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Chapter 1621 - The Outstanding Woman Was The Same As How She Was Before. Cold and Beautiful To The Point She Could Topple Over Cities

Qing Shui was unable to keep himself calm properly and slightly avoided eye contact with her. But as he thought more about it, he felt that he couldn't be the one acting passively and once again moved his gaze to the cold but soul-taking beautiful eyes.

Tantai Lingyan looked at Qing Shui's slightly lowered long eyelashes. His thin eyelashes were really long. Compared to the fake brows from his previous incarnation, they weren't in the least shorter. His eyelashes looked genuine and looked many times better than those fake ones.

"I have been back for a few days. There were various things going on in my house. I came as soon as I settled the matters there. When I first arrived, I couldn't wait to see you." Qing Shui felt like he had gone back to the first round of a match again.

"Is your trip back here this time going to be a short stay as well?" Tantai Lingyan lifted her brows and revealed her white teeth. Her action like this often stunned Qing Shui and naturally, it happened again. When he came back to his senses, he revealed an awkward smile.

"I am nothing more than an ordinary fool. You don't have to take it to heart if I look distracted. No men wouldn't be when they saw you....." Qing Shui found himself an excuse which he believed was the truth. He was confessing his feelings.

"That's just an excuse." Tantai Lingyan wasn't angry.

"I swear to God, I am telling the truth. Even if you don't believe in my ability to control myself, you still need to believe in my charisma." Qing Shui really liked discussing this kind of topic with her. The reason was that it could help thaw some of the ice in her heart.

"What kind of charisma do I have? Why do every man fear me?" Tantai Lingyan seemed to be not against talking about these. In fact, she seemed to be in a great mood. At the very least, now, Qing Shui believed that she was treating him like a friend.

"When standing beside you, I feel a degree of inferiority in my heart. I can't think of anyone other than myself who could talk to you naturally like this. Why don't you try smiling more so that people won't feel as distant from you?" Qing Shui said in a joking manner.

"You are just a common person. Did you trick a lot of women?" Tantai Lingyan didn't look at Qing Shui as she held up the teapot and poured tea for the both of them.

"I am no more than a common person. Until now, I am still hesitating whether I should confess to you. Do you think I shall do it?" Now, Qing Shui once again felt some unfamiliarity with Tantai Lingyan. Hence, he needed to say some of the stuff which he mentioned before again.

"No, I am not used to listening to those kinds of topics. When are you leaving? Let me treat you to some wine." Tantai Lingyan said shaking her head.

This time, what was different about Tantai Lingyan compared to the past was that the faint smile on her face seemed to be slightly deeper than before. He was unsure if it was only for him, or she had been like this recently.

“Are you reluctant to let me leave? If you are, I will stay behind.”

Tantai Lingyan shook her head, “I am not. But this time, I am heading out as well. I can feel someone who also has a Demon Lord Inheritance summoning me.”

Qing Shui’s heart thumped. He remembered the disadvantage of having Demon Lord Inheritance. When a person with the inheritance reached a certain extent of strength, the Demon Lord Energy within them would condense into Demon Lord’s Blood. By then, they would experience a great change in nature. Though it might not mean that they would lose themselves completely, by then, he knew what he would have to do. It’s not that their personality would change totally. By then, the things which they thought as outrageous in the past would become normal to them.

This was how Demon Lord was. It’s not that they would lose their original personality. Only their nature would suffer changes. Though they might be their same old selves, the things which they did would no longer be what they used to do. They would begin to see everything through.

“Do you know about Demon Lord’s Blood?” Qing Shui asked in a worried tone.

“I know. Those with this inheritance would condense Demon Lord’s Blood. The blood decides whether the person with such inheritance was strong or not. I knew what you wanted to say, but you couldn’t just listen to these things without any proof. Don’t you think so?” Tantai Lingyan asked calmly.

Though she might have put it this way, deep down, she wasn’t as calm as how she looked. The reason was that similar things had happened in her clan. It’s not as the rumors said, but it’s true that their nature would change.

It’s just like how much a person could endure, similar to a person smoking from his previous incarnation. A lot of people felt that they could take it. That was indeed true, as some managed to do so. But there was only a minority of them who could do it. It was definitely inappropriate to try to do it with their willpower alone.

This kind of feeling was what Qing Shui wanted. Hence, he felt that there was still hope. The reason was that Tantai Lingyan’s mood was definitely not a normal person carrying Demon Lord Inheritance could compare to. It’s just that there was one thing about this inheritance that was on his mind. The stronger a person got, the more difficult it would be to control their feeling.

Qing Shui was a bit worried deep down, but for now, he couldn’t change the situation. Prior to this, he had also planned his ways to make the woman fall in love with him. The reason was that love could cleanse the Demon Lord’s Blood.

“Maybe, I fear that you will kill me by then.” Qing Shui said in a serious tone.

“Don’t you fear death?” Tantai Lingyan asked in a serious tone.

“No. I can die for you, but I don’t want to pass away like that.” Qing Shui chuckled.

Tantai Lingyan trembled, but it wasn't visible to Qing Shui. She believed what Qing Shui said was true. If anything was to happen to her, he would definitely not sit by and do nothing. Back then, he had once told her that he treated her like his family.

"I won't kill you." Tantai Lingyan smiled and said.

At this moment, Zhan Yu and Hua Rumei came out with dishes, "Why would you guys start talking about dying when everything is fine?"

While speaking, Hua Rumei put down the dishes in her hand. Tantai Lingyan didn't say anything. Qing Shui stood up and smiled, "Let me go and serve you guys food."

"Brother, will you be staying for a few days on your trip back here this time or will you settle down here?" Zhan Yu asked Qing Shui after he served all the food.

"I will have to leave within a month. There are still things I need to do. How have you guys been?" Qing Shui didn't clearly state what he needed to do.

"We are good. but the Palace Lord told us that she will be heading out presently. She said that she has been sensing a familiar energy and didn't want anyone else to follow her. We were quite worried for her as well." Zhan Yu didn't say anything more after he talked up to this point. It was not necessary for him to do so.

Qing Shui smiled and nodded, "Lingyan, why don't we go together? It will be better than you traveling alone. I know that you are talking about someone with Demon Lord Inheritance."

Tantai Lingyan seemed to be hesitating as well, but in the end, she nodded, "I think I will go with Qing Shui. As for you guys, stay in Demon Lord Palace."

Qing Shui quickly smiled and said, "Alright then, sister and brother, why don't you stay back here? You guys don't have to worry about her anymore."

Qing Shui was used to calling Zhan Yu his brother. Calling him brother-in-law made him felt like they were unfamiliar with each other.

Zhan Yu and Hua Rumei smiled after looking at them for a while, "Alright then, be careful on your trip."

Qing Shui happened to run into this incident after he came here. However, people with Demon Lord Inheritance all shared good relationships. Tantai Lingyan was the only exception. He didn't know how things would turn out when they met each other this time.

If Qing Shui hadn't made it in time, she would have had to go there alone. As to the outcome of it, he would have no idea about it. Qing Shui wouldn't have to worry if he didn't find out about it, but since he made it in time, he felt lucky.

After finishing their meal and chit-chatting about the past for a while, Tantai Lingyan stood up and left. After a few moments of thought, Qing Shui also left. In any case, he would only go with Tantai Lingyan to see who the person that invited Tantai Lingyan was after two days.

Hua Rumei noticed Qing Shui wanting to leave with Tantai Lingyan. She didn't stop them. The both of them left with shoulders next to each other. There was nothing to complain about the Demon Lord Palace's environments. The stones covering the ground were also quality mountain rocks.

Qing Shui didn't want to be in front nor behind her. Hence, he decided to be next to her. Occasionally, there would be times when their shoulders collided with each other.

Qing Shui did it intentionally. Tantai Lingyan also knew it. She looked at Qing Shui's clear eyes with an upset expression. His bright eyes of that naughty brat looked really innocent, causing her to feel a bit difficult to accuse him.

With Tantai Lingyan here, Qing Shui felt really unnatural. He couldn't say a lot of stuff. His jokes also couldn't be too excessive. If he were to only talk about important matters, it would take long for their relationship to improve.

Qing Shui had a stand-alone place where he lived in the Demon Lord Palace. He once stayed in it. When he arrived there, he realized that the place didn't have even a single dust stain in it. It looked exactly the same as before. Deep down, he felt a bit warm in his heart. He lived near Tantai Lingyan. From his window, he could see Tantai Lingyan's room.

Prior to this, Tantai Lingyan left after telling him that he still lived in the same room. Qing Shui stood by the window, looking at Tantai Lingyan's room. As he thought, after about fifteen minutes, she really did appear.

It was only until now when the sky began to turn dark. The bright moon slowly rose up the sky. The silver light it scattered looked really beautiful and hazy. Tantai Lingyan also saw Qing Shui. Qing Shui smiled at her and Tantai Lingyan returned it with another smile. It's just that her smile was really faint.

This woman had given Qing Shui a deep impression. It continued for a long time. They have met before on a few continents. Until now, he was already someone with the Battle God Inheritance. Her, on the other hand, received the Demon Lord Inheritance.

The two who weren't supposed to have anything related to each other had yet become fated to tangle with each other upon their first meeting. Qing Shui wasn't able to confirm anything, but he was able to sense Tantai Lingyan's gradual change. Though it was small, to Tantai Lingyan, it was already quite a significant change which took place in her.

From his meeting with Tantai Lingyan this time, he found that she was no longer as cold as before. From his view, Tantai Lingyan was a lot more friendly now. Hence, he was more confident now. No matter what, he felt it was a necessity to make this woman happy.

On the next day, Qing Shui and his group once again gathered together, but in the afternoon, Zhan Yu and Hua Rumei left. Seeing that he didn't have anything to do, Qing Shui went to the pavilion where Tantai Lingyan was.

"Is there anything you would like from me?" Tantai Lingyan gave Qing Shui an awkward look.

Qing Shui smiled and looked at her, "You don't have to be like this, do you? Am I not allowed to be here with you when I am free?"

In reality, deep down, Tantai Lingyan still felt a bit awkward with Qing Shui here. She knew that Qing Shui liked her. Though she might be cold-natured, she was still aware of that. Besides, a lot of things have happened between them. The most unforgettable one for her was the first incident which happened between them. No matter how hard she forced herself to forget about it, from time to time, it would still appear in her mind. At that time, she wouldn't be sure if she was feeling angry or shy. As a result, her aura would become disordered.

Instead of sitting on the opposite side, Qing Shui sat down beside Tantai Lingyan. This decision which he chose made himself feel really nervous. Though he was near her, they were still about half a foot apart.

The faint fragrance went into Qing Shui's nose. He didn't dare to look at Tantai Lingyan. He feared that he would see eyes which would hurt him. It was at this kind of time when he realized that he was also a fragile creature.

Instead, Tantai Lingyan was comforted by Qing Shui's nervous and cautious look. As it seemed, he wasn't as unbridled as she thought. On the contrary, even he had times when he was like this. He wasn't the rascal she thought he was.

"Are you aware of the existence of the world underwater?" Qing Shui asked gently. Upon asking, he slightly turned his head to look at Tantai Lingyan.

Chapter 1622 - Strengthening Her Origin Qi, Gracefulness

Tantai Lingyan looked at Qing Shui with astonishment and said softly, "I knew of their existences. However, since the Demon King Inheritance appeared mostly in water, I've never had any contacts."

"Before my arrival to the Haohan Continent, I had met some of them whose might were strong. They weren't even in the deep sea." Qing Shui thought of the Vicious Shark Palace, the Sea Dragon Palace, the Sunset Palace, and even the Ancient Battle King Crab in the Sunset Palace.

"Have you heard of the existence of the Immortal Sect in the Haohan Continent?" Tantai Lingyan looked at Qing Shui with a trace of hope in her eyes.

An inexplicable feeling surged in Qing Shui's heart. As expected, she still couldn't let go of the Five Tigers Immortal Sect. Although Qing Shui knew that this would be the case, he still felt the heavy burden on his shoulders at the confirmation. He couldn't just turn a blind eye to her affairs.

With a soft sigh, he replied. "Before I came back, I came across someone from the Divine Moon Immortal Sect. They were a couple. The man had been in a coma for more than ten years from a case of poisoning. When I go back again, I would probably be able to heal him drastically."

Watching the expression behind Qing Shui's eyes, Tantai Lingyan knew what he was thinking. At the very least, she could make an accurate guess. With a smile, she shook her head. "I know what you're thinking. There's no need to feel pressurized. I'm not going to die in vain. I have already waited for so many years. I won't go if I don't have the might to do so."

Qing Shui looked at Tantai Lingyan in surprise. "Oh, the lass is capable of taking others into consideration too."

Tantai Lingyan donned a peculiar look as she regarded Qing Shui. "You're not allowed to call me lass. Why is an ignorant young rascal like you acting like an elder?"

