Shui realized that it was so much easier fighting against humans. He was probing the people who suddenly appeared out of nowhere.

The person leading the group was an old man. He had a fairly common look, yet the aura he emitted felt really elegant. The only thing that had come short was that the words he had said didn't fit his temperament in the least.

It has always been emphasized that one's temperament could only be shown through the way he conversed with others. This man however, without doubt, was considered an exception. This man's elegance totally faded away as soon as he opened his mouth.

The others were all old men, and they seemed unusually young when they appeared next to Qing Shui and the Demon Lord.

Each of these people were famous figures from Soaring Dragon Continent. Though Qing Shui may not know how many people the Soaring Dragon Organization sent out, he believed that it was very likely that some of the people here were from it.

"Foolish. Do you think that we will give them to you?" Qing Shui smiled and asked.

The old man was stunned upon being scolded by Qing Shui. He soon broke into laughter, however, his laughing noises resembling that of an owl. In just a moment, his eyes turned very sharp, "Brat, you are the first person who actually dared talk to me, Bao Jun, that way. I assure you that I will let you suffer a tragic death."

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Bao Jun... Qing Shui felt that this name sounded really aggressive. But at the same time, due to the similarities between the two words, it allowed Qing Shui to very easily connect that to the "Bao Juhua" from his previous incarnation.

(Note: Bao Juhua stands for exploding anus, asshole exploded due to penetration)

"Bao Jun? Never heard of it. Bao Juhua? Yes." Qing Shui shook his head and said.

While speaking, Qing Shui moved forward by one step and stood in front of the Demon Lord. He was already prepared for a battle. The people standing in front of him were no easy opponents to deal with.

A faint mysterious aura began circling around Qing Shui. This was Qing Shui's Nine Palace Step. Since a battle was already inevitable, Qing Shui didn't hesitate to go all out. He immediately tossed two Heavenly Talismans at both himself and the Demon Lord. While doing that, he also operated his qi to activate Phoenix Battle Intent.

"Kill, die!"

The moment that old man in the lead had finished speaking, he flickered out black pearls from his hands. They were about the size of a fist and fast. The technique he had used to shoot them with was also very exquisite.

Actually, Qing Shui had already long been on guard for these attacks from his opponents. Right at the moment when the old man had raised his hand, Qing Shui was able to immediately react to it. He swung his hand.

Golden Sword!

Beng!

Qing Shui was already really skilled in his Hidden Weapon Technique. He immediately figured out that he could stop the enemy's attack with it as soon as he saw the movement of the old man's hands. Despite how fast his Golden Sword might be, however, the enemies' attack consisted of not just one pearl, but a few of them simultaneously.

Fortunately, Qing Shui would only need to stop one of those pearls approaching him.

Beng-beng.....

A series of explosions rang. Though they were a lot weaker compared to those before, the explosions were still really powerful. Since the explosions were really close to them, the opponents were all faced with a predicament. Two of them were even injured. The injuries that they suffered might not be that heavy, but they weren't something which could be treated lightly either.

This was precisely what Qing Shui was after. His intention was to make the opponents feel uneasy when they wanted to unleash things like this, which was definitely something he had achieved.

"You darned brat!"

Out of humiliation, Bao Jun flew into rage. Qing Shui hadn't really given him any way out of the embarrassing situation. Deep down, Bao Jun was fearful of how Qing Shui managed to stop the pearls.

Qing Shui extended his hands and took out a huge bundle of Heavenly Talismans, which all served the purpose of weakening the enemies. He tossed them all at the opponents. Compared to before, Qing Shui had become much more skillful. As soon as he entered the enemy's territory, he immediately turned into a form of energy and made his way into the body of his opponents.

"Erm, Palace Lord... Wait, it sounds a bit awkward calling you the Palace Lord. Would you mind telling me your name? We are about to make our move." Qing Shui asked the Demon Lord.

Qing Shui was aware that he mustn't move away from these people. If he did so, the old man would have the opportunity to use his formidable pearls.

Emperor's Qi!

The 10% reduction in strength from before had already made them really uncomfortable. And now, they have yet again lost another 20% of their strength. By then, Qing Shui had already initiated his attacks.

Nine Continents Mountain!

The enormous Nine Continents Mountain blocked the sights of both the opponents and the allies. Qing Shui chose this moment to summon the Dragon Slaying Beast and tossed it to the opponents.

Though the Nine Continents Mountain got misplaced, the Dragon Slaying Beast immediately went up to make up for it. The moment the opponents had spotted the Dragon Slaying Beast, the tiny yet violent demonic beast, things were already too late for them. An old man was trying his best to resist the beast, but little did he know, the people whom the Dragon Slaying Beast found threatening was unfortunately doomed to be killed instantly.

Pu!

The old man from before intended to block it with his armor and weapons. But the main problem was that the speed of the Dragon Slaying Beast was too quick. If the old man had chosen to unleash an all-out attack, he still might have had vivid hope of surviving. However, he was bound to die if he was to block it. Against the Dragon Slaying Beast, the old man's defense was bound to be broken by the Dragon Slaying Beast, unless his was equivalent to that of the Stone Beast.

Once the Dragon Slaying Beast entered a crowd, it could already be considered to be invincible. Not only did it not fear to attack, its attacks were also unstoppable. It was only after yet another three warriors got defeated that the opponents began to realize the problem. But by that time, both Qing Shui and the Demon Lord had long since progressed their way into the crowds as well. Their executed sharp and acute attacks, and all of it accompanied with Qing Shui's effort from before to weaken the enemies. Within an instant, the enemies had reduced from more than ten of them to only three. The Dragon Slaying Beast alone had already taken out four of them.

