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Chapter 1711 - Difference, Unable to Withstand A Strike

Qing Shui looked at Huang Wu's weapon and the more he looked at it, the more he found it strange. This was a weapon that looked both like a long fan and a flag.

It was in a shiny brilliant gold, exuding pure spiritual Qi waves. Through Huang Wu's identity, Qing Shui knew that the weapon he possessed was definitely a good one. However, no matter how good it was, it was still slightly worse when compared to his own Golden Battle Halberd.

"You better watch out!"

Huang Wu reminded Qing Shui before charging out toward him. His speed wasn't fast but the places he had passed by had something like sand rising up.

Yellow Sand Ten Thousand Miles!

It was a pity that Huang Wu seemed to not have sufficient mastery of this skill. It was said that when the Yellow Sand Ten Thousand Miles was cultivated to the peak, it could instantly turn an area within 10,000 li or even further into a desert, wiping out all living creatures in the process.

This technique was truly vicious, but the real Yellow Sand Ten Thousand Miles had only been used in the ancient times before. No one had seen it in recent years. Even with that said, when dealing with experts, the prowess of this attack wasn't very strong. This was a powerful Sure Kill Technique in large-scale battles such as those between dynasties or sects.

These were not the only effects that the Yellow Sand Ten Thousand Miles had. The area within the sand was also his territory and within this domain, his abilities would get stronger. It was also more beneficial for him when performing some of his battle techniques as the domain would also increase some of his abilities.

Although Huang Wu was only considered to have achieved a small success stage in this, the effect was still very great. In this ocean domain, the surroundings seemed to have been turned into a small-scale desert.

Of course, Qing Shui was aware that this wasn't a real desert. It was only formed by a type of Origin Qi and was only temporary. However, the stronger one was, the longer the effects could be sustained.

Sand filled up the entire place and Qing Shui could sense that Huang Wu was getting stronger while his own body was being restricted. However, very soon, Qing Shui realized that the Nine Yang Force within his body was exuding a powerful and domineering force that had instantly cleared off the feeling from before.

Qing Shui couldn't help but smile. The Nine Yang Dragon Soul was truly amazing. Furthermore, Qing Shui felt that it was related to his Nine Yang Golden Body. The Nine Yang Dragon Soul seemed to have already been merged into his physique.

A surge of domineering force in his Dantian flowed through his meridian channels right into his eight extra vessels, his twelve channels, as well as his heavenly meridians and earthly meridians. In that instant, it was as if all of them had merged into one.

Not only had the Nine Yang Dragon Soul merged all of this together, it even merged into his physique. Qing Shui didn't have the chance to appreciate it when something even more unbelievable happened to him.

The Nine Yang Dragon Soul went gushing out toward the paragon vessel.

Although the Nine Yang Dragon Soul wasn't an actual soul, it was a mental intent that was formed from a combination of Qing Shui's thought and his techniques. It was like a primordial spirit existence.

Boom!

There was a slight collision and the Nine Yang Dragon Soul which had just clashed into the paragon vessel was thrown off. It seemed that the paragon vessel didn't welcome the Nine Yang Dragon Soul.

Qing Shui smiled bitterly. This Nine Yang Dragon Soul was really aggressive. It wasn't satisfied with just merging into his body and consciousness. It wanted to spread its influence even more by taking over the paragon vessel.

Qing Shui didn't know if this was a good sign or a bad sign, but he knew that the paragon vessel was no pushover. Moreover, the Nine Yang Dragon Soul was something that Qing Shui had control over. It was just that there may be times when he might not be able to contain this overwhelming force.

In actuality, there was no need for Qing Shui to be worried. All three intents in his body were all him. The paragon vessel's intent was him, and the Nine Yang Dragon Soul was even more so. Although all of them were him, they were usually independent. Qing Shui had the choice to control them as he wished.

Qing Shui was actually thinking that it wouldn't be bad to let the Nine Yang Dragon Soul control the paragon vessel. It was also why he hadn't tried to stop it earlier. He even wanted to see what the outcome would be like for the Nine Yang Dragon Soul to be merged together with the paragon vessel.

However, it seemed like it wasn't that simple.

Windsand Fury!

Huang Wu swung the "long fan" he was holding and something that was akin to a huge sand pillar, that seemed to be both material and also a little shaky, spun violently and went charging toward Qing Shui like a sand dragon.

The wind was blowing and the sand was bellowing. It was like a devil that was made of sand, opening its terrifying large mouth and seeming as if it wanted to engulf Qing Shui entirely. This kind of sand had an extremely high temperature and a powerful engulfing force.

The legacies of the Wavemoon Cavern's Huang Clan was such sand that could engulf, had poison that could seep through, was sturdy, and scorching...

Qing Shui didn't have a good idea of how to deal with this sand dragon. It was like in a situation where someone threw a bucket of feces in your direction. You would be at a loss of whether you should block or not.

Thankfully, Qing Shui had the Nine Continents Mountain. The Nine Continents Mountain, which was 100 meters in size, was the best at dealing with such things. It wasn't that effective in dealing with soul-based attacks but was still very useful when dealing with physical attacks like these.

It wasn't that Qing Shui couldn't use his Origin Qi to create a barrier. He just simply wanted to try the sand dragon's prowess with the Nine Continents Mountain.

Boom! Boom!

The Nine Continents Mountain's prowess had increased a lot more from what it was before. The several folds increment kept it from being on the losing end when dealing with this sand dragon.

Zi zi...

A huge sound that sounded as if it came from a tremendous drill rang out when the sand dragon and the Nine Continents Mountain clashed together. It was piercing and intolerable. The sound seemed as if it wanted to tear a person apart and the surroundings had already become a vacuum state.

The land under everyone's feet that was within sight was now covered in thick layers of sand.

Qing Shui stomped down fiercely!

Mighty Elephant Stomp!

A force that was like a dragon extended out rapidly, encompassing the surroundings.

Boom!

Sand flew around in the sky and the surroundings became a shaky vacuum realm. Qing Shui stared at Huang Wu who was opposite him and saw that the opponent hadn't been struck by the effects of the Mighty Elephant Stomp.

Nine Palace Steps!

With a flash, Qing Shui appeared near Huang Wu. Huang Wu didn't hesitate and struck out his long fan like a sword toward Qing Shui. The action was strange but profound.

Qing Shui's eyes lit up and he swung his Golden Battle Halberd with great force.

Right now, Qing Shui didn't wish to use the Emperor's Qi and Art of Pursuing on every single opponent he faced. It would cause him to be overly reliant on them. Therefore, if he could handle the situation by himself, he wouldn't use the Emperor's Qi to assist him.

The opponent's movements were profound and agile but Qing Shui's attacks were in no way inferior. Furthermore, it was fiercely and stronger. Before great power, everything else was useless. Moreover, Qing Shui didn't merely just have power. He was clearly more than a notch higher than Huang Wu.

Qing Shui's strength had increased multiple folds within a short period of time and it would be astonishing if he wasn't already stronger than Huang Wu. If that was the case, then Huang Wu wasn't an existence that could be described with only the word 'genius'.

Boom!

There was a head-on contact, and a skillful collision. Qing Shui didn't budge, but Huang Wu retreated rapidly. He had only taken two steps back before he was sent flying out, his chest undulating very strongly.

Qing Shui had not used his full power. He didn't wish to kill Huang Wu. He didn't wish to fall out with the Watermoon Cavern right now. Thus, he chose to hold back. The Huang Wu's abilities should be about the same if not weaker compared to before Qing Shui's Nine Yang Dragon Soul had reached the small success stage.

The difference between them was naturally, very huge. However, at Huang Wu's current age, he was definitely at the top amongst those of his age. There were very few who were like him even in influences at the level of the Wavemoon Cavern and Watermoon Cavern. Even an influence of that level wouldn't be able to produce many of Huang Wu's level.

Chapter 1712 - Leaving Sheepishly, Baby Shower

Huang Wu tried hard to bear with it, but eventually, still failed to do so as a trickle of blood flowed down the corner of his lips. However, he knew that Qing Shui had held back and also knew the difference between Qing Shui and himself.

He looked at Qing Shui for very long, not saying a single word as he wore a pale countenance. This time around, the blow dealt to him was far too great.

He hadn't expected that Qing Shui would be this strong and that this young man could keep himself concealed so deeply.

Qing Shui didn't say anything and just stared at him like that, smiling. He wasn't sure if Huang Wu would go back on his words, or if he would get the people around him to attack together. If that were to happen, then it'd be a tough battle. However, Qing Shui wasn't afraid. If push comes to shoves, he would kill all of them today, even at the risk of his own life.

