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Chapter 1551 - Qing Shui's Participation, the Change in the Situation of the Battle

The sky which had originally already turned dark became filled with smoke because of the battle. The air was filled with intense fluctuations of energy. This was due to the flow of Qi Force.

Qin Qing lifted her head and looked at the familiar figure. However, the face which she saw wasn't the one which she knew. Though she was aware that he was Qing Shui, she felt an anomaly which she couldn't describe in words. The fact that he was unwilling to use his original look meant that he didn't want to face her in person.

But the fact that he was here meant that he was unable to let her go.

In actuality, Qing Shui wasn't thinking that much. Nothing much was going on his mind at this moment. He had never been able to let go of Qin Qing. At the time when he left, the reason for his departure was because Qin Qing didn't have him in her heart. He couldn't afford to see anything happen to the Qin Royalty, nor could he afford to see her sad. At the time when Qin Ying died, Qin Qing almost lost control of her power. If the Qin Royalty was finished, Qing Shui wouldn't dare to even think about the consequences.

Qing Shui immediately stood in front of Qin Qing. Chai Yang's Bloody Moon Blossom collided with the Nine Continents Mountain before it crashed into Qing Shui. It crushed into Qing Shui and pushed him towards Qin Qing almost right away.

The distance between the two was very short which caused Qing Shui to crash onto Qin Qing. However, because of his agility, he managed to stabilize after a few spins.

Nine Palace Laws!

Phoenix Battle Intent!

Qing Shui summoned his own demonic beasts and quickly raised his condition to its peak. He took out the Golden Battle Halberd. As of now, Qing Shui's strength was at a totally different level from how it used to be. He could easily charge around his opponents violently because the attacks from his opponents weren't able to cause him any damage.

Hence, Qing Shui started charging around recklessly as soon as he went to the battleground. He managed to kill five of the warriors when they were not expecting it. Just as this was happening, Chai Yang feared Qing Shui. It was as if this young man was an unbreakable stone.

Art of Pursuing!

Vajra Subdues Demons!

Emperor's Qi!

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Very quickly, Qing Shui already managed to control the entire battleground. In terms of wounding power, Qing Shui was only slightly weaker than Qin Qing. But when it came to resistance towards

attacks, Qin Qing would never be able to catch up to him no matter how hard she tried. This was Qing Shui's edge.

Demonic Beasts, the Emperor's Qi, Battle God's Light Ring, and formations as well. The formations were the main weapon which aided him in swiftly controlling the tide of the battle. After that, Qing Shui said gently, "Sister Qin, don't worry about it. I just came from there. The old man is safe and sound."

Upon hearing what Qing Shui said, Qin Qing's heart felt more relieved. She noticed that in reality, Qing Shui's strength wasn't as fearsome as she thought. But as long as he was there, he would be able to turn any sorts of peril into safety. He was like her own support. With him around, she could stand very firmly almost without any effort. Without him, she often found herself having to exert strenuous effort to achieve anything.

"Are you still mad at me?" Qin Qing charged towards Chai Yang as soon as she finished speaking.

Before Qing Shui could say anything, the outstanding woman had already left his side. He revealed an awkward smile. He was never actually mad at her; it was due to her change that caused him to be upset and temporarily left. But now, she was making it look as if he were the one who left her.

Due to the addition of Qing Shui and his demonic beasts, Chai Yang's side became really confused and immediately, their group became really disordered. Naturally, given this opportunity, Qing Shui wouldn't want to go easy on them. He immediately summoned his Thunderous Beast.

Violet Lightning Strike.....

Both Qing Shui and the Dragon Slaying Beast were in sync with each other. In the span of a breath, six lives had already been taken away. Furthermore, the enemies who died were all experts. The Hell Nightmare Beast was keeping Qin Qing company. During this, Qin Qing and the Green Dragon had also managed to kill two other warriors.

As of now, Qin Qing was already considered to be quite strong. Otherwise, Qin Baifo wouldn't have let her come here alone. Ever since her younger sister died, the bloodline across her entire body was completely triggered. It caused her strength to be significantly boosted right away.

Chai Yang was caught off guard and immediately got half of his men killed. Actually, for a warrior who had reached his level, he was supposed to already be very mentally strong. However, after witnessing the abilities of the Thunderous Beast, even he couldn't help but feel fearful toward it. He was a very knowledgeable person. He was even aware of the Dragon Slaying Beast's abilities. To put it simply, when these two beasts decided to coordinate their attacks together, they would become a fearsome existence.

Originally, the people who died around him could have avoided death. It was just that everything happened too suddenly. In a moment, they had already suffered a disastrous loss. The people who died were the people closest to him. Drowned in rage, he didn't dare to move recklessly. If anything unexpected were to happen, it would lead to him submitting right here.

There was no one in the world who wouldn't fear death. He looked at Qing Shui, "Who are you and why are you interfering in this matter?"

“You are overestimating yourself. You guys have been tricked. I am an ally of the Qin Royalty.” Qing Shui looked at Chai Yang with a disdainful look.

Somehow, Qing Shui had always felt that the Gu Clan was involved in this fight. The only people who could manage to destroy the Qin Royalty and also their formation must be people who were already very familiar with them. Furthermore, they would need to be individuals who bore deep hatred. No matter how much he thought about it, the most suspicious was the Gu Clan. It was unlikely that they would want to let go of this opportunity.

At the moment when Chai Yang fell, Qing Shui shouted at Qin Qing, “Let’s go and provide support to Old Man Qin!”

The battle that went on by Qin Qing and Qing Shui’s side wasn’t the greatest one. Qin Qing also didn’t dare to stop her steps. She quickly flew into the direction towards the Qin Royalty. The battle before was far away from Qin King Manor. This was also the reason why the opponents decided to spread out.

By the time they made it there, Qin King Manor had already completed their defensive formation. A transparent light ring covered the entire Qin King Manor. Old Man Qin was placed in the middle. Threads after threads of Spiritual Qi were maintaining the protection provided by the light ring.

More than a hundred people continuously attacked the light ring, causing the light ring to start tottering. It was obvious that the light ring couldn’t last any longer.

“Everyone, try your best to break the light ring. The old coot is almost at his limits, we must massacre the entire Qin King Manor!”

“Massacre Qin King Manor!”

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Qing Shui didn’t say anything much. He immediately took out a bunch of Heavenly Thunder Talismans and passed them to Qin Qing. After that, he again took out another bunch and said, “Toss it at them together with me!”

“Who is that? Oh, Miss Qin is here!”

Hong-hong.....

Though the Heavenly Thunder Talisman couldn’t cause heavy damage to warriors at this level, they could be used to cause chaos around the area. It also had a fixed chance of causing numbness to the people who got hit by it.

“Stop them!”

Mighty Elephant Stomp! Mighty Elephant Stomp!

Both Qing Shui and the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant unleashed the attack which neglected the warrior’s grades at the same time. The Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant’s Sure-kill Heavenly Technique only raised the success rate of the battle techniques. At this moment, it finally showed what powerful use it had.

The Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant immediately caused dizziness to about ten of the enemy's warriors. Among the ten people, two of them were experts. Qing Shui's Mighty Elephant Stomp only managed to cause dizziness in a warrior, and it was someone who was fairly weaker in terms of strength.

The Dragon Slaying Beast immediately leaped towards an expert. Qing Shui, on the other hand, shot out numerous Ten Thousand Years Coldsteel Needles which had been dipped in Venomous Datura before.

Qin Qing didn't stop her feet. She immediately approached one of the warriors closest to her and killed him. All of this happened in a flash. Meanwhile, on the other side, the old man from the Qin Royalty removed the light ring, and right away, the people from his clan also charged their way forward.

For a moment, the situation of the battle was really chaotic.

Qing Shui and Qin Qing mixed into the crowd of Qin King Manor. Phoenix Battle Intent immediately raised all of their strength by 10%. The Battle God Halo, and also formations, not only did they boost their strength, but their ability to recover was also increased by a few times.

The ability of the Dragon Slaying Beast to kill wasn't something to be worried about. Though at the final moment, a man recovered from their dizziness and managed to hit the Dragon Slaying Beast away, his head was still lopped off by the Beast's claws.

That person was an expert. Hence, he was slightly far away from the others, which was why the Dragon Slaying Beast managed to do it so easily. Qing Shui's Poison Needles were also really fearsome. In just a while, it managed to take away the lives of almost 30 warriors. However, the strongest person among them managed to barely avoid it again and again.

Qing Shui's and Qin Qing's appearance immediately caused minor changes to the situation of the battle. Most importantly, they managed to raise the Qin Royalty's morale.

"I knew that Qing Shui would be back." The old man revealed a happy smile.

Qing Shui immediately peeled off the layer of thin skin on his face. He felt that it was a failure. His fake mask wasn't made of human skin. He felt that the material was really disgusting. It was a liquid from botanical plants turned into a mask. Compared to the masks from his previous incarnation, it was more exquisite. However, Qing Shui knew that the flaw didn't lay in his look, but his abilities, weapons and demonic beasts.

"That person is the Demonic Old Ancestor." Qing Shui saw a familiar figure. It was one whom he battled before last time. Qing Shui's ability was very unique. It was as if his Spiritual Sense would mark the people whom it came in contact with.

Old Man Qin looked towards the old man whom Qing Shui pointed at. He immediately knitted his white long brows, "It seems that the Gu Clan has truly grown to be an outstanding clan. To think that they would work together with those clans to face us.

It's indeed a surprising thing. Why was the Qin Royalty on such a passive side? Everything had become clear now. Though Qin Royalty might be strong, they were outnumbered. Now that they were up against three clans, they could do nothing but suffer the fate of being beaten up.

Qing Shui and Qin Qing's sudden appearance was like a butterfly that flapped its wings all of a sudden. However, their appearance had managed to slightly change the tide of the battle.

"I won't investigate any further if the Gu Clan withdraws now." Old Man Qin suddenly moved his sight towards Demonic Old Ancestor.

This was a mental battle. After all, in terms of morality, the Gu Clan didn't have a firm ground to stand on. Also, Qin King Manor wasn't an opponent who could be dealt with so easily.

But with how things had developed, the Gu Clan was no longer left with any retreat routes. The Demonic Old Man said in a gloomy tone, "All of you must die today. Why don't you focus more on the Qin Royalty itself!"

Qin Baifo looked at Qing Shui and felt really relieved. Prior to this, Qing Shui's performance gave hope to a lot of the people from Qin King Manor. The reason being that his appearance had benefited a lot of them, with significant boosts in their strength.

"You reckless bastard. Since things have already turned out like this, don't blame me for anything that happens."

The battle could happen at any moment. Qing Shui and Qin Baifo were really sharp. Qing Shui, in preparation, made the Dragon Slaying Beast and Hell Nightmare Beast coordinate with each other. The task of the Dragon Slaying Beast was mainly to sneak up on the enemies and attack them when Old Man Qin and Qin Baifo were attacking.

Qing Shui on the other hand, stayed together with Qin Qing to protect the others while they broke the siege. The Nine Continents Mountain mainly acted as a defensive tool to protect them. On several occasions, Qing Shui would also use it as a shield.

Under the support provided by Qing Shui, the strength of both Old Man Qin and Qin Baifo was boosted significantly. Added to that, Qing Shui was able to weaken his enemies at a really fast pace. Even though the enemies might have outnumbered the people from Qin King Manor, they still had no choice but to suffer the fate of being beaten.

Qing Shui came back and was confident that he could face off against all enemies. This was precisely what was unique about Qing Shui. He could weaken his opponents and at the same time strengthen his allies. This effect was indeed really heaven-defying.

The battle was one-sided. The people from Qin King Manor were like sharp swords. Everywhere which they passed through was like grass that was being cut off. At the moment when the opponents unleashed their Sure Kill Heavenly Techniques, the Hell Nightmare Beast would immediately stand in front to protect them and block the opponent's attacks. The Hell Nightmare Beast was a lot more powerful than the Dragon Slaying Beast and kept on fighting.

The air howled like roaring thunders. The noises made from weapons colliding with each other were like continuous waves. Explosions could be heard one after another, the situation was really fearsome.

Qing Shui noticed that his role leaned more towards controlling the battle. For instance, he would coordinate his attacks to support Old man Qin. He would suddenly unleash the Heavenly Thunder Talisman or shoot out his weapons. His strategy showed unusually great results.

Chapter 1552 - Control, Qing Shui's Magnificent Ability

Qing Shui was getting more and more accustomed to this kind of feeling. He really enjoyed it. It was a sense of conquering the whole battlefield. A feeling of having complete control over something.

Not only Qing Shui, but other people, they all found this young man to be really terrifying. The ability that this young man possessed was too unique. Originally, the gap in strength between Old Man Qin, Qin Baifo and the opponents was small. It took them more than a hundred moves to find out the victor of the matches. But now, one move was all it took for them to decide the winner. It was a completely one-sided, one hit KO battle. What exactly was going on?

Art of Pursuing!

Qing Shui gazed at an old man in black attire who was charging towards Qin Qing. He immediately tossed his Art of Pursuing. Unlike the Emperor's Qi, the Art of Pursuing could only be used one opponent at a time. Hence, for most of the time, Qing Shui would only use it on strong warriors.

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The opponent immediately slowed down. Heart Toxin Talisman!

Qing Shui hadn't used this sort of Heavenly Talisman in a long time. This type of Heavenly Talisman was very powerful. It was just that he wasn't strong enough before, so the chance for these talismans to succeed was quite low. Now that he was stronger, adding that he was also luckier, he was able to execute attacks by tossing them as he wished.