The opponent's strength went down by 30% while the strength of Qing Shui as well as his allies went up by 20%.

"Die!"

Suddenly, the old man screamed loudly. The energy in the air began surging violently. Qing Shui wasn't good with his Hidden Dao. He controlled the Nine Continents Mountain with his consciousness and, at the same time, recklessly rushed to the Demon Lord with his formidable Nine Palace Steps and embraced her with his body.

Beng.....

The only thing which Qing Shui had heard was the familiar noises of explosions. After that, he started feeling hot in his throat. With great effort, he moved his head away from the Demon Lord so as to prevent staining his blood on her. Qing Shui's entire body was covered around the Demon Lord.

The entire world turned quiet. The Dragon Slaying Beast had been struck by the explosion, but it didn't appear like it was injured. It seemed as if this tiny beast was more damage resistant than the Stone Beasts. Rather, there might be a sort of unique Essence across its body which enabled it to resist incoming forces. Along with the fact that its body was small, it could float along with the wind just like an unbeatable ant.

The enormous impact from the explosion blasted the Nine Continents Mountain backwards and it heavily struck Qing Shui. The Nine Continents Mountain was a treasure, even the Stone Beast would be destroyed upon collision with it while the Nine Continents Mountain remained unscratched. With Qing Shui's and Demon Lord's mere flesh and blood, it was likely that they would be obliterated.

The Demon Lord looked at Qing Shui, who was heavily injured. This man still chose to protect her even at the most crucial moment..... She wasn't really injured from the explosion from before. At this moment, she was staring at the man who was meditating with his eyes closed to recover his injuries.

The most dangerous moment a man could face wasn't when he was thinking for himself, but when he was thinking about how to protect his woman. Even the Demon Lord, who was a fool in love, could understand why. But out of what reasons would they do it? When a man was willing to risk his own life to protect a woman, there must be love mixed in it.

Did she love him though?

What was love?

The Demon Lord was unable to comprehend what it was. She had never thought about this question before, so much so that for most of the time, she felt that she didn't possess all the seven emotions which a human was given with. It had been so long since a man ever crossed her thought, she hadn't really felt the sort of emotion, even if she had once shared an intimate relationship with Qing Shui before. She has forgotten most part of it. The only thing that remained was a vague idea of what went on.

She wasn't sure whether it had anything to do with her habit, if it had to do with her mindset towards sex, or if there were other factors to it. No matter what kind of problems she ran into, she would always face it alone. She had never once thought about relying on others. As for the feelings between men and women, there wasn't anyone so far whom she looked up to. Another thing was that the feeling of getting into a relationship has never once crossed her mind. Just like a man surrounded with female pigs, she had slowly lost the enthusiasm to be in a relationship. But if things were the other way around, if they were surrounded by beautiful women, it would be another story. The hormones across men's body were closely related to the circumstances they were in. Men were animals that made judgements based on their feelings and what they saw.

As for this woman, she was surrounded by both types of men, but none of them were able to make her wholeheartedly dedicate her love to. Also, she hadn't really put much thought into it. People has priorities, and for her, this was definitely not on her list of her important stuff.

It was only now she started to feel good about this man. He also has got quite a decent look, and most importantly, he wasn't that irritating either. Or not exactly... He could be quite annoying at times, but it seemed like for most of the time, he did it on purpose.

"Are you having some sort of dirty thoughts about me? I will resist you." When Qing Shui opened his eyes, he noticed that the Demon Lord was also looking back at him. He couldn't help but asked.

The woman continued to look at him like usual. She didn't reveal any changes in her expression, nor was she panicked. It felt just like when an extremely beautiful ice flame was clashing against her elegant aura. Instead, Qing Shui had been the one to get a little embarrassed.

"How are you feeling now?" The woman asked softly.

"Oh, it's alright. This kind of minor injury is nothing to me." Qing Shui said happily. To think that this woman would actually show concern to others well-being. This was quite a rare sight.

“Someone should be coming here really soon. Why don’t we proceed down another level? I suppose it will be safer there. But to do that, we will have to penetrate through the Maze Formation in front of us.

Qing Shui took a look at the Maze Formation and the place where the old man disappeared into prior to this. There was nothing left behind there. The old man blew up everything there in the end. This made Qing Shui felt really unfortunate. It would have been great if he could get his hands on some of the Ancient Divine Explosive Pearls. Unfortunately, he could do nothing but fantasize about it.

Qing Shui took a look at the formation here and moved his gaze towards the Demon Lord, “Can you make it through there?”

“Yes!”

Qing Shui smiled. Then you must take good care of me. If you were to lose me, I would really be in a pinch.” Qing Shui summoned back his Dragon Slaying Beast while speaking.

While speaking, the Demon Lord extended her hand. Her sleeves were a bit long, allowing only half of her white hand to be shown. Qing Shui was stunned. He quickly let out his hand to grab the woman’s hand. At the same time, he also felt really excited, she had actually voluntarily tried to grab on his hand.

Just as Qing Shui was about to touch her hand, the woman moved her arms. Qing Shui was now grabbing on the woman’s sleeves.

“That’s it, grab on tight!” The woman said gently.

Qing Shui stunned. He got upset and didn’t respond to what she said.

While following the woman’s footsteps, it’s like they were walking past a maze. This very moment had perfectly demonstrated the woman’s powerful ability in positioning as well as formations. She was someone who was able to cultivate from Nine Palace Step to peak Eight Trigram Steps in a short period of time. Naturally, she must possess a really high level of intelligence.