Qing Shui smiled. Looked at her with a trace of pleasantness, the cloud in his heart seemed to have cleared as well. With just her smile, he didn't seem to care about anything else anymore. The idea rendered Qing Shui still, unable to gather himself for a moment. Was she really so important to him?

Qing Shui looked at Tantai Lingyan, who had never reacted strongly before. "Maybe should I call you Aunt Yan instead?"

Tantai Lingyan was taken aback for a second before huffing in anger. "I don't want such an old nephew like you."

Qing Shui smiled happily when he saw Tantai Lingyan's reaction. "I don't know how old you are. I just feel that you are at the very most, an immortal."

Tantai Lingyan gazed at the rascal in front of her and her heart became surprisingly calm. In fact, she hadn't truly been angry before. When she was with him, she had always felt serene, as if everything would be okay. As long as he was there, they could withstand anything.

"Alright. Once we settle the matter here, I would like to take a trip to the Haohan Continent as well and take a look for myself." Tantai Lingyan said seriously and looked at Qing Shui.

"Can't bear for me to leave?" Qing Shui said with a laugh.

Qing Shui wouldn't have dared to do that in the past but he realized there was a peculiar connection between them now and he could feel the hatred she once bore towards him dwindling.

"If you aren't willing, I'll go on my own!" Even though Tantai Lingyan's expression was calm, Qing Shui was delighted with the tone she used. There was a hint of emotional turbulence in her speech like she was saying it out of spite.

"Why wouldn't I be willing? It's all I could ever wish for. Lingyan, what will happen to Demon Lord Palace if you leave?"

Tantai Lingyan has been immunized by the names Qing Shui had used to address her. Whatever way he wished to address her was fine by her. Without second thoughts, she replied, "Demon Lord Palace will be fine. Nothing will happen with Rumei around. Plus, there the elders and others."

It was only halfway through the afternoon when Qing Shui proposed, "I want to strengthen your Origin Qi."

Tantai Lingyan couldn't keep a calm composure at the thought of their previous encounter. She blushed as she watched at Qing Shui's earnest gaze. Without knowing what to say, she nodded.

The last time was for him to get through her acupoint. This time it was to strengthen her Origin Qi. There was no need to strip bare but it was necessary to take off her outerwear, leaving her in a thin layer of pajamas. It would be best to have her hands and feet exposed.

Tantai Lingyan changed into a set of pajamas, reminding Qing Shui of the scenario when he saw her for the first time.

Her eyes were closed and her hair in a bun. Her brows soft, her face had no makeup, but yet had a tinge of red on her fair skin. She was unbelievably beautiful and looked as though she was asleep.

Her snow white clothes could not hide the curves of her body. She had thin shoulders with the curves of her bosom capable of making one's heart race. Her waist looked incredibly slender. Her delicate body was like a jade sculpture made by God, her exposed legs had a sparkling luster.

Even as she laid there with her eyes closed, she still exuded a temperament that others dare not profane. She was the most unapproachable woman Qing Shui had ever seen. Not because of her coldness but the pride and loftiness that was within her.

Now that she was standing in front of him, the impact was even greater. Qing Shui could not conceal his admiration. With a shake of his head, he spoke with a smile. "Sister Yan, you must not blame me for my ill manners. It'll be more pathetic if I don't. I'm a man after all..."

"Are you trying to imply that I'm at fault then?" Tantai Lingyan had a small smile to her, her words spoken without a hint of displeasure.

"Beauty is the cause of trouble for a country in peril. Sister, I think you're even better than all of these. A smile of yours would be enough to overturn a city. If you desire to extinguish a dynasty, all you have to do is to flash your smile at them."

"I can't tell if that's a compliment or a scolding." Tantai Lingyan sat down beside Qing Shui and his heart raced in reaction.

"How could I scold you? I wouldn't dare to, nor would I bear to." Qing Shui seized the chance when their atmosphere felt that slight bit flirtatious and Tantai Lingyan didn't seem as indifferent as she was before.

Qing Shui stretched out his hand and held hers. When she tried to retract, his finger pressed against her veins and Tantai Lingyan stopped her attempt.

Ah, how great it was to be a physician, Qing Shui thought.

The blood of Demon Lord was already abundant in Tantai Lingyan's body but it was pure in essence. Qing Shui had come across several successors of Demon King Inheritance but believed that the blood in those people's body was not even half as pure as Tantai Lingyan's.

Qing Shui discerned if that was good or bad news. Her bare hands were warm and gentle as jade. It touched his heart in an inexplicable manner as his hand covered hers. After a long time, Qing Shui raised his head and gently retracted his hand. "Your strength is really strong now. Your realm has caught up as well, and your foundation is stable."

"Do I still have to strengthen my Origin Qi then?" Tantai Lingyan asked in haste.

"Yes, because you've had two breakthroughs in a row. Although your foundation is good, it is like a pavilion. If it grew twice in height abruptly, the burden on its foundation would likewise increase drastically. Without strengthening it, the stability of this pavilion will suffer immensely." Qing Shui explained with a metaphor that was easy to understand.

Qing Shui could sense Tantai Lingyan's dilemma. "Don't worry, you won't have to take off your pajamas."

That sentence made Tantai Lingyan flush a deeper red. Still, she was relieved to hear his words. If she had to take off her clothes, she didn't know if she could accept it. Maybe not, but this terrible man would definitely give her a reason to sway her. Without conscious awareness, she had realized that she had stopped discriminating against him as much as she used to. When did that happen? Was it the moment of their reunion?

"I'll throw you out if you continue spouting nonsense." Tantai Lingyan snapped.

Her words were a pleasure to Qing Shui's ears.

Qing Shui had Tantai Lingyan lie on the bed. With the white quilt on the white bed, it looked both seductive and soft. The way Tantai Lingyan laid on it shyly complimented the bed. It was a perfection beyond words.

What was more perfect was her beautiful curves. They were incomparably perfect without a hint of exaggeration. Her white pajamas were a little loose, giving her a languid look. She lost a bit of her usual coldness with her eyes closed.

Qing Shui's hands rested on her shoulders and felt her body tensing up. He smiled. "Don't be nervous. Although I am not the most upright gentleman, I wouldn't take advantage of you either. If I like anyone, I would woo them openly."

Tantai Lingyan's body relaxed at his voice and Qing Shui's hand began to apply pressure. Qing Shui used a special technique when strengthening Origin Qi to instigate her body's activity. It was like stimulating the body cells so that he could do more with less and the medicine could be absorbed effectively as well.

This technique was in no way inferior to the Soft-Tendon Hand Technique, nor did it feel any less satisfying in comparison to the joy between men and women. Qing Shui really had no other motives. When he was with Huoyun Liu-Li, she had always liked this method of Qing Shui's.

Tantai Lingyan bit her lip and felt the heat from his hands seeping into her body. It numbed wherever he touched, reaching deep into her body. She held herself back from making any sound. At some point, she had buried her face into the bedding.

Qing Shui's hand slowly slid down her back until it reached between the waist and hip. The arc there held a fatal attraction. When Qing Shui's hand touched Tantai Lingyan's waistline, he felt Tantai Lingyan's body tensing up.

By logic, her body shouldn't have been this tense by this time and he would soon realize that she had underestimated his technique. He didn't know that the waistline was a sensitive point for this woman.

Tantai Lingyan's body trembled a little which caused Qing Shui to feel hot all over. Still, he pretended that he didn't realize anything, skipping past her nice buttocks with great determination and working his way down her slender legs, towards her jade feet.

The foot was the reflex zone on a human body. Thus, it could not be skipped. This was the second time. The small and exquisite lines of the jade feet were soft and exuded the general luster of jade. Qing Shui

could never have imagined that a pair of feet could be this beautiful in his past life. The sole of it was as delicate as white.

He started on the acupuncture after. They were a lot quicker this time around and was done by the darkening of the sky; their result was still surprisingly good. Even Qing Shui was a little shocked but he knew now that Tantai Lingyan was embarrassed. In understanding, he covered her up with the quilt before leaving.

After Qing Shui's departure, Tantai Lingyan lifted her head. Those indifferent eyes were no longer cold. Instead, they were filled with a hint of gentleness, her face blushing from their contact. If Qing Shui were here to witness this, would he be able to control himself?

Tantai Lingyan covered her face with both hands and ran into the bathroom. Her pajamas were now drenched with sweat, and before she had actually...

She couldn't believe that it had happened in front of him and she wasn't sure if Qing Shui had seen through it. Still, she felt that that rascal must have known. Otherwise, he wouldn't have left so fast.

At the thought of that, she smiled. He was still a considerate person.

After showering, she felt relaxed all over and exceptionally satisfied. It was an indescribable feeling. At that moment, she felt as though her soul was about to leave her own body...

Chapter 1623 - Regarding Tantai Lingyan's Initiative, Night Demon Mountain

The thought of these made Tantai Lingyan's face even redder as she headed out after getting dressed. The sky had just darkened when she went out. Remembering the fact that she hadn't eaten, she was reminded that the same went for Qing Shui. Opening the door to her room, she walked out.

At the same time, Qing Shui was done taking a shower as well, washing off the heat that was surging inside his body. The agony had made him both miserable and happy. When Qing Shui heard the knock on the door, he froze for a moment. He had already identified the owner of this presence and only froze from his surprise.

Opening the door, he saw Tantai Lingyan standing outside his door, her face still with the trace of a blush. Qing Shui knew naturally that her hint of color was different from before. He smiled happily at the sight of her. "Come in and sit!"

Tantai Lingyan walked in without speaking, a faint fragrance drifted through the air. It left Qing Shui with a surreal feeling.

"You surprised me with your presence." Looking up at the sky, Qing Shui chuckled.

Qing Shui did that on purpose. Since Tantai Lingyan was here—although he couldn't be direct, there were still subtle hints that he had to show. It wasn't to take advantage of her, but to allow them to feel closer.

"I haven't eaten yet." Tantai Lingyan said softly.

Although Qing Shui knew that Tantai Lingyan didn't come to engage in anything with him, neither did she come embarrassed. He smiled and asked, "What do you want to eat? I'll make it for you."

Qing Shui was chauvinistic at times as well but his form of chauvinism was special. For example, in the face of danger, he would face it on his own and never allowed his women to do so. Even so, he would still cook for them.

He didn't think that cooking was a shameful thing for men to do. Most of the men on the Nine Continents didn't cook, regardless of how successful or not they were.

There was even a lower probability for those who were successful to cook since there were others who could do it instead. Those who weren't successful had their women to cook for them. It was only right for women to cook. Doing the laundry was also something that was a rightful task for women since the ancient past.

Qing Shui was like this in his previous life as well. As time went by, many strong women advocated equality between men and women, monogamy between husband and wife and so on. Although they still weren't completely equal, they were to an extent. In the past life, there were many men who would cook in the kitchen. Compared to this world, there were a lot more of them at that time.

Tantai Lingyan watched Qing Shui as he proceeded to the kitchen with a smile on his face. She was a woman but she didn't know how to cook. She was a powerful warrior who could go on without eating for a long time.

Qing Shui was pleased that Tantai Lingyan had come to tell him she hadn't eaten. It was an obvious excuse. With their level of cultivation, they could go on without eating for half a month. With that said, eating could still strengthen their internal organs as well as other benefits. So, if they had a choice, they would still have three meals a day.

Even more than that was the fact that eating was a form of enjoyment. The desire for food and sex was natural among humans. Hence, they had delicacies for land and sea for meals or local specialties.

There were many people like that. Thus, it was how the food and catering industry in this world continued to develop. No matter if a person was powerful or otherwise, food was in great demand.

Qing Shui took a lot of ingredients from the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal and started making their meal. He was very skilled and happy, putting his all in it. Everyone could do well in anything when they put their minds to it. Cooking was no exception. Furthermore, Qing Shui was already naturally gifted in cooking. His cooking skills and medical skills were not inferior to anyone, or at least, he hadn't met any as of now.

Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal had amassed too much spice. More than a dozen other spices were the work of his Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

Qing Shui knew that Tantai Lingyan wasn't here just for food but he couldn't be sure. At least he could tell that she wasn't here entirely for dinner, but he still wanted to make it well.

In his past life, there was a saying that the stomach was the way to a man's heart. Qing Shui didn't know if it was applicable towards women but he felt that it should be useful nonetheless.

Soon enough, the tantalizing aroma began to spread. Tantai Lingyan believed that she had strong self-control but nonetheless caught herself anticipating the dishes as well. She looked at the exquisite and

aesthetically pleasing dishes, taking in their fragrant aroma. She could hardly believe that meals could be this well done.

Qing Shui spotted Tantai Lingyan by the kitchen door and laughed. "Do you want to try to cook?"

"I don't know how, so I had better not." Tantai Lingyan said quickly, but Qing Shui could tell that she wanted to try or even to learn.