The reason why he intervened was that he felt that the old man was a very powerful threat.

Heaven Slayer Old Ancestor!

Qin Baifo charged his way forward as he revealed the old man's identity. Only Qing Shui had fought against the Demonic Old Ancestor before. He had no knowledge about who the Heaven Slayer Old Ancestor was.

Nine Leaf Ripple Palm Strike! Thousand Threads Ten Thousand Silk Kill!

The Heaven Slayer Old Ancestor looked at the attacks which he was once able to deflect before in disbelief. Right now, he was in despair.

The massacre continued but in a one-sided fashion. Both the Chai Clan and the Yue Clan were really upset. As for the Gu Clan, they had never felt as regretful as they were now. However, the things a person did was like water that had been poured out. It could never be undone. They could sense danger slowly approaching their clan. Unfortunately, at this point, it was no longer something which they could take into consideration. The reason was that today, all of their lives would end here.

Sometimes, death wasn't the scariest thing. The worst was dying for no reason. Having a smile even down in the underworld was also considered to be gratifying. However, The Yue, Gu and Chai clans were unable to manage even that. They had indeed, died without knowing the reason for their deaths.

The following battle almost didn't have any suspense in it. For warriors at this level, it didn't take long for them to finish. From the beginning till the end, it only lasted for about an hour.

There were a lot of places in ruins around Qin King Manor. There were also a few warriors that had been injured. The majority of the battles took place in the sky. Otherwise, the entire Qin King Manor and nearby areas would have turned into rubble.

Every single enemy was annihilated. This battle was well fought. The damage which Qin King Manor received was minimal, though a few people might have died. To Qin King Manor, they had managed to withstand grave injuries. The people who died weren't the powerhouses of Qin King Manor. Qin Baifo and another old man received slight injuries. But with Qing Shui here, they were healed with relative ease.

As for the corpses, there would naturally be people who would take charge of handling them. The surroundings of Qin King Manor were covered in smoke. It was so quiet to the point not even a trace of sound could be heard. To Qin King Manor, it felt as if their life was renewed after a calamity.

Old Man Qin went to Qing Shui's side. Not only had this young man helped extend his lifespan, causing his position in Qin King Manor to improve, this time he even helped to ensure that Qin Royalty would be safe and sound. Without him, Qin King Manor would have been annihilated.

"Qing Shui, Qin King Manor owes you a debt which I am afraid we will never be able to pay. So long as you find Qin King Manor useful, you can tell us. Everyone from Qin King Manor will put everything at stake for you. Yes, I mean my word and it will be in effect forever." Old Man Qin looked into Qing Shui's eyes and said slowly. He sounded really firm.

Qing Shui smiled and shook his head, "Old man, you don't have to be so formal with me. Do you really think that I would just sit still and ignore everything that's happening to you?"

The old man smiled and remained silent. He really liked this young man. Not only was he capable, but he also took relationships seriously. While observing her granddaughter who had changed yet again, he felt relieved.

The change in her daughter occurred too suddenly. Prior to this, when Qing Shui didn't come back with Qin Qing, the old man was already aware that something was going on between them. Deep down, he felt really sad about it.

Today, having seen that Qing Shui had come, they all felt as if they had relieved a burden in their hearts. All along, the Qin Clan had been worried about the things that were going on with Qin Qing personally. She was too outstanding, outstanding to the point they didn't know what kind of man would suit her. The fact that she brought Qing Shui back this time already gave a sign of the man who would probably be a match to her.

Hence, everyone from Qin Clan was really happy. They never treated Qing Shui as an outsider. Qin Ying's death had caused a dark cloud in everyone's hearts which they couldn't sweep away for the time being. Not to mention it had even triggered a dramatic change in Qin Qing.

"Everyone, let's head back. This is something which is worth celebrating." Old Man Qin said in joy.

"Little brat, why don't you and Qing Shui both go down and get ready? You have all worked hard. Come down and have something to eat later." Qin Baifo said gently.

Everyone left. They all gave Qing Shui and Qin Qing some time alone. The reason why Qing Shui could make it to Qin King Manor was all because of Qin Qing. The reason why he could get involved in this matter was also because of Qin Qing. Not to say that he could help extend the Old Man Qin's lifespan, it was also because of Qin Qing.

"Thank you!" Qin Qing looked at Qing Shui and said gently. Her pupils looked extremely beautiful. However, from Qing Shui's perspective, those weren't the familiar pupils which he used to see before.

"Is there anything else for us to talk about? No matter what the future is, so long as I know that something has happened to you, I won't just sit still and watch as you fall. I will never do that." Qing Shui shook his head, let out a sigh and said.

"I can feel that your feelings for me have changed. I am aware that you don't like me doing this. But I can't control myself." Qin Qing said softly.

"I didn't change, nor am I against you doing so. Haven't you noticed that after the shock from before, that your heart has been filled with other stuff? As of now, it no longer has any place for me." Qing Shui shook his head and said in an upset tone. Upon receiving a certain shock, a person will change based on what the incident was about.

Qin Ying's death had caused Qin Qing to lose her interest for the affairs between men and women. It was replaced by hatred. This was also the change which Qing Shui sensed from her. Though she didn't do anything to Qing Shui, he was able to notice her resistance.

After being silent for a while, Qin Qing spoke slowly, "No I haven't. Deep in my heart, I still have expectations for you."

Qing Shui smiled, "What kind of expectations?"

"I look forward to you appearing in front of me. At the moment when you showed up, I knew that even if my heart was filled with hatred, it would still have room for you." Qin Qing looked at Qing Shui with her face blushed. For a woman cold as ice like her to have this kind of expression, it was extremely attractive and alluring.

It was the first time Qin Qing said something so affectionate in her entire life. No matter how calm Qing Shui tried to be, at the very least, he would still feel like a deer that was randomly crashing into stuff. Very quickly, she looked away, not daring to come into contact with Qing Shui's eyes.

If Qing Shui was still unable to grasp how she felt even after she spoke up to this point, he would have been really foolish. No matter how much she had changed, her feelings for him would never change.

Qing Shui took two steps forward and pulled her hand. It felt a bit cold. Qin Qing didn't try to break free from his grasp. She lifted her head and looked at Qing Shui, "Let's go back. I would like to take a bath as I am feeling really uncomfortable."

It was normal for her to feel this way after going through a battle. However, when she mentioned the word bath, Qing Shui's heart beat faster. He chuckled, "Alright, I would like to go and take a shower as well. Why don't we go together?"

"In your dreams!"

After some washing and rinsing, Qing Shui and Qin Qing returned to the main hall. At that time, it was almost already midnight. Most of the strongest warriors were all present in the living room. As it was said numerous times, there were only very few people in Qin King Manor. For an aristocratic clan, Qin King Manor was considered to be one that had very few members.

Old Man Qin let Qing Shui take the seat of honor. But naturally, Qing Shui refused to do so. In the end, Old Man Qin was still the one to take the seat. Qing Shui sat below Qin Baifo near Qin Qing.

The gossip around the dinner table was mostly about some relaxing topics. But occasionally, they would also talk about things related to the Chai, Yue or Gu clans. Right now, Qing Shui was no longer considered as an outsider.

Because it was night time, the banquet this time basically consisted of only a plain dinner as a form of celebration. The banquet ended fairly quickly. Other than the night vigils, all of the guests have gone back to rest.

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On the second day, Qing Shui thought that Qin King Manor would take action against the attacking clans. But what surprised him was that Qin King Manor didn't do anything about it. They acted like nothing had ever happened.

Since Qing Shui had nothing to do, he aided Qin King Manor in setting up their defensive formation. Qing Shui's knowledge in formation was something which no one would ever be able to catch up no matter how hard they tried. The people from Qin King Manor had also learned a lot of things from him. Most of them had to do with formations.

Right at the moment when Qing Shui was thinking of what to do in the backyard, Old Man Qin approached him.

"Qing Shui, why don't you accompany an elderly like me for a walk!" The old man said in a friendly tone.

"I couldn't have asked for more!"

Qing Shui smiled and followed after the old man as they slowly walked along the small and shady path.

"Aren't you curious about why I refuse to investigate on those people and take this opportunity to retaliate?" The old man smiled and asked while walking.

Qing Shui smiled and nodded. However, deep down, he has already had his own assumptions.

"Though Qin King Manor may seem to be really impressive, it has always been in a risky situation. The reason is due to the few members which Qin King Manor has. We are like tigers without teeth. We are respected and feared by a lot of people. Qin King Manor has also done things with benevolence and righteousness. From the outsiders' points of view, they thought that Qin King Manor was hiding a lot of warriors. For example, the matter right ahead of us, it's not necessary for Qin King Manor to take a step forward and get involved. It's better to leave them scared. The most fearful time to a person is right before the moment when we show our fist."

The old man sounded upset when he was saying this. Qing Shui was able to understand why. He smiled and said, "Old man, constantly being tolerant towards others isn't the way to solve problems. There are

times when you need to be firm with your decision and make your move. Otherwise, you will have no choice but to suffer the fate of being bullied by others.”

The old man’s eyes turned bright. He smiled back upon seeing Qing Shui’s smile, “I am old now. Qing Shui, you can go pay these clans a visit along with Qing`er. How do you feel about that?”

“That would certainly not be a problem.”

After chit-chatting for a while, Qing Shui bid farewell to the old man and returned to the courtyard only to realize that Qin Qing was still awake and standing by the window in the hall on the first floor. She was looking out the window and seemed distracted.

At the moment when she heard Qing Shui’s footsteps, she turned around and said, “You’re back!”

When Qing Shui saw her smile, it’s as if he went back to the past. He nodded, “Why are you still awake?”

Qing Shui walked up to her and looked outside. This place had a very good view. There was a decent amount of people outside. Like usual, they were living their own lives. No matter what kind of changes would happen to their surroundings, it would eventually go on. Life must continue.

“I was just about to go to bed when you came back.”

“I thought you couldn’t wait for me to fall asleep.” Qing Shui smiled and looked at her. He was unable to forget the shy look which Qin Qing had shown just now. It looked so beautiful that it could topple cities.

“I am going to bed now!” Qin Qing slightly shook her head and was about to leave after she finished speaking.

“Sister Qin, the old man is planning to let us go on a trip to the Chai Clan, the Yue Clan, and the Gu Clan. When do you think it would be the right time for us to set off?” Qing Shui stopped Qin Qing.

After a moment of thought, Qin Qing revealed a joyful expression, “Why don’t we give them two days to consider it first? I am sure they would be really nervous during these days.”

Chapter 1553 - Another Way Of Claiming Justice, The Two Demons of the Chai Clan

Qing Shui didn’t have much of an opinion towards their coming revenge. As of now, he was very relaxed. The increase in strength had triggered a change in his state of mind. The strength which he had in hand was very impressive. Only capable people would be able to keep their cool at all times. The reason being that in their eyes, the many things which people would find despair from, were not even worth mentioning.

“Well, in a way, this is great too. Well then, Sister Qin, tell me when it’s time to set off.” Qing Shui nodded and said casually.

“Alright, I am going to rest now. Why don’t you go and have some rest as well?”

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Three days went by very quickly. During this time, Qing Shui had never once left Qin King Manor. Other than the time when he needed to train in the realm, he would spend the rest of his day in complete

relaxation. Other than spending some of his time with Qin Qing, he spent the majority of his time out in the sun.

A person would only reflect when they were under quiet conditions. A person would improve only if they constantly meditated. Regardless of how skillful a person might be with their martial arts, they would still need a brain to be able to socialize with people.

Qing Shui spent much of his time thinking about his future. The woman had promised to meet him at the restaurant after a month to bring him to go and look for Yiye Jiange.

As of now, this was one of Qing Shui's most important matters at hand. Warriors were beings with unlimited desire. Thus, the reason why Qing Shui cultivated was to bring services to other people. He didn't want to be the world's number one. He just didn't want to be bullied by other people.

Thinking back about how he made it this far, Qing Shui had always struggled along his way. He had always worked hard in order to ensure his survival. Some people often said that a person's talent was forced out by what they went through. Indeed, this was really the case. When a person was subject to extreme pressure and didn't crumble, they would explode with newfound power.

By now, a lot of rumors were spreading out in the public. It was mostly about Qin King Manor, the Chai Clan, the Yue Clan and the Gu Clan. There were no walls which wind couldn't pass through. The things which happened between the clans had long since been spread out to the public. This time, the Gu Clan had been pushed to the edge of the winds and waves.

To begin with, the Gu Clan already had a bad reputation. This time, it had even worked together with the Sacred Might Dynasty to attempt a sneak attack on Qin King Manor. Qin King Manor on the other hand, was known to be a generous clan. The incident this time had caused the Gu Clan to be the target of accusation by the public.

Furthermore, during these few days, other news were also been spread out to the public. It was about Miss Qin of Qin King Manor who would visit the Gu Clan to claim justice for Qin King Manor.

No one knew the purpose behind this action when this news got passed on. It wasn't for nothing that the name Miss Qin was quite influential around the area. Her nickname Fairy Qin wasn't called for nothing. The incident this time had caused people to start neglecting the things which happened before.

The thing which the majority of people couldn't understand was why Qin King Manor decided to send Qin Qing off to fight for their justice. Despite how strong Fairy Qing was, she was still just a youngster. The Chai, Yue, as well as the Gu clans were all aristocratic clans. It seemed Qin King Manor had become a bit arrogant about their strength.