After around fifteen minutes or more, the Stone Gate was within sight. There was a treasure right behind the Stone Gate. Upon seeing that, Qing Shui smiled. So there were treasures here as well. It was just that he would have to pass through the formation first before he could manage to spot it.

There were no Stone Beasts on this floor. Naturally, it would be really easy for him to collect the treasure.

“Let go.” The Demon Lord saw Qing Shui still holding her sleeves even now.

“So long as I am close to you, I will feel really excited and happy. I really hope that I can just continue holding on to you like this.” Qing Shui released his hand while saying that.

The shock received by being so close to such a intelligent, ice-cold and beautiful woman was indeed really huge. Very often, he would also feel his heart beating really fast and his face blushing. Even at times when he was making some shameless statements, he would only say it while barely holding on.

Usually, the Demon Lord would either remain silent or ignore the person totally. Initially, Qing Shui also felt a bit awkward being treated like this, but he managed to get used to it after experiencing it for a number of times.

The Demon Lord once again chose to ignore him. After that, she hinted him to open the treasure.

Qing Shui didn't refuse. He immediately opened up the third treasure. As soon as the third box was opened, Spiritual Qi could be sensed spreading out from it. Qing Shui stunned as soon as he saw the things that were in there.

Chapter 1438 - Goddess Divine Set, Nine stances of Ancient Divine Battle Technique, Tyranny

Looking into the treasure chest, the contents were quite unexpected. It was full of spiritual accessories, but there was only one complete set. There was a necklace, a ring, a bracelet, a snow coat and some snow boots, but nothing else.

These items were flowing with spiritual energy. Suddenly, Qing Shui noticed the writing beside the stone statue, written in sealed script.

Divine Goddess Set!

The words seemed as though they were scorched by lightning. That didn't matter too much, as they were just some powerful clothes and accessories. Qing Shui then looked at the set with his Heavenly Vision Technique.

Increases defense five fold. Increases speed five fold and the power of all abilities one fold.

Such an amazing item already and moreover, all of them could still be evolved. These items were already considered Divine grade, but Qing Shui was not sure which level of the Divine grade they belonged to.

For example, the clothes had an extra attribute. They could automatically nullify a fatal strike once, but the wearer was required to use his own blood to link with the Spiritual Qi.

Linking with blood was different from item bonding in games. Here, linking with blood was so that the equipment could recognize its owner. Only then could the Divine artifact activate its powers.

Equipping the whole set granted additional powerful abilities. No wonder it was a set.....

Qing Shui took out a Gold Needle and pricked the Demon Lord's finger, linking her blood with the equipment. For a brief moment, the items glowed magnificently. It was not as magnificent as the ones before, but it had some sort of majestic aura to it, making it appear more spectacular.

"Now only you can use these. I don't want to hear you say you don't need them." Qing Shui stuffed the items into her hands, with no intention of helping her put them on. In the World of the Nine Continents, putting a ring on a woman's finger had a special meaning. Qing Shui would very much like to do it, but he was afraid she would get annoyed.

The woman was not reserved at all and began putting them on.

"Should I put that on for you?" Qing Shui asked, cautiously.

The woman hesitated, taking a look at Qing Shui's face. Unexpectedly, she nodded. Qing Shui held the ring in one hand, her hand in the other, and slowly put the ring on. Qing Shui had a serious look. At that moment, his thoughts were blank. It was an indescribable feeling...very blissful.

Looking at Qing Shui's gentle and handsome face, the woman suddenly felt her heartstrings being strummed. It was very subtle, just like dropping a pebble into the ocean - the ripples were small but continued to spread.

As he put on the bracelet and necklace, the woman remained calm and did not avoid eye contact with Qing Shui. This gave Qing Shui a bit of disappointment. If the woman would just avoid eye contact and show a little nervousness, it would give him a sense of accomplishment, but now it just seemed like it was nothing.

Qing Shui put on the snow coat for her - she did not reject his actions, but she put on the snow boots herself. Qing Shui did not insist that he should do it either. Looking at the woman, she exuded a brand-new look: as cold as ever, but with a goddess-like aura.

"How many palaces does this Ancient Divine Shrine have anyways?" Qing Shui said, looking at the stone door of the fourth palace.

"Normally there are six." The woman replied. She had explored Ancient Divine Shrines herself. Both her and Hua Rumei's weapons were found in Ancient Divine Shrines. That palace did not have things like Stone Beasts, only Trap Formations. The woman was quite knowledgeable about Trap Formations and her mastery of formations could be seen from what had just happened.

"Then we should hurry, maybe we can get out before it gets dark." Qing Shui thought and said.

The woman nodded, and walked into the fourth palace.

An empty palace?

Nothing came into sight after walking into the chamber: no formations, no stone beasts. Qing Shui was not careless. He activated his spiritual sense, trying to sense the changes in the surroundings, but there were none.

"It's empty, so there's no need to search. Let's go to the next one." The woman said and slowly walked towards the fifth palace.

Qing Shui was puzzled. Why would the fifth palace be empty? Qing Shui reached out his hand and pulled the woman back, "Wait a minute!"

Qing Shui took out two Revealing Talismans and stuck them onto themselves.

The talisman could reveal certain hidden things. Even Qing Shui couldn't explain the power of this Heavenly Talisman. It was just that mysterious. After using the Revealing Talisman, the both of them were stunned.

Nine Stances of Ancient Divine Battle Technique!

The place was originally empty, but after using the Revealing Talisman, nine diagrams appeared all over the walls, indicating the Nine Stances of Ancient Divine Battle Technique.

The human characters of these diagrams had nine different postures, with the lineages on the body linked together, forming a strange looking network. This was a set of techniques that could also be used in battle. Its name sounded powerful and it gave off a mysterious feel.