"Come on, give it a try. Actually, ingredients play a huge role in the preparation so yours would be just as fragrant. Just try it if you don't believe me." Qing Shui said with a smile.

Tantai Lingyan nodded and smiled after some thought before Qing Shui began instructing her on the sequence of ingredients and steps for the most basic dish.

With Qing Shui's ingredients and his instructions on when to pour them in, the process was similar to Qing Shui's. After all, the most difficult thing about cooking was the control of the flame. Qing Shui was already doing it for her.

Tantai Lingyan could not believe it when she caught a whiff of the aroma. She had tried cooking before but she didn't think she did a good job at all. Hence, she never did it again. She believed it must have something to do with the ingredients too. After all, one cannot accomplish one's intentions if they lack the necessary materials. Still, she knew that the main reason for this was because Qing Shui had been there to tell her what to do.

Carrying the finished dishes to the table, Qing Shui took out Plum Blossom Wine and two small crystal-like tripods. They were three-legged, the type of small tripod for drinking in ancient times.

Tantai Lingyan looked at them. The wine inside was clear like spring water but the scent of the wine was not drowned by the meal's aroma. She knew that it was Plum Blossom Wine. Qing Shui had previously gifted it to her but she didn't drink it often.

"Cheers! What should we toast to?" Qing Shui smiled and lifted his glass.

"You decide." Tantai Lingyan smiled and looked at Qing Shui, feeling relaxed. The smiles on her face seemed to increase without conscious awareness.

"Let's toast to our reunion then." Qing Shui said with a laugh.

Tantai Lingyan's face was rigid. Fate was a wonderful thing. If it wasn't for Qing Shui, she might still be deep asleep. If there wasn't enough fate between them, he might still be in the Greencloud Continent for the next hundreds of years until he grew into a white-haired elder. How would her life turn out if that happened?

Tantai Lingyan thought of many possibilities and stayed frozen for a while. Qing Shui reached out and waved his hand in front of her. "What are you thinking about? Are you plotting against me?"

After some contemplation, Tantai Lingyan thought that these were the best circumstances for them. She moved her glass against his. "Cheers!"

Thereafter, the two began digging in. Qing Shui only ate the portion which Tantai Lingyan cooked and all he said was that the taste of food depends on their companion. With people they adored, even if the

food was bland, you'd still find them tasty. Similarly, with people you disliked, the best delicacies in the world would be tasteless and hard to swallow.

Tantai Lingyan hesitated before sticking out her chopsticks towards some of the dishes she cooked. When she was ascertained that they were equally good, her expression relaxed. She was afraid that her dishes wouldn't be tasty.

"You can't steal from my portion. We don't know when the next time you'll cook is so all these are for me." Qing Shui changed the position of the plate.

Tantai Lingyan smiled but didn't speak. She could anticipate Qing Shui's response if she had replied, but she still underestimated Qing Shui's shamelessness at times.

"So, Yan Yan. I will go to your chambers for breakfast tomorrow morning. Is that alright?" Qing Shui chuckled.

Tantai Lingyan was uncomfortable with Qing Shui's new found nickname for her and couldn't help speaking up, "Do you want me to eat with all your shouting?"

Qing Shui chuckled and said. "I'll wait for you to finish eating before shouting then."

Tantai Lingyan was speechless.

Soon, it was time to leave. Hua Rumei's accomplishments in formations were also exceptional. Qing Shui wouldn't conceal it either—sooner or later, he would pass down some of his designed formations to her. As of now, the formations in the Demon Lord Palace were all laid down by her.

Atop of Qing Shui's Hellfire Phoenix, they flew towards the direction which summoned Tantai Lingyan. It should be near the Haohan Continent, which was also at the intersection of the three continents. From Tantai Lingyan, he knew the place as Night Demon Mountain.

It was said that Night Demon appeared there a long time ago. Even so, this was the intersection between the three continents—there was nothing there. It was full of sparsely populated people with some hidden sects, aristocrat clans or people who had been forced to a dead end. Among these people, there were both good and bad.

Tantai Lingyan had mentioned that there were successors to the Demon King Inheritance who were calling for her. It was very likely that Night Demon had appeared in the Night Demon Mountain. There was no better explanation.

Night Demons were the same as other Demon King Inheritance successors, but their most outstanding ability was that while their overall might was reduced by 20% during the day, it was increased by 50% at night. Everything had its pros and cons. Since it was daytime now, Qing Shui thought that if everything went without a hitch, the other party would likely come out to meet them at night time, provided the other party was the Night Demon.

Considering this reason, Qing Shui didn't rush to use the Nine Continents Steps. He simply took the Hellfire Phoenix instead. This way, he could even have time to chat with Tantai Lingyan. Most of the time, Qing Shui was the one talking while she listened.

Qing Shui had his own ideas. Tantai Lingyan was a successor of the Demon King Inheritance and so, in normal circumstances, there would be other Demon King Inheritance successors looking for her. However, Qing Shui didn't want her to have contact with other successors and so he tagged along to check out the issue with the Demon King Inheritance this time. If possible, he would like to destroy it.

Night Demon Mountain was a lot colder than its surroundings, as though the sun rays couldn't find their way in here. It was cloudless and sunny everywhere else, but there was a kind of overhanging cloud here, yet it didn't look like it would rain.

"Lingyan, can you feel the other person's breath?" This was the most formal title Qing Shui had addressed her by.

"I can feel it in this mountain but it seems as if he or she doesn't wish to meet us now. I suppose all we can do is wait." Tantai Lingyan looked at the sky when it was dusk.

There was no sunshine here and it was crowded with dark clouds, but the moon in the sky was big and round, though it would get obstructed by clouds from time to time.

The two stood in a mountain and waited quietly. Since the other party called for Tantai Lingyan, they wouldn't drag this out for too long.

A smile appeared on Qing Shui's face and Tantai Lingyan looked into the distance. A bird-like silhouette flickered and appeared from afar, flying towards them.

Chapter 1624 - Night Demon, Ye Mei

From the silhouette, Qing Shui could tell that the other person was a woman. While the night didn't hinder Qing Shui's might, the other person was almost completely wrapped in black clothing, revealing only a pair of cold eyes.

Qing Shui didn't know the other's age, but he could estimate by their vitality aura that she was in her strongest and growing stage. This must mean she wasn't old, and from her graceful posture, Qing Shui speculated that she must be young.

Qing Shui and Tantai Lingyan were about 100 meters away from each other. Tantai Lingyan looked at the mysterious intruder and spoke up, "If I'm not mistaken, you were the one who summoned me."

"That's right. I could feel that we are people of the same class and hence, thought that we should gather. What do you say?"

The woman replied with a low voice that held mysterious strength. It was neither pleasant nor unpleasant to the ears. Her eyes remained fixated on Tantai Lingyan and Qing Shui.

"You are Night Demon!" Tantai Lingyan said.

"You have the blood of Demon King flowing within your body as well. You should have known about our mission. I wonder how you feel with regards to my previous proposal. It is by a stroke of luck that we met." The woman continued.

"You're alone?" Tantai Lingyan continued prompting. She continued to ask but it did not arouse the repulsion of the other. After all, she was summoned by that woman. It would only be baffling if Tantai Lingyan agreed to everything without question.

"I won't conceal it from you. It hasn't been long since I attained the Night Demon Inheritance and I've been cultivating here alone." The woman kept her stare on Tantai Lingyan and Qing Shui as she spoke, as though she was trying to see through any fluctuations or doubts in their hearts.

"Do you know about the blood of the Demon King?" it was Qing Shui's turn to speak.

The woman had been paying attention to Qing Shui, but she couldn't figure out Qing Shui's strength nor could she feel it. She knew that she was no match for the two. However, with the thought that she was also a successor of Demon King Inheritance, she figured that they would likely not harm her.

"Successors of the Demon King Inheritance will likewise gain the blood of the Demon King. Only the blood of the Demon King can make his successors stronger." The woman said frankly.

"Then you must know that the more powerful the Demon King's blood is, the more you'd lose your nature; the more you'd become irritable and unpredictable. Your bloodlust will make you lose recognition of even your family and relatives." Qing Shui said with a smile.

She had heard of it even without Qing Shui's speech, but everyone knew that you couldn't spin and weave at the same time. The strength of the Demon King Inheritance improved rapidly and it was very strong. As for the blood of the Demon King, that was nothing but a legendary tale. As long as you had a strong will, you wouldn't suffer from the backlash. Thus, everyone claimed they had restraints over themselves. Not to mention that the blood of the Demon King was more rumors than fact.

"I've heard of it, but it hasn't been confirmed to be true." The woman hesitated for a moment.

"What is your mission? Do you plan on keeping to it?" Calmly, Qing Shui asked the woman.

The woman suddenly felt herself locked in all aspects of consciousness. She found it difficult to even move. She looked Qing Shui and Tantai Lingyan, puzzled. "Why? Even if I don't want to accomplish the mission, I've already benefited from the inheritance. Wouldn't I lose credibility if I didn't finish the Demon King Inheritance's mission as promised?"

Qing Shui had already gauged the might of the woman. At the very least, she was not a threat to Tantai Lingyan and himself. As long as she didn't have the same strength as them, then mishaps wouldn't find them this quickly.

Night Demon's strength lied in combat at night. It was good at hiding, agility, assassination, ability to confuse, and more. Qing Shui laughed as he regarded her. "The Demon King Inheritance could only show you your destiny. It didn't mean that you had to be evil just by attaining it. What is your Inheritance's memory? If I'm not wrong, it must have been about murder. You should take a look at how many of those deserved to be killed, and how many of them were actually innocent."

Resigned, Qing Shui replied. In terms of the strength within the Nine Continents, right and wrong were in the hands of powerful people. The difference between those who were righteous and those who were not was that the righteous would disguise their behavior and find a high-sounding reason, while the evil didn't see a need.

"My Lingyan is the same as you, but she will not be able to associate herself with undesirable elements. You must control your instinct. It can't control your conscience while you still can. Otherwise, what's the use of being strong in the future? You'd just be a killing, living-dead demon."

Tantai Lingyan took a helpless glance at Qing Shui. She didn't know that with just that single glance, she had almost taken Qing Shui's soul away. When did she become his? Qing Shui could only stare at her.

Tantai Lingyan reached out and knocked against Qing Shui's head. "I would've killed you several times over if you had been my enemy."

Qing Shui smiled back and said, "That's why I'm glad we are on the same side."

The woman in front of them was caught in a dilemma. She had never been in contact with a successor of the Demon King Inheritance before. However, there were memories of it in her inheritance. It was by sheer luck that she had attained the inheritance and so, the nature of her personality still remained the same.

Qing Shui continued, "I don't care if you are a successor of the Demon King Inheritance or not, but I don't wish to see you doing anything that's against morals. I won't let you off easily if that happens."

"Then what should I do? I have been alone. I was happy when I felt someone with the same aura as me and had even started treating her like family. I have no family myself. I thought I wouldn't have to be alone anymore." The woman suddenly looked lost and desolate.

Qing Shui understood the kind of loneliness she spoke of but kept in mind that Night Demons were sly. Qing Shui couldn't bring himself to believe her words. Yet, since the words had left the other's mouth, he allowed Tantai Lingyan to decide.

Tantai Lingyan looked at the woman and said, "I'm fine with either. You could leave should you choose to, or I can welcome your stay. This way, we can have more people in our ranks. You should choose for yourself!"

The woman was hesitant but recalling the aura pressure from before, the decision was easy since it was unfavorable to her to do otherwise. "I will follow elder sister." She spoke after some thought.

The woman removed the scarf, revealing a cold yet beautiful face. The phrase, birds of a feather flock together couldn't be any truer. Tantai Lingyan was an ice-cold beauty and this lady was also distant in personality, though there was still a disparity between them. Their appearances and temperaments were different and the woman's age must have been younger than Qing Shui himself. She might not even be old enough to be called a woman.

"My name is Ye Mei. What is elder sister's name? Is this my brother-in-law?"

Qing Shui smiled. He was more than willing to hear those words from the young lass but Tantai Lingyan interjected, "I'm Tantai Lingyan. He's Qing Shui and we're just friends."

Although Ye Mei could tell little from Tantai Lingyan's aura, she suddenly gained immense strength from the inheritance. Even so, this was still foreign to her, but she could still discern certain things, like how Qing Shui fancied Tantai Lingyan.

Qing Shui yawned. "Let's stay here for the night and return tomorrow."

Qing Shui was perplexed. The woman should have gained its slyness from the Night Demon Inheritance as well. If not, then this Night Demon would have failed. Yet, Ye Mei seemed simple and innocent. This was strange. Could it be that it was because she had just started?

Ye Mei took the initiative to hunt for prey. Since they weren't afraid of her escaping, on top of her familiarity with the area, they naturally agreed.