But there were also other assumptions that were made, that was, Qin King Manor was trying to give them a chance this time. Which was why they sent a junior to go and fight for justice of their clan. It's unlikely that the other clans would send out any of their monster-like seniors this time, as this would significantly bring down their status as aristocratic clans.

The rumors outside didn't just stop there. Apparently, another news was heard. Qin Qing and Qing Shui sent out a challenge to the Yue and Gu clans. Furthermore, it was a compulsory challenge. In other words, a challenge which the opponents must accept.

If a compulsory challenge was rejected, the opponent would have the right to directly intrude and attack the clan. Actually, that was exactly the intention. Qing Shui was only trying to do it in a more polite way. This was why he decided to go with the challenger letter option. A compulsory challenge.

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The designated location for the battle was at Moonwolf Island. By now, both Qing Shui and Qin Qing were already at Moonwolf Island. The duration of the battle was set to last one whole day. Within this fixed time, there must constantly be a person from each clan taking part in the battle. The battle would only end if either Qing Shui or Qin Qing died.

There were quite a lot of people who headed off for Moonwolf Island upon receiving the news. The majority of them were people from the Sacred Might Dynasty and the Great Qin Dynasty. Across the continent, martial arts was the most popular trend. A challenge could be seen as something above everything. Though the side that was being invited for the challenge was more dominant, people didn't have high hopes for them.

Adding the incident regarding the three clans, the Gu Clan in particular, which was despised by the people for working with outsiders to attempt a sneak attack on Qin King Manor. Regarding this matter, a lot of people had already been made aware about it. Qin King Manor was on the side of justice.

Moonwolf Mountain Peak!

Both Qing Shui and Qin Qing stood on the highest spot of Moonwolf Island. There was about one hour left until the designated battle started. At the moment, it was only early in the morning. The golden threads of light shone on the ground, making the entire place shine in bright gold color.

The world being flooded with gold, this was exactly how it was supposed to be.

As of now, both Qing Shui and Qin Qing were already considered to be quite harmonious with each other. Though they were yet to be able to go back to how they once were. Somehow, Qing Shui kept feeling that there was something that kept them apart. Qing Shui knew that the aura being emitted by Qin Qing's body had changed. Her temperament had also changed.

"What are you thinking about?" Qin Qing looked at Qing Shui before moving her sight onto the rest of the crowd. Among them, there were also people from Qin King Manor.

"I am thinking about who will be sent out to battle against us." Qing Shui wasn't being honest. But it was also a reasonable excuse to make.

Qin Qing could also feel that he wasn't being honest. The reason being that prior to this, he was constantly keeping his eye on her. She could feel a bit of complexity in his eyes. It was a kind of expression which made her feel a bit panicked.

"No matter who shows up from the opposing side, we will need to beat them. Are you not feeling confident that we will win?" Qin Qing smiled and looked at Qing Shui.

"I am always confident with myself. I am invincible when I fight together with sister Qing. If a couple are of the same mind, their combined determination will overcome all obstacles." Qing Shui remembered himself saying this before. But it was the first time he said it ever since Qin Qing changed.

“Can you ever go a day without taking advantage of me?” Qin Qing didn’t express any sort of dissatisfaction to the statement which Qing Shui made. She only responded in a calm tone.

“Are you willing to let me take advantage of you?” Qing Shui smiled and asked.

“In the past, no one had dared talk to me like that. Even I am not sure why they wouldn’t dare to do so. Personally, I don’t feel that I looked ugly.” Qin Qing looked at Qing Shui and said something which even he found a bit clueless.

“Do you know how the public addresses you? They call you Fairy Qing. Do you want to know why no one has ever dared to talk, even less confess feelings for you? It’s because almost all men would feel inferior when they stood in front of you. The gap between you and other men was too huge. Every man shares a same goal, that is to look for a woman whom they can love dearly. Naturally, they would fear finding a woman whom they have to serve.” Qing Shui smiled.

Qin Qing seemed a bit shy, “Is that really what you think? Do you also feel the same?”

“More or less... Even I tend to feel inferior when standing in front of you.....” Qing Shui chuckled.

“Well then, why do you still insist on taking advantage of me? It seems to me that what you say doesn’t match how you truly feel.”

“I did all of that just so we would be closer to each other. I want to pull you down from heaven. At least this way, I as an ordinary person, may still stand a chance in snatching you away.” At this point, Qing Shui had begun to look through many things. Hence, he no longer thought as much as he did before whenever he spoke, or rather, he had stopped being as cautious as before.

It’s not possible for two people to have so many serious matters to discuss within a day. More than half of their conversations were basically unnecessary. Say, normal greetings, or sharing with each other about happy incidents which they have been through, these could all be considered as nonsense. For two people who were willing to talk to each other and share mutual feelings, they would be fine with whatever they said. On the other hand, when two people hated each other, they couldn’t even care less to talk about serious matters with each other.

Qin Qing looked at Qing Shui and smiled, “Oh, as it seemed, you are really great at praising people. It’s my first time hearing someone complimenting me. In the future, please make sure that you compliment me more.”

Qing Shui knew that Qin Qing did it on purpose. She didn’t want the flirting to continue. Certainly, Qing Shui was alright with it. After having this conversation, the two seemed to have gotten yet a bit closer.

Without noticing, it was almost noon. It was almost time for the challenge. Right at this moment, two figures appeared. They stood on a spot not far away from Qing Shui and Qin Qing.

Both of the men had middle-aged look. The man on the left was taller and thinner. He had very deep eye sockets and a very tall nose. His lips were wide and thin. His entire appearance gave people the impression of a sharp eagle.

The man on the right was the complete opposite of the man on the left. Though he was a bit shorter, his body was almost two times thicker than the man on the left. His entire body was like a water bucket. His head was so huge that it covered his neck. When he smiled, he looked sweet like flowers.

The two monsters of the Chai Clan!

“Look, it’s the two monsters of the Chai Clan! I never thought that they would look so young!”

“Could it be that these two monsters of the Chai Clan were actually very old?”

“My grandpa once told me that five hundred years ago, the two monsters of Chai Clan were already very powerful. Since that time, they have retained exactly the same look as now. Apparently, they were already quite old at that time. I never expected for them to still look so young even now.”

“Ge Xiong, are the two monsters of the Chai Clan really that strong?”

“I don’t know. But it’s said that they are particularly weird. Not only are they ruthless, they are also very powerful. Furthermore, they have various methods to deal against their opponents.

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There were no judges for challenges like this. Usually, the battle would stop when one side decided to stop sending out warriors or if they ran out of time. However, it would still require one of the sides to agree on stopping the battle.

“The both of us are participating in the name of the Chai Clan! Nice to meet you!” The fatso who looked like a Maitreya said in a firm tone.

Though he might look like a Maitreya, those who were familiar with him would know that he was a murderer. A murderer who wouldn’t hesitate to slaughter anyone.

“We are representatives of Qin King Manor, we are here to demand justice for the clan itself! Nice to meet you!” Qing Shui said calmly. Though the fatso might be smiling, deep within his eyes, a very vague killing intent could be felt being emitted from them. Without a doubt, this was something which could never be fully covered. The only problem was that only very few were actually capable of feeling it.

“Justice? Are you being serious? You were the ones who first got your murderous hands on people from the Leng Clan. To top it all off, you guys even brought an all-out massacre to the clan itself. Who do you think should be the one fighting for justice?” The thin and tall middle-aged man who had been quiet all this time finally decided to speak.

“You guys should know better than us what kind of a clan the Leng Clan was. They wouldn’t hesitate to besiege two people with an entire group. Not only so, they even did shameful things right after the incident. If I could rewind time, I would make sure to slaughter every single one of their clan members.” Qing Shui said in a cold tone.

Qin Qing stared at Qing Shui. To think that he didn’t blame her for killing the innocent. She was somehow moved by it.

“Well then, there is nothing more to say about it. Let’s negotiate with them with our strength. Don’t say that we are trying to bully you two. You both are the ones who provoked us into a battle.” The tall and thin person was a person who was not good at expressing his feeling through words.

Qing Shui took out the Golden Battle Halberd and spoke to Qin Qing, “Be more careful, I can sense an unusual aura emitting from the two warrior’s bodies. It’s best if we end this battle quickly.”

Qing Shui was speaking through his mind. The opponents wouldn’t be able to hear it.

The weapons which the thin and tall person took out were two black thorns. They were both shining in black and looked really bright. The fat person’s weapon on the other hand, was a pair of silver gloves. Qing Shui observed the fat person’s body which was full of meat. He found it hard to believe that he was a warrior who trained his body.

“I will fight the fat one!”

As soon as he finished speaking, Qing Shui immediately charged towards the fat person. The Golden Battle Halberd in his arm was like a golden dragon as it pierced its way towards the fat person. It left bright golden light across the track which it passed through.

Chapter 1554 - Killer, Deterrent

Qing Shui was swift, but he had wanted to observe the fatman’s speed. With how huge his stature was, he must have his own unique traits.

Qin Qing brandished her sword towards the skinny man when Qing Shui began moving.

The fat man was calm as he watched the Golden Battle Halberd in Qing Shui’s hand. With a slight movement, a small tornado appeared around him.

When the fat man struck a punch, Qing Shui could see a whirlwind formed at its tip. The whirlwind, along with the tornado around him, created a peculiar storm.

Bang!

A loud bang sounded at the very moment his Golden Battle Halberd made contact with his opponent’s fist. A strange aura pried the Golden Battle Halberd aside and in a flash, the fatman appeared in front of Qing Shui, striking another fist forward.

Qing Shui was shocked beyond words. The energy that was exuding from the whirlwind was intriguing and strange. Together with the fat man’s blinding speed, his punch landed its mark against Qing Shui’s shoulder!

Qing Shui felt the strong force of the impact, and his body flew backwards uncontrollably. The silhouette of the fat man was like a shadow, appearing with another attack just as swiftly. This time, the power packed within the punch was even stronger than his previous strike.

Qing Shui’s mood became grim. Did the fatman really think he was an easy target? His power wasn’t up to the standard where Qing Shui would even grow concern about. After numerous attacks, he had already grasped their ability.

The technique was similar to the Duality Punch, but they weren't completely identical. If it had been someone who didn't know Taichi, then they wouldn't be able to retaliate even if they were overpowered in strength alone.

However, Qing Shui was proficient in Taichi and he had even cultivated Taichi to a peak level. Knowledge had no limits; the peak that Qing Shui referred to was a mere level in the Grand Perfection Stage and not its final form. Martial arts have no limits!

Despite how big the fat man was, he was exceptionally agile. Always hot on his heels in a leisurely manner, as though he had his sight invariably locked on Qing Shui. With a tremble of his Golden Battle Halberd, a primitive diagram of the universe appeared.

Bang!

The diagram shattered and the fat man was obstructed along with it. He stared blankly at Qing Shui, processing the similarities in their proficiency at combat, or perhaps even realizing that it was more profound than his own.

In the distance, Qing Shui could see that Qin Qing was an equal match in combat with the skinny man, even though she was more inclined towards being at a disadvantage.

Qing Shui struck with his Art of Pursuing.

Emperor's Qi!

In a fluster, the abrupt change allowed Qin Qing to dismember one of the skinny man's arm. This wasn't out of the ordinary; after all, the combination of Emperor's Qi and Art of Pursuing would make their target's speed fall by 40%, causing a lapse in judgement. To lose an arm was considered fortunate in this case.

When fatman saw his companion's miserable state, he abandoned Qing Shui and instead rushed to save his partner. After this many years of teamwork, they were close like brothers; even evildoers can have friends, and they were able to work together even in dire situations.

How could Qing Shui let him get away with it?

Art of Pursuing!

Emperor's Qi!

Nine Palace Steps: Universe Reversal!

Just as the fatman was about to reach his partner, Qing Shui used his Nine Palace Steps: Universe Reversal and switched positions with him in that instant.

Thereafter, Qing Shui and Qin Qing fought back to back, with attacks coming from each end. With the severity of losing an arm, the skinny man's fighting capacity had likewise been reduced by at least half. In addition, he was in a weakened state and hence, when Qing Shui appeared behind him, without having the chance to attack, the skinny man was already struck down by Qin Qing.

Pierced through the heart!

The fatman watched as his skinny companion collapsed. His eyes reddened and with a roar, he charged towards Qing Shui and Qin Qing.

The purpose of their invitation to battle had been to establish Qin King Manor's reputation. Furthermore, it was led by Qing Shui and Qin Qing. Even though Qing Shui wasn't a member of the Qin King Manor, but he had all sorts of connection with them. To an outsider, he was practically part of them.

The strength of a clan wasn't determined by just its present state or its leader. You'll also have to consider its emerging forces. Those without any new, emerging powers would fall with time and so, these new entrants could be even more important than you would think.

Qin Qing and Qing Shui were the new emergence in this case. Doing this was to show all the other powerful clans that Qin King Manor's future generation was as outstanding as before. It was a warning to think twice before they offended Qin King Manor.

They had to be exceptionally cruel and merciless this time, only then would they be a deterrent to any other powerhouses around. Even ghosts were afraid of the wicked and in the eyes of many, being cruel and merciless was exactly that.

Watching the fat man charge towards them, Qing Shui rushed forward without hesitation and struck with Nine Stances of Ancient Divine Battle Technique, Phoenix Finger and his Taichi techniques.

The storm around the fat man grew more intense. With a powerful strike of his fist, a foot long whirlwind formed when he attacked.

Bang!