Qing Shui memorized it silently. The first diagram disappeared after 15 minutes.

He reminded the woman to just memorize it without thinking too much, because these diagrams didn't last long. Of course, she knew that too.

Time passed, one by one, as they looked at and memorized the diagrams. When the last one finally disappeared, Qing Shui let out a breath. If not for the Revealing Talisman, they would have missed this Nine Stances of Ancient Battle Technique.

"How's it going?" Qing Shui turned towards the woman.

"Almost done memorizing it." The woman said softly.

They marched towards the fifth palace. As soon as they walked in, they were confronted by two Stone Beasts - a giant tiger and a giant elephant. More importantly, these two beasts were unrestrained, and charged straight at Qing Shui.

There were no more stone doors!

The first things Qing Shui looked for were the treasure chest and stone door. There was a chest, but nothing else behind it.

"There's no stone door, what should we do now?" Qing Shui looked at the woman as he dodged the attacks. He then summoned the Dragon-Slaying Beast to distract one of the Stone Beasts.

Unrestrained Stone Beast had terrifyingly bottomless strength. They were basically like the Dragon-Slaying Beast on steroids: not as sharp, but incredibly strong.

"It'll only appear after we dispose of these two beasts. If this is the last palace, it won't appear at all." The woman said while dodging.

The Demon Lord's power became insanely strong after equipping the Divine Goddess Set. Each of her attacks was as strong as Qing Shui's Paragon Strike. That was how scary she had become.....

Her speed also increased tremendously, making it easier for her to dodge attacks, only using strength to block and divert attacks when necessary. She was adapting to the sudden power increase.

Qing Shui had to admit that the woman was terrific. She had adapted to her new powers in no time. Even so, it was still impossible to block all of the Stone Beasts' attacks; these two beasts were a lot stronger than the previous two.

The woman's attacks only managed to make the Stone Beasts flinch slightly. It seemed impossible to harm the beasts with her level of attacks.

The Demon Lord was indeed training her hands. Real-time battles like this were the best way to learn how to control power. With the Divine Goddess Set's defence, dodging was easy. Even if she were to be rammed, she could easily deflect it away.

Qing Shui also had scary defence skills. His Taichi mastery made him even more formidable.

He had only thought of this recently after seeing the Demon Lord use the opponent's momentum to deflect attacks. Then he had realized that he could use Taichi also.

Nine Palace Steps activate!

Qing Shui shuttled back and forth, building up mysterious strength in his hands and using the opponent's force against them.

All of a sudden, the two giant Stone Beasts started charging towards Qing Shui.

Qing Shui caught hold of the giant elephant, and diverted its force towards the Stone Tiger, crashing the Stone Elephant into the Tiger.

Smack!

Stone Beasts were not that intelligent because they only relied on Divine Sense. The Divine Sense mainly granted only the will to attack. Taichi was a Divine Technique and had existed since ancient times. Of course, modern Taichi had become more powerful, but the original concept of Taichi itself was already very powerful.

The world was a mixture of Yin and Yang. Taichi itself was Yin and Yang and thus considered a powerful, all-embracing Heavenly Technique.

For a moment, Qing Shui and the Demon Lord had difficulty damaging the two Stone Beasts. On the other hand, using the Stone Beasts' attacks on themselves did do some damage. The huge impact stunned both the beasts briefly.

The Divine Sense had weakened!

To Qing Shui's surprise, the two beasts started slowing down and getting weaker as well. He knew it was because the Divine Sense was in their brains. That was their weakness! Even though they knew the beasts' weakness, they did not have enough firepower. The last strike had only weakened the Divine Sense by a little bit.

"Woman, try using your Nine Stances of Ancient Divine Battle Technique on the beasts' heads." Qing Shui said without turning around.

The Demon Lord twitched slightly but did as he said in the end.

Crack!

Unexpectedly, the Demon Lord's Supreme Devil Long Sword easily penetrated the Stone Beast's skill. However, its head was too big, so the stab was just like a needle prick.

Qing Shui was surprised for a moment and barely dodged an attack from the Stone Beast.

The Demon Lord was also briefly stunned. Previously, this weapon could not even scratch the Stone Beast, but now, by only slightly using the Qi of the Nine Stances of Ancient Divine Battle Technique, she could just barely stab the beast.

After the Demon Lord removed her sword, Qing Shui clearly felt that the Stone Beast's strength had decreased by about one percent.

One percent was not much, but this was only one attack. Reducing its power was just a lucky side effect. The next stab reduced its strength by another one percent.

Qing Shui was amazed by this.

The Nine Stances of Ancient Battle Technique was so powerful. If this went on, the whole place might fall apart.

The third stab, however, only decreased its strength by half a percent, and the next one by a third of a percent.....

At last, after decreasing ten percent of its strength, any additional attacks would only decrease its strength by around a tenth of a percent. However, the Stone Beast had already lost most of its Divine Sense.

Crash!

The giant Stone Beast collapsed, breaking into pieces. Qing Shui realized that there was nothing special about these lumps of rock. It was only because of the Divine Sense that they had been so strong, as simple as that.

The situation became much easier with the Nine Stances of Ancient Battle Technique. Qing Shui could use the divine Taichi Form, and the Nine Stances of Ancient Battle Technique. However, it was a shame that he could not even compare with the Demon Lord. The power gap was just too big.

After the battle ended, the Demon Lord seemed to be lost in a mysterious world. Qing Shui did not disrupt her. At this moment, a stone door appeared, but Qing Shui did not move. He did not want to interrupt the Demon Lord's epiphany.

This was a kind of epiphany, not exactly enlightenment, but it had the same beneficial effects.