The two old men on the opposite helped and checked Huang Wu's condition before giving him a medicinal pill. It was only then did they look toward Qing Shui, cold gleam flashing in their eyes.

Qing Shui faced them calmly. He could see the fury in the old men's eyes, but he remained unafraid. The other party seemed to be raring to go.

However, at that moment, Huang Wu spoke up: "Alright. Let us leave."

On hearing Huang Wu's words, the two men appeared to be in great disbelief. When had their leader ever been put down so much before? Most importantly, this was the first time that he had taken the initiative to give up after having been on the losing end.

Was he really giving up? Or was this only temporarily?

"May I ask for your name? I'll definitely come back to settle this debt with you in the future." Huang Wu looked at Qing Shui and said softly. By this time, he had already recovered to his earlier appearance, being neither happy nor sad. Such a mental state was really hard to come by.

"I'm called Qing Shui. We'll meet in the future and you're welcomed anytime. I'll be waiting." Qing Shui said nonchalantly while at the same time, secretly heaved a sigh of relief. He didn't wish to fall out with the Wavemoon Cavern right now.

"Let's go!"

Huang Wu and the group left very quickly. However, Qing Shui had the feeling that Huang Wu wouldn't give up just like that. What he said before he left wasn't just for show. Qing Shui understood people with such character.

The Hell Tigon had died.

Qing Shui started to clean up this huge beast. He first opened up its head to obtain that Desolate Beast Pellet, then moved onto the Core. Its eyes are also medicinal ingredients. Its blood, tendons, heart, and others...

Qing Shui also placed a lot of the Hell Tigon's hide and bones into the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

After finishing all of these tasks, about half a day had passed. Qing Shui then washed up and changed into a set of clean clothes before he headed back with the other three ladies.

Very soon, they arrived back at the Sunset Sea King Palace. The moment they went in, they saw Yiye Jiange standing in the courtyard waiting for them. When she noticed that they had returned safely with faint smiles, the slight frown she had eased up.

"You guys are back. How was it?" Seeing that they had returned safely, Yiye Jiange knew that she didn't have to ask if they were fine. Therefore, she asked about their takeaways from this.

"Of course, there isn't any problem. That beast only looks tough. Although it was big in size, it wasn't that strong." Qing Shui said with great ease.

Yiye Jiange knew that there must have been some problems when Qing Shui said this. However, she smiled and said, "Go on and tell me the truth. Seeing that you guys have returned safely, I know that even if it was dangerous, it's all over now."

The Sunset Palace Mistress then gave a brief outline of what had happened.

Thinking about it, Yiye Jiange still felt a little scared. However, it was just as she had said. Now that she knew the outcome, she wasn't especially worried. At the very least, they managed to withstand it no matter how dangerous the situation had been. After all, the outcome was already known.

There was also a reason why the Sunset Palace Mistress decided to say this. They had a close relationship as sisters and wouldn't hide things from Yiye Jiange like Qing Shui had done. Moreover, now that they were living together, it was a form of disrespect to be hiding stuff.

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Unknowingly, another half a month passed by. The days were very peaceful. Qing Xiu had turned one month old and Qing Shui held a baby shower for him. He didn't invite many people, only a selected few.

Qing Shui didn't hold such matters in high regards. He had witnessed too much of the fickleness in human relationships in his previous life. Therefore, the best thing that should be done was to be himself, to get stronger, and to get his own family stronger.

Qing Hanye came. After all, she was also the child's godmother. Qing Shui smiled and carried Qing Xiu, feeling that this kid was quite lucky. At the very least, there were a lot of people doting on him.

Compared to when he had just been born, Qing Xiu, having reached one month old, was much bigger now. He wore pale colored clothes and his exquisite little face was very handsome. The child was very active and would at least be awake for six hours a day.

As he was still young, anyone could get to hold him. He wasn't adverse to strangers. After all, he was too young to understand anything. He only opened his pair of big, bright eyes that were like a pair of crystals, seemingly curious about anything and everything.

Qing Hanye carried Qing Xiu from Qing Shui's hands. Qing Xiu noticed that the way she carried the child was very natural, unlike how awkward Qing Shui had been. This might be a lady's instinctive capability.

"Do you like children this much?" Qing Shui smiled and looked at Qing Hanye.

Qing Hanye threw Qing Shui an annoyed glance charmingly. She had seen the tease in Qing Shui's eyes and knew that he didn't have any good intentions. However, she immediately acted shy and embarrassed, asking Qing Shui coquettishly, "When are you going to give me a child as well?"

Qing Shui knew that Qing Hanye was doing this on purpose. This lady was a demoness, and there were times when she was worse than Huoyun Liu-Li. Noticing that Yiye Jiange was heading over in their direction, he could only smile awkwardly. He knew that Qing Hanye had only said that because she saw Yiye Jiange coming over.

Looking at how helpless Qing Shui looked, Qing Hanye laughed softly. Her charming appearance caused Qing Shui's heart to itch. However, he could only bear with it now.

"Qing Shui, the others are here. You should go show yourself and greet the others!" Yiye Jiange smiled and said then walked up to Qing Hanye to take a look at the kid.

"Alright! I'll go and take a look." Qing Shui planned to take his leave as well. Qing Hanye was such a charming lady that there was no need for her to try to seduce people. She was already extremely seductive to begin with. If she were to put her mind toward seducing someone, the guy probably wouldn't even know how he had fallen into her trap.

However, before Qing Shui got over to where the few old men were at, the others he met on the way were already greeting him with great respect. Everyone knew that it was an honor to be able to know a powerful expert like this.

"So you're the one called Qing Shui. Doesn't seem like much."

Just then, a sharp voice rang out. Qing Shui turned, feeling puzzled, and saw that it was a thin and tall man who was at a table that wasn't far away. The man looked very young, was neither handsome nor young, but his voice was really intolerable.

Qing Shui wasn't angered. He could tell that this man had already been crippled and could be said to be a weakling who wasn't actually considered a man. He felt that this guy was already very pitiful and there was no need to go down to the same level as him.

Qing Shui smiled as he looked at the thin and tall man, "How may I address you? How did you come here?"

Qing Shui had sent out invites but he knew that there were some people who had come uninvited. If his guess were right then he shouldn't have invited the people from this table.

Chapter 1713 - Xuan Clan, Shoddy Scheme?

The provocation intents behind those words were far too strong. It would be fine if it was an ordinary person, but how could an ordinary person be able to come here in the first place? Moreover, Qing Shui was also able to sense the opponent's aura. This person was much weaker than Qing Shui. After all, during this period of time, the increment to his strength had basically placed him at the very top amongst those around his age.

He still had confidence in himself.

"I'm Qi Deng. I happened to pass by and thus came." The thin man looked at Qing Shui and smiled.

"Oh. Since you're here, you're one of our guests." Qing Shui smiled and replied.

Qing Shui's intentions were also very clear. 'You had come uninvited, but since you're here, we'll treat you as a guest. However, you should also act like one.'

The people around them had started to murmur amongst themselves.

"What's the matter with that table? Why are they so undiscerning? They don't even care about what place this is. Aren't they courting death to be looking for trouble here?"

"That's right. There are too many people like that. They really don't know any better just because they are a little stronger than normal."

"The Lord Guardian doesn't stoop to their level, but shouldn't they learn to be a little more self-aware?"

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Qing Shui didn't want to create any trouble either. After all, Today was his son's baby shower and it would be best to keep the celebration in a happy mood. If there something were to happen, they could deal with it at a later time. Moreover, he really did not care about the other party nor did he feel that infuriated.

Qing Shui didn't know who the other party was and he was not interested in finding out. He didn't know why the opposite party was trying to find trouble for him. He didn't have any recollection of meeting this man before. The other person must have been asked by someone else to do this.

Qing Shui thought of the disagreement with the Wavemoon Cavern previously. However, the people here shouldn't be a match for him and he didn't know why they had come.

"That's right. We're guests. But you, as the host, aren't coming to offer a toast to everyone. Why is that? Are you looking down on us?" The thin and weak looking man continued speaking in an eccentric voice.

By now, everyone could tell that this man was here to cause troubles. Qing Shui frowned. He wasn't willing to disrupt the mood of the party, but that didn't mean that he was afraid of trouble. He looked at the man and continued to smile as he said, "We've never met before. There's no need to beat about the bush. Go on and answer me. Who sent you here?"

"Haha. Who sent me here? Who do you think is capable of commanding me?" The thin and weak man laughed out loud with great vigor while his face was turning increasingly red.