A soft crunch sounded. Qing Shui had long grasped the effect of the whirlwind. Just like a formation or a revolving circle, as long as you could relay a forceful method, you'll be able to break it. Of course, it's much easier said than done.

However, Qing Shui had already attained such incredible level of Taichi. At the very least, the fat man was no match for him. With his halberd, the fat man was flicked away.

What surprised Qing Shui though, was the fact that there seemed to be a whirlwind surrounding the fatman's entire body. Upon collision, it would bounce in momentum. When the fatman was flicked away, it was because of this that he wasn't severely injured.

This was even better than a balloon. As long as this bubble wasn't broken, it would be difficult for him to injure the opponent with his attack.

After a while combating, Qing Shui had tackled the rival three times but none of it could shatter his defense. Qing Shui didn't give up. Instead, he waited patiently for his chance.

The fat man was already blinded by rage and stopped being concerned with defence—he just wanted to kill Qing Shui. However, even when his attacks landed, Qing Shui wasn't injured by any of them.

Bang!

Qing Shui's Golden Battle Halberd attacked again and managed to break through the whirlwind, leaving the fat man exposed. The effect of the Golden Battle Halberd finally made its appearance.

Even at his moment of death, he still couldn't understand how it managed to penetrate. It hadn't worked before, yet all of a sudden, with that one additional strike, it broke through. He didn't dwell on it long, for he was soon drowned in darkness.

The battle had ended. According to the rules, Qing Shui and Qin Qing would have half an hour to rest. Despite that, the two of them didn't leave, they just stood there in indication that others could continue approaching them for a challenge.

This time, an old man and another young fellow with a bewitching aura approached. The young man was tall, with a pretty face but the smiling expression at the corner of his lips and eyes seemed to give the impression that he was unrestrained.

These type of men were exceptionally attractive to ladies, but were hated by young married women. Only the young ladies would be fatally attracted, while the mature women would be detested because they seemed pretentious.

The old man looked average. The only thing that wasn't, was that his brow ridge was too high, to the extent that it was almost terrifying. His eyes were calm when he regarded Qing Shui in the beginning but now, they were sharp like knives.

"Yue Clan, here to seek a match!" The old man said unhurriedly.

"Proceed!" Qing Shui didn't like either of them. For some reason, Qing Shui had the impression that they were hiding their malicious intent behind those smiles, and that was even more annoying than the previous pair of contenders—especially the younger man. Qing Shui wanted to give him a beating right about now.

Chapter 1555 - Sword of Father and Son, Soul Lock, In the Nick of Time

Once the battle commenced, the old man took out a dagger and the bewitching younger man took out a sword. The two weapons were similar and the only difference was their lengths.

They were both broken swords.

"The Sword of Father and Son!"

Qin Qing exclaimed in shock. Hearing her words, Qing Shui froze as well. There was really nothing as inconceivable in this world— Sword of Father and Son? What a strange name for a weapon!

"What's with the Sword of Father and Son?" Qing Shui glanced at the similar weapons. The color of the dagger on the older man was slightly grey while the sword on the younger man was bright.

"According to the legend, the two swords were crafted by a father, using his life essence as a sacrifice. During the crafting process, the sword took a liking for the owner's blood and hence, the father sacrificed himself for the son. However, the sword shattered and the distraught son leaped into the sword furnace. The sword was split into two from then on, they were jointly named the Sword of Father and Son." Qin Qing explained its history briefly.

“Is it powerful?” Qin Shui asked after some thinking.

“It’s a pretty decent weapon among all the other legendary stories. It is said that when both swords are used together, their power would increase drastically and even bear a mystical power. We should be careful.” Qin Qing warned Qing Shui.

They were still in peak condition and had only exchanged a few sentences when the two opponents charged towards Qing Shui. One of them stood further back while the other was in front. There was about a meter’s gap between them.

Chaotic Fire Net!

Qing Shui stretched a hand out, and a haze of fire assembled into a net as a shield against the two men. There was a bright halo glistening at the top, filling the void in the atmosphere with a dangerous aura.

The charging men met midway, the intersection of the swords giving out a crisp, melodic sound, then two silhouettes were released from it. They charged towards the fire net.

The two silhouettes were the images of a slouching old man and another of a healthy youngster. They looked like sharp swords, as they dashed towards the fire shield.

Bang!

Following the sound of impact, the Chaotic Fire Net vanished but the two silhouettes were still charging forward and towards Qing Shui. It was similar to a spirit energy attack but at the same time, far more powerful in comparison.

Such attack cannot be blocked physically, as it can easily break any obstacles blocking it. Even the damage caused by a similar, spirit energy attack would be greatly reduced. That was the reason why the two opponents were so terrifying.

Nine Continents Mountain!

Still, Qing Shui didn’t have a choice. Even though the Nine Continents Mountain was a physical object, it wasn’t ordinary. It was a treasure, able to block any kind of attacks.

The Nine Continents Mountain now had thrice the speed and damage dealing capability, though it was still a physical attack and not on par with spirit energy. Hence, even with these tripled stats, the impact wasn’t much stronger than the Seal of Roc, but it wasn’t all that much inferior either.

The Nine Continents Mountain blocked the attack while remaining unscathed and their opponents were startled by this. The pair of old and young men had trained with the Sword of Father and Son for a long time now and by virtue of this unique attack, many powerful martial artists would have died in their hands.

They had thought that they would be able to inflict damage this time around too and were confident with their strike. Never had they expected the treasure of their opponent to be able to block it this easily.

Seal of Roc!

Qing Shui linked both his palms together and struck forth. A Scarlet Flame Phoenix appeared in front of him. It wasn't huge in size but it exuded a disturbing burst of energy.

Go!

The Scarlet Flame Phoenix measured at a few meters in size as it charged towards the opponents with a trailing blaze.

The two silhouettes cried out and with a coordinated strike of the swords, a band of light shielded the pair of contenders.

The battle was swiftly reaching the point of intersection; the clinking sound rang ceaselessly. Qing Shui and Qin Qing weren't hasty neither. It was best to increase your experience through observation during combat. Once you had a wider range of experience, whatever tactics you encountered would bring about an inspiration to increase your damage potential.

Which was why battling was also a kind of fortune, but you needed to learn how to grasp it. Otherwise, when you're dead in a ditch, you wouldn't even have time for regrets.

On top of his terrifying defensive power, Qing Shui still had the Paragon Golden Armor and thus, he remained confident. Pulling out the Golden Battle Halberd, Qing Shui smiled. the Golden Battle Halberd alone would be enough to block his opponents' attack.

The Golden Battle Halberd was also a treasure, even a weapon of the magical type. It would even be able to damage a divine artifact.

At that instant, the clash of weapons resounded.

The Sword of Father and Son was truly extraordinary. Despite the numerous attacks, Qing Shui was still unable to penetrate its attack. It seemed like any attempts at breaking through with the Golden Battle Halberd would be dependent on the material of the rival's weapon.

The opponents' defense was tight and without loopholes. The old man was in charge of defense and the young man was assigned to offense. Like a venomous snake, the young man's sword brought on a sharp energy attack that could prove fatal when he unleashed it. This reminded Qing Shui of wolves and cobras from his previous life.

The contenders used the defense ability of their Sword of Father and Son, emitting a series of intriguing protective halos in succession. Seeing this, Qing Shui and Qin Qing had likewise switched to a defensive stance.

Qin Qing didn't want to use her Sure Kill Heavenly Technique at this point. Qing Shui grew gloomy whenever he was put in this position. Even if they were powerful, he still had too few Sure Kill Heavenly Techniques at hand and so, he could only take a beating.

In the beginning, when he managed to attain three Sure Kill Heavenly Techniques within a short time length, he had still been weak. In comparison to those of his level at that time, he had two more in excess of what others possessed.

At his current level, however, he had a lot fewer than the others. Even though he came to the realization that Sure Kill Heavenly Techniques were not as useful as one would think. Qing Shui could confidently say that he had the least Sure Kill Heavenly Techniques among those around his rank.

In fact, Qing Shui didn't know that it wasn't necessary to learn a type of Sure Kill Heavenly Technique whenever you reached a new level of strength. Instead, having a multitude of them wouldn't change the course of the battle, as only some would be powerful enough. Those with a fewer number of Sure Kill Heavenly Technique would likewise concentrate more on those and have more experience at using them. Once you had grasped them well, then you'd naturally be able to wield them as you wished, and their essence would also be stronger.

Without concern, the two men continued attacking Qing Shui and Qin Qing with their aggressive strikes.

Double Soul Guide!

Merging the silhouettes of both swords, the grey phantom turned almost realistic. Its body brought upon a grey, fireworks-like element, but it wasn't Primordial Flames or any other types of fire. It was a type of soul attack.

Soul Lock. Destroy!

The grey phantom rushed at Qing Shui. The latter's expression shifted. He could feel the dangerous aura emitting from the entity and hastily shifted the Nine Continents Mountain to shield him.

Bang!

With the attack, the Nine Continents Mountain flew beyond Qing Shui's controllable range, like a small boat among billowing waves. As though it wasn't at all affected, the phantom continued charging towards Qing Shui.

To be able to attain such level of strength, the Yue Clan must have a few Sure Kill Heavenly Techniques up their sleeves and their power must be terrifying. Qing Shui gritted his teeth and rushed forward with his Golden Battle Halberd.

At this time, Qin Qing held out a snow-white, slender sword and pierced forward.

Deterrence. Soul Dispel!

A glaring white light emitted from that sword of hers and penetrated through the phantom. As though it was a balloon that had just been pricked by a needle, it shriveled immediately and vanished.

Qing Shui looked at Qin Qing. The woman's saintly energy was so strong, it was scary. Such spirit energy attacks couldn't even withstand a single blow from her.

On the other hand, there was a sense of disappointment that flashed across the face of their opponents. Initially, the attack could have at least inflicted heavy damage on their target, yet it was defused with such ease by Qin Qing. They had once thought that they could use this 'Soul Lock' and 'Destroy' tactic to win this battle, and perhaps even kill them with it, but now it seemed like that wasn't going to happen.

Qing Shui was delighted. It appeared that he had belittled Qin Qing. Her true strength wasn't what he had expected. The fact that she could control dragons already exhibited her incomparable might, and

now she even had the additions of the Phoenix Battle God's Inheritance, the Goddess Divine Set, and the Goddess Divine Technique!

Qing Shui speculated that the attack must have had something to do with the Goddess Divine Set; it was too saintly. One had to realize that when someone reached such level of power, the damage from an attack would come from a combination of spirit energy and physical weapons, and this mix would far exceed the power of mere spirit energy attacks.

This didn't mean that physical attacks weren't going to make the cut. As long as you were gifted enough, whatever attack you made would be effective. This was illustrated with the saying: Defeating a superior force with a weaker force.

Qing Shui's attack alone wasn't enough but it was reinforced by Qin Qing. In this case, Qing Shui could assist her instead. Since the last time Qing Shui controlled the situation at Qin King Manor, he had temporarily found his place.

His place was to assist the others around him and make them stronger. He could also weaken the strength of their opponents, then disrupt them with his own attacks and beasts. This would let the battle end in record time.

The attacks made by those men weren't effective. It was like a predator to a prey, and Qin Qing's saint-type attacks were the predators. The two of them didn't give up. Even if they couldn't lay a finger on Qin Qing, they would find a way to eliminate Qing Shui.

Learning from other people's mistakes, they knew that it would be either Qing Shui and Qin Qing, or themselves who would die in this battle. So the two people swiveled, making use of the last bit of time left for their halo to disappear from sight.

Double Sword Unison. Shield!

Soul Lock. Destroy!

The grey silhouette was even brighter than before, and there was a shadow of a blade with it.

Soul Lock. Destroy!

Bang!

Qing Shui flew backward, spurting out a mouthful of fresh blood but it wasn't a fatal blow. However, another attack forced itself onto him right after, followed by the appearance of a golden glimmer.

With the injury he sustained, he could not have endured an even stronger blow from his opponent's Sure Kill Heavenly Technique. It was only fortunate that the Paragon Golden Armor was able to defend against the attack. Before Qing Shui could breathe a sigh of relief, he saw the silhouettes in front of him merging into one.

Double Soul Slaughter!

Qing Shui widened his eyes. In the instant it happened, Qin Qing was already too late to help. It was already too late even for him to enter the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, but he recalled his own saintly attacks.

With such soul locking attack, unless he wanted to be killed, Qing Shui could only force a block. There was also the Golden Buddha Aura Lotus...

Saintly Hands!

Paragon Strike!

Qing Shui's hands turned translucent like a glistening snow-white carving. From afar, Qin Qing's courage surged, rushing towards Qing Shui without a care for her own life but she still wasn't as fast as the Double Soul Slaughter.

Bang!

The snow-white halo combusted with speed, looking very much like a miniature sun at that moment.

Chapter 1556 - Near Misses, Killing Foes with Life and Death Needles

Bang!

The sound was as loud as the burst of an air pocket. The halo that Qing Shui used to strike back had blocked the merged phantom and just as soon caused them to vanish.

Qing Shui breathed a sigh of relief. In the nick of time, he had thought of using his Saintly Hands. He speculated that his saint powers weren't that much inferior in comparison to Qin Qing's, which was why he put in every possible effort at the very last moment—at least this should be enough to save his life!

Not only did he save himself, he was unharmed by the last and possibly strongest attack. On the contrary, he was wounded by the previous, less damaging strike.

Qing Shui looked critically injured but he knew that this injury was nothing in comparison to what could have been. When the glistening golden ray guarded him previously, it was exceptionally effective and managed to heal most of his injuries. Which was why Qing Shui's injury couldn't be considered severe at all.