Five minutes later, the Demon Lord 'woke up' and saw Qing Shui standing some distance away. "Sorry for the wait."

Chapter 1439 - Nine Revolution Golden Pellet, Fortune Golden Pellet, Rapid Increase in Strength

"No, it was only a short while. Waiting for you makes me happy," Qing Shui said with a laugh.

Qing Shui took the opportunity to express his feelings again. He was not certain whether the woman could feel it but he made sure to express himself clearly. She was highly intelligent, but in terms of emotional intellect, Qing Shui was not certain. Even if she did not have any emotional intellect, she should still understand what he meant.

Some things ought to be like this, just like a couple being together and still saying 'I love you' every single day. Some people felt that this was something necessary while others felt that it was unnecessary. However, does the other party really know that?

The woman did not reply to him. Qing Shui was not surprised and laughed as he said, "We should see if the box has anything."

This time, the woman nodded her head and headed over to the box with Qing Shui.

During that time, the woman had gained quite a bit. The first stance of the Nine Stances of Ancient Divine Battle Technique could be considered as cultivated. The only thing was, she had not tested it out yet. However, she knew that using it now would be many times more powerful than before.

Qing Shui was really happy right now. He had never thought that he would receive such treasures from the Ancient Divine Shrine. He did not know whether the next stage was the last, but regardless, he had gained a lot this time.

Opening this treasure box, they found several items within. What made Qing Shui happy was the medicinal pellets within. There were several bottles of medicinal pellets and two pieces of Beast Parchments.

There were ten bottles inside and their size was about the size of a fist. They were gray in color and looked stylish, with drawings of spiritual medicinal plants. There were also words on the bottles, namely Nine Revolution Golden Pellet and Fortune Golden Pellet.

Each type of pellet had five bottles, each bottle contained one pellet...

Qing Shui took out the two Alchemy Recipes, they were the recipes for the Nine Revolution Golden Pellet and Fortune Golden Pellet. The Nine Revolution Golden Pellet were meant for human consumption, it could rapidly increase the strength of the consumer. If a normal person consumed one pellet, they would directly level up to Early Martial Saint. If they consumed a second one, the effect would be halved, and if they consumed another one, the effect would be reduced in half again.

Ignoring the user's level, a superior medicinal pellet that could be used by anyone of any strength. However, no one would be silly enough to allow a normal person to consume the Nine Revolution Golden Pellet. These medicinal pellets were too precious and the medicinal herbs required are so rare to the point where most are unheard of. Each herb listed in the alchemy recipe required at least 10,000 years to cultivate and some even required 50,000 years.

Right now, Qing Shui felt that the Nine Revolution Golden Pellet's powerful effect was inevitable from its ingredients. The first base value of consuming the Nine Revolution Golden Pellet was that a normal person would reach Martial Saint, and the next stage would be a Martial Saint reaching Peak Martial Saint...

A Peak Martial Saint would immediately break through to Early Martial Emperor.

If a False God martial artist was to consume it for the first time, they would improve by one grade. For Qing Shui and the Demon Lord, one grade of increase in strength was equivalent to doubling in strength. However, this was only a one time opportunity. The second time they consumed the pellet, the effect would be halved. If they consumed it again, the effect would be quartered, and then an eighth...

Qing Shui then looked towards the Fortune Golden Pellet. The effect was the same as the Nine Revolution Golden Pellet, but the effect worked only on beasts. However, Qing Shui was surprised. The ingredients needed were also extremely precious, but Qing Shui's Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal already had a portion of it. The difference was the age requirement of the medicinal herbs, but with the presence of the Eighth Grade Spiritual Medicinal Beast Dragon Slaying Beast, it would require only a short while before the herbs could achieve the correct age. The only issue was that majority of the

medicinal herbs could not be found. It seemed that he would not be able to refine the pellets anytime soon.

Qing Shui handed the medicine to the woman, "For you!"

"I don't want it, I'm not an Alchemist," the Demon Lord said bluntly.

"Look at the effect of the medicinal pellet first. Then check how many medicinal pellets you need and take that amount," Qing Shui said with a laugh.

"I don't need it. I already got too much, you should use these!" The Demon Lord shook her head as she spoke.

"Do you really not want to take a look? This is definitely a good stuff, an amazing stuff." Qing Shui laughed.

The Demon Lord did not say anything. This was her strongest specialty, silence.

Qing Shui took out two Nine Revolution Golden Pellet and two Fortune Golden Pellet and gave them to the Demon Lord, "You should use the Nine Revolution Golden Pellet and give the Fortune Golden Pellet to Old Turtle. The other two should be given to Sister Hua. You should use it here, I will stand guard for you."

Qing Shui felt that if they use these two pellets, facing off against the people from the Justice Alliance would be easier. Moreover, they do not know the dangers of the next palace.

The Demon Lord hesitated for a bit and then nodded. Qing Shui took out two Fortune Golden Pellets and fed one each to the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant and the Hellfire Phoenix. He had originally thought that he would save it for other people, but if the strength was too weak then the pellet would be wasted.

One pellet was naturally saved for the Dragon Slaying Beast.

Fortune Golden Pellet, the name of 'Fortune' was not used randomly. The pellet bestowed both power and fortune to the beast that consumed it, allowing the beast's strength to be powered up in a balanced manner in the most optimal way.

It was silent. The advancement was over without much reaction. As he watched the Demon Lord stand up, her charm and grace made Qing Shui shiver within his heart. Wearing the Goddess Divine Set, the Demon Lord's strength would be around 90 million sun and should be nearing the boundary. They had originally thought that under the effect of the Goddess Divine Set, her strength would surpass the 100 million mark.