Hahahaha!

His laughter got even more louder and his face progressively red. Qing Shui sensed that the other party's breathing was messed up and his vitality was seeping away rapidly. Before Qing Shui could make a decision in time, the man's laughter suddenly came to a stop.

Dead!

Qing Shui now felt that something was wrong. Looking at the man who was now completely silent, before Qing Shui could say anything, the other people at the table suddenly stood up, "Young Master! Young Master! What's the matter?"

Qing Shui now knew that this was a plot and he was the target. In this world of cultivators, everything depended on one's strength. Was there really a need for such a simple scheme like this?

Qing Shui suddenly remembered what the man had said, "Who sent me here? Who do you think is capable of commanding me?"

Qing Shui's eyes narrowed. At this moment, a gentle-looking man at that table lifted his head and glared at Qing Shui, "You caused the death of our Young Master. You can wait for the Xuan Clan to come seeking revenge!"

Xuan Clan?

Qing Shui remembered it. He was wondering what had happened. At first, it was the sudden engagement of Qing Hanye. It was enough trouble with the Watermoon Cavern, but it hadn't been long before he came into contact with the Wavemoon Cavern. Moreover, there had been some disagreements then.

And now, there was the appearance of a Xuan Clan. The Xuan Clan was a unique existence in this ocean domain. A clan with an ancient legacy. It was said that their ancestor was a huge Xuan Snake that could engulf the Dragon Clan. Their clan had powerful blood flowing through them and had mysterious powers.

The Xuan Clan wouldn't lose out to the Watermoon Cavern and the Wavemoon Cavern. However, the people from the Xuan Clan were very vicious, just like actual venomous snakes. No one was willing to offend the Xuan Clan.

Qing Shui didn't have much involvement with the Xuan Clan, nor had he met anyone from there before.

"Xuan Clan, I've never met anyone from the Xuan Clan before in my life. Are you guys doing this intentionally?" Qing Shui bellowed out unhappily.

He knew this very clearly but had also said this out loud so that the people around them would know. Using the power of words to make it such that the rumors would be more in his favor. Qing Shui's principle was such that if people didn't offend him, he wouldn't do anything back to them. One must always be reasonable.

"Intentionally? You're saying that we're intentionally making a joke with our Young Master's life? With our Young Master dead, do you think that we'll be able to keep our lives? Brothers, let's fight it out with him. He's the one who caused the death of our Young Master! We must avenge our Young Master!" The gentle-looking middle-aged man said, seemingly angry. However, Qing Shui could clearly see the coldness and serenity in the depth of this man's eyes.

'There's something wrong with this guy.' Qing Shui thought.

"Then do explain for me. How on earth did I cause the death of your Young Master?" Qing Shui boldly said.

The gentle-looking man eventually looked toward the wine the dead man had drunk. Then, as if he had been prepared for this, he took out a silver needle and placed it into the bowl. The silver needle instantly glistered in a brilliant black.

"There was poison!"

The people in the surroundings broke out into a commotion.

"You said it yourself. What feud did our Xuan Clan have against you? To think that you would stoop down to such low means to deal with our Young Master."

Before the man finished his words, the body of the thin and weak man had already started to turn black. It was the sign of a strong poison.

This method was so childish. There were no changes to Qing Shui's expressions. However, it was effective. Right now, Qing Shui was able to guess that this man was the one who had poisoned the guy.

However, Qing Shui didn't know why he chose this method.

Just then, another ten or so people gushed in, with a slightly old man in the lead. He seemed tall and powerful, but also vicious. A middle-aged man was next to him and kept on talking about something to the old man.

From the look of his expression, it was clear that this old man wasn't in a good mood. When the gentle-looking man from earlier noticed them, he walked over, trembling in fear. "Third Master, Xuan Tong..."

"Speak up. Who caused his death?" The old man's voice was cold and stiff.

Qing Shui assessed the old man and the people behind him, out of which there were only one old man and three middle-aged looking men. The rest were all young-looking males. Of course, it was likely that those young men were all very much older compared to Qing Shui.

"He was the one who poisoned the Young Master!" The gentle-looking man turned and pointed at Qing Shui.

The old man threw Qing Shui a glance before looking back at the gentle-looking man. His eyes were sharp as blades, as if he wanted to see through this man.

Although the gentle-looking man was very nervous and scared of this old man's gaze, he didn't try to avoid it. He knew that if he were to show any weaknesses, he would suffer a fate that was worse than death.

After a while, the old man drew back his gaze and the gentle-looking man heaved a sigh of relief, rejoicing a little.

The old man looked at Qing Shui, "Did you truly kill my grandson?"

"We've never met before and I didn't know you guys before this, including those people over there. Can you tell me what reasons I have for killing him?" Qing Shui had calmed down by now.

Chapter 1714 - Revered Power, Battle Was the Only Option

As Qing Shui spoke, he pointed at that unmoving man.

The old man wasn't an ordinary person and could tell that there was something suspicious about this. However, it was the truth that Xuan Tong had died here. It was normal for him to ask Qing Shui for an explanation.

"My grandson had died here. Shouldn't I be asking for an explanation from you?" The old man looked at Qing Shui and said, seemingly unhappy.

After all, he had lost a grandson. Although this grandson was a good-for-nothing, he was still a member of the Xuan Clan. The old man had hoped that he would be able to live his life in peace. However, as he had many children and grandchildren, although he was angry that this worthless grandson had died, it wasn't to the extent that he would be overwhelmed with fury.

"I'd have to say that it is really astonishing, the fact that such a childish method of shifting the blame had some effects." Qing Shui shook his head and looked at the old man before he then glared at that gentle-looking man.

"You're saying that Xing Song had pushed the blame onto you and that he's the one who was behind my grandson's death?" The old man was also suspicious of Xing Song earlier. However, after taking a long look at Xing Song, he believed that with Xing Song's ability, he wouldn't have been able to hide it from the old man if he had really done something.

"Then what if he wasn't the same person he was before?" Qing Shui smiled and said.

The old man shook his head and looked at Qing Shui. "I know what you want to say, but my eyes haven't blurred yet. I can still tell if he's still the same person."

Qing Shui shook his head, "I hadn't detected it previously, but didn't you sense that his body and spiritual sense had been controlled? It can be said that a portion of the soul in his body isn't him anymore."

The old man's eyes lit up and when he looked at Xing Song once again, he saw that Xing Song, who was initially fine, had now fainted. The old man reached out his hand and grabbed Xing Song by the neck, lifting him up.

Cough cough...

Xing Song opened his eyes while coughing. When he saw the old man, his face had turned pale and he stuttered, "Old... coughs coughs... Old Master!"

"Why did you kill Xuan Tong?" The old man bellowed.

"Killed Xuan Tong? What? Young Master...?"

Xing Song stuttered and there were disbelief and fear on his face. However, people with good judgments would be able to tell right away if he was really the one who had done it. The old man got him to look at the dead Xuan Tong.

"Young Master! Young Master?!"

"What did you do for the past two days?" The old man's eyes were very sharp and serious. He now understood. However, he still threw occasional glances toward Qing Shui. This young man wasn't someone ordinary and there was still the possibility that he was the culprit.

"I, I can't remember much from these past few days..."

"Bring him back and question him." The old man instructed and a middle-aged man and two young men brought the few people at the table back.

Qing Shui heaved a sigh of relief but still felt that this was bad luck. Xuan Tong had died here. He wasn't a firm believer of bad omen but was still a little unhappy that something like this had happened.

There were still five people left, namely the old man, as well as two middle-aged and two young men behind him. Xuan Tong had been brought back as well.

"Young man. Are you able to convince me that you weren't the one who had controlled Xing Song?" By this time, the old man was already clear that Qing Shui had nothing to do with this. However, this was how great clans had acted with their arrogant characters. It didn't matter if Qing Shui wasn't related to this matter. The fact that someone had died here meant that things won't be resolved so easily.

When Qing Shui heard what the old man had said, he frowned. Although he knew that the old man wouldn't let this matter slide just like that, he didn't expect to still be suspected. Could it be that the old man wanted to salvage Xuan Clan's reputations by using him?

Someone from the Xuan Clan had died here and there must be someone to be held responsible for this. They wanted to let people know that wherever the people of the Xuan Clan died, the people from there would be held responsible.

Qing Shui's gaze turned cold as he stared at the old man, "I can only say that this matter had nothing to do with me. You guys have already disturbed my banquet and I'm not obligated to say any more than this. Please leave!"

Although Qing Shui didn't wish to create trouble, he wasn't afraid of them. He believed that there wasn't a need to continue and bear with it when others were already standing all over him. He was not that helpless yet.