Looking at Ye Mei's disappearing figure into the depths of Night Demon Mountain, Qing Shui laughed. "Could you tell anything from her?"

"Night Demon has a sly personality which is very difficult to restrain. I didn't think she was trying to disguise it nor was she strong. It'll be good to keep our guards up, or maybe what we see is really what we get." Tantai Lingyan said indifferently.

"She came back without going far. Did you feel it?" All of a sudden, Qing Shui said to Tantai Lingyan.

"It seems she wasn't as simple as she looked after all. Without incidents, we must have other company here." Only Qing Shui was within audible range from Tantai Lingyan's words.

"If there are outsiders, they should be deep in the Night Demon Mountains. I don't feel any other aura. Who do you think they are?"

"I don't know."

"Could it be someone she's intimate with? Within this quiet mountain, being alone with the opposite gender isn't too bad." Qing Shui chuckled.

Tantai Lingyan's eyes looked at Qing Shui coldly, and he laughed awkwardly. "Don't look at me like that. I'm nervous."

It wasn't long before Ye Mei came back happily with two wild rabbits in hand. "Sister, Brother Qing Shui, I have caught two rabbits. Let me go clean them up and then we can start roasting them."

The two nodded naturally. They knew that Ye Mei must have other ideas in mind, and decided to check out her motives.

Ye Mei roasted the meat skilfully, though it wasn't comparable to Qing Shui. However, she was still great. It wasn't long before Qing Shui realized something was wrong. Ye Mei's heartbeat was racing just a little faster than usual.

"Sister, this is for you." Ye Mei handed Tantai Lingyan the hind leg of a rabbit.

Then, she handed Qing Shui another hind leg. She took only one foreleg for her own consumption.

"Ah, not bad. You've got decent skills." Qing Shui said while eating.

He understood now. Ye Mei's scheme was within this meat. Poison. The meat in this rabbit had been contaminated with poison. He recalled that Night Demon was best at hiding, assassination, poisoning, and confusion. Night Demon's poison was definitely on a league of its own, but she chose the wrong target to mess with.

Discreetly, Qing Shui sounded off to Tantai Lingyan. "There's poison in this rabbit. We will cooperate with them later; this poison would restrict the use of Origin Qi for two hours."

As Qing Shui and Tantai Lingyan ate the hind leg, Qing Shui began eating an even larger one and praised as he ate, "It's delicious! I'm going to be blessed with good food in the future."

"Yeah, you will definitely be blessed with it in the future." Ye Mei's tone had completely changed, as though it had matured a lot within a short span of time.

Qing Shui looked at her in surprise and Ye Mei smiled. "Do you feel any discomfort?"

Qing Shui's expression shifted. "You poisoned us?"

Tantai Lingyan frowned, feeling an urge to laugh as she watched Qing Shui's realistically exaggerated performance.

Ye Mei was still confident about her poison. she smiled happily. Her voice was loud and piercing, but it wasn't unpleasant to the ears. Qing Sing felt the aura of another in the distance.

As expected, someone else was out there. Tantai Lingyan's voice sounded to him this time. "The person approaching has Demon King Inheritance too."

Chapter 1625 - Successor of Great Demon King Inheritance, Leng Feng, Trifles

Qing Shui froze. He didn't expect that successors of Demon King Inheritance had already begun to gather. There were three during their encounter with the Niu Clan previously and Ye Mei wasn't alone this time either.

However, Qing Shui didn't know why she targeted him specifically and he looked around in confusion for the person who was stepping forward. When Qing Shui saw the person who appeared by Ye Mei, he was also once again shocked.

He was a burly and strong man, standing at about 2.3 meters with a blue cloak. He had big eyes and thick brows, exuding an oppressive aura.

The reason why Qing Shui was shocked lied in the fact that there were two protruding horns on either side of the man's head the size of a baby's fist. Those were covered by his hair.

Successor of Great Demon King Inheritance!

This was the Successor of Great Demon King. The Great Demon King was one of the most powerful Demon Kings. Legend has it that the Great Demon King was a successor of an ancient Great Demon God. Hence, it was rumored that blood of the Demon God flowed in the veins of Great Demon King.

This man looked exceptionally mighty and with his height, he would be a prominent figure wherever he was. Not to mention, this man was much stronger than Ye Mei.

"Brother Feng, this man is a successor of the Battle God Inheritance, but the woman is indeed a successor of the Demon King Inheritance. What should we do?" Ye Mei smiled as she walked up to the man.

The man frowned and looked towards Qing Shui and Tantai Lingyan. His attention didn't stay on Tantai Lingyan for long before it shifted to Qing Shui. His profound gaze seemed to contain a kind of unspeakable power, both domineering and calm.

It was the first time Qing Shui had seen a man retracting his attention from Tantai Lingyan this quickly. It was not pretense. Such gesture couldn't be faked.

"Demon Lord, I've known you for a long time now. I wonder if you would be interested in joining forces." The man said to Tantai Lingyan, his voice reverberated.

Qing Shui thought his voice sounded nice, like the unique voice of the Great Demon King. It had grandeur and was repressive, carrying its own brand. It wielded its effects without help.

Tantai Lingyan glanced at the man. "You must be a successor of the Demon King Inheritance. I don't know if your mission is the same as other successors. You must be trying to gather successors of Demon King Inheritance."

The man nodded. "I'm Leng Feng. My Inheritance memory urged me to gather other brothers and sisters of the Demon King Inheritance. Although we are successors of the Demon King Inheritance, it doesn't mean that we are evil. Successors of the Battle God Inheritance are actually successors of the Battle Demon Inheritance, only that the name was changed to Battle God Inheritance. During ancient times, we were Demon King and they were Battle Demon. Eventually, they won and became Battle God. From then on, they've taken advantage of that title to this day."

Qing Shui watched the man who held an air of leadership and said, "You may be decent but you have forgotten about the blood of the Demon King. It can't be changed."

The man shook his head. "This has nothing to do with the blood of the Demon King. It has something to do with the speed of our inheritance cultivation. As long as the foundation is firmly established, the probability of the situation you talk about will be greatly reduced. However, the foundation of our inheritance is difficult to establish, which gave birth to the rumor about the blood of the Demon King."

"Since you have seen through my identity, we have our own separate missions. I can tell you are not someone who would change your mind easily. So, let's take it to a battle of fists." Qing Shui said with a smile and stood up.

"How is that possible? You're fine?" Ye Mei looked up at Qing Shui and Tantai Lingyan in disbelief.

"My name is Leng Feng. I'm here to discuss an alliance with Demon Lord. It seems that it's impossible. I'll forget about this issue on the relationship we have as successors of the Demon King Inheritance. We'll be enemies the next time we meet."

With that, the man turned to Ye Mei. "Mei'er, let's go!"

"Leaving so soon? We have yet to settle the score on your poisoning," Qing Shui said with a smile.

Smiling back, Ye Mei was surrounded by a black fog which enveloped them. Qing Shui reached out with a fist but as the dark fog dispersed and there was only a little trail of blood on the ground. They were gone.

Night Demon was best at concealment and escape. Qing Shui had already predicted such an end but it was undoubtedly still a pity. The strength of the man named Leng Feng shouldn't be inferior to Tantai Lingyan, and one should know that her might was as terrifying as it stood.

Qing Shui didn't feel great having them escape. Before, he had allowed the Niu Clan's Demon Child Niu and Successor of Thunder Roc Condor Demon King Inheritance to leave. However, these two had the audacity to drug them, and so Qing Shui wanted them to bleed. The weapon he used was laced with toxin as well. The concealed weapons used were also toxic enough to keep them busy for a while. This was what it meant to treat others as they had treated you.

Looking at the darkening sky, Qing Shui smiled. "Let's head back!"

Tantai Lingyan nodded after some thoughts.

Qing Shui held her hand in his and used Nine Continents Steps. In all honesty, it wasn't necessary to take her hand but either she didn't know or she liked it, he still took a liking to use this method with her.

Qing Shui gazed in close proximity until they were near Demon King Palace. They stopped to summon the Hellfire Phoenix instead and flew their way to the Demon King Palace.

"You can let go now!" Tantai Lingyan watched in silence as Qing Shui clutched her hand, who noticed his grasp got even tighter as they rode on the Hellfire Phoenix.

Qing Shui looked at their hands as if he only just realized. "Eheh, see, I didn't even realize I was still holding your hand."

Tantai Lingyan shook her head. "How thick-skinned!"

After a day's stay at the Demon King Palace, Qing Shui went back home. There was still some time before a month was up and so Qing Shui stayed at home for several days longer.

Thereafter, he went to the Puyang Clan. The Qing Clan and the Puyang Clan were relatives, with their children engaged to each other. However, whether the marriage would go through when they grew up would depend on their children. Both Puyang Qing and he had agreed that they wouldn't force the marriage, as long as either party disagreed.

Soul Search was also good in the Imperial Cuisine Hall. With the support of the Puyang Clan and their skills, no one dared to create trouble in the Imperial Cuisine Hall. Besides, no one would do so, especially towards a highly skilled physician.

In addition, the reputation of the Imperial Cuisine Hall was well-known. The Imperial Cuisine Hall was known far and wide in the Dancing Phoenix Continent City; some people even knew about the relations.

Qing Shui next went to see Di Chen, the Eldest Princess, and he had broken through the last layer of relationship. The meeting was naturally close. Di Chen had intended to hand over the Lotus Sect, but the latter didn't agree. Hence, Di Chen was still holding on to the title of Sect Head. With the reputation of the Lotus Sect, their strength under Di Chen's leadership was rapidly increasing but it was a long road ahead. It was a long road to be on the level of an Immortal Sect.

Fortunately, they had all moved to the Dancing Phoenix Continent, right around the Qing Clan. This was why Qing Shui was able to travel without worries. After Yehuang Guwu had personally attended to garrison duty, relying on the Tiger Form, they could keep a foothold now.

Di Chen and Yu He were no less inferior. Eldest Princess, Qing Sha and the rest were also just a half day trip away from the Qing Clan. Qing Shui took only three days to arrive at Putuo Mountain.

Yehuang Guwu had been there several times since the Putuo Mountain moved. These women would visit Qing Clan from time to time. Most of them were Qing Shui's wives after all.

Qing Shui was just about to go to Putuo Mountain that day. The Putuo Mountain was located along Feng Yan Lake. The Putuo Mountain's Ancestor had said that Putuo Mountain must be situated at the foot of a mountain and beside a stream, which was why he chose the location near Feng Yan Lake.

Behind Feng Yan Lake was the Phoenix Mountain. Feng Yan Lake was similar to the Phoenix Mountain. It looked like a phoenix with his wings widespread, taking off to the sky when seen from above. That said, it was remote, so no one lived here. You could come straight here from Putuo Mountain.

Though it was called Feng Yan Lake, it was quite large and linked to the Fengqi Sea. Putuo Mountain was built by the mountain. There weren't many people who came to the Dancing Phoenix Continent this time either, perhaps only around hundreds of them. Still, half of them were skilled warriors. Western Oxhe Continent couldn't make Putuo Mountain wither and disappear, just like the Putuo Mountain in Southern Viewing Continent.

When Qing Shui arrived, he just happened to see Yu Ruyan and Tantai Xuan as they strolled along Feng Yan Lake, as though they were discussing something happily. A clear laughter was constantly ringing out.

The appearance of Qing Shui filled them both with glee. Yu Ruyan ran towards Qing Shui and gave him a hug.

Somehow, the mature lady had let go of her own restraints. Qing Shui was happy to see her like that as well. At the side, Tantai Xuan watched with a faint smile.

After a long time, Qing Shui released Yu Ruyan. That was when they noticed Tantai Xuan watching them. Yu Ruyan grew embarrassed but still smiled naturally. "If Little Sister Xuan wished to give him a hug, I won't mind."

Yu Ruyan and Tantai Xuan were closer than blood relatives. They understood each other's thoughts even without it being spoken.

Qing Shui stretched out his arm generously. "Come on. Take it as a treat for me."

Tantai Xuan flushed as she walked towards Qing Shui and gave him a gentle hug. However, before Qing Shui had a chance to reciprocate, she had already let go. Looking at Qing Shui's gloomy look, she smiled happily.

The three of them hiked to the top of Phoenix Mountain. This had become a forbidden area on Putuo Mountain. In fact, the Phoenix Mountain in this area had been renamed to Putuo Mountain, just for the feeling of familiarity.

A long time had passed from the time between their last meeting till now. There was agony between two who were deeply in love. Qing Shui and Yu Ruyan weren't any different. During this period of time, Qing Shui had only reunited with Yiye Jiange until recently.

Still, as Qing Shui's women, they understood that Qing Shui had always been away more than they were together. This had its own advantage of verifying their feelings for each other over time. It is said that feelings cannot withstand the test of time and distance. However, that was not applicable to Qing Shui and his women.