However, this is already frightening, her increased strength had also increased her level. Qing Shui felt that the Demon Lord was more ice-cold, unable to be grasped like a mist. He touched his nose as he felt happy regardless.

On the other hand, the strength of Qing Shui's Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant and Hellfire Phoenix would be now around 60 million sun. This was already frightening.

The Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant and Hellfire Phoenix's body size did not increase much. However, the violent aura surrounding their bodies were much stronger than before, especially the one emitted by the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant.

The Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant's strength had doubled, while its physical strength exceeded 600 sun. This would result in Qing Shui to gain 60 sun of strength. After he calculated it out, Qing Shui's strength had increased by about a tenth.

"I'll guard for you, you can use it too!" The Demon Lord said lightly.

"Can I interpret that as you caring for me?" Qing Shui laughed as he took out a Nine Revolution Pellet and swallowed it. He also gave the last Fortune Golden Pellet to the Dragon Slaying Beast and felt as though he was being too greedy...

A pure energy rushed through his body and felt miraculous. It was a type of energy that quickly diffused into every part of the body, giving off a feeling of growth and strengthening in the body's cells. His strength doubled in a balance manner. His physical strength had reached 1300 sun, his strongest attack can reach approximately 52 million sun. Even a purely physical attack could reach 6 million sun, and the Nine Continents Mountain's prowess had reached 20 million sun!

The Dragon Slaying Beast was even more amazing. There was no change in its size, but it felt tougher than before and its speed had also doubled. The huge violent and fierce aura it emitted could stike fear into the heart.

If they met the two Stone Beasts from before, Qing Shui felt that the Dragon Slaying Beast would turn them into a pile of rocks.

There were two Nine Revolution Golden Pellets remaining. Qing Shui retrieved them and said, "Here, for you. We now have four pellets each."

The Demon Lord turned around and looked at Qing Shui, "Then do I have to give you two pieces of what I am wearing?"

Qing Shui put away the last two pellets and stored it away as he laughed, "I want to know your name, otherwise I won't have a way to address you."

"Did you not already have one for me?"

"What?" Qing Shui asked in confusion

"Woman!"

The Demon Lord answered and then directly headed towards the stone door.

Qing Shui touched his chin and laughed. He carelessly called her 'woman' earlier without thinking much about it. He had not thought that she would remember this, it would seem her tolerance was not very big. Could this be considered as an improvement to their relationship?

His massive increased in strength made Qing Shui felt happy. He followed the woman into the sixth palace, utilizing his spiritual sense and getting ready for battle. However, contrary to his expectation, there was nothing dangerous that they could sense.

This area was huge. There were around a hundred large stone pillars holding it up, but there was no stone door that lead to the next palace. This was probably the last palace of the shrine.

In the middle of the hall was a giant stone coffin. In the four corners of the stone coffin stood four stone giants, but none of them seemed to be moving. Even after Qing Shui and the woman entered, the four stone giants had no reaction.

“This should be the resting place of the Battle God,” Qing Shui said after he looked around.

“En!” The Demon Lord lightly answered.

Qing Shui looked at the stone coffin. Its length and width were about ten meters long while its height was about three meters.

“These four stone giants are stronger than the Stone Beasts from before. Everything should be fine if we are careful,” Qing Shui said casually.

“Each palace of this shrine is interlinked in design by the Battle God. If people could enter this palace, then dealing with the stone giants should not be an issue. The key is in the Nine Stances of Ancient Divine Battle Technique. If the person did not know the Nine Stances of Ancient Divine Battle Technique, they probably can not enter here.” the Demon Lord readied her weapon after speaking.

“Looks like I should find a weapon.”

Qing Shui’s weapon was currently in the hand of the Demon Lord. Right now, he thought that even if he did not add any attack buffs to the weapon, it could still be utilized well for some techniques.

At this time, around a hundred people suddenly rushed up to them. This stunned Qing Shui for a second. But after he thought for a bit, he realized that the earlier mechanisms that prevented their entry were all useless now. The first Battle God Statue could not prevent actual martial arts experts from entering. The Battle God Statue was most likely destroyed and what was left was only the Maze Formation, so entering into this place was not surprising.

After seeing these many people, it included those from the Justice Alliance and those from the Evil side. Hua Rumei was here as well, thus the Old Turtle was the only one remaining outside to defend those of the Demon Lord Palace.

The two Lu Brothers from the Divine Beast Sect was here as well. When they saw Qing Shui and the Demon Lord, their expressions were weird. The same weird expression could be seen on those from the Justice Alliance.

Qing Shui, who was ready to fight, decided to back away. He smiled as he looked at the crowd and walked next to people from the Divine Sound Sect. The group was near the Divine Beast Sect and Ghost Valley members.

There were roughly 20 people from the Four Great Evil Powers, but the Justice Alliance had roughly 80 people. The smell of gunpowder was thickening even though the air was still.

Qing Shui’s eyes were locked on the leader of the other side. It was because Qing Shui knew the guy, it was the Joyous Sage he had met before.

This shocked Qing Shui deeply.

The leading elder on the other side was also shocked. His clothing style was different from before, but Qing Shui could recognize the elder from one glance. Of course, the elder could recognize Qing Shui as well.

“Young man, we meet again. I had never thought of seeing you here. You are a member of the Demon Lord Palace?” The elder looked at the woman next to Qing Shui and exclaimed in disbelief.

“He is a Supreme Custodian of the Soaring Dragon Amalgamation, a terrifying person,” the Demon Lord said lightly.

Qing Shui seemed to have realized something. He seemed to have grasped something, but at the same time, he couldn't grasp it.