Qing Shui was now chasing people away. Since the other party didn't know any better and thought that he was an easy target to bully, there wasn't a need for him to care about their reputations.

The old man's eyes instantly became sharp as a blade, as if he wanted to tear Qing Shui to shreds. He had lived such a long life and hadn't been chased away before. At that moment, he was so infuriated that he burst out laughing.

"Alright, alright. This is the first time that I, Xuan Yun, is being chased away. Let me see if you have the ability to do so." The old man was full of rage at this moment. However, he soon noticed that he seemed to have been led on by this young man.

In normal circumstances, he shouldn't get angry so easily. Moreover, the person he was facing was only a young man. Could it be because of this young man's abilities?

He could sense that this young man was very strong. Could it be that he was already subconsciously treating him as an expert of the same level?

"Did you know that evil can't win against the righteous? Do you know about Nature Energy? Do you know what it means to stand up for justice? I don't bully others, but I won't allow for others to bully me neither." Qing Shui said calmly but his voice was very strong and determined.

Xuan Yun's countenance changed. He could sense that as Qing Shui spoke, a powerful righteous force was being exuded from him. That was Nature Energy and the legendary Nature Energy could destroy everything when cultivated to the extreme.

Qing Shui also felt that recently, his Nature Energy was much stronger compared to how it was before. Both the Nature Energy and Unmoving Like A Mountain had been merged into the seven-colored pellet. However, that didn't mean that they had disappeared.

He had no idea why, but the Nature Energy was actually very powerful and bursting out, gushing out unstoppably.

"Lord Guardian, we are not afraid of him. We'll make whoever dares to create trouble here to stay here forever." A seemingly young man said loudly. He seemed to be very headstrong and full of vigor, not knowing what consequences his words would bring him.

Qing Shui put out his hand and stopped them from spouting rubbish. After all, nothing good would turn out from getting themselves targeted by the old man and the people around him.

"Alright, alright. Young man, how about we have a fight? If you were to win, we'll leave and we will never take another step in this area. If you were to lose, you'll give me an explanation." Xuan Yun calmed down and said to Qing Shui.

"Alright, but if you were to lose, I want you to also find the actual person who had killed your grandson. I want to know who is it that is trying to scheme against me." Qing Shui shook his head and said calmly.

"Don't worry about this. Even if you didn't mention it, I'll still investigate the matter. That person isn't just scheming against you, but against me as well. I won't let such a vile character like this to continue to be arrogant." Xuan Yun nodded and said.

Qing Shui strengthened his resolve and went up. He knew that now that things had come down to this, it could only be settled through a fight. This wasn't a life-or-death battle but was just a fight for both parties to come into contact and test each other's strength. If the matter couldn't be resolved by words alone, then they would talk with their power.

Of course, Qing Shui was aware of the consequence if he were to lose. If he ended up losing, they could end up in a very bad plight. Without him, the Sunset Sea King Palace would find it hard to sustain themselves. Although they would be able to hold their stand in the Ice Ocean Domain, they still required him here. Qing Hanye had the backing of her Master, but it seemed that this was still insufficient. Otherwise, her Master wouldn't have arranged for this marriage for Qing Hanye herself.

Chapter 1715 - Qing Shui's Strength, 20,000 Dao Force

The old man's slender silhouette was standing upright in the air as the surrounding air rapidly became cold and eerie. It was as if a hint of black eerie wind was extending out ceaselessly.

The old man was a descendant of the ancient Xuan Snake. In the legends, the ancient Xuan Snake was an existence that could engulf the Dragon Tribe. Although the descendants were not as powerful as their ancestor, their bodies still contained the blood that had been bathed in glory.

If one wasn't capable, they wouldn't dare to be too arrogant. Qing Shui had confidence in himself, and it was the same for Xuan Yun. The latter's weapon was a Snake Spear that was over two Zhangs long and had the width of a person's wrist. It was dark green in color and exuded a piercing scent.

The scent didn't stink, but it was still unpleasant. Moreover, it was one that could still be felt without inhaling it. It was a smell that would go into a person's body directly, just like the stench that could be found on animals.

Qing Shui frowned. He knew that the Snake Spear must have been tempered using some kind of things. Otherwise, it wouldn't have such a powerful and piercing smell.

Silver Snake Chaotic Dance!

The old man attacked directly, rushing toward Qing Shui as he was swinging the Snake Spear. The surrounding was instantly filled with small and thin silver snakes that seemed like decorations. Beautiful, yet, filled with a killing aura.

These small silver snakes were all sashaying slightly as if they were dancing. However, Qing Shui knew that they were determined to kill.

One Spear Eliminating Cities!

Qing Shui's Golden Battle Halberd sent out an explosive force without being gaudy. The force pierced out toward the old man, drawing a trajectory in the air, just like a meteor.

Wherever the Golden Battle Halberd passed by, the small silver snakes would all shatter and disappear. However, they would soon be replaced by other small silver snakes.

Xuan Yun looked at the Golden Battle Halberd which was heading toward him and his countenance turned grim. This attack was very important. It was a test between cultivators in their first battle. Thus, he shouldn't dodge it. This was especially crucial when both parties weren't aware of each other's capabilities.

Boom!

A small and gentle force charged out from the Golden Battle Halberd toward his body, but Qing Shui didn't feel anything.

This simple attack allowed both parties to know of each other's level. Qing Shui was a notch higher. In an exchange between experts, who was the stronger one wasn't important. However, if the gap between both parties was huge, then no amount of techniques would be able to salvage the situation.

The old man's countenance was very grim. He would have never expected that things would turn out this way. In a head-on collision, he would have actually lost to a young man. He found this hard to accept.

Qing Shui wasn't too surprised. After all, compared to before, he was several times stronger. His strength had grown from the initial 4,000 Dao force to the current level of about 20,000 Dao force. This was an astronomical increase.

He wasn't sure if this could be considered an unexpected failure. Even though he had previously felt that this young man wasn't an ordinary character, he hadn't expected that Qing Shui was so strong that he could be compared to a demonic existence.

He had initially planned on dealing a blow to Qing Shui but it now seemed that he wouldn't be able to get anything out of this place despite having his grandson dying here.

Qing Shui wasn't one who would refuse to give way just because he was on the side of reason. However, there were some things which one shouldn't budge in. Qing Shui made his move.

Dragon Claw Crushing Gold Chant!

Qing Shui's violent strength was unleashed without any technique. Waves and waves of his strength were unleashed and his attacking speed was very fast. They were like great billows that would surge up to the skies.

Xuan Yun's attacks weren't as powerful as Qing Shui's. Instead, his attacks were more gentle in nature. However, it was a pity that he wasn't as fast as Qing Shui and could only be on the defense. He was the only one who understood the pain he was being put through.

Xuan Yun clenched his teeth and hung on. Although he wasn't one of the strongest in the Xuan Clan, he still had quite a high status in the clan. If he were to be defeated by a young man like Qing Shui today, the blow to both of him and the Xuan Clan's reputation would be devastating.

The old man had carried a huge burden on his back as he battled against Qing Shui. He had the increasing feeling that things weren't going well and he was struck at the shoulder and was sent flying back.

Although Qing Shui hadn't thought of having the match end in a draw since there wasn't a need for it, he didn't think of killing the old man either. Right now, he didn't want to offend the Xuan Clan, regardless of their strength.

"You are not my match. You can leave. I hope that you'll be able to find out soon about who the person trying to pull a fast one on me is." Qing Shui stopped and said calmly.

Xuan Yun felt extremely bitter inside. If he knew that things would turn out like this, he wouldn't put himself through all of this. This was how humans were. It was one thing for one to be weaker, but it was a fact that he had lost in a fight. The feeling between the two situations was very different.

With Xuan Yun's mentality, such a simple thing wasn't sufficient to pull him down yet. However, Qing Shui being too young had brought him a lot of pressure, making him feel that he had really grown old and useless. This pressure made him feel worse.

Xuan Yun nodded. He didn't say anything else and left with the other members of the Xuan Clan. Their backs appeared very heavy when they left, especially Xuan Yun's footsteps.

Qing Shui sighed. He knew that the matter with the Xuan Clan wouldn't be resolved so easily. When he had so many things on his platter, having one more thing wouldn't make a difference.

"There's no need to worry. We aren't afraid of anyone." As he was thinking this, Qing Hanye walked up next to Qing Shui and said softly.

Qing Shui looked at this lady of indescribable beauty. When she looked at Qing Shui, who was watching the group depart, she thought that he was worried. Qing Shui smiled and shook his head, "I'm only a little worried for you guys."