Qing Shui held onto Yu Ruyan and Tantai Xuan with each hand and felt an incomparable satisfaction. This world was unlike his previous life. This world didn't enforce monogamy. There was no provision in this regard. As long as the man and woman were willing, he could marry as many as he wanted.

Although Qing Shui was holding Tantai Xuan's hand, he knew she wasn't ready. He could feel that but had no intention of letting go of this woman. Thinking back, he recalled numerous incidents between the two and Yu Ruyan. Even his own body had been clearly seen during what happened with Yu Ruyan, during that fateful day.

Chapter 1626 - Tantai Xuan's Feelings

Tantai Xuan didn't resist much. She merely struggled against his grasp momentarily without much conviction, allowing the man to pull her along as he pleased. Never had she ever thought that there would be another woman being tugged along when she was getting held by a man.

Qing Shui was caught in a dilemma as well but he must reserve his pride as the last of his priority when facing Tantai Xuan. Watching the resignation in this imposing, elegant and out-of-this-world woman made him smile.

Yu Ruyan opened her heart because of Qing Shui. She had set her sights on Qing Shui, developing a liking of the latter and she was more than satisfied with her current life. With regard to the several women by Qing Shui's side, she really didn't plan on taking any action about them. She had never planned on trailing behind him forever, just like how they were now. She preferred it this way. She preferred when Qing Shui would come to visit when he missed her.

Qing Shui could understand the rationale behind Yu Ruyan's thoughts and at least half of his women thought the same. In fact, he had believed it was fine this way too. After all, it was unrealistic to wish for them to gather under the same roof. After all, many of his women were the Mistress of their own sects.

Once again, Qing Shui appreciated the current world he's in. Unlike his previous life, there was no need to register your marriage or declare the birth of your child. Here, it was only necessary to prove your marriage to your relatives and friends, and for your child to be entered into the pedigree of your lineage.

This was the World of the Nine Continents. It was the world of clans, sects, and dynasties. Even within the dynasty, sects and clans formed a great number. Within the scope of the sect governance, the number of clans was great.

Therefore, more accurately, this world was made up of clans. Sects were also made up of clans and the ruler of the dynasty was also part of the royal clan, with interest for the clan placed above everything else.

"I have missed you both so much!" Qing Shui strolled along the mountaintop with the two women. Although the surrounding flowers and trees were naturally grown, they were still more beautiful than those artificially cultivated. From time to time, some bird-type beasts would appear, filling this world with infinite elements of beauty.

"You must mean that you miss Sister Ruyan instead!" Tantai Xuan chuckled.

"Little Sister Xuan, I think he missed you more." Yu Ruyan responded with a smile.

Qing Shui didn't speak. It would be unwise to speak at this time. Although claiming that he missed both of them could work, it would be a little hypocritical. Rather than replying, just chuckling would probably be a better reply.

There was a plot of grassland ahead, so dense and untouched. With a slight breeze, it looked like a bed made from nature, densely packed with green grass which was more than a foot high, tilting in one direction. It felt soft and comfortable as they walked on it.

The ray of the sun warmed the earth below their feet.

"It's beautiful here. Sister Ruyan and I would lay here whenever we have the time." Tantai Xuan said with a smile. It was only after the words left her that she felt it sounded inappropriate.

Qing Shui smirked as he gazed towards the horizon. "Your words made me want to lie down and experience it for myself. Come on, let's go there and bask in the warmth of the sun."

Tantai Xuan felt as if she had just smashed a rock against her own feet. The three of them reached the slope, slanting at approximately 35 degrees in angle. It was a comfortable spot to lay in. Qing Shui had Yu Ruyan on his left and Tantai Xuan on his right.

Looking from side to side, Qing Shui couldn't help swallowing the lump in his throat at the beautiful sight of their plump and perky chest as they laid down. Tantai Xuan and Yu Ruyan had naturally noticed his gaze and couldn't help but blush.

Qing Shui held a woman on each hand and though it hadn't amounted to embracing one on each arm, it was practically the same. Their bodies were stuck very close to each other. Tantai Xuan's mind wasn't as calm and tranquil as it was usually. Her heart was beating faster and the memory of the affectionate scene she witnessed of Qing Shui and Yu Ruyan replayed in her mind from time to time. With those thoughts, there was no way she could remain calm. After all, she was still a woman who had not experienced much in life.

Yu Ruyan was a little flustered because of Tantai Xuan's presence. Qing Shui asked them to catch him up on the events during the time he was gone, on topics like what happened after they came here.

Everything was fine after the conversation began to roll. From time to time, they would stumble upon hilarious incidents which made them gradually relax. Pushing his luck, Qing Shui slowly reached out and embraced Yu Ruyan with an arm so she was stuck to his chest.

Yu Ruyan was mature and also very traditional. Although she was embarrassed, she didn't resist. She buried her face in Qing Shui's chest.

It didn't take long before Qing Shui extended his demon clutches towards Tantai Xuan as well. It didn't take much effort before he was really embracing a woman on each arm. Even so, they didn't go beyond that

Although it was just a partial embrace, the chests of the two women were pressed firmly against Qing Shui's body. The feeling of their bounciness made him abandon himself to the pleasure. It was a form of satisfaction in his heart.

"Could it be that all men's "desire in possession" is this strong?" Tantai Xuan glanced at the satisfied look in Qing Shui's expression and pinched his waist lightly.

"This has nothing to do with "desire in possession". Am I the kind of man who wants to claim any beautiful woman I see?" Qing Shui looked at Tantai Xuan and spoke unflinchingly.

"I think you are exactly that kind of person." Tantai Xuan responded with a smile.

"Young lady, how dare you doubt my character." With the hand holding on to her, Qing Shui patted her perky bottom.

It wasn't painful, but it still emitted a crisp sound. It didn't require any skill to make such a crisp sound through the layers of clothes, but it did require deliberate effort.

Tantai Xuan's body quivered and she buried her face in the crook of his arms without another word. Qing Shui could already decipher Tantai Xuan's feelings. Everything was already self-explanatory at this stage. He held her waist. "I know I am a scum, but it'd be easier to kill me than for me to let go of both of you."

"And you claim it has nothing to do with a strong "desire in possession". Men are all like this." Although Tantai Xuan had let go a lot and had allowed herself a wider perspective, it was still difficult to achieve what she envisioned her life to be. It might even be impossible to attain. After all, there wouldn't be a lack of women around a great man.

"Alright. If you say that, it is so. Still, I love you both as a person. All of you are the most important in my heart. For any of you, I can disregard the cost, even if it means losing my life."

"Don't jinx it, why do you say stuff like that?" Tantai Xuan didn't like to talk about life and death.

"Then, do you understand my feelings now?" Qing Shui laughed.

"You are just looking for an excuse for your romantic affairs. Anyway, I can't be bothered with you. I'll be here with Sister Ruyan. You can visit whenever you miss Sister Ruyan." Tantai Xuan chuckled.

"What do I do if I miss both of you?" Qing Shui smiled as he watched Tantai Xuan.

"I'll be with Sister Ruyan. You'll naturally find me when you come back." Tantai Xuan sat up and laughed.

"That's enough, Qing Shui. Must you force Little Sister Xuan to say it loud and clear before you can understand?" Yu Ruyan laughed.

Tantai Xuan flushed and glanced at Qing Shui. "I'll head back first."

Qing Shui knew that Tantai Xuan was leaving to give Yu Ruyan and himself some time together. It was why she left right after her declaration.

"Little Sister Xuan really likes you." Yu Ruyan smiled and looked at Qing Shui.

"We should take care of our own matters first. Little beauty, I missed you to death..."

Like a hungry wolf pouncing on a sheep, Qing Shui pressed Yu Ruyan against the thick grass beneath. The earth was their bed and the sky was their covers. Soon, a beautiful melody sounded.

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It was already late afternoon when the two returned to Feng Yan Lake. The two women lived on a man-made island in the center of Feng Yan Lake. Although Feng Yan Lake was called a lake, it was much bigger than those in his past life. What's more, even lakes had those that were greater in size.

Once they were back, Yu Ruyan left, allowing Qing Shui to look for Tantai Xuan. Likewise, Qing Shui let her go. After Yu Ruyan pushed Qing Shui towards the direction of Tantai Xuan's room, she immediately returned to her own room.

Qing Shui rubbed the tip of his nose at that. Among his own women, Tantai Xuan and Qin Qing were the only ones who were still persistent. Now, Tantai Xuan was not as persistent as she had been in the past.

Although there was some distance between him and Tantai Lingyan, they still had a past that could not be erased. Hence, Qing Shui was confident that it's only a matter of time.

Tantai Xuan's room was unlocked. Qing Shui opened it with a slight push. He was greeted by the sight of Tantai Xuan standing by the window, watching the lake in the distance. From here, you could see the movements of the fishes and the like.

Noticing the sound, she turned back to see Qing Shui. "You're back. Where's Sister Ruyan?"

"She's tired..."

Tantai Xuan froze before she blushed, and couldn't help her words. "You scoundrel. Can you not be this terrible?"

Qing Shui went to her side with a smile plastered on his face. "A wise man had once said that the desire for food and sex is a part of human nature. That means that the desire for that is just as important as eating. The saying was intended for ordinary people who need to eat to survive. Unlike them, warriors like us can live without eating for a long time. That's why that is even more important than eating."

With his understanding of Tantai Xuan's feelings from before, he figured that it would only drag on if he remained reserved with his words. Therefore, once Qing Shui saw the absence of Tantai Xuan's displeasure, he didn't restrain his comments.

"You have a lot of twisted logic."

"This isn't twisted logic. Humans have seven emotions and six sensory pleasures. It would only be abnormal if they do not. Even animals know this too. This is just simply instinct." Qing Shui smiled and took her hand in his.

Tantai Xuan's hand shivered a little as she looked at Qing Shui. "You said you wanted to pursue me and you promised me that unless I agreed, you wouldn't be impolite."

Qing Shui held her by her waist and whispered softly in her ear, "Of course I remember and I will keep my promise, but you also promised that I could hug you too. I promise I won't do anything without your consent and I understand your feelings too. Even then, don't you want to try kissing?"

Qing Shui blew a light breath in her ear.

Qing Shui didn't understand women all that well, but he understood that women's desires are just as passionate as men. The difference was that women are more emotional. For example, a flirtatious atmosphere will be tempting for women. The most crucial factor is that Qing Shui knew that Tantai Xuan was no longer discriminating against him like before.

A woman's desire was even more abundant than men once ignited. At the sound of Qing Shui's words and his breath against the shell of her ear, Tantai Xuan recalled the intimate scene of Qing Shui and Yu Ruyan. The impact of the visual and sensation, along with the sound Yu Ruyun was making made her heart race faster. This was just human instinct.

"Why don't we try?" Qing Shui asked provocatively as he watched more of her beautiful face.

Tantai Xuan's long eyelashes fluttered. Words failed her and she hated his initiative innately. How was it that she was still allowing him to hold her despite the nonsense he was spouting? She no longer resisted. Did he really want to make her say it?

Although Qing Shui wasn't an expert in love, he still had experienced a lot. He was doing this deliberately. Watching the tender expression on Tantai Xuan's face brought him great satisfaction.

Chapter 1627 - Getting Through Another Heavenly Meridian and Earthly Meridian

Tantai Xuan gently hooked her hands behind Qing Shui's neck, her body trembling throughout the process. She whispered softly in his ear. "Don't go overboard."

Qing Shui's glee was apparent from the smile on his face. Tantai Xuan was a reserved woman; it was a difficult feat for these words to leave her lips. Qing Shui held her tightly to himself, the tip of his tongue pecking her earlobes for a split second.

Tantai Xuan's body tensed suddenly. Consequently, her hands tightened around Qing Shui subconsciously, highlighting to Qing Shui that he had touched a sensitive spot.

With her right in front of him, Qing Shui watched as Tantai Xuan's eyes closed and her lips pursed. He could see that she was nervous; his lips fell upon her forehead, eyes, and nose before finally reaching her sexy lips.

As Tantai Xuan kept her lips in a thin line, Qing Shui slowly sucked on them. His hands which were around her waist slid down towards her perky buttocks and grabbed them. They felt smooth, delicate and bouncy.

Tantai Xuan opened her mouth by instinct, and with that, Qing Shui's tongue slithered inside, in pursuit of hers.

Tantai Xuan's body was gradually relieved of its tension and began responding to Qing Shui. Qing Shui's hands slid to and from her waist and hips slightly.

Her breath was growing rapid, and her fresh breath had a faint fragrance. There was chewing gum in his past life, but in this world, the scent came from nothing else but her own body.

It was said that women had a nice scent to them; it seemed now that the assumption had some truth to it. It wasn't that there was no one like this in his past life, but there were few. These things were also affected by the environment and personal physical condition. They would require diligent upkeep of their appearance, even things like the soles of feet. With any amount of walking, no matter how much one tried to take care of it, they would never be as good as the top of feet.