Chapter 1440 - Instantly Slaughtered An Individual, Retreat, A Resemblance To Dragon Head

This old man did help him before in the past. Even though Qing Shui didn't know what the reason for the old man's decision was - that reason was known as 'fate' - he now felt that the reason wasn't as simple as fate itself.

“You and your father look alike.”

Suddenly, his mother's words echoed in his ears. It would go well if this old man wasn't associated with the Soaring Dragon Organization. That would be lucky. However, this old man is currently the Supreme Custodian of the Soaring Dragon Organization - a powerful individual. Things would not go as simple as he previously thought.

Perhaps it was really simple in the past, but as of now, he was already a member of the Demon Lord Palace. It wasn't that simple anymore.

In contrast to Qing Shui's bewilderment, the old man seemed like he was slightly intoxicated. At first, Qing Shui was a nobody in his eyes, but now he felt that this young man was unfathomable.

In the past, the old man thought that Qing Shui bore a resemblance to 'Dragon Head', so regardless of the relation, he decided to help him. Despite that, he didn't expect that Qing Shui would grow to this stage at a remarkable speed.

“Old man, it's unexpected for us to meet each other again in this kind of situation. I see you are from the Soaring Dragon Organization. I will definitely not make the first move. Even if it's for this stone coffin, I will allow you to make your move first. If you all can take it from me, it will be yours. What do you think of this proposition?” Qing Shui said after a brief consideration.

“You've grown stronger much too fast. I thought about the day when we would meet again, but I didn't think it would be this quick and in this situation no less. How many people do you represent?” said Joyous Sage, smilingly.

Qing Shui looked at Demon Lord and she gave a nod. This gesture warmed Qing Shui's heart in an instant.

“I can represent myself and the Demon Lord Palace.” said Qing Shui as he turned to look at the old man.

“It seems that both of us do not serve a common interest now. I’m saddened by this. I’ve seen a person who looks just like you. I wonder, do you have a relative out there?” Joyous Sage said calmly.

Qing Shui noticed that Joyous Sage definitely knew about something, otherwise he would not have said something like this with no reason.

Qing Shui seemed calm, yet Demon Lord seemed perplexed as she gazed at him. She realized something all of a sudden, then she turned to Qing Shui and said, “You look a lot like the Dragon Head of the Soaring Dragon Organization.”

“The Dragon Head of the Soaring Dragon Organization?”

Qing Shui asked in confusion.

“The leader of the Soaring Dragon Organization is also known as Dragon Head.” Demon Lord explained.

Qing Shui now felt that this Dragon Head should be the one he has been looking for.

“There are too many people who look alike. I’m from the Five Continents, so the probability of meeting someone I know here is slim.” Qing Shui didn’t want to implicate his relationship with that man at this moment.

This world highly values the virtue of filial piety. If that person was truly his father, then being an enemy with his own father would attract thoughtless remarks from other people.

He wasn’t afraid of gossips, but he wasn’t willing to bear this kind of reputation either.

“Hehe, Qing Shui, I feel like you’re being hostile to me. Beside the point, I think you should really meet with Dragon Head.” Joyous Sage retained a smile on his face. He was currently wearing extravagant clothing, which made him seemed way less celestial than the first time Qing Shui saw him.

“There will be chance for that. We will talk about it next time. Old man, please!”

Qing Shui quickly retreated with Demon Lord Hua Rumei and the others.

To be honest, he still felt a bit anguished for giving away this stone coffin. He had already received the treasure chest from the fifth palace. The last one was the stone coffin. He couldn’t bear the thought of giving it up, but for the sake of repaying the kindness of the old man who had once helped him, there was no choice.

“Since you are repaying his kindness, then hand over the rest of the treasure that you must have gotten from the other five palaces!” Just then, an old man beside Joyous Sage started to speak with a grin.

Qing Shui closed his eyes and replied with a smirk, “We’ve already eaten those few items. Also, the two palaces contained nothing. Moreover, I don’t owe you any favor. If you dare nag about it further, I don’t mind making you silent forever.”

“Hahaha, reckless and ignorant. I’m not afraid of you, not even the Demon Lord beside you. How can you be so arrogant for being a small soldier from the Demon Lord Palace. Come, just make me silent forever. I want to see how you can make me shut my mouth for eternity.”

Qing Shui narrowed his eyes, giving off a stare as sharp as a knife, to which the old man shuddered. Then, at that moment, he saw a tiny golden light flashed and vanished in an instant. Only a few people can see this tiny golden light, but it was no use, as no one could prevent the inevitable. Before a thought could emerge from the old man's mind, it had already disappeared from his head.

Within less than the time to take a breath, the old man flopped to the ground lifelessly without making any sound.

This was the Marrow Nibbling Golden Dragon Silkworm that Qing Shui had used. This mighty power had surprised Qing Shui thoroughly, and it had been a long time since he used the silkworm. It was certainly powerful, but he didn't expect to kill this old man so swiftly and with such ease.

The sudden change caused everyone to turn pale from fright. If Qing Shui was able to kill a powerful False God Cultivator that easily, then killing them would be much easier. Joyous Sage could not help but twitch. His face had become slightly pale as well.

"Please!"

Qing Shui gestured to the old man once more.

Everything went smoothly, as the other wicked forces dared not make any moves. Many of them were already treating him as if he was an evil pernicious star. Demon Lord and the two brothers from the Lu Clan could not help but trembled their lips. Now they have to put a lot of consideration in their matters concerning Qing Shui.

"Is this your favor to me?" Joyous Sage returned to normal as he glanced at Qing Shui.