"You don't always have to be worried about us. Jiange and I have been here for very long before you came. It's fine. There is a mysterious pattern or regulation in the natural world. Otherwise, all life would be wiped out." Qing Hanye smiled and said.

Qing Shui knew that what she had said made sense. Before he had arrived, it was true that she had been living here. However, it wasn't the same for Yiye Jiange and the others. Moreover, Qing Shui thought of the matter concerning the Watermoon Cavern.

"If I didn't come, how would you deal with the matter concerning the Watermoon Cavern?" Qing Shui seemed very curious about this question.

"There's no way that I'd get married to him."

"What if you had no way of going up against them?" Qing Shui gave it some thought and asked.

"I'll fight it out with them."

"What if you couldn't win?"

"Then I'll commit suicide."

"What if they use your Master to threaten you?" Qing Shui continued to ask.

"There are many things I can give way on, but not this. If things really came down to that, I won't be afraid of death. If I can escape, I'll make sure to have them pay back ten or even 100 times." Qing Hanye said with certain before looking at Qing Shui.

Qing Shui wore a faint smile.

"What are you smiling about? Are you thinking that I don't value relationships?" Qing Hanye asked teasingly and lifted her head to look at the clouds in the distance.

"No, I think that it's good. It's very good." Qing Shui knew about some of Qing Hanye's background. Everyone had their own reverse scales and there were some things which couldn't be changed by external forces.

"If you were to force me to marry him, I wouldn't know what to do. Would there be a day where you'll give me away? If it means that you'll be able to protect everything else that you have now?" Qing Hanye didn't turn her head and asked in a soft voice.

Qing Shui was stunned. Qing Hanye's question might seem silly, but such events were common in this world. For the sake of survival, something like this was nothing.

Qing Shui looked at the beautiful figure that was standing by his side. At this moment, he realized that she was very lonely.

Chapter 1716 - It's Difficult For Everybody, The Peerless Talent

Qing Shui stepped forward, not expecting Qing Hanye to ask such a question. Perhaps she had experienced the cruel reality. Could it be that she had lost confidence in himself?

Grabbing her shoulders as Qing Shui looked her in the eyes, he confidently said, "You are my counterpart. I won't allow anything to trouble you as long as I'm alive."

Qing Shui didn't speak much, only letting his sincere eyes, which stared into Qing Hanye's cold eyes, convey his intents. It was the first time after so long that Qing Shui had finally noticed Qing Hanye's cold and indifferent eyes.

Qing Hanye's grandfather had passed away and she was left all alone. She had her master who had contributed a lot, but this engagement heavily influenced her heart. Regardless of the interim strategy, it remained a fact that her heart fluctuated considering that her closest person did so to her...

Qing Hanye smiled while looking at Qing Shui's serious eyes. This time, her smile wasn't as alluring as usual. Though able to bring disastrous damage, there was unspoken misery in it.

It turned out that she wasn't as tough as she appeared. On normal days, this strong, attractive, and alluring woman was the center of focus. She was always impressive and enchanting.

"Girl, your smile made my heart ache." Qing Shui touched her pretty face and said truthfully.

Qing Hanye grabbed Qing Shui's hands on her face and burst into a happy smile. This smile was like flower blossoms and everything else faded at that instant. Qing Shui's mind was filled with this smiling face.

Remarkable enticement, the peerless talent!

“Don’t you ever leave me for the rest of my life.” Qing Hanye hugged Qing Shui gently.

“I would rather die.”

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Though there was an accident in Qing Xiu’s full-moon ceremony, it was not something major. It wasn’t surprising when any man died in this world. Unlike in the past life, human life was beyond value.

There would be a coordinator for a murder among the ordinary men here. Yet, it was settled via battles among the warriors. It was a phenomenon in the Main Continents for fights and blood spills without a single negotiation.

The guests left gradually. There weren’t many people originally as Qing Shui only invited a few. Still, there were some who showed up uninvited.

Qing Shui and the Mistresses sat in the living room after the guests had left. Qing Hanye was the current Dragonwolf Palace Mistress, yet, she was no stranger to her presence here. The Mistresses had sharp eyes. They immediately understood the shady relationship of Qing Shui and Qing Hanye.

This made Sunset Palace Mistress upset for not being accepted by this man despite her attractiveness. Indeed, she was older than him. Yiye Jiange was older as well. The age gap was negligible for a strong warrior.

She didn’t question Qing Shui as she believed that he knew her heart well. Maybe it was not her destiny. Yet, she felt bitter thinking of it.

Muyun Qingge knew of Sunset Palace Mistress’ constant interest in Qing Shui but she couldn’t help anything. She was still contemplating. Although she could behave naturally in front of Qing Shui like close friends, this man kept occupying her mind and heart. He had saved her life, seen and even touched her body.

Qing Shui was likewise, not a fool. He could sense Sunset Palace Mistress’ affection. It wasn’t true that he disliked her, nor he wanted to avoid her. He, himself, was uncertain of his feelings. Perhaps he just lacked the impulse.

He was impulsive towards Qing Hanye. It could be the seed buried in his heart years ago which sprouted during this meeting. The power of chemistry was daunting. Sunset Palace Mistress’s seed probably never sprouted in his heart before!

“Qing Shui, will the Xu Clan come again?” Yiye Jiange asked casually while holding Qing Xiu, sitting by his side.

“They should be coming back. Though, the time and reason are unknown.” Qing Shui smiled.

“Qing Shui, did your strength improve?” Muyun Qingge asked suddenly.

Qing Hanye had also sensed it but she remained silent.

“Hmm. You could say it improved slightly, so let’s not worry much.” Said Qing Shui in a relaxed manner.

“Don’t be too careless. Xu Clan has a strong background.” Yiye Jiange replied.

“Different situations call for different measures. No worries, I will set up a formation around here. Oh, all of you would have to learn the formation Techniques from today onwards.” Qing Shui pondered.

Yiye Jiange had learned it earlier on but this time, Qing Shui was going to teach them Nine Palace Steps and Combination Attacks.

Yiye Jiange had actually already begun learning Nine Palace Steps long ago and achieved quite a high realm. However, Sunset Palace Mistress and the others hadn’t and needed to start learning. Apart from that, Qing Shui taught them Dragon Claw Crushing Gold Chant as well.

He couldn’t teach Nine Yang Dragon Soul since it was different from the others. It was the dragon-like spirit and the Nine Animals Mimicry Technique was Qing Shui’s teaching method.

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Qing Shui set up a formation in Sunset Sea King Palace. It was a huge formation which remained unactivated. It was a piece of cake for Qing Shui to set up a formation. Besides, there were mountains, stones, and water here.

The following days were peaceful and allowed Qing Shui to enjoy the serenity. Such days were rare and precious but he knew these days wouldn’t last long. It was the calm right before the storm.

Qing Hanye returned to the Dragonwolf Palace since there were a lot of affairs awaiting her.

At night, Qing Shui entered the Realm of Violet Jade Immortal. He practiced Taichi Fist once, followed by the Dragon Claw Crushing Gold Chant. He maintained his reserved and containing martial skills, feeling the stream flowing throughout his body, both physically and mentally.

Qi arose from Dantian and Dantian was a man’s foundation. The Central Palace was considered Dantian as well, yet, it was far behind the Qihai. The ocean of consciousness was the Dantian of spirit energy. It depended on Qihai as its foundation to some extent. Without the Qihai Dantian, it was difficult to have a strong physique. Without a strong physique, it was difficult to boost spirit energy.

Qing Shui currently owned not only the paragon vessel, Seven-colored Pellet, Emperor Qi’s pellet and others but also the Five Elements Divine Flag and Big Dipper Sword. As time passed by, Qing Shui figured out that these items could consolidate and strengthen the Dantian. As the strengths of these items increased, the Dantian would become stronger.

Nine Yang Dragon Soul sometimes tried at the Dantian, apparently wanting to occupy the body of Dantian paragon vessel. Qing Shui was unsure whether he should help the Nine Yang Dragon Soul succeed or not. After all, it was all within his body, regardless of the force which would seize the place.

Speaking of which, a minor change would trigger a thorough transformation. He didn’t know if it was positive if the Nine Yang Dragon Soul really occupied the paragon vessel’s body.

He didn't want to try out of idle curiosity. At least, not when Nine Yang Dragon Soul had only attained the small realm. He still preferred to let nature take its course and go with the flow.

Chapter 1717 - Constitution Nurturing Pill Refined From The Desolate Beast Pellet

Qing Shui stopped thinking after a while. He quickly came up with the plan: Just go with the flow!