When Qing Shui's hand reached into Tantai Xuan's lapel and seized her abundant chest, she swiftly pushed herself away from Qing Shui. However, Qing Shui hold on her was tight and so only their lips separated.

Qing Shui didn't expect such a big response from her. Tantai Xuan grew shy, wanting to break herself away from Qing Shui.

"Xuan'er, be mine!" Qing Shui whispered softly. Tantai Xuan was frozen in shock for a second before granting Qing Shui a bitter laugh. "You won't be able to persuade me; I'm not ready yet. Next time, maybe."

Qing Shui was happy enough to hear Tantai Xuan's words. This was a huge improvement and he laughed, "Aren't you flustered?"

"You're the one who's flustered." Tantai Xuan shot back in embarrassment.

"I'm very flustered indeed. See, it's already showing itself to you." Qing Shui stuck his body close to Tantai Xuan.

The hard object poking at her lower abdomen frightened her; she didn't dare look at Qing Shui. Instead, she gazed down towards the raised tent before raising her head again. She reached over and twisted Qing Shui's ear. "You're despicable."

"Miss, this is normal. In fact, I should cry if I'm not having any reaction." Qing Shui's hand was still gripping her chest. The kind of smooth texture that could escape his grasp anytime made Qing Shui feel a strong impulse.

"You're not allowed to take advantage." Tantai Xuan said.

Qing Shui didn't realize that this woman, pure as a fairy, had such a flirtatious side. Their faces were less than a fist apart in distance, able to smell every breath they the other breathed.

"Do you like it?" Qing Shui's fingers teased the tip with a special technique. In combination with his words, it reduced Tantai Xuan into a tremble.

"Xuan'er, let me have a look!" Qing Shui said with a hand, teasing her desires as he whispered in her ear. Then, he flickered his tongue into her ear.

Tantai Xuan's heart rate raced at once. Qing Shui's hand made her feel both comfort and unease; as though she wanted him to hold her with all he had, to use full force in their contact.

"I promise to do nothing else but have a look; I'm sure it must be beautiful." Qing Shui guaranteed.

Tantai Xuan thought about it; since they had already reached such an extent of intimacy, it wouldn't be overboard to let him have a look. In honesty, she could feel her resolve growing unstable. She was aching just at the thought of his scene with Yu Ruyan back then... the voice, the expression and the look on Yu Ruyan's face.

Qing Shui slowly unravelled her top. His ability to undress was also several times more proficient than in the past. Tantai Xuan instinctively stopped him twice, but her clothes were soon taken off.

In that instant, two mounds of snowballs escaped in a bounce, snow white and firm. The exquisite pink peak had Qing Shui lunging forward.

This time, Qing Shui didn't discuss anything with her before lunging forward with his face and lips.

By the time Qing Shui had taken off his own clothes and became one Tantai Xuan, two hours had passed. Tantai Xuan could now understand the reason behind Yu Ruyan's expression.

"Keep calm and breathe, let your Qi pass through the Yang Channel..."

Qing Shui told Tantai Xuan about the Duo Cultivation Technique. A pure energy entered her body from his own, then returned after a cycle before entering again, passing through numerous meridians...

Bang!

It went through a Heavenly Meridian. This didn't surprise Qing Shui as it continued. He could feel the increment of his own pure energy. Tantai Xuan was surprised beyond belief that her own might had increased this rapidly.

She had heard some evil tricks that could be used in this way which was why she had grown flustered before. However, if Qing Shui did harm her, she would concede. Soon, however, she knew that the man did not harm her.

Tantai Xuan could not believe the extent of her increase in might. She had a special physique and with the inclusion of Qing Shui's potential, Tantai Xuan's strength had increased too drastically. It was of the purest form too, with some constitution nurturing effects included.

Bang!

Another Earthly Meridian was broken through and even Qing Shui was shocked. Just like that, calm was restored after a good hour. At this time, Qing Shui began to move and started to enjoy the world with just the two of them.

Everything in the room calmed only when the skies turned dark.

Tantai Xuan looked at the man who had made her feel as though she wouldn't be able to restrain herself. There was a little frustration with an equal mixture of hilarity in the situation; after what happened, she didn't feel an ounce of panic. Instead, she felt a sense of security.

“You terrible thing. Didn’t you say you only wanted a look...”

“Didn’t I seize the opportunity? You looked pretty comfortable earlier.” Qing Shui chuckled and watched the woman who was cuddled up next to him.

“Hush, you’re not allowed to talk about it any longer. I’ll never believe you again.”

After a while, Tantai Xuan whispered in Qing Shui’s ear. “Qing Shui, I like you!”

“I like you too. Do you like what happened just now?” Qing Shui took one of her earlobes between his lips.

“I do, but I’ve reached my limit now.” Tantai Xuan’s voice was very soft. If it had not been for Qing Shui’s exceptional hearing, there was no way her words would’ve been heard.

Qing Shui didn’t move anymore but instead hugged her tightly. “You’re my woman. We’re family.”

“This day came earlier than I expected. To be honest, I’ve already decided that I wouldn’t marry anyone else but you.” With her eyes closed, Tantai Xuan confessed lazily.

Qing Shui squeezed her hand. “There are many moments when I found myself really lucky, that God was truly kind to me to be loved by all of you. I wouldn’t have believed it if someone had told me all those years ago, atop the tiny village, that you’d want to marry me.”

“Are you trying to say that might is important?” Tantai Xuan smiled at Qing Shui.

“Sometimes, I wonder how the same person could have such drastic changes.” Qing Shui reciprocated her smile with his own.

“What is there to wonder about? It’s the change in charisma. Might can make a person’s character go through drastic changes. Confidence is a form of it, and it’s charming. Might can change a person’s charm and that’s more important than appearance, or even character. Don’t you think so?” Tantai Xuan could already guess Qing Shui’s reply.

Qing Shui thought it was true as well, just like it was the case for beautiful women. Now that he thought about it, those people who were attracted to the rich and powerful in his past life must have been attracted to the charm they exuded with their wealth. Being rich was a form of authority on its own. Officials who had might and money were even better; they all carried with them an imposing aura.

“My Xuan’er is the most knowledgeable. You felt your might increase too, right?” Qing Shui gave a peck to her cheek.

“It increased a little too drastically; I’ve been worrying about that.” Tantai Xuan seemed as though she was just about to comment on it.

“That’s very common. The disparity between us was pretty big before, so the drastic increase in your might is only normal. Besides, you have a unique constitution; this should be the maximum you’ll get.”

Tantai Xuan breathed an inward sigh of relief at his words. “I had thought that you might have used some demonic tricks on me at first. Yet, at that moment, I would’ve conceded even if it was true.”

Qing Shui reached out to stroke her hair as he smiled. "Silly girl. I'd rather hurt myself than ever harm you."

A satisfied smile graced Tantai Xuan's features. "The skies are already darkening, so we should get up. Go get Sister Ruyan later. Let's go take a walk."

Although the place was remote, Tantai Xuan knew that Qing Shui would have a way to get them to the city.

An hour after they got out of bed, with Qing Shui being the sole person who knew of the charming scene in between, the flush on Tantai Xuan's face didn't fade even after she had left the room. In fact, she had thought about never leaving it.

Once Yu Ruyan witnessed Tantai Xuan's appearance, she understood what happened immediately. Besides, their rooms were close. Tantai Xuan's face flushed an even deeper red at the sight of Yu Ruyan.

Yu Ruyan walked over and held Tantai Xuan's hand. "Qing Shui, did you bully Xuan'er?"

"Definitely not. I could hardly resist myself in doting upon both of you. How would I bear to bully her?"

Tantai Xuan suggested that they take a walk and Qing Shui had naturally agreed. Holding the both of them, he covered tens of thousands of miles with the use of the Nine Continents Steps, and they arrived in the city.

"How about here? Look at the amount of people! Let's take a walk and grab something to eat." Qing Shui said as he watched the people milling about below.

The two women didn't have much of an opinion; it was fine with them wherever they went as long as it was with the people they loved. Even taking a walk outside to have some food was for the mere enjoyment of it. Some of the specialty dishes were pretty decent too.

The street was full of finger food and seemed endless in variety. The food street here was something that he could never find in his previous life; a street here could easily reach up to a thousand miles. Furthermore, such streets were a common sight in this world.

Chapter 1628 - San Wu City, The Inexperienced Jiu Yunlong

The women in his past life liked shopping. Men were willing too, but men were only willing to shop with the women they loved. Similarly, if men had to shop on their own, then they wouldn't be that willing anymore.

Women were more active about it than men, but just like men, they liked to shop with the people they loved; they could feel happiness this way.

This was part of Dancing Phoenix Continent, and Feng Yan Lake was the nearest to it. Although the place wasn't situated within the Dancing Phoenix Continent, it was close in distance and could be categorized as such.

Due to her body constitution, Tantai Xuan's condition was great without any signs of illness. Besides, Qing Shui was a miracle physician.

San Wu City!

This isolated city was called San Wu City. It was huge and the majority were people who had gone into hiding. The locals were actually the minority. Within San Wu City, there were aristocrats and sects, but it didn't look as terrifying as it seemed.

While the city nominally belonged to Dancing Phoenix Continent, the latter was still in a mess. Qing Shui had no idea who the Guardian Clans or powers of the Dancing Phoenix Continent or Soaring Dragon Continent were.

Although the Phoenix Dance Organization and the Soaring Dragon Organization carried Phoenix Dance and Soaring Dragon in their names, Qing Shui knew that they were not Guardian Clans. Under normal circumstances, each continent would have a Guardian Clan or power in charge, perhaps even more than one.

The three of them walked along the street and bought snacks along their way. Most of them were delicious. After all, there was a wide variety available here and so just a taste of it was enough. Walking along the long street, the three of them laughed as they talked and explored.

Many of the surrounding pedestrians would look over at the three of them as well. After all, Yu Ruyan and Tantai Xuan were beautiful women who couldn't be found even thousands of miles out from here. Wealth, beauty and authority were what people chased after in his past life. In this world, it was wealth, beauty and might.

There wasn't any conflict about what was the most important; with might, anything else would naturally fall into place. On the other hand, wealth could turn useless. In the past, there was a saying that money rules all; being wealthy was also a form of might.

"Young Master, look at how beautiful those two women are." A voice chimed from the distance.

Qing Shui's ears were sharp. In all honesty, he expected such things to happen the moment he brought the two women out. After all, there were many who thought themselves as strong. Moreover, even he would have wanted to win the hearts of the two women if they had swapped positions...

This was why it would be impossible to be with a beautiful woman if one did not have might. Even if she was willing, there were many wolves out there waiting to rob her away with everything they had.

Qing Shui turned his gaze to check out the impudent person who dared thinking of snatching his women from him. There were only three people in their opposite direction. Among them, there was a handsome young man with an imposing aura and a cheery disposition. A confident smile hung at the corner of his lips and his sunken eyes looked great on him as well. Even Qing Shui couldn't deny that the young man was charming.

"How do you do? I'm Jiu Yunlong, please to make your acquaintance." With a smile, he walked over and greeted them.

Qing Shui was frozen for a moment; there weren't many with the surname of Jiu. Through the Golden Battle God Inheritance, he found out that Jiu was an ancient surname. He didn't think he'd meet someone of that surname here.

“Do I know you?” Qing Shui didn’t know how to be courteous, but he still flashed a smile when he asked.

Qing Shui’s might had increased dramatically from before and had even broken through a Heavenly and Earthly Meridian. The benefit he had received from it was substantial; as long as they were not a Divine, Qing Shui was confident in winning any battles.

Jiu Yunlong wasn’t angered by Qing Shui’s words. “We didn’t know each other at first, but every relationship starts off with the two as strangers. Weren’t you strangers with the two beautiful ladies beside you at first?”

Qing Shui could feel a strange power from the man. It was concealed and very subtle. The man was powerful, just a step away from False God.

Qing Shui was already a Peak False God now, but it didn’t mean that he could run rampant just because of it. Qing Shui’s might would make going against a False God easy; after all, he had attained such a level of cultivation. There were many False Gods at this stage.

Qing Shui wouldn’t be able to scratch a Divine now, for he had not reached that level of might. However, with his strength now, he could still go up against the lower levels of Divine, but he had not yet met with any of them.

The man should be around Qing Shui’s age, hence, with his power at such a young age, he must have been extremely gifted. Furthermore, there was a strange, concealed power in the man which made Qing Shui think that he might be near the elementary level of False God.

“I don’t like making friends this casually. Why don’t you just tell us what you want?” Qing Shui smiled.

There was a hint of condescendence to his words but the man did not become angered. Instead, he looked towards Qing Shui. “I like the ladies beside you, but I also like a fair battle. You don’t have to guard against me like this!”