However, he was aggrieved. He didn't expect such a powerful resistance that had even forced him into such discomposure.

He didn't know that those two members from the Yue Clan were some of the strongest in their clan, and many had died under the hands of the Sword of Father and Son. Their attacks were also strange beyond words. It was a good thing Qing Shui was strong enough; if it had been anyone else, they wouldn't have been able to dodge the continuous onslaught of Sure Kill Heavenly Techniques.

Qin Qing rushed to his side at this time and exhaled a breath when she saw that Qing Shui was unscathed. Furious, she brandished her sword and rushed towards the two men.

Qing Shui was afraid that Qin Qing might run into a mishap. After putting away his Golden Battle Halberd, he brought out his Life and Death Needles instead.

Fruit of Agility, Agility Pill!

Qing Shui's speed increased drastically. He didn't want to prolong this battle any longer; while he had an idea of how to counter the opponents, he still thought a swift end would be more beneficial. The reason for his foes' strength laid in the weapons on their hands.

He moved when Qin Qing did, leaving an afterimage of his movement when he sprinted. Nine Palace Steps!

It was difficult to pinpoint Qing Shui's strange movements. It was the first time Qing Shui had put in all he could muster in order to increase his speed to the peak. Right in front of their eyes, the Life and Death Needles in his hands pierced into one of his opponent's Tianling Acupoint.

Before he died, the old man stretched his arm to smash Qing Shui's skull, but he wasn't aware that not many could match Qing Shui in a battle of fists. Qing Shui's other hand was already anticipating the attack.

Cloud Hand!

A resounding bang rang out and the old man's body flew backwards with an impact. Qing Shui kept the dagger that was on the old man just as the latter's body fell.

The Sword of Father and Son relied on the coordination of both swords, and its users must be connected through their heart and soul, cherishing the same ideals. Only this way could the Sword of Father and Son unleash its full potential. If they were wielded by a genuine pair of father and son with compatible cultivation, then it was said that the power would be even more terrifying.

Qing Shui didn't know whether his foes had been actual father and son, and it was the reason why they could inflict such damage upon Qing Shui. Even though they didn't reach the peak of what the Sword of Father and Son was capable of, it was still to an alarming extent.

"Father!" The bewitching young man roared, his eyes were filled with rage. Anyone who witnessed the death of his own father would lose all sanity, and it was with this roar that Qing Shui realized they were actually related. It was no wonder they could put the swords into such amazing use.

Qing Shui was confident but the young man still had to die, and it wasn't long before the young man did eventually die in his hands. When Qing Shui and Qin Qing battled together, he would subconsciously do most of the killing, seeing as he didn't want too much blood on her hands. He didn't understand why either, but he was afraid her hands would be sullied.

Qing Shui held the Sword of Father and Son. Anything could happen in the World of the Nine Continents; since the existence of Qing Shui in itself was an enigma, he could accept any sort of strange occurrence that happened.

Taking a glimpse at the Sword of Father and Son, it seemed to exude an evil aura. He placed them within the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal with plans of giving it away when he found a suitable pair. Otherwise, he thought it best to leave it there indefinitely.

The world was huge, but the people within it were far too few in comparison. All sorts of things could appear. With that in mind, Qing Shui thought God had treated him decently enough. There was no way God could favor just one person; everyone would get their own opportunities.

It was quiet atop the mountain, but commotion was blowing up at its bottom.

“The two weirdos from the Cai Clan have been killed and now, even the father and son from the Yue Clan were murdered—all these people were once a force to be reckoned with!”

“Yeah, but look at the state they have been reduced to!”

“That young man is injured. Do you think the battle will still continue today?”

“The Cai and Yue clans had both made attempts, there is no way that the Gu Clan would be left out of this now. Under usual circumstances, the Gu Clan will have to challenge as well.”

“Isn’t this a little like taking advantage of another’s perilous state, though? Could they be taking turns to fight in order to tire them out?” There were still people who were worried about Qin King Manor.

“They would be happy to eliminate them even if they have to resort to taking advantage of accumulated damage by numbers. The Gu Clan will have to battle even if they don’t want to; there’s no way of backing down now.”

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The next round was fast. Just as Qing Shui and Qin Qing finally had a moment to recover, two other people stepped up. This time, they were two old men.

Out of the three times, their contender’s age was getting older with every fight. Qin King Manor had sent Qing Shui and Qin Qing as a measure of deterrence. They thought the opponents would likewise be represented by the younger generation, or at the very most, be those in Qin Baifo’s generation. The circumstances were different now although it wasn’t at all strange—if they had sent their younger generation, they would be sending them to their deaths, but sending their older generation wouldn’t make a difference either.

The two old men were from the Gu Clan, with white hair and beard. However, in their eyes, Qing Shui could spot a trace of cautiousness, wariness and uneasiness.

They were both tall and big in stature, with large bones, short noses and wide mouths. Their thick eyebrows were also white, but that added to their vigor, and they had a pair of round eyes.

“Gu Clan, here to seek a match!” The words were from the old man on the left, wearing a sky blue robe.

“Qin King Manor grants this!”

Qing Shui didn’t have any desire to be courteous when dealing with these people. It was already impossible for either side to reconcile with each other, and were both looking for the balancing point. Qin King Manor had nothing to lose, only that it wasn’t feasible to kill them all. It was why the idea of deterrence came up; for Qin King Manor to strike fear in their hearts, to the point where they wouldn’t even think about taking advantage of Qin King Manor.

The two old men initiated the attack this time around, summoning their own beasts—two Golden Cloud Lions per person. The sight of those gigantic golden giants stepping on clouds beneath their feet was spectacular, and in no way less astounding than dragon-type beasts.

Qing Shui smiled at the beasts they summoned; the Golden Cloud Lions had the blood of the Golden Ni flowing in them. According to legend, the Golden Ni had dragon's blood in it and so, Qing Shui decided to summon the Dragon Slaying Beast and the Hell Nightmare Beast.

Roar!

The Dragon Slaying Beast roared the moment it made its appearance and Qing Shui could see his opponent's Golden Cloud Lions quivering, reaffirming his suspicions.

The Dragon Slaying Beast could counter dragon types in battle and decrease the other beast's might. If there was a great disparity in their strength though, then even the Dragon Slaying Beast wouldn't be able to kill them off. Otherwise, it would definitely be able to eliminate the opposing dragon types.

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The opponent was obviously shocked upon seeing the Dragon Slaying Beast. It was obvious that he was clear about how formidable the Dragon Slaying Beast was. He gazed on the Golden Cloud Lions that were at unease before moving on to settle his eyes on the tiny body of the Dragon Slaying Beast. He was a bit puzzled. Compared to the Golden Cloud Lion, the Dragon Slaying Beast could already be considered a pocket-sized monster.

Though he might have heard of the Dragon Slaying Beast before, he was still a bit unconvinced with its strength. Despite how fierce it might be, what could it do with such a small body to the Golden Cloud Lions that were almost the size of a small mountain peak?

Qing Shui pulled out a long Primordial Flame Dragon Whip with his hands. As he swung the whip, a grey dragon flashed past the air, creating traces of black shadows with it. Loud exploding noises could be heard constantly.

Kong-kong.....

The enormous Golden Cloud Lions let out huge roars possibly due to the boost in morale given by the old man. They formed a straight line together as they charged towards Qing Shui. While doing so, they were also spitting out golden liquid drops like a drizzle.

Five Elements Metal Essence Droplet!

This was a metal attributed essential object. It could be considered one of the stickiest objects across the world. Once a person made contact with it, they would suffer the fate of having their body eroded, letting the droplets infiltrate their inner parts. The droplets were at very high temperature. The droplets could be seen shining with a bright golden light.

Nine Continents Mountain!

Qing Shui realized that the Nine Continents Mountain was very useful. The enormous mountain stood right in front of both Qing Shui and Qin Qing protecting them. Qing Shui also didn't fear that the Five Elements Metal Essence Droplet would damage his Nine Continents Mountain as there were very few things which would actually be capable of damaging it.

Pu-pu!

A continuous yet intensive wave of explosions was heard. Qing Shui felt that it was unnecessary for him to attempt to see if he could block the attacks of the Five Elements Metal Essence Droplets.

Pa-pa!

With the Primordial Flame Dragon Whip in his control, Qing Shui whipped both of the Golden Cloud Lions. The Golden Cloud Lions were metal attributed demonic beasts. In other words, Qing Shui's Primordial Flame Dragon Whip had just the right attribute to suppress it. Adding the fact that Qing Shui's attacks were quite strong at the moment, with just merely two whip lashings, he managed to cause the lions to get blown away backwards. They immediately let out miserable howls.

Bloodthirsty Demonic Vines!

Almost at the same time Qing Shui unleashed his Primordial Flame Dragon Whip, he also used the Bloodthirsty Demonic Vines. Though the Golden Cloud Lions might have been decent creatures, they didn't really pique Qing Shui's interest.

Qing Shui's fourth Heavenly Technique enabled him to increase the unleashing speed of his Battle Techniques. Not only so, it also shortened the time he needed to recover for his attacks. The enormous Bloodthirsty Demonic Vines immediately enveloped both of the Golden Cloud Lions.

Prior to this, Qing Shui had managed to catch both the Golden Cloud Lions with his preemptive strike from before. Though the Golden Cloud Lion might be strong, it has poor defense and only decent speed.

Unfortunately, they ran into Qing Shui who just happened to have the right attribute to suppress them. Not only was he fast, he was also very sturdy. He executed his offensive moves in the most unpredictable way, making it almost impossible for his opponents to defend effectively against them.

In the meantime, the Dragon Slaying Beast was at the back reserving its energy. It immediately leaped forward and drilled its way through the Blood-thirsty Demonic Vines. In just a short while, a miserable howl belonging to that of a beast could already be heard.

All of this happened too suddenly, almost in the span of a breath. The two old men couldn't do anything but stand there and watch as the two demonic beasts were slaughtered by the Dragon Slaying Beast.

It was only now that the two old men realized just how formidable the Dragon Slaying Beast was. The size wasn't important.

This was only the beginning. The two old men were no ordinary warriors either. They were beings who respectively held the titles of Demonic and Heaven Slayer Old Ancestors in the Gu Clan.

The death of the Golden Cloud Lions triggered both of the old men. But having experienced through various battles for so many years, they were still strong mentally. They looked calm on the outside and were gazing at Qing Shui and Qin Qing with serious expressions.

These two young men had already far surpassed the people of their age in terms of strength.

If they weren't strong enough to eliminate them, it would be best not to make enemies of them. The two old men were considered to be people of authority in the Gu Clan. Unfortunately, sometimes, this was how humans tended to be. They might drown themselves in obsession. By the time they truly realized what they did, it would have been too late for them to turn back.

The two old men used axes as their weapons.

For the enormous axe, the battle techniques consisted in the elements of explosiveness and sharpness. Unlike the people from before, it was really normal. The two old men were fighting by relying on their own strength. In fact, they were also quite excited to battle with Qing Shui.

Qing Shui once again took out the Golden Battle Halberd and forged ahead towards their attacks.

It went without saying that weakening his opponents came as one of the priorities. Qing Shui would never try to go head to head against his opponents on what they're good at with his weaknesses. After weakening his opponents, he felt quite assured.

Nine Stances of the Ancient Divine Battle Technique, Phoenix Finger!

The grey axe which the old man was holding was also no ordinary weapon. For the time being, weapons of lower tiers were completely matchless against Qing Shui's Golden Battle Halberd. From the fact that the axe hadn't been pierced after colliding a few times with the Golden Battle Halberd, it could be seen that the old man's axe was of outstanding qualities.

Pa!

Just as Qing Shui was starting to get upset with the fact that the axe hadn't been pierced, it finally happened. Unfortunately, its effect wasn't as good as how he had thought for it to be.

The old man looked at his axe with both his eyes widely opened in disbelief. He had always valued this axe more than his own life. Now that a hole had already been pierced through the axe, its strength would naturally be reduced significantly.

Open Mountain Strike!

The old man displayed a face of anger. He swung his enormous axe towards Qing Shui, and as he did so, an enormous shadowing cloud emerged along with it. It was a magnified image of the axe and was about a hundred meters tall.

The shadow was turning brighter and brighter. It now looked just like a corporeal material. After that, it sliced its way towards Qing Shui like a mountain that was about to topple over.

In return, Qing Shui abruptly shot his Golden Battle Halberd into the sky.

Nine Stances of Ancient Divine Battle Technique, Mountain Break!

Suddenly, a golden shadow shot out of the Golden Battle Halberd. It was not in the least inferior to the enlarged image of the axe. It shot out just like an enormous golden dragon. It displayed a dominant aura which felt as if even the blue dome of the heavens was going to be pierced through by it.

Hong!

The enormous shadow disappeared. So did the golden image released by the Golden Battle Halberd. Qing Shui gazed at the old man. His eyes were heated with battle intent. The old man on the other hand, looked a bit depressed.

For someone at his age to be almost, or rather, inferior to that of a warrior younger than him, he couldn't help but feel a sense of failure across his entire body. From his perspective, if he had been at the same age as Qing Shui, he would have been pinched to death with his thumb alone.

It was a blessing to encounter a worthy opponent. At the moment, this was how Qing Shui was feeling. The more he battled with the Golden Battle Halberd in his hand, the more fierce he became.