Qing Shui looked at the ingredients that came from the Hell Tigon. They had been put aside for some time, based on the time in Realm of Violet Jade Immortal.

Qing Shui gazed at the enormous Desolate Beast Pellet. The Hell Tigon was about 500 meters big, whereas the Desolate Beast Pellet was as big as half a human's size. It was rather small when compared to the body of a Hell Tigon. Still, it was gigantic for a Desolate Beast Pellet.

Qing Shui wanted to refine medicine immediately. He wanted to refine strengthened Constitution Nurturing Pill. At the moment, he and his family needed it. He, himself, wasn't in dire need of but the Mistresses needed it. With the aid of the Constitution Nurturing Pill, they could take a great step forward.

Qing Shui knew how to refine the Constitution Nurturing Pill. He had already refined three types of it to date. Using different grades of ingredients, the effects would be different as well.

The Realm of Violet Jade Immortal had adequate landscape as of now. Enough to refine the Constitution Nurturing Pill. Most essentially, Qing Shui had ample supply of ingredients of excellent quality at the moment. He even had the Spring of Life and water immersed by the Buddha Stone.

Qing Shui spent a day to prepare the ingredients, including those which boosted the therapeutic effect and increased the success rate. He realized the large field of ingredients before him as he was done preparing.

It was dull throughout the refinement. Yet, it was full of anticipation and excitement. It had been a while since Qing Shui last refined a new medicine. Still, he would refine pellets at times despite the lessen frequency.

His alchemy experience had been increasing, albeit slowly. Qing Shui didn't bother about the gradual creep in the experience anymore. It was pointless to worry.

After seven days, Qing Shui had refined the first furnace. He had succeeded, though only two of them were created. Qing Shui stared blankly at the black pearl-like Constitution Nurturing Pill. It was easier for others to think of this as poison!

Constitution Nurturing Pill: Consolidation and Cultivation, strengthens 5% of existing strength. Each pill boosts 1% strength, enabling breakthrough of existing hindrance on the first usage, excluding barriers in between grades (eg. barrier of the breakthrough from False Gods to Divines). Each human or demonic beast can only take ten pills. Not to be taken excessively by any means. No effects if taken excessively. Recommended frequency: One pill per month.

Qing Shui smiled looking at the newly produced Constitution Nurturing Pill, it was absolutely great. Strengthening 5% of existing strength, that equaled consolidation of 5% strength. Ten pills would be 50%. By consolidating 50% of the foundation, one could stabilize their strength by half. Besides, that

could mean a massive boost in strength from 1% cultivation. Hence, ten pills made more than 10%. After all, the sixth pill was 1% of the strength after taking the previous five pills.

Soon after, Qing Shui refined the pills again. The second time, three pills were produced with the same amount of ingredients. Four pills were produced for the third time. Eventually, it reached a plateau of five pills.

Five pills could be the maximum for each refinement, or it could be the limit of Qing Shui's current strength. Regardless, Qing Shui was delighted. Although he met some troubles with Wavemoon Cavern this time, the reward was great.

Qing Shui had used a lot of ingredients from the Hell Tigon for this refinement, including the tiger bones, the tiger guts, and the tiger heart.

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Two months went by in a flash. It remained peaceful and quiet. Qing Shui didn't leave Sunset Sea King Palace even for once. Qing Xiu was three months old by now. He had learned to smile and spent less time sleeping.

Yiye Jiange focused her mind on this little kid these days. Qing Shui liked watching Yiye Jiange play with the little one. The warmth and beauty were beyond description.

As Qing Shui watched over warmly at the scene, he felt proud deep inside. This was his family!

Within two months, Qing Shui also went through huge changes. After all, the time was much longer in the Realm of Violet Jade Immortal than in the real world. Qing Shui was getting more familiar with the Nine Yang Dragon Soul and Dragon Claw. The realm was getting higher.

Yet, it was still a small success stage, just a much stronger small success stage compared to two months ago. It could be considered a massive increment.

There wasn't much increment in strength alone, but the actual combating ability was very much higher. The surviving skill, as well as the technique damage, was much greater.

Qing Shui was looking forward to achieving large success stage or Great Perfection Stage. By then, his power would be more formidable and the strength would increase tremendously. Also, he could learn more techniques and battle skills in Dragon Form at the Great Perfection Stage.

Within these two months, the Mistresses learned formation with Qing Shui for four hours daily. Apart from that, they had also learned the Nine Palace Steps, the essence of it was to combine their motions.

Yiye Jiange had mastered the Nine Palace Steps basically but she never really practiced it. Qing Shui spent most of the time becoming her training partner, allowing her to break out with Nine Palace Steps, to chase after himself or to block out. Qing Shui also fought with Yiye Jiange using his own strength.

Qing Shui had used up the Constitution Nurturing Pills within two months. He felt his strength was more condensed than before. He used to think his strength was stable enough that he was complacent to stop its consolidation.

Because of this, he realized his narrowed mind and ignorance. Feeling the current condensation of strength, he noticed the frailty and weakness of his previous strength. There was no end to learning in the martial world.

After using ten pills, Qing Shui's raw strength had risen from 150,000 Yang to 200,000 Yang. It was more than enough, much more than the normal increment of 20,000 Yang.

Nevertheless, Qing Shui came to a glitch, which was to break through the current hindrance. Qing Shui had probably reached the bottleneck and breached through it. Now, he felt the bottleneck was smaller.

It wasn't relatively small considering he was different. Qing Shui was satisfied with the great boost in strength. Essentially, the explosive strength had increased immensely. It was similar to the pure strength. It was just that one impacted via melody acceleration, the other impacted via double melody acceleration. Speed indicated strength and formidable power.

Qing Shui's body had formidable power. This explosive strength could be applied thoroughly and without restraint. Qing Shui was indeed pleased. Relatively, the Mistresses had only consumed two pills. Still, the first usage enabled breakthrough of a hindrance. Hence, their strengths improved remarkably and consolidated immensely. With the aid of Qing Shui, their strengths advanced swiftly.

Qing Shui was more contented with his demonic beasts in comparison to their strengths. The energy contained in the Core of Ancient Desolate Beast had a greater apparent effect on the demonic beasts.

Chapter 1718 - Form Transformation of the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant, Metamorphosis

This made Qing Shui over the moon. All in all, Qing Shui was in need of strong and powerful assistants at the moment. He felt the subtle changes in the situation after the incidents lately. He even felt helpless and less capable than he desired.

Long ago, Qing Shui had once relied on his demonic beasts. Despite the weaker strength of demonic beasts compared to his in the later days, they were still fundamental. Basically, other demonic beasts had less scope for abilities at present, except for the Dragon Slaying Beast.

Due to that, Qing Shui justified that the demonic beasts' strength didn't grow at a slow rate, but his own strength spiked too rapidly. Hence, the demonic beasts weren't put to good use.

Though the Nine-Headed Demonic Dragon Spider and Hellfire Phoenix had undergone form transformation, they were far behind the Hell Tigon. Thus, they weren't as useful.

The few demonic beasts had changed massively after using the Constitution Nurturing Pills. They had been improving constantly previously but the current strength gain was substantially stronger.

The Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant had the greatest transformation.

The Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant, which Qing Shui had concerned about, underwent an incredible transformation. It was a ferocious, sturdy and big guy now. It could go through form transformation just like the Hellfire Phoenix.

Watching this 2.5 meters tall giant, its physique was comparable to Master Fattie. Still, it appeared to be more robust and dauntless. Qing Shui lost his words as he sensed its strength.

Metamorphosis. It was a real metamorphosis with Form Transformation.

The Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant achieved the raw strength of 30,000 Yang, after experiencing continuous improvement.

Dragon Elephant Force, Passive Skill. A permanent increase of 500-fold raw strength!

Transformed. It had finally transformed! Such a surreal transformation, Qing Shui couldn't believe it.

He resumed to further observe it after being stunned for some moments. It was too abrupt and hardly acceptable for him. He was largely struck with astonishment as the advance span this time was incredibly huge, in contrast to the usual gradual growth in strength.

Mighty Dragon Elephant's Recklessness: 50 times of a basic attack, maximum of 50 targets.

The number of targets remained the same, yet the attacking force had increased a lot. This was a great breakthrough.

Mighty Dragon Elephant Stomp, Grand Perfection Stage: 100 times the raw attacking force, potentially freezing multiple targets in the surrounding.