“They’re my women. Why should I fight with you over them?” Qing Shui didn’t hide the disdain in his scoff. The faux gentleman in front of them was really just a flirt at heart.

Still, that man wasn’t a flirt, and didn’t have the right to be. Men who had a little authority and an aristocrat background didn’t know their place, and those who did were far too few.

Jiu Yunlong was well-known in San Wu City. The Jiu Clan was one of the three most powerful forces in San Qu City; in fact, the other two forces would have to form an alliance to even stand a chance against the Jiu Clan. Jiu Yunlong was the eldest in his generation, although his generation was the youngest in the family. The patriarch was his great-grandfather.

The continuation of the patriarch’s power relied on combined power and not just a succession between generations. More often than not, a single patriarch would manage the clan for several hundreds of years or perhaps even longer. Hence, a strong clan could maintain its family for hundreds and even thousand of years. There’s no space for mistakes in selecting a patriarch.

Jiu Yunlong was likely to be the next patriarch of his clan; the current patriarch still had two hundred years left in his life and that would be enough to train Jiu Yunlong to be even stronger. This was why his position in Jiu Clan was high. This reflected in the status he held in public.

“You’re wrong. No one is in possession of anyone or anything in this world; even consciousness might not be yours at times, much less that of any others.” Jiu Yunlong shook his head and retorted.

A crowd of spectators was beginning to form at their interaction. At this time, a young man beside Jiu Yunlong spoke up. “This is San Wu City; to have our young master take a liking to your women is your fortune and theirs. Our young master does not wish to destroy the harmony. How about this? Let them stay and our young master will grant you anything you wish.”

Qing Shui’s face did not betray any emotions. However, at the moment the man was done talking, Qing Shui slapped his hand towards them.

His gestures weren’t fast and Jiu Yunlong wanted to block it, but chose not to in the end. Instead, there was a small smile that tugged at his lips, which seemed sly and scheming, as though he had gotten what he wanted.

Slap!

The young man who was talking earlier was flung to the side from its impact. Without a single sound, he fainted in mid-air.

“What a despicable thing.” Qing Shui laughed as he said, but those words were not only target at the young man who fainted.

Qing Shui didn’t think about killing as much as he once did. Taking the young man for example, Qing Shui didn’t see a need to kill but a punishment was definitely necessary. Perhaps because of the disparity between them, he didn’t feel as much rage as he imagined he would. These people were mere clowns in Qing Shui’s eyes.

“You’ve got guts indeed, to dare to lay a hand on my man.” Jiu Yunlong’s smile disappeared when he regarded Qing Shui.

Slap!

Qing Shui struck Jiu Yunlong’s face with another slap. He didn’t budge on impact this time, but his face was swollen. Even though there was a saying that fighting should happen to the body and not the face, Qing Shui still felt satisfied at the slap.

Jiu Yunlong was stunned by the slap, in disbelief that there was someone who dared slap him. He didn’t think about why he hadn’t dodged it, but instead focused all his thoughts on the very fact that someone had dared do it...

“Did you really think you could do as you pleased with just a little advantage on your side? Fool. You’re not worthy of it. If this had happened in the past, I would’ve killed you off straight away.” Qing Shui’s words were cold, but he delivered them with a smile, leaving Jiu Yunlong’s heart in a tremor.

He knew that Qing Shui didn’t say these words just to scare him. The aura he exuded in that instant only made Jiu Yunlong look up. He suddenly realized that he had hit his head on a nail this time, but he was still unwilling to leave things as they are. After all, there were many spectators who had just witnessed the slap inflicted upon the young master of San Wu City’s Jiu Clan.

“This is San Wu City. You don’t have the right to run rampant.” Jiu Yunlong waited on Qing Shui, and all of a sudden, a pale red light shot from his own eyes into Qing Shui’s.

The Yin-Yang Image in Qing Shui’s consciousness began spinning at once. Qing Shui could feel the fuzziness in his brain, as if he was going through a hangover. The feeling was faint though, for his mental strength was great. He still had the Arhat Rosary Beads and other items that could cancel out any attacks on his consciousness too.

After a split second, a cool light from Jiu Yunlong’s hand sliced towards Qing Shui’s throat.

Qing Shui’s eyes glistened abruptly, his eyes staring into Jiu Yunlong’s as he plunged the latter into a daze with a surge of his mental strength.

A boomerang effect. This was something that Qing Shui was aware of as well. It was easy to be on the receiving end of it when in combat with someone who had higher level of skills. If unexpected, the success rate was great. Such techniques of yin poison were risky.

Just as Qing Shui was about to make his next move, numerous silhouettes appeared in haste; there were two old men and three younger men. A dignified voice rang out, “Stop!”

Qing Shui didn’t attack eventually, but on top of the slap he had given Jiu Yunlong earlier, the backlash effect had caused Jiu Yunlong much harm.

One of the old men walked towards Jiu Yunlong’s body and pinned two spots before stuffing a pale red pill into his mouth. He spoke to a man behind, “Ru Liu, bring him back first.”

Qing Shui took this time to measure up the two old men. Regarding the three other men, Qing Shui didn’t even bother sparing a glance.

The two elderly men were very old in age, but it seemed as though their appearance hadn’t changed in many years. Besides their grey hair, they didn’t seem weighed down by age at all.

The two elderly men were of the False God level. Qing Shui had no choice but to re-evaluate the might of Jiu Clan. One had to know that in the Dancing Phoenix Continent, False God warriors were the best around.

The two old men were between Grade 3 to 4 of False God, and they were both watching Qing Shui now.

Chapter 1629 - Eleventh Heavenly Meridian, Third Earthly Meridian, Bewilderment

Qing Shui did not stop the other’s actions nor did he speak. He was waiting for the old man to speak and to see what he would do next.

“Who are you? Why do you have grievances with the Jiu Clan?” The old man calmly looked at Qing Shui.

Qing Shui didn’t like the feeling of being talked down and said: “You don’t know anything and yet you’re here talking rubbish. You’ve gotten it completely wrong - I was simply strolling with my wife and yet I got in your way?”

Initially, on the account that he was an old man, Qing Shui wanted to hold back his words. But the old man flaunted his seniority and as he was an old man without strength nor character, Qing Shui would not give him any face.

“I saw you consecutively injure two of our Jiu Clan members. This is the San Wu City, there isn’t anybody who have grievances with our Jiu Clan.”The old man wasn’t angry and continued calmly.

Qing Shui laughed disdainfully as he saw the old man trying to lecture: “I don’t know if this is Jiu Clan’s intention or yours, but let me make it clear. Don’t seek trouble for yourself. Otherwise, no one can save you. Don’t waste my time.”

Qing Shui was frustrated. He only came out to look around with his two women but now the mood was ruined. He didn’t have much time to accompany them as it is, so he did not want to waste any more time on this.

The old man was taken aback and with his brows furrowed: “You’re reckless and ignorant. I want to see just how you’re able to utter these words!”

Qing Shui laughed: “A Grade 3 False God is already behaving this tyrannically. It can’t be that San Wu City only has this level of power, can it? I would like to get an explanation for what happened today, bring one of the masters or elders out right now!”

At this instance, the old man got worried as his opponent could discern his strength with just a glance. This means that the opponent was more brilliant than he was, but the man was way too young. Indeed a youth shouldn’t be underestimated. Thus, it seems like he will be unable to bully Qing Shui.

But the old man still believed in talent and decided to leave things to fortune. He hoped that the young man’s power wasn’t all that strong. The gods only recognize the strong and after hesitating for a moment, he challenged Qing Shui: “I’d like to see if you truly have the strength. Don’t be all talk and no action.”

After he spoke, the old man’s hand extended towards Qing Shui. It could be said that once the experts make their move, they will know. The old man’s hand was filled with Heavenly Dao, but although it was decent, it was treated as nothing in Qing Shui’s eyes.

Qing Shui similarly put his hands out and immediately smacked the old man’s hands, causing him to retreat more than 10 meters. His entire arm was dislocated and lost all feeling. It was in this instant that he couldn’t believe Qing Shui’s prowess.

“Get the Jiu Clan master to come out. If you don’t know any better and insist, I’ll cripple the whole lot of you.” Qing Shui casually said.

For warriors, cultivation is more important than their own lives. If their cultivation is crippled, they would rather die. It's much better to die than to get to this stage of uselessness and unable to get anything done.

Upon hearing Qing Shui’s threat, they panicked. Certainly, there are warriors who don’t fear death. They say once you stopped fearing death, you don’t fear anything else. This is just a bit of self-consolation since those who don’t fear death, fear not dying instead. Death also settles all debts and if you don’t die, you’ll suffer anyway.

Qing Shui initially did not want to make matters worse, but today, they were the ones who tried to create trouble for themselves.

Another old man who seems calm said: "This Little Brother, how about accompanying me to Jiu Clan and we will account to you."

Qing Shui laughed at him: "Since I've already spoken out, I'm not afraid of you ganging up on me. But now I don't feel like moving and if no one in charge from the Jiu Clan steps forward, I'll cripple the whole lot of you."

The old man decisively stopped talking and immediately flew up into the air and released some fireworks. This was the Jiu Clan's special signal seeking assistance and it was something precious. This item wasn't something anybody in the Jiu Clan can possess.

Fortunately, a bunch of people rushed here within the allotted time. It wasn't very far from the Jiu Clan after all - it was sufficient to make several trips to and fro.

This time, there were at least 30 people who came. There were both the young and old, and right in front of the group was a slightly older man who could be considered mature.

An existence that had reached False God's great perfection stage. This was someone who had gone through ten False God Tribulations. Qing Shui knew that this slightly old man should be an expert in the Jiu Clan.

"This Little Brother, I'm Jiu Yanzhen. I'm in charge of the matters of the Jiu Clan. If any of the juniors have offended you, I would like to apologize to you. There are many members in our clan so attention might be lacking in some ways. I hope you can understand. If you've incurred any losses, we'll compensate." The man gently said.

Qing Shui mused to himself as to how sharp that man was. Jiu Clan had already been embarrassed but with a few words, Jiu Yanzhen attributed it to a generation thing - seniors beating juniors would not count as being embarrassed. Among warriors, the strong are the 'teachers' so since Qing Shui's strength is strong, he had the capacity to be considered Jiu Yunlong's senior.

If they came at Qing Shui full of fire and fury, he could just take them on and beat them up. But now that they had reduced themselves and asked for forgiveness and offered compensation, there was nothing Qing Shui could do.

Initially, Qing Shui planned to get Jiu Clan's master to offer an apology and end it there and then. Betraying his expectations, without even making a demand, they have already done it. Before this, he did not lose out. In fact, he even beat up two people. So, he decided to leave it at that.

Qing Shui also did not want to look for trouble. His cultivation had significantly improved. Now he could peacefully deal with the other party, without arguing over the nitty gritty while being magnanimous. He felt that being magnanimous was a good trait but there was also a limit to that. For example, if they were to do it again, there would be no forgiveness because such people don't deserve it.

"By chance, we arrived here and since we have found a resolution, that shall be it. I always return the respect many times over. I do not want to see such a problem again - the bigger your clan is, the more you should restrain yourselves. I don't mean to lecture you since I know you are full of contempt, but there

are many people that Jiu Clan cannot afford to provoke and you don't even have to consider whether that includes me. As long as we keep our distance, everything will be fine."

After speaking, Qing Shui pulled the two women with him and left. After this had happened, he had no mood to continue strolling and thus headed outside of San Wu City.

Jiu Yanzhen gazed intensely as Qing Shui was leaving. He wanted to ask him to stay behind and stop by their home for a chat but refrained from this idea. He didn't know how this young man had attained his power. Even the ancestors' descendants were not that outstanding.

Jiu Yanzhen was Jiu Clan's clan head. He might seem young but he was actually nearly past his prime. Moreover, he suffered several heavy injuries when he was young, which affected his lifespan, though this situation was normal. Almost all warriors had injuries to some extent.

"Big Brother, are we just going to let him leave?" An old man with snow white hair said.

"If we don't let him leave, do you know what would happen, considering that his strength far surpasses mine?" Jiu Yanzhen sighed without looking at the old man who called him.

The old man drew a breath. Jiu Yanzhen is really their generation's strongest and would be considered the top five within the clan - one who has indeed gone through the False God Tribulation ten times. Yet, such a strong warrior could actually say that the young man's strength far surpasses his...

Many people shared similar thoughts as the old man but unlike the others, Jiu Yanzhen was not only astonished by Qing Shui's strength, but also with the other thing Qing Shui said. There are not many who can provoke the Jiu Clan, yet he was certain that the Jiu Clan could not provoke this young man.

There was also the matter of the Jiu Clan's upbringing, he was already aware of the matter between Qing Shui and Jiu Yunlong. Otherwise, he would not have come forth to apologize. People of the Jiu Clan were not of the heinous sort. Jiu Yunlong was merely conceited and desired to look attractive. This wasn't wrong in itself. What was wrong was that he couldn't afford to antagonize Qing Shui.

Qing Shui left San Wu City with both his women. As for whether he'll have any future intersections with the city or not, he was unclear. It was time to return to Feng Yan Lake anyway.

In the evening, Qing Shui naturally went to both rooms. He really wanted to get both his women into one room but he knew that overreaching was as good as falling short. The latter half of the night was spent in Tantai Xuan's room - she was hooked once she did it with him and was very automatic. After all, Qing Shui would not remain here for very long.

Seeing the looks of satisfaction plastered on the sleeping Tantai Xuan, Qing Shui also felt contented. As there was still some time left and he couldn't fall asleep, he entered the Realm of the Violet Immortal.

His strength had taken a big leap once again, clearing one Heavenly Meridian and one Earthly Meridian. At present, he has already cleared eleven of the former and three of the latter.

But now, there was a problem. Qing Shui obtained the eleventh Portrait of Beauty but Qin Qing had yet to couple with Qing Shui and despite that, the eleventh of the Twelve Heavenly Meridians was cleared. The final Portrait of Beauty had not appeared and he did not know when Qin Qing would accept him...

Diamond Staff made his attack adequate as his strength had already improved by a third, thus making his defense, offense, and spirit energy all the more terrifying.

Qing Shui's current raw strength has reached 80,000 Suns, and this pure strength made him feel an unprecedented power. Even if he were to meet a weak Divine, he would have the confidence to battle with them.

There was also Tantai Xuan and Yu Ruyan's strengths. Despite being slightly weaker than Yuhuang Guwu, both of them were making great strides to catch up. There was the great advantage of having talent, coupled with the Duo Cultivation which brought immeasurable benefits so they should be evenly matched with Jiu Yunlong. This was also a change brought about by Qing Shui's arrival.

Qing Shui helped both Tantai Xuan and Yu Ruyan nurture their constitution once and after that, he trained his Nine Palace Steps, Phoenix Fingers etc, sparred with the two women and pointed out the parts where they were lacking. This would result in the best progress.

Qing Shui remained here for three days. After all, he finally broke through the final barrier in his relationship with Tantai Xuan. Furthermore, when he went back this time, he would also bring them both and let Tantai Xuan meet his mother. He will let his family members know of Tantai Xuan's existence first before holding a banquet the next time he was back.

Qing Yi noticed that both Tantai Xuan and Yu Ruyan were happy, except that the latter was rather awkward. Therefore, all this time, such that after Yu Ruyan and Qing Shui got together, they've yet to return to the Qing Clan.

Chapter 1630 - Bringing Tantai Lingyan to Haohan Continent

Previously, when Yu Ruyan had gone to Qing Clan, it was as Qing Shui's senior. Now, her status had changed and this made her feel awkward, but only Qing Shui knew that he was Yu Ruyan's first man.

Qing Yi was a very open-minded woman who did not interfere in her son's matters. Once she saw Qing Shui bringing the two women home, Tantai Xuan in one hand and Yu Ruyan in the other, she already knew what was going on.

People who visited the Qing Clan all knew Yu Ruyan, but only after years had passed did they realize she was also Lady Duanmu. These couple of years had also seen major changes for Yu Ruyan - her temperament seemed to be much better and she also seemed to look more youthful.

Everyone was not familiar with Tantai Xuan, so they said hello and exchanged some pleasantries. This was necessary, as she would inevitably interact with the husband's family.

Qing You, Qing Hu and the rest were all beaming at Qing Shui. They marvelled at his ability, as all the women he had brought back were kingdom-toppling beauties. In Qing You's mind, he was better looking than Qing Shui, but just why did not as many women like him?

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Tantai Xuan and Yu Ruyan stayed at the clan for two days and after each receiving a pair of bracelets from Qing Yi, they left for Feng Yan Lake. Qing Shui remained behind for another day.

Qing Shui went to his mother's room to take a look, since he knew that his mother would have something to say. Even if his mother did not say anything, he felt he had to visit her in order to make her a little at ease. Perhaps she was already at ease.

Seeing Qing Shui approach, Qing Yi smiled widely and beckoned him to sit beside her. Qing Shui smiled as he sat: "Mother, do you have something to say?"

Qing Shui was straightforward. His mother had not objected even when Mingyue Gelou brought Yuchang to the Qing Clan and she even treated her as her own daughter. In the Nine Continents, such an open-minded mother was extremely rare.

"Who says that I have anything to say?" Qing Yi laughed.

Qing Shui realised his mother had grown as the clan's strength had grown, and her cultivation was also increasing. Maybe it didn't increase that much but she was actually able to let go a little.

"Actually, Duanmu Lingshuang isn't Ruyan's daughter." Qing Shui smiled. Some words did not have to be explicit but mothers would always know.

"Silly boy, I will like whoever you like. As long as you're happy, Mother will always support you." Qing Yi shook her head and smiled.

Upon going out, he saw Wenren Wushuang and Di Qing bringing, respectively, her son and daughter out to play. Both the little kids were already more than two years old and could play on their own, but still needed supervision from the adults.

Father!

Both the little kids were elated to see their father and Qing Shui picked them up in each arm. Their ages differed by only a few days and they looked like they were carved out of jade; their baby-sweet voices made people joyful upon being heard.

Right now, other than Yehuang Guwu's child Yan Lang, these two were the youngest. Qing Jun wasn't that old either. While she didn't know how to talk yet, she's very smart. It was unclear if she knew that she was adopted, as memories were always a little hazy at that age.

Yuchang still had not clearly said it, but Qing Shui and the rest of the clan members treated her as if she was born into the clan. Luan Luan knew that she was not actually of the Qing Clan, but now, both her blood parents were here and she knew her aunt was part of the Qing Clan already. Moreover, she grew up in the Qing Clan and Qing Shui had mentioned that Yiye Jiange was his wife and that they would also soon hold a wedding banquet.

Luan Luan had already grown up and seen a lot of the world. This relationship was very precious, but she also had her own ambition and dreams. After all, many things are interlinked and it's difficult to let one thing decide everything else.

The distance between Yuansu and Qing Shui was a little murky - sometimes close but sometimes distant. Yet, they'd already kissed and touched each other. Although not officially married, in Qing Shui's eyes, she was already his. Ultimately though, Yuansu wanted to let nature take its course, for she had yet to think through it entirely.

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Two days later, Qing Shui returned to the Demon King's Palace. There were three days left of the one-month journey when Qing Shui remembered that he killed the Demon King's Inheritor from the Divine Beast Sect.

The Beast King's Sword had also been given to Luan Luan!

Other than that, the Wild Ghost Valley also had a Demon King's Inheritor and the Divine Sound Sect's Sound had the Demon King. It was only that the Divine Sound Sect and the Demon King's Palace were a little unique. They were not that evil like the Divine Beast Sect and Wild Ghost Valley who had disappeared without a trace, leaving the other two sects.

Qing Shui thought of Shen Ling but his memories seemed to have become a little murky. He immediately entered the Demon King's Palace upon returning this time and walked into a small courtyard.

This was the small courtyard he shared with Tantai Lingyan. There were only two small pavilions here and each stayed in one.

Upon entering the small courtyard, he saw Tantai Lingyan sitting on a violet sandalwood chair with her eyes closed. Closing those beautiful ice-cold eyes, she looked a little indolent under the sun, giving off an indescribable beauty with that slender, perfect body of hers.

Qing Shui's steps could be heard, but she did not open her eyes.

"Do you want this knight to wake the princess up with a kiss?" Qing Shui laughed.

Princesses did exist in this world. In fact, there were plenty.

Tantai Lingyan opened her beautiful ice-cold eyes and threw a glare towards Qing Shui. It might seem very bland and unfeeling but it was filled with femininity. "You're back!"

A joyful smile appeared on Qing Shui's face. He walked behind her and started to knead her shoulders with both his hands. From the beginning, her body was a little stiff, which showed that she was resistant and nervous but she gradually loosened up.

"Lingyan, we'll head to the Haohan Continent tomorrow!" Qing Shui said as he massaged her.

"En!"

As his hand trembled, the sound she made might have been one of agreement or one akin to a charming moan; perhaps it was both.

Tantai Lingyan actually agreed with Qing Shui, but the moment she made that sound, she was embarrassed beyond measure. He wanted to tell her that he'd heard way more pleasurable sounds from her before, but he didn't dare to say...

As if Tantai Lingyan thought of the same thing, she immediately stood up, not wanting to let Qing Shui continue with the massage. With the image of the previous Constitution Nurturing fresh in her mind, she wanted to hide her face.

“Sister Yan, I like you!” Qing Shui beamed as he pulled both her hands.

There was a leap in Qing Shui’s strength after he had cleared the eleventh Heavenly Meridian and the third Earthly Meridian and there was also a change in his personality. He knew how Tantai Lingyan thought. Therefore, he knew it was alright to profess himself. At most, she might just disagree, which was better than waiting a lifetime for her to express herself.

Tantai Lingyan was taken aback but she was not furious. She smiled sweetly at him and asked: “What do you like about me?”

“I like you as a person and you are constantly on my mind. I sometimes suddenly think of you and feel like hugging you and cuddling you in my arms. When I think of the joyous look on your face, I want to make you happy, to let you feel all the beauty in the world and warm your heart.” Qing Shui slowly but seriously said these heartfelt words.

Tantai Lingyan’s long eyelashes twitched as she broke into a broad smile. It was as if her smile could bring all things back to life, an earthshaking kind of impact that could bring about a visible sprouting of life and blooming of flowers.

“I can feel it. I treat you as a bosom friend. Thinking about your existence beside me warms my heart and fills me with longing.” Tantai Lingyan lightly grasped Qing Shui’s hands.

If it was some other woman, this sentence might feel like a rejection - everyone else would feel the same - but Qing Shui was happy instead. This was something that Tantai Lingyan had said and getting her to say such words was not easy, since everything had to proceed orderly.

Standing in front of her and holding her hands while saying these words was something only he could do.

Qing Shui nodded and smiled: “I feel extremely fortunate.”

He did not dare to ask her if she liked him, or what she liked about him because of the beautiful misunderstanding during their first meeting. For a woman, especially an ice-cold one, behaving in this manner was good, although there’s a possibility of making a fool of oneself instead.

It was really not easy to get Tantai Lingyan’s heart to open up and if he followed the normal method, he probably wouldn’t even have managed to hold her hands now. So now, Qing Shui was thankful to the person who poisoned her.

The Soaring Dragon Sect was gone, but this resulted in the emergence of the the Five Tiger Immortal Sect. Qing Shui did not know how far he was from the Divine Realm now, but he knew that it was tough to find someone below the Divine Realm who could challenge him. That said, there were countless of people and powerful freaks were to be expected. There were even Sure Kill Heavenly Techniques meant to target False Gods.

Tantai Lingyan didn’t say anything but the faint smile on her face demonstrated her joy.

Qing Shui pulled on one of her hands and walked through the front and back courtyards. This place wasn’t small and it was filled with greenery, artificial hills, arch bridges, ponds, etc. Both of them strolled leisurely as Qing Shui tightly grasped her hand.

Qing Shui enjoyed the present feeling, the tranquility of strolling while holding her hand was an indescribable happiness. Her side profile was one of a quiet woman who was as beautiful as powdered snow, just like a beautiful snowflake.

She was actually really lonely, without a single kin - it was an indescribable loneliness. Although Hua Rumei wasn't her blood sister, she could already be considered one at some level because without kin, one would subconsciously look for someone to rely on.

However, at some level, Qing Shui was more important than Hua Rumei and this was a completely new feeling, so much so that it was there after the incident in the crystal coffin. Perhaps it was due to this that Tantai Lingyan didn't kill Qing Shui.

Qing Shui's appearance and growth as well as his affection for her, and even more so the interaction between their hearts allowed her to see the hope of life and feel its warmth. This was also the reason why she was able to smile recently; in the past, she was unable to find a reason to smile.

Both of them ate together until the sky turned dark before Qing Shui left.

The next day, Qing Shui and Tantai Lingyan bade goodbye to Zhanyu and Hua Rumei. After flying out for a short distance, Qing Shui immediately activated the Divine Five Flags ability and appeared in the Divine Cave in the Ice Ocean Domain with Tantai Lingyan.

Their sudden appearance gave Yiye Jiange and Muyun Qingge a shock despite the surroundings having had a slight initial ripple.

Next they saw Qing Shui and Tantai Lingyan and were surprised by this woman's ice-cold beauty. Similarly, Tantai Lingyan was taken aback by the two women, since this was her first time seeing such beauties, much less two.

Qing Shui laughed instantly: "We're all one family. Let me introduce you guys for a bit."

Qing Shui made a quick introduction without saying anything, but the few women were all intelligent and could accept it. However, there was nothing much between Muyun Qingge and Qing Shui.