The old man on the other hand, was getting weaker and weaker. In fact, he even got injured twice in the middle of their showdown. Holes could be spotted all across his axe. It was a really tragic sight. The Golden Battle Halberd was indeed the destroyer of all Divine Weapons.

Qin Qing had the other old man completely suppressed. Initially, Qing Shui was worried about Qin Qing. But now, he was able to tell that she had yet to go all out and show her true power in battle.

Pu!

Qing Shui's Golden Battle Halberd managed to pierce through the old man's heart very easily. However, Qing Shui was stunned because of it. The old man didn't try to dodge, nor did he try to resist it. He intentionally let Qing Shui pierce him.

"Can you promise me one thing?" Blood could be seen flowing out of the old man's mouth.

"Say it, I can promise you if it is within my acceptable range." Qing Shui was very upset. He hated this kind of feeling. It would have been better if his opponent just died in the battle. Though Qing Shui might have known that he would be able to beat this old man, when his opponents chose to talk to him using this kind of method, he would begin to feel as if he owed his opponent a debt, which upset him a lot.

"Please don't annihilate the entire Gu Clan!" The old man mustered all his strength just to say this.

"So long as the Gu Clan stops trying to seek trouble with Qin King Manor, we won't have that much time to kill people." Qing Shui said after a few thoughts.

"Thank you!"

One of the old men died. The other old man on the other hand, looked a bit depressed. However, Qin Qing chose to not kill him. After remaining stationary for quite a while, she shook her head, "Leave now!"

Qing Shui never expected for Qin Qing to let the old man go. He looked at her in confusion.

"Don't look at me like that, I hate killing people. He doesn't have long to live." Qin Qing shook his head, let out a sigh and said.

"Do you want to continue battling?" Qing Shui asked.

"I don't think it's necessary for us to continue battling anymore. But if anyone was to show interest for a battle, we may still have to continue battling." Qin Qing looked down at the arena.

Below the arena, after a short moment of silence, it once again became flooded with noises of the audience's discussions. When the battles were taking place on the arena, the audience was dead quiet.

But once the battle dragged on, they would start to discuss about it. Normally, it was the noisiest after the battle finished.

“To think that even the Battle-Axe Old Ancestor from the Gu Clan lost... There is no one else to compete against. Nothing can stop Qin King Manor on their way to their most glorious moment now.”

“That’s not possible. Though Fairy Qin may be a member of Qin King Manor, the young man, from what I know, is an outsider. For him to have this level of cultivation must mean that he has a decent family background. In the future, it is likely that Fairy Qin will leave with him. By then, Qin King Manor would have lost a daughter with a formidable cultivation.”

“No matter what, Fairy Qin is a member of Qin King Manor. Even if she was to leave together with this young man, they would still be very powerful. Who would try to dig his own grave?”

“Yes, even without the two of them, Qin King Manor is still a clan not to be taken lightly.”

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If no one was to show up for anymore battles, Qing Shui and Qin Qing wouldn’t attempt to go in hot pursuit for them. Since exterminating all of them was already out of the question, it would be for the best if they could show some sympathy to their enemies.

After waiting for about half an hour, Qing Shui and Qin Qing left. They had achieved their goals. Any smart person would know what they should do after this incident.

“Are we going home first or?” Qing Shui asked.

“Let’s head home first. I would like to have some rest. My head has been in a total mess for the past few days.” Qin Qing said after a few moments of thought.

Qing Shui was aware that it had to do with the incidents related to Qin Ying. It had caused quite a huge impact on Qin Qing. Actually, even Qing Shui, merely from the thought of it, felt as if his heart was clogged up. Just like that, a pure and beautiful girl was gone forever.

Time would wash away everything, so would it change everything. Qing Shui still had things which he needed to do. It might be a good idea for him to make a temporary departure. There was no longer anything for him to be worried about here.

By the time they were back in Qin King Manor they realized that something around the place had changed. It was a kind of feeling. It felt as if Qin King Manor itself was becoming more and more formidable.

Was it a kind of aura, or a kind of manner which only royal blood members of the royal clan were able to display?

This kind of thing was just like a magnetic field. Though it might be filled with mysteries, it was an actual existence. It’s similar to a palace which countless people had their beliefs in. Though faint, a boundless, enormous aura could be felt from it.

Qing Shui was aware that this might have to do with the fact that a lot of people has had their attention on Qin King Manor. At the moment, Qin King Manor had earned even more respect from the public than

ever before. It was just like a kind of inspiration which people used to mention while in his previous incarnation. It was a kind of aura resembling that of an emperor.

Actually, back when they were in Moonwolf Island, quite a lot clan members from Qin King Manor attended the challenge. As soon as Qing Shui stepped into the house, Qin Shan immediately invited him and Qin Qing to the main hall. The food had been prepared. Everyone was ready to have a reunion dinner.

Both Qing Shui and Qin Qing agreed to it without much thought. However, before they enjoyed their dinner, they would have to take a shower and change their clothes first. Qing Shui came out earlier and hence, he decided to wait for her downstairs. The banquet was still being prepared. It was impossible for everything to be done as soon as they came back. It was more sensible for them to only start getting things ready after Qing Shui and Qin Qing were back.

It's a well-known fact that women took a long time to shower. Indeed it was true, the majority of women would take longer to shower than men. Qin Qing finally came down after Qing Shui waited there for at least half an hour.

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She was wearing a long, snow white skirt. Her flowing, beautiful hair was casually hanging down behind her back. On her beautiful face hung a faint smile. At that time, Qing Shui felt as if the Qin Qing he was once familiar with had come back.

She was beautiful mainly due to her elegant and unique features. Though unlike Yiye Jiange, who looked very bright and cheerful, she gave people a feeling of inferiority. This was the first time Qing Shui saw her with such a casual outfit. It gave him more of a homely feeling. The aura she emitted had now leaned more towards that of a lovely and devoted woman.

"Do I look good?" Though Qin Qing might have noticed that Qing Shui was deadly focused on her, she didn't feel weird. Without noticing it, she was changing. The state of mind she once had had already been destroyed by Qing Shui, so much so that even her very own nature was beginning to undergo some changes. Without noticing, she was already slowly being influenced by him.

Though Qin Qing might be the one to ask this question, she didn't really know what answer she wanted to hear. Or rather, the answer itself wasn't important, to her, it was more like a way for her to greet Qing Shui.

In the past, it used to be something which had never once crossed her mind. But now, she was able to do it in such a relaxing manner given that she was at the moment in front the very person who made her change.

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No matter the ending, she was well aware that she was doomed to be somehow entangled with this man.

"You look really beautiful, beautiful to the point it makes my heart ache." Qing Shui chuckled.

Qin Qing was supposed to have known that nothing good would come out of that filthy mouth. Despite so, she wasn't angry. On the contrary, she was a bit happy. She wasn't sure if what she was doing now was considered dating...

Merely thinking of this word had already caused her to start daydreaming. In the past, she used to think that the term 'dating' would never apply to her. Nor it had ever crossed her mind. But now, she didn't hate it as much as how she used to. As a matter of fact, she began to feel something which she had never felt before. Though she didn't like it that much, she was a bit excited by it.

If Qing Shui was able to read her mind, he would have known that she was looking forward to being in love.

"You little bastard, what are you talking about? You better watch out or I am going to beat you up." Qin Qing knocked Qing Shui's head.

A vivid fragrant smell entered Qing Shui's nose. He was already very familiar with it. It was a scent which belonged only to Qin Qing.

Qing Shui exerted all his strength and took a deep breath. The meaning behind his action was clear. He looked very greedy. Seeing this, Qin Qing blushed, "Alright, let's go."

Qing Shui smiled and nodded as he walked out the room together with Qin Qing.

The atmosphere around the banquet this time was considered moderate. Everyone was trying hard to forget about the incident with Qin Ying. They stopped talking about it. If it had been other aristocratic clans, the death of a clan member wouldn't mean anything to them. No matter whether they were the direct or indirect descendants. So long as they weren't the disciples who were going to raise their clan in the future, it wouldn't really mean anything. However, Qin King Manor was not the same as other aristocratic clans. Because they had less people in their clan, they were all closer to each other.

Once a person died, they could never be reborn. A life for a life. On the other side, Qin Ying could finally rest in peace now.

The purpose of the banquet this time was more likely to celebrate Qing Shui's heroic deed. The things around here could be considered to have been put to an end. In conclusion, Qin King Manor's reputation has risen significantly like never before. Enemies would have to think twice before doing anything which might upset Qin King Manor.

As for Qing Shui and Qin Qing, their relationship seemed to have gotten back to how it used to be before, yet the people of Qin King Manor didn't make much comments on this matter. For Qin Qing's own matter, they would let her decide everything by herself.

Qing Shui could feel the eyesights of the people from the Qin Clan. They were really warm. A huge part of the reason had to do with Qin Qing. There were still many other factors involved in it which led to this.

It wasn't right to assume that Qin King Manor was behaving like this just because Qing Shui has aided them before. Between two humans, there were bound to be cases in which they would take advantage of each other. In fact, two people who were hardly relevant with each other would never share any in-depth relationship.

When one gave aid to a person, the person who received the aid would feel thankful for the other. From there on, they would start getting closer with each other, becoming friends, even as much as becoming life-long buddies. This was really normal. If a person was alone all the time, no matter how strong they could be, they would still feel lonely.

“Qing Shui, what do you plan to do next?” Old Man Qin asked casually.

They were at the point where they were almost done with their meal. Hence, they decided to sit down and have a chit-chat with each other.

“I am heading off to look for a person. I am yet to have any plans for anything after that.” Qing Shui smiled. At the moment, even he himself was a bit uncertain about plans for the future.

“Do you need help?”

“I have already found evidence for it. There is no need to trouble you guys with it.” Qing Shui smiled and shook his head.

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“When are you leaving?”

Qin Qing and Qing Shui were talking to each other after they left the main hall.

“Tomorrow!” Qing Shui felt a bit reluctant to part with her when he said this.

“Well then, stay cautious along your journey. I am sure everything will go well for you and you will find the person you are looking for.” Qin Qing smiled and said. She was really calm when she said it.

“Don’t you want to find out who it is?” Qing Shui smiled and asked.

Qin Qing shook her head while walking, “If you really wanted to tell me who it was, I wouldn’t have to ask you about it. If you are planning on keeping it to yourself, it would only mean that I am forcing you to do something which you don’t want to do.”

“Ah, are you showing me this much empathy?” Qing Shui raised his courage and grabbed her jade-like hand.

“In your dreams, why would I show empathy to someone like you?” Having her hand grabbed by Qing Shui, Qin Qing was a bit upset.

“I am going to look for my wife.” Qing Shui tightened his grip when he spoke up to this point. Though it was normal for men to have more than one wife in this world. Women would also wish that they were the only person whom their other half loved.

Upon hearing that, Qin Qing’s hand shivered almost instinctively. Though she might look really calm, Qing Shui was able to feel the impact his words had in her heart. Contrary to how she looked from the outside, she wasn’t feeling that calm mentally.

Qing Shui wasn’t trying to be a jerk by confessing the fact. His main purpose of doing so was to give her a forewarning about what was about to come. Regardless of whether she knew about it since before or not, he had made it clear himself this time. He wanted to let her be mentally prepared for it.

The reason why Qing Shui told her was because he didn't want to give up on her. He was reluctant to let go. He also knew that Qin Qing was upset about it. However, he believed strongly in one quote, "Nothing is difficult to one who sets his mind on it". Effort would undoubtedly lead to success!

"Oh, well then, I wish you all the best in looking for your wife." Qin Qing smiled and looked at Qing Shui. She was finally calm now.

"Thank you! Oh yes, about the thing which you mentioned before, when do you plan to marry me?" Qing Shui was holding her hand very tightly.

Qin Qing shook her head and looked at Qing Shui, "I have never promised to marry someone as half-hearted as you."

"Haiz, what else can I say other than I'm too outstanding? How much I wish I could have met you way earlier on." Qing Shui let out a sigh and said in an upset tone.

Qin Qing didn't say anything. She only looked at him and smiled.

"I am really reluctant to part ways with you. Last night, I dreamt of myself marrying you. Why don't you show me some empathy and marry me? I don't want to see you simply entrusting yourself to other men." Qing Shui responded to her with a half true and half false statement.

"You are so greedy. It's not impossible for me to marry you. As long as you can make me feel like I can't afford to lose you, I will marry you." Qin Qing smiled and looked at Qing Shui.

Qing Shui blushed. He started muttering with his mouth like he wanted to say something.

"Is there anything which you would like to say?" Qing Shui never expected that there would also be moments when he would feel shy.

"I am scared that you will feel angry. But trust me, I am definitely capable of making you feel like you can't afford to lose me." Qing Shui said seriously.

"What is there that you cannot tell me about? I am listening, just spill the beans. If my heart is truly touched from what you said, I might consider getting married to you." Qin Qing was smiling as she was saying it. She looked really relaxed. For her to talk about this kind of topic with a man was a feat in itself, which she would never have expected back in the past. Though she might be joking, in the past however, she would hardly ever crack any jokes, not to mention when it was a joke concerning this topic.

"Are you sure you want me to say it?" Qing Shui blushed.

Qin Qing was getting more and more puzzled. She then nodded, "Spill the beans!"

"I have got very good skills in bed. Once you feel it, I am sure you will never want to leave me. Oh, you are the one who wanted me to say it....." Qing Shui scratched his head and said in an innocent tone.

"You bastard, go to hell!" Prior to this, Qin Qing got tricked by Qing Shui's look. Now, she was filled with the urge to beat up Qing Shui.