The formidable power had been upgraded. However, power itself was not significant. It was more important to make the opponents dizzy. Thus, it wasn't prominent whether it was the former 50-times raw strength or the current 100-times raw strength.

Instantaneous Diamond Evasion: Instant leap within 5,000 meters!

Diamond Sword Qi: Instant attack with a jet of Core Qi. Powerful damage and halves the speed of the target. Lasts up to 2 hours.

Vajra Subdues Demons: Reduces multiple targets' strengths by one-tenth within a 1,000 meters circumference. Maximum of 200 targets. Lasts up to 2 hours.

This skill should be applicable, after the recent boost in Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant's strength. It should be able to stand its place in a fight now.

Ferocious Dragon Elephant Attack: Instant activation of 200-times the current strength for a single-target attack.

This attack was also upgraded by a lot. This was apparently linked to the Dragon Elephant Force and could be limited by the Dragon Elephant Force.

Dark Infernal Flames: The Dark Infernal Flames below the feet enables 30% Armor Penetration effect in Dragon Elephant's attack. Simultaneously increases the speed of Dragon Elephant in the air by ten times.

Dragon Scale Armor: Passive skill, 20-times increase in defense and attack. A strong body and attack were the greatest foundation of the Dragon Elephant.

This skill greatly improved the defense and attack of the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant. It was the Innate Skills of Heaven and Earth Battle Beast.

Dragon Elephant Might: Absolute oppression against animals except for beasts and dragons. At least a reduction in 10% strength. Optimally makes the opponent lose its battle strength, lack absolute oppression in the others. Zero consumption. Passive skill.

Demonic Dragon Heart: The powerful Dragon Elephant can improve four times its own strength by itself, resisting most of the negative effects.

Qing Shui was contented even after knowing the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant didn't gain any extra abilities. Under the effect of the magic treasure Heaven Shaking Drum, the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant had already attained nearly 7,000 Dao. Plus, it had the ability to reduce 10% total strength, reduce speed, and neglect 30% armor force. That was incredible. It was capable of group killing, focused killing, controlling, and great escaping skills. It was applicable in all kinds of noxious battle environments.

It took a long while before Qing Shui came back to awareness. The Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant didn't grow much on its own. Qing Shui spent some time in refinement and that brought rapid growth in his strength. At present, the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant improved almost 20,000 in strength. That rewarded Qing Shui with a 4,000 Yang increment, though that wasn't much of a contribution to Qing Shui's 200,000 Yang strength.

The Nine Yang Dragon Soul's influence contributed to the total strength of more than 22,000 Dao. Once he refined these 4,000 Yang, he would gain even more. Even so, Qing Shui wasn't in a hurry.

"Master!" Greeted the big guy to Qing Shui, in a straightforward way.

Qing Shui smiled, "There's no master here. We're a family so just call me Qing Shui."

"I'd call you boss then!" The big guy replied, since that was how the Hellfire Phoenix had addressed him.

"Fine. What are you called?" Qing Shui asked with a smile. He felt the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant look simple and steady after transforming into a big guy.

"I'm Dragon Elephant!"

Qing Shui rubbed his forehead, thinking that their names were too simple. The Hellfire Phoenix was Dark Phoenix. Nine-Headed Demonic Dragon Spider was Dragon Spider. And now, the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant was Dragon Elephant.

At the very least, their names were easy to remember.

Qing Shui stared at the huge and tall body of the Dragon Elephant. He had to raise his head. He kind of liked its physique and dreamt of having such sturdy physique too. It was good to be strong as a man.

Looking at his own height, there was a huge discrepancy from the Dragon Elephant's. The height of 1.8 meters was tall enough in past life and even the present. However, there were many big guys in this world, especially the giants, who had the similar height as the Dragon Elephant for the shortest one. Also, there was the Beast Blood Tribe who were far taller and bigger than Qing Shui.

Fortunately, there was no direct association between strength and body size. There were many ordinary men in the Main Continent and most of them were like himself. It was merely a thought, but it must be really depressing to have such a gigantic body like the Dragon Elephant.

Next time, the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant could battle together. Thinking of the scenario, Qing Shui was excited.

Chapter 1719 - Formidable Strength of The Dark Phoenix

Compared to the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant, the change of the Dark Phoenix was greater. Qing Shui was deeply moved as the bloodline of Hellfire Phoenix was getting stronger and stronger. At present, he probably wouldn't stand any advantages over the Hellfire Phoenix.

Hellfire Phoenix, bloodline power: Extremely pure!

Previously, the bloodline of Hellfire Phoenix was strong though he couldn't figure out how to categorize it. Now, it was entirely genuine. It wasn't entirely a phoenix before, but it should be one now.

Hellfire Phoenix's raw strength had achieved 30,000 Yang. This wasn't surprising to Qing Shui. In fact, it could be considered not a lot. In contrast, the battle skills of Hellfire Phoenix got stronger.

Hellfire Phoenix's battle skills and resistance abilities were seemingly much stronger than the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant's skills.

Dark Phoenix of Nine Heavens. Passive skill, zero consumption. A permanent increase of strength by 300 times. Halves consumption for application of any battle skill and attack.

A 300 times increment was still incomparable to Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant's Dragon Elephant Force. Even so, Hellfire Phoenix possessed many raw abilities. It could even surpass the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant despite the deficiency.

Superior Flight: The powerful flying ability of the Hellfire Phoenix. A 100-times increase of flying speed as well as a 100-times decrease of flying consumption.

Hell's Inferno: Formidable flame attack of the Fire Bird. The pitch-black flame could burn everything, with overwhelming power, a strong technique of the Dark Phoenix. A 100-times increase of attacking power by the flame attack.

Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens: Passive skill. 100 times of permanent increase in flame attack. Damage received is halved. A 19-times increase in all defense power. Zero consumption.

Underworld Fireball: Fireball attack. A 100-times increase in attacking power. Fireball contains explosive power. Once exploded, the power is doubled. Spirit locked.

Phoenix Paradise: 30% chance to revive when the Fire Bird receives life-threatening damage. Each revival equals a metamorphosis. Strength doubles.

Phoenix Heart: The formidable Phoenix Heart triples of all the Phoenix powers. Also halves all damage received and total consumption. Zero consumption. Passive skill.

Phoenix Might: Absolute oppression against all birds except the Phoenix. At least 10% oppressive strength, able to make the opponent lose their battling ability. No absolute oppressive against others. Zero consumption. Passive skill.

Most abilities had been upgraded. This was a complete breakthrough. Most importantly, the Hellfire Phoenix had achieved nearly 15,000 Dao with the aid of the Spirit Gathering Lamp.

This was the reason Qing Shui doubted his ability to win over the Hellfire Phoenix. He could ignore most of the spiritual energy attack but at the same time, the Hellfire Phoenix could reduce the incoming danger's power and it was no weaker than Qing Shui.

The Hellfire Phoenix's strength was twice as strong as the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant.

Their strengths were about the same for all these while and it was a friendly one-upmanship. The Hellfire Phoenix then underwent Form Transformation earlier than the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant and caused the distance to be further apart.

The Nine-Headed Demonic Dragon Spider's transformation also satisfied Qing Shui. It was a controlling demonic beast, relying on the controlling power instead of its strength.

Raw strength achieved 30,000 Yang. That didn't surprise Qing Shui anymore. It seemed that 30,000 Yang was a gateway. It all ceased here.

Five Qi Origin: Innate Skill of Nine-Headed Demonic Dragon Spider. 300-times permanent increase of raw strength. Zero consumption.

The Five Qi Origin being able to achieve the same level as Hellfire Phoenix made Qing Shui question the origin of this Dragon Spider.

Corrosive Poison Web: Inescapable net attack by the Nine-Headed Demonic Dragon Spider. Attack supplemented with powerful corrosive poison and stickiness. Resilient spider web unbreakable by swords. 100-times of existing damage by the poison web damage.

Poison Silk Entanglement: Enables poison thread attacks and entanglement within 20,000 meters' distance. Extremely rapid speed with stickier and higher toxicity. 200-times of the existing attack.

Both the Corrosive Poison Web and the Poison Silk Entanglement enabled multiplied power from the existing attack, rather than the total strength. For instance, 100-times only meant 100 times of the 30,000 Yang raw strength.

The strongest ability of Nine-Headed Demonic Dragon Spider was stickiness and resilience of the spider web besides its poison.

Ultimate Spider Swarm: The special ability of the King Demonic Beast. Surrounding followers could coordinate with its attack and ultimately transform into Eight-Headed Demonic Spiders. Potential emergence of extraordinary mutated demonic spiders. A Four-times increase of existing attack.