Qing Shui naturally knew that the old man was saying - it was about the slaughter just now. However, he continued to grin and said, "Kindness is always returned tenfold. Old man, I respect you, but I'm not familiar with the others. I'm not used to being threatened either."

Everyone in the scene was dumbfounded by Qing Shui's method. If not for that, the members of the Soaring Dragon Organization would have made their moves already. Even now, each of them were stifling their anger. They would explode any time if they could.

A few dozen of them were powerful cultivators who all possessed the dignity of a strong fighter. For them to be terrorized by a young man, their depression was indescribable. In the end, one of them still came forward to confront Qing Shui.

"Such heresy. If you are so capable, then let us fight in a duel of life and death, fair and square." Another old man came forward and suggested the idea.

Qing Shui laughed, "Heresy can also kill people. Why should I engage in a duel of life and death with you? Are there any benefits to that?"

"Are you scared? Are you afraid?"

The old man challenged provokingly.

"Haha, if I accept any challenges each of you throw at me, then I will be an extremely busy man." Qing Shui sneered at the slightly stubborn old man.

“You, you... I will kill you today.” The old man said as he unsheathed his greatsword with the intention to rush towards Qing Shui for a kill.

“Elder Hao, come back!” Joyous Sage shouted to stop the old man.

The old man stopped when he heard Joyous Sage’s words, “Supreme Elder...”

Joyous Sage waved his hand and then said to Qing Shui, “You don’t need to repay the fate of us meeting that day, that is not a favor. Since today is lively and you lot are the first to enter the shrine, we will withdraw for today. Also, I would like you to take in consideration to come to the Soaring Dragon when you are free. Perhaps you and our Dragon Head have an extraordinary relationship with one another.”

After Joyous Sage finished his speech, he led his men and left the place. This was out of Qing Shui’s expectations. He was also aware that the old man was trying to find out his identity when he asked whether Qing Shui could represent the Demon Lord Palace or not.

The old man simply left the building. At that moment, Hua Rumei raised her concern, “This isn’t the first or second time he used this kind of tactic. They might steal our treasure halfway our journey.”

“It doesn’t matter. No one can stop us.” Qing Shui beamed heroically.

Qing Shui looked at the others, especially the members of the Divine Beast Sect and the Wild Ghost Valley, and said, “I will give you a chance. You can take the items inside the stone coffin. I don’t know if there’s anything inside, but if you manage to take them, they are yours. If you don’t take the items, then I will take them. Once I take them, they will be mine. If any of you think of trying something funny, don’t blame me for being ruthless afterwards.”

Hearing what Qing Shui had to say, the Divine Beast Sect and Wild Ghost Valley were tempted to try, yet they were afraid to do so.

“We will withdraw for now. If the Demon Lord Palace will go and take the items, we will give you protection.” At that moment, the attractive woman from the Divine Sound Sect spoke with a smile.

Qing Shui smiled too. This woman was a smart person.

“Can we trust your words?” A scrawny old man came forward and asked Qing Shui.

“Of course, I’m not a judgmental person, but I do keep my words. I don’t intend to go back on my word in front of so many people.”

The person talking just now was an old man from the Wild Ghost Valley. People from that place looked like a dried bone and the reason for their appearance was due to their mastery of technique. Not all who joined the Wild Ghost Valley had that kind of appearance. The reason was solely due to the cultivation of the technique of the Wild Ghost Valley.

In the past during the time at the gates of the Ancient Ruins, that old man from the Divine Beast Sect showed great might and ruthlessness.

“Brother Chi, how about it? Do you want to join me and see what is inside this stone coffin?” The gloomy, old man looked at the stalwart, old man from the Divine Beast Sect.

“Alright!”

Qing Shui did not make any remarks while he stood by. He already felt that these four stone giants would not be easy to deal with as he would require the Nine Stances of Ancient Divine Battle Technique to do so. He wondered whether the Dragon Slaying Beast would be able to breach through them. The two women have nothing to say about Qing Shui’s decision in handing over the stone coffin either.

These people knew that there must be a reason for Qing Shui to hand over the stone coffin like that. Despite knowing that, they still wanted to try it. The worst they could do was to retreat. If they did not try it, however, they would not be content with the outcome. This was a highly unfavorable bet, yet someone would always enjoy doing it.

Twelve people were sent out, with six each from the Divine Beast Sect and Wild Ghost Valley. When that was settled, they turned towards the stone coffin and made their moves. They split into a group of three with one group facing a stone giant each.

These stone giants were massive. Each person were wielding a bulky stone spear as they faced the stone giants. About 100 meters where twelve of them rushed into the vicinity of the stone coffin, these stone giants began to move.

The long spear in their hands swept across the giants with the formidable strength. That kind of aura could destroy anything invincible.

Roar roar...

The members of the Divine Beast Sect summoned their own demonic beasts. The two brothers of the Lu Clan were also included. The demonic beasts of these people were very strong. After all, those who were able to enter here were all extraordinary people. The members of the Wild Ghost Valley moved like a ghost as their silhouettes would become blurry at times. They were extremely fast in their movements and their attacks had poison element to them.

After engaging in combat, they were able to understand the might of these stone giants. The demonic beasts and the poison of the Wild Ghost Valley were ineffective against these stone giants. On top of that, the attack from the giants were simply destructive and fatal.

The moment they engaged in the fight, one demonic beast was instantly annihilated. That caused the members of the Divine Beast Sect and the Wild Ghost Valley to raise their heartbeat instantaneously. Anyone could tell that there was a huge disparity between their power and the strength of the stone giants. They wouldn’t be able to endure much longer against the stone beasts from before, much less against these stone giants now.