Qin Qing's face was very beautiful and tender. For someone her age, she wasn't the kind of young and inexperienced girl one would expect. At the very least, she would still have a bit of knowledge about the affairs between men and women. It might be that until now, she had yet to find anyone whom she found suitable. This was precisely what's different about men and women. So long as a beautiful woman appeared in front of them, men would feel a strong urge to approach her.

No women wouldn't yearn for love. It was just that a lot of them would try to pretend that they had managed to repress their emotions. Qin Qing wanted to run away, but her hand was being held tightly by Qing Shui. Before this, she had knocked Qing Shui's forehead once. And now, the two were facing right by each other.

Qing Shui's heart was itching while looking at the side view of that beautiful face. Not only was he thirsting for her, he loved her a lot. The only problem was that he had no idea where all that love came from. This might have a huge part to do with her beauty and the fact that she was one of the women in the Portraits of Beauty. Adding the amount of time he had interacted with her this time, it had greatly affected how he felt towards her. For instance, regardless of how beautiful a woman might be, if she was a vixen and had not even the slightest self-education, or that she didn't know how to be polite or paid particular attention with her words, people wouldn't have found her to be charming, so much so that they might even think that she was worse than a pure flower vase.

Qin Qing seemed to have felt something as well and in response to that, she slightly lifted her head up. Just as she did so, Qing Shui's face was right in front of her. Right at the moment when she was about to avoid him, Qing Shui moved his head forward and stuck his mouth towards her lips.

It felt really soft and tender; Qin Qing's lips had a sweet scent. As he did so, Qing Shui could feel that Qin Qing's body strongly trembled. But it seemed like she had forgotten struggling to resist him.

When a person was in shock, the mouth would unconsciously open up. Qin Qing might have been really powerful, but under this kind of circumstances, it no longer had anything to do with strength. After all, Qing Shui wasn't her enemy. Otherwise, he wouldn't have had the chance to be so close to her, so much as hold her hands.

Qing Shui had already gotten both of his hands around Qin Qing's waist. He was greedily sucking on her lips. His kisses weren't that violent, yet he was able to slowly force her into the kiss in a very clever way. No matter how hard Qin Qing tried to avoid him, she still failed to do so. In fact, at this point, Qin Qing seemed to have even forgotten about what she was supposed to do.

The jade-like hands which were initially put in front of Qing Shui's chest had for some reason, not knowing when, moved up to his neck. While closing his eyes, Qing Shui was surprised to find that Qin Qing seemed to have slowly responded to his kiss. The only problem was that her kissing technique was still very immature.

A man should find himself lucky if the woman he was kissing had a very immature kissing technique. For now, Qing Shui was feeling a kind of happiness like never before. Without himself noticing, his hands were already slowly crawling their way down towards her round buttocks. Not only were they soft, they were also very bouncy especially the part near the waist; it was so attractive that words couldn't describe it.

Qin Qing once again trembled. The next thing which Qing Shui felt was a painful sensation on his lips. Suddenly, he tasted something salty. Meanwhile, Qin Qing was already moving her head backwards.

Qing Shui lips got bitten by her. Now that there was a small trace of red blood across her lips, her face looked even more alluring. With the additional boost provided by her red cheek as a result of blushing, it gave Qing Shui a strong urge to once again go for her lips.

“Does it hurt?” Qin Qing extended her hand and wiped off the blood trace on her lips.

Qing Shui smiled and looked at Qin Qing, “It hurts, but I am willing to feel the same pain one more time.”

“You bastard!” Qin Qing whose face looked really red pushed Qing Shui away.

“Qing`er, my love for you doesn’t just come out of the blue. Though you may look very beautiful, I don’t love you just because of that.”

Qin Qing was able to feel his words. After all, he was willing to risk his own life to protect her. No matter what, he must have put her at quite an important spot in his heart.

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Looking at Qin Qing’s shy face, Qing Shui felt very satisfied. He immediately pulled her and embraced her with his arms. In response to that, Qin Qing cried out in surprise.

“Don’t move... All I want to do is just to hug you. I promise I won’t do anything else.”

Qin Qing didn’t struggle. Instead, she put both of her arms around his shoulders and slightly lifted up her head to look at him. She was a bit shorter compared to Qing Shui.

“I have already got quite a few wives.....” Qing Shui found himself really stupid for saying it. Why did he choose to mention this when everything was going so well? Nevertheless, it’s too late now as he has already said it.

In response to that, Qin Qing’s reaction wasn’t really that dramatic. She looked at Qing Shui very calmly and said, “Good thing that you are being honest.”

“I just want to let you know that... I have thought of giving up on you before, but I find it impossible to do so...”

Qin Qing had already managed to feel it from the last time Qing Shui made his temporary departure. Eventually, he was still unable to let go of her and came back. She smiled and said, “There is something which I am really curious to know. You have been sacrificing your love for the women around you, but are you really able to share it among them so equally?”

Qing Shui watched as she shook her head, “Why must I share my love? I dedicate 100% of my love to each and everyone of them. Both physically and mentally, I give them my everything. I can’t afford to give up on any of them. If I must choose to sacrifice one of them, I would rather that person to be me.”

“You are so greedy!” Qin Qing sighed.

In the past, she would never have thought about sharing a man with other women. Of course, it was given that she was able to find a man to get married to. But now, though she might not have entrusted herself to Qing Shui yet, she knew that her age was slowly catching up to her. She was well aware that Qing Shui had other wives, but she was still unable to let him go firmly.

“I am greedy, I am well aware of that. I used to also look forward to being an ordinary person, where I would find myself a wife who may not look really beautiful, but she would be whom I love and she would love me back, and I would spend my life with her.” Qing Shui was reminded of the things from his previous incarnation. Unfortunately, not everything could return to how it was.

“Why would you want a wife who doesn’t look beautiful?”

“If an ordinary man was to find a very beautiful wife, he would find it really hard to keep her. In some extreme cases, they might even suffer from some catastrophes because of it. Beautiful women tend to have very wild hearts. If you weren’t capable enough, it’s best not to provoke them, or else, you would be bound to suffer from it.” Qing Shui smiled and looked at her.

“Do I look beautiful? Do the rest of your women look beautiful?” Qin Qing asked gently.

“Beautiful, very beautiful.”

“Won’t you feel troubled with it then?” Qin Qing asked in a joking manner.

Qing Shui also smiled. Indeed, beautiful women tend to carry troubles with them. Just like a few of the women around him, they all had their own problems. It was through the process of helping them solve their own problems when Qing Shui started nurturing feelings for them.

“Of course I am scared. But when compared to you, these troubles are nothing.” Qing Shui said with a grin.

Qin Qing couldn’t help but shake her head as she saw such a lowly action from Qing Shui. She then carried on and said, “Give me some time, alright? I am not ready yet for this.”

“Ready for what? Are you afraid that I might swallow you whole?” Qing Shui asked in a serious tone.

“Are you asking for a beating? Regardless of whether I am getting married or not, I won’t look for other men. Are you feeling more satisfied now?” Qin Qing said after a few thoughts.

Back in his previous incarnations, some people had feared marriage before. But those who feared it were usually people who had divorced before or children whom have experienced their parents living separately. Qing Shui didn’t know if she was one of them, but that didn’t seem to be the case.

“I would never force a person whom I love. So long as you are not ready, I won’t swallow you whole.” Qing Shui said in a serious tone. He did this purposely all just so he could cling to her for a while longer.

Qin Qing didn’t want to continue talking about this, “Let’s head back. You still have to prepare for your journey tomorrow. It will be better if you get ready now.”

“There is nothing which I have to prepare for. Are you feeling reluctant to part ways with me?” Qing Shui was being vain. His expression when he said it was a bit exaggerated.

Qin Qing felt a strong urge to punch him in the face. She nodded and said with her teeth clenched, "Yes, I am reluctant to part with you. Does that mean you will stay behind for me instead of searching for your wife?"

Qing Shui rubbed his head, "You are also my woman!"

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On the next day, Qing Shui bid his farewell to the people from Qin King Manor with the exception of Qin Qing, whom sent him off.

"This is as far as I will take you. Stay cautious along your journey." Qin Qing slowly floated up from the Hellfire Phoenix's back.

Qing Shui summoned back his Hellfire Phoenix, leaving only himself and Qin Qing in mid-air. He didn't say much. Instead, Qin Qing was the one who took a few steps forward. Qin Qing's good figure was extremely stunning. Even air-walking itself, when used by Qin Qing, had managed to reach its peak.

She slowly embraced Qing Shui's neck, "Are you satisfied now?"

Qing Shui extended his arms and wrapped them around her waist. The sensation of her body which Qing Shui felt when hugging her made him felt as if blood was rushing through his entire body. The detailed and fine curve of her body was very distinct.

"I am satisfied now. But it will be better if you would give me a kiss." Qing Shui said in a greedy tone.

Qin Qing slightly lowered down her head. This time, it could be considered that she had responded to his request. Though she didn't agree to it directly, it was basically no different from her actually doing so.

Thinking up to this point, she quickly lifted up her head and kissed Qing Shui's cheek.

Qing Shui was stunned. The soft and tender sensation which he felt on his face was very clear and distinct. Though it might be small. Qing Shui felt unusually startled by it. In return, he also landed a gentle kiss on her cheek.

After that, like he was still unsatisfied with her kiss, he immediately stuck his mouth onto her cherry lips.

The kiss this time lasted for quite a while. While kissing, Qing Shui's hands were also constantly on the move. At the beginning, he was only slowly feeling her round butt. But soon, he began to rub and pinch it, though he was only doing it very gently.

It was only until when one of his hands has reached up to the bulging part of her chest that Qin Qing pushed down his hands and stopped him from touching her. But now, Qing Shui's hand was already grabbing her breast. Not only so, he was directly touching her skin. The smooth and spongy sensation when touching her caused Qing Shui's body to undergo changes.

Qin Qing also felt it. Her breath started getting a bit hurried, "Don't move!"

Qing Shui stopped moving. He slowly loosen up his grasp on her breast. As he looked at the attractive side-view of her face, he couldn't help but move his head forward again and suck on her cherry lips.

“Remember what you promised me before. Don’t go over the line, otherwise, I will never see you ever again.” Qin Qing broke free from Qing Shui’s lips and said.

“It would be a while until I come back. Why don’t you let me kiss you until I am satisfied?” Right now, Qing Shui was feeling a strong urge to swallow her whole. But he was aware that he mustn’t let everything go to ruin just because of his impatience.

Qin Qing didn’t say anything. Instead, she took the initiative and kissed Qing Shui... Passionately responding to his feelings.

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Qing Shui left. In his head, it was full of Qin Qing’s figure. Qing Shui had managed to kiss her to the extent that her cherry lips were slightly swollen because of it. But this only made her even sexier than before. With the exception of a few of the important parts across her body, Qing Shui had basically felt every single part of her body with his hands.

Somehow, Qing Shui now felt that his mind had already been put at ease. For his entire lifetime, he would only allow for Qin Qing to be his woman. Also, he was able to feel that Qin Qing loved him. Otherwise, she wouldn’t have tolerated him so much.

Miss Qin was the type of person who couldn’t stand even a tiny bit of sand in her eye. The reason why she hadn’t agreed to Qing Shui’s request might possibly be due to that she was yet to be able to completely loosen up. But she was also aware that there was no longer any retreat route for her.

Sacred Might Dynasty!

Qing Shui once again arrived at Sacred Might Dynasty. His purpose of visiting this place was in order to wait for the mysterious woman. It was just that at the moment, there was still one month until the designated meeting time.

Like usual, Qing Shui disguised himself with the look of the middle-aged man. He wasn’t afraid. He was just trying to avoid trouble. He was alone drinking wine in the Prosperous Longevity Inn while enjoying the view outside.

He wasn’t sure if the mysterious woman would renege her promise and not turn up. Nevertheless, he still decided to stay behind and wait for a while. Since it was related to Yiye Jiange, Qing Shui regretted not following her. Though it was a bit rude, it shouldn’t be bad to the extent to which he would lose track of her.

But back then, it was due to the concern he had for Qin Qing... Indeed, one could never have things in both ways. The only thing Qing Shui could do now was to pray that the woman was fine and could make it back here.

At the moment, Qing Shui didn’t feel anything different. Sacred Might Dynasty was just like how it used to be before. Furthermore, the Chen Clan and the Tang Clan had also received sudden boosts in strength respectively and were slowly taking the Chai and Yue clan’s.

Just now, Qing Shui had finally come to understand that a particular dynasty would need strength from different parts of the area to act as its support. There were some who were directly exposed to the

public, whereas some would be well hidden in the dark. Unless an extremely powerful and formidable clan was capable of protecting the entire dynasty, in usual cases, a dynasty would normally require a group of clans together to help support itself.

There were a lot of aristocratic clans. Some enjoyed doing things in public, and some others would prefer to be more conservative. There were only very few clans that could rise to the top and hold high positions. Hence, for those who truly achieved it, though they might be honored by people, due to the fact that they were exposed, they were also bound to face more danger than others. The reason being that they would continuously be put in different sorts of troubles, so much so that they might end up being blamed for certain problems by others or becoming scapegoats.

At the moment when Qing Shui took up his wine cup and was about to drink his wine, he realized that the man sitting nearby was looking at him. When the man realized that Qing Shui was looking at him, he smiled and approached with his own wine cup.

“Would you mind if I sit here?” The man’s age was very unpredictable. He might seem young, but he also had a matured look.