This had changed as well, albeit unexpectedly in strength, unlike previously.

Flying Spider Silk: Passive skill. Zero consumption. A 100-times permanent increase in speed

Sharpness: Extreme sharpness of the eight limbs of Seven-Headed Demonic Spider provides powerful poison and penetrating effect.

Unyielding Shield: Strong defense of the Seven-Headed Demonic Spider.

Demonic Spider Dragon Head: Passive skill. A 200-times increase in body firmness and sharpness of Seven-Headed Demonic Spider with the increase in firmness, stickiness, and toxicity of the spider web. Also increases attack, endurance, and perseverance by 100 times. Zero consumption.

Divine Spider Thread: A 10-times increase of total strength of Nine-Headed Demonic Dragon Spider and its toxicity, toughness, spider web's stickiness, sharpness, and control.

Compared to Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant and Hellfire Phoenix, Dragon Spider had only achieved 1,000 Dao under the effect of the Heaven Shaking Drum and Spirit Gathering Lamp.

Qing Shui knew the strength of Dragon Spider was its controlling power, the resilience, stickiness, and toxicity of the spider web as well as its speed, resistance, and close battle abilities.

It was similar to the spiders in his past life, which could use spider webs to trap and kill stronger insects, or even much larger reptiles.

However, the Dragon Slaying Beast had changed the least. Even Qing Shui lost his words upon seeing it.

Despite the minor changes of the Dragon Slaying Beast which was only estimated around 100 Dao, it had increased almost 100 times.

Dragon Slaying Beast was the assassin beast, the massacre beast. It could linger with less than one Dao previously. Now that its strength had grown 100 times, it would be daunting during its sneak attack, even though it still couldn't directly confront some forces.

Its speed and sharpness grew much stronger than before.

Qing Shui was also looking forward to the Thunderous Beast. Similar to the Nine-Headed Demonic Dragon Spider, it was a controlling demonic beast. Yet, the Thunderous Beast was more intimidating. It could turn things around in an instant.

Thunderous Beast achieved 10,000 Yang raw strength, much weaker than other demonic beasts. Still, it was a massive improvement.

Violet Thunder Protection: Thunderous Beast's special ability, a 300-times increase of total strength. Zero consumption. Voluntarily revolves, able to numb the opponent upon physical attack and able to cancel 20% total damage from the opponent.

Violet Thunder Protection's ability was within Qing Shui's expectation. The Thunderous Beast was also a Divine Beast. However, it wasn't fully grown and the purity of its bloodline was unknown.

Thunderbolt: Lightning attack from the Core. A 50-times attack of existing strength within 10,000 meters. A slight numbing effect, speed reduction, and response delay from its attack. Accumulation of effect possible. 2% lightning consumption from normal attack consumption.

Violet Thunder Chain Lightning: Powerful Violet Thunder Spark Chain attack against an area with a potential numbing effect. A 19-times attacking force of normal attacks.

Thunder Flash: Passive skill. A 100-times permanent increase in speed.

Speed ensured the survival abilities of the controlling demonic beasts.

Violet Lightning Strike: A powerful lightning attack from condensed Core, creating a 100-times attacking force of the existing attack. 100% numbing effect. Numbing duration depends on the opponent's strength. 12 applications every 6 hours.

Thunder's Fury: Passive skill. Zero consumption. Enables a 9-times enhancement of Thunderbolt and Violet Lightning Strike!

Lightning Recovery: Thunderous Beast grew up freely in the Golden Buddha Aura Lotus and possessed this powerful self-healing ability. Lightning Recovery could instantly heal 70% of its own destruction. Recovery period 10 times faster than normal, lasts for one hour with a two-hour interval between each use.

Violet Lightning Armor: Passive skill. Zero consumption. An armor condensed from Violet Lightning, able to cancel 50% physical attack and spiritual attack. Simultaneously, provides a 9-times increase of total attacking force and 10-times increase of defense power.

Mutual Destruction: Exchanging 80% of own destruction for 80% of opponent's destruction. Mutual Destruction wouldn't take the target's life instantly. Only applicable once a month. Success rate very low when there is huge strength discrepancy. No effect after failure. Multiple attempts possible until it's successful. Has a 15-minute interval after each use.

The strongest attacking force of the Thunderous Beast was only 600 Dao and the common damage by the Thunderbolt was 300 Dao. It was life-threatening to the weaker opponents. Yet, only the numbing and absolute numbing effect were applicable to Qing Shui's current enemies.

Qing Shui was delighted knowing that his demonic beasts were around the level of Divine Beasts now. Moreover, each of them had experienced the Divine Tribulation.

His demonic beasts had powerful resistance. It was easy to overcome the Divine Tribulation for them. Plus, with the aid of the Constitution Nurturing Pills which stabilize the foundation, it was extremely effective to go against the Divine Tribulation.

Qing Shui had mixed feelings that he himself had never experienced tribulation. The Mistresses had already gone through the Divine Tribulation. For others, it must be very much pleasing to break through without tribulation.

Nevertheless, Qing Shui was willing to experience tribulation. The lightning could strengthen his body and meridians besides purifying his strengths. It was unfortunate that he had only experienced it once.

Qing Hanye had the strongest strength currently and yet, she was much weaker than the Dark Phoenix. Qing Shui activated his potential using Yang Pellet and Nine Revolution Golden Pellet within two months. He had finally exceeded the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant's strength by around 8,000 Dao.

Yiye Jiange and the Mistresses truly were left far behind. Still, they would improve in the future. Their constitution and talents were amazing. They would largely upgrade upon a stroke of luck. Furthermore, their foundations were stable with the help of the Constitution Nurturing Pills.

Chapter 1720 - Watermoon Cavern Was Here

Not just Qing Shui's demonic beasts, the demonic beasts of the Mistresses had also achieved massive breakthroughs. Yiye Jiange's Nine-Headed Crystal Beast, Muyun Qingge's White Jade Dragon, and Qing Hanye's Greencloud Titan Ox, to be exact.

Qing Shui was taken aback when he first looked at this ox. It was an Ancient Mutated species. In the legends, it had the bloodline of the Divine Beast Azure Ox. This ox appeared bold and powerful, with a gigantic body. Its enormous horns were a hundred times more ferocious than the ones involved in bullfighting in the past life.

Standing tall on green clouds, its skin was green-colored as well and pleasing to the eye. It mastered the wood attribute abilities and had extreme resistance power regarding the Five Elements.

The White Jade Dragon belonged to the dragon species. Not only did its strength stabilize, there were subtle changes in its bloodline as well. It had great strength improvement, almost comparable to the Mistresses except for Qing Hanye.

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A lot of things had changed within two months. Qing Shui felt much relaxed now. He owned a lot of demonic beasts and yet, only these few demonic beasts would come in handy for the time being. The others might not be put to good use for a while.

Qing Shui thought that it was adequate to have only these select few demonic beasts. He had the powerful output, strong control, and even the life-saving Marrow Nibbling Golden Dragon Silkworm. He was afraid of nobody.

Qing Shui was wondering if he had any idea of his own limitations. Since his strength had improved and his demonic beasts grew even stronger, he had no fear anymore. Perhaps, there might still be a lot of stronger forces from somewhere unknown.

Nevertheless, he enjoyed the current satisfaction, the satisfaction which came from his probable ignorance. He was feeling good and satisfied.

A man's advancement was through constantly alternating dissatisfaction and little contentment. Blind dissatisfaction would upset a man but at the same time, improvement would be hindered if one was always happily contented. Going beyond limit was as bad as falling short. Everything was at its best when it was appropriate. A man shouldn't have an excessive pursuit of perfection. The beauty only existed when there was deformity.

These days, Qing Shui spent his time taking care of his little one longer than usual. He was more than willing to enjoy such a family bliss. Since Yiye Jiange needed to practice her skills, he offered to babysit throughout the day. After all, he didn't really do day-time training. Instead, he watched the Mistresses train while caring for his child.

During his spare time, Qing Shui indulged in painting and drawing. He would paint a portrait of his son almost every day. Unfortunately, it only remained at the current level.

He painted his family members as well. Looking at his painting ability, Qing Shui reckoned it would be universally shocking if he owned such skills in the past life.

It had been a long time since Qing Shui last visited the Northern Ocean. He only visited the Linhai City once halfway, when Tantai Lingyan and Qin Qing were absent. It seemed like they were doing fine in the Demon Lord Palace.

The couple, Lan Lingfeng and Yin Tong, were still in the Imperial Cuisine Hall of Linhai city together with Tianyi and the rest. There wasn't much