“Take a seat. Do you know me?” Qing Shui greeted him casually.

“I found your body figure really familiar. Was my assumption right?” The man held up his wine cup and said.

Qing Shui was stunned and smiled. The disguised face only altered the user’s face and hair. Other than that, it didn’t serve any other purpose. It would have been wiser if he went on to change his body figure or structure as well. But nothing could beat changing the aura emitting out of his body.

Qing Shui never expected for him to be exposed in this way. It seemed that it would be tough for people who had the intention to know him to not recognize him. In fact, it was already to the point that he was right below the person’s eyelid.

Qing Shui wasn’t scared of people noticing him, hence, he smiled and said, “Yes, is there anything I can do for you?”

“My name is Tang Yilong. I would like to be your friend.” The man smiled and said.

Qing Shui figured out that he was a member of the Tang Clan. At the moment, the Tang Clan was counted as the most honorable clan in the Holy Might Dynasty. As he gazed at the man in front of him, he could feel a decent amount of strength being emitted from him. However, it was still not enough to amuse Qing Shui.

“Why would you want to know me? I am an outsider and will be leaving soon. Could it be that you are also leaving?” Qing Shui smiled and asked.

The man looked elegant. However, his main feature lied in how he gave people the impression that he was a knowledgeable person.

“I don’t necessarily have to go with you to be your friend. I can do just the same by staying here. To put it bluntly, making friends with you will benefit the both of us.

“Oh, I would like to hear how it will benefit the both of us.” Qing Shui put down the wine cup he was holding.

“Is there not anyone you would be concerned about once you leave this place?”

Seeing that Qing Shui was about to say something, the man continued on and said, “I don’t mean anything wrong. I just want to be your friend. As for Qin King Manor, I ensure that the Tang Clan will build a sustainable relationship with them, even more than being great friends. As the saying goes, the more allies you make, the stronger you become.”

Listening up to this point, Qing Shui smiled, “Well then, can you tell me what I would have to do?”

“I hope that you can interact with the Tang Clan a few times and let the public know that the Tang Clan, Qin King Manor and you share a really good relationship.”

Chapter 1560 - Circle, Reunion with the Woman of Mysterious Aura

Everything became clear to Qing Shui when he heard what Tang Yilong said. His intention was to let people become aware of Qing Shui’s relationship with the Tang Clan and from then on, connect a line between himself, Tang Clan and Qin King Manor.

After a moment of thought, Qing Shui found this a viable option. The Tang Clan had decent strength. Qing Shui has also heard about Tang Clan from Old Man Qin before. He seemed to think highly of their strength.

Qing Shui saw Tang Yilong looking right back at him with a serious look. In his eyes, he didn’t seem to be worried that Qing Shui wouldn’t agree to it. But at the same time, he also didn’t mean to underestimate Qing Shui. It could be seen that he was sincerely wanting for them to form an alliance together.

Though both parties might not be from the same dynasty, there were quite a few existing cases where two clans of different dynasties would form alliance with each other. The reason why the Gu Clan was being criticized was because the way they helped outsiders had been too despicable.

A normal battle between martial warriors. A just and honorable battle, it would be fine as long as they could stand firmly on their own.

It’s only personal matters when two clans built relationships with each other. In his previous incarnations, there were a lot of people who had foreign friends too. Hence, it wasn’t really such a huge deal for two clans from different dynasties to make friends with each other. There were a lot of dynasties across the nine continents. A lot of people would have soulmates in different dynasties.

“Alright, I will agree to this. But I hope that each party can manage to do the things they are responsible for nicely.” Qing Shui said after a moment of thought.

“Of course, Qin King Manor should know better than anyone how the Tang Clan is. We would never hesitate to provide aid to our friends in need, nor do we play any mind tricks. You have boundless potential awaiting you in the future, the Tang Clan will definitely cherish this opportunity.” Tang Yilong said cheerfully.

Talking up to this point, Qing Shui felt very happy. The Tang Clan valued him quite highly. In other words, this meant that he was quite influential to them. Most importantly, despite already achieving all of this,

he was still very young, which was an asset... In the future, Qing Shui was bound to achieve many more great things.

Qing Shui didn't say anything more. Instead, he recovered his original look and said with a smile, "My name is Qing Shui, I look forward to getting to know and being friends with all your people."

"It will be so!" Tang Yilong said in a happy tone.

"Brother Qing, in order to let more people know about it, I will have to do more things." Tang Yilong said after a moment of thought.

"I know. This can only be done by your side. I won't get involved in this."

"No problem, let's toast and be great friends forever!" Tang Yilong said happily.

After that, Qing Shui paid the Tang Clan a visit. At Qing Shui's arrival, the Tang Clan responded with a warm welcome. They were well aware of what this young man was capable of and his potential in the future.

The current Clan's head of the Tang Clan came out of his own accord to greet Qing Shui. From the man's look, it seemed like he was just past the threshold of being middle-aged. He was unable to cover up the wisdom and experienced look across his body. Without much thought, Qing Shui was able to figure out that Tang Yilong had managed to inherit the genes of this man.

Of course, Tang Tong's strength was not something to be underestimated. Qing Shui was unable to sense his strength precisely. This came to tell that he might potentially be stronger than himself at the moment. Despite this, Qing Shui was confident that he could beat him.

Qing Shui's ability didn't lie on how much he managed to achieve with his strength with all his abilities combined. His most formidable ability was his ability to control the situation and coordinate his moves which enabled him to kill opponents who were a few times stronger than himself.

There were two other old men who were with Tang Tong. They were both his senior. This came to tell that the Tang Clan thought quite highly of Qing Shui. Qing Shui's way of doing things has always been that he would return the kindness which people showed him in by ten fold. So long as no grudges have been made between himself and other parties, he would be able to accept sitting down with the other people. As the saying went, taking advantages of each other and helping each other out, only people who shared the same goal could walk the same path together.

Two irrelevant people would never be able to walk up the same path together. They wouldn't be able to find a topic which could satisfy the both of them.

Tang Yilong has already made his words clear. Hence, he only briefly went through his plans this time. The two found things in common when they were talking to each other. Qing Shui had quite a good first impression of the Tang Clan. This generation of the Tang Clan had quite a decent public reputation.

Qing Shui believed in his own instinct. Also, Qing Shui briefly mentioned about some of his own problems. For example, the things which he cared the most about. Of course, they were also only trying to casually ask a few things about him. It was just that Qing Shui took the opportunity to spill all of it.

Qing Shui knew that they could interpret the meaning of his words. He took relationships very seriously. If anyone was to do anything to harm people near him, he would risk everything to let the person pay ten, or a hundred times of what they originally gave to the people near him.

Naturally, Qing Shui wouldn't speak about this. He was only talking about some of the sects which he was targeting. But judging by who Tang Tong was, he would naturally be able to interpret it. However, he had no way of refuting it either. Qing Shui was also being very polite. Furthermore, the things which he said was what an old man would usually say. He didn't feel that annoyed with them.

"The way Qing Shui solved his problems is very similar to mine. I usually do things his way too. I never provoke anyone, I am not a narrow-minded person either. But everyone has a limit; as for mine, it's my friends and families. It's always said that the stronger a clan becomes, the less important they would view these. But this isn't the case for me. It's always said that the final stage of martial arts require you to throw away everything and become ruthless. If that's the case, I would rather not have it."

"Qing Shui, I am not going to deny the fact that the Tang Clan looked for you because we admire your potential. This was normal. Though I might sound realistic when I said it, but this is how the world works. It's always said that relationships supported by merely benefits do not last. But in actuality, those that didn't have benefits in it would usually turn out to be more fragile instead. There's a balance in this. The balance between friendships and benefits. I can guarantee you that I will do my best to maintain it." An old man looked at Qing Shui and said with a smile.

"I can understand what you mean by that. In fact, I agree to what you say as well. Friends are meant to help each other. To be more blunt, it's a way of taking advantages from each other since we are of use to each other. Throughout our entire life, we can't say that we have a long time to live, nor is it that short. No one would want to waste their time on useless people. Between men, feelings are nurtured from things like this: following time, our relationship developed with originally benefits as its core would evolve to slowly view benefits as being less important. This is when we know our relationship has improved." The society from Qing Shui's previous incarnation was harsher than the society he was in now.

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Following on, during this time, news about Qing Shui being in Holy Might Dynasty and his relationship with the Tang Clan and Qin King Manor was as if it had its own wings and was spread out at fast speed.

All this time, Qin King Manor had been quite honest in the Great Qin Dynasty. They never shared any close relationships with others in private. The main issue was that Qin King Manor had always been royal clan members, or at least, a part of the royal clan.

But the incident with the Gu Clan had made Qin King Manor realize that the relationship between the royal clan and Qin King manor was a bit unique. Qin King Manor was being used by the royal clan, but they wouldn't mind if they disappeared as well as it wouldn't really influence the royal clan much.

Prior to this, back when Qing Shui was still in Qin King Manor, Old Man Qin had mentioned about this problem before. Since the royal clan did something like this, Qin King Manor has also started planning things on their own. They didn't intend to bully others, but when someone wanted to try, at least they would have the strength to fight back. This was for self-defense.

At the moment when news spread out, the royal clan of Great Qin Dynasty had also been made aware that their relationship with Qin King Manor had made huge improvements. The Tang Clan wasn't a clan. It was a circle. Qin King Manor had merely joined in to be a part of the circle.

This had also come to show how highly the Tang Clan viewed Qing Shui. Though this circle might not be huge, the Tang Clan was considered one of the main responsible parties in it. Originally, the people among this circle consisted mainly of well-secluded clans, but then the Tang Clan began to reveal themselves and come out to the surface. Qing Shui had also spent this time walking around looking at the other clans. In conclusion, he was quite satisfied with the things he saw.

Qing Shui wasn't stingy about it. He gave the Tang Clan a few of his medicinal pills. It wasn't to flatter them; it was one of his ways of representing his strength. It was to tell them that not only did he have decent strength, he also possessed unique skills in refining medicines.

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Unknowingly, a month's time had already passed. Qing Shui was already there waiting for the woman at the restaurant since morning. From time to time, he would look around for her in hopes that he could see the familiar figure.

It was almost noon; though he hadn't managed to see the woman, it was still really early and Qing Shui was being very patient. Even if the appointed time was after a month, being a day or two late was quite a normal thing.

Qing Shui hoped that he could meet her today. To warriors, promises were very important. Qing Shui feared that the woman wouldn't be able to recognize him, hence, today, he faked his look as the middle-aged man again.

Soon, it was already noon. Qing Shui had already been here for the entire morning. Crowds could be seen coming in and out of the Prosperous Longevity Inn. He was alone enjoying his drink there. For a moment, he felt as if he had forgotten about everything which he was supposed to do.

Suddenly, Qing Shui turned around and saw the familiar figure at the staircase. The person soon approached him when she spotted this area.

The woman still carried the mysterious aura with her like usual. The aura which she carried didn't resemble the kind which humans should have, causing Qing Shui to be puzzled with how he felt. Though he was a bit excited, he was also a bit scared at the same time.

Humans often held fear towards things which they couldn't understand, particularly when it had to do with spirits or ghosts. In his previous incarnation, Qing Shui used to be a person who didn't believe in ghosts. But now that he was here, things were different as everything which he used to understand didn't apply to this place.

Though he was aware that ghosts didn't exist, if it was to appear one day, it would still be a really frightening experience. Qing Shui never thought that this would suddenly come to his mind now, causing him to feel a sense of chill across his backbone.

The woman was wearing a conical bamboo hat which covered her entire face and neck. However, her revealing shoulders were like knives. She had a well-rounded, slender body. It fit the title of having a

devilish body figure. Though her body was well-rounded, it wasn't to the point of being called fat. In her sense, she was well-rounded at just the right places. For instance, her breasts were huge to the point it pushed her clothes forward. They weren't excessively huge. Sometimes, it wasn't that the bigger one's breasts were, the better. It had to have the right shape and the appropriate size for it. In Qing Shui's perspective, the woman managed to fulfill just that. They were just at the right size, causing her overall beauty to reach its peak.

Her clothes had managed to cover up the beautiful curve across her body, though it was only partly. In between each step she took, it felt as if there were traces of alluring flames around her. She as a whole, was like a Snow Lotus Herb.

Qing Shui was stunned. The reason being that he could sense the woman's aura being very chaotic. It had gotten to quite a dangerous point. She was barely controlling it. If one day, she was to lose control of it and allowed her aura to continue being so chaotic, she might be in danger.

Qing Shui stood up. By this time, the woman had already arrived. Qing Shui smiled and said, "I am fine. I managed to make it here today."

"How are things on your side?" Qing Shui gestured her to sit down.

"Yes, I am done with my errands here. Everything is fine now. I can bring you there. Oh, right, why didn't you reveal your true face to the public?" The woman's voice sounded sweet and clear, like usual.

"Oh, you managed to see through it. On that day, I met you with this face. The reason why I didn't show my true face is because I was afraid you wouldn't be able to recognize me. How did you know that this wasn't my actual look?" Qing Shui smiled and asked. Qing Shui already had his own answer deep in his heart. She might really be Yiye Jiange's friend.

"Will you believe me if I tell you that I have seen you before?" The woman's voice carried a bit of intention to smile.

"I don't think you have seen me in person. It's more likely that you have seen me from a drawing before."

"Well, you are right about that."

At the moment when the woman finished speaking, her body shook and she almost fell down. Qing Shui instinctively went forward to pull her arm. As soon as he did so, he was able to feel the violent surging aura within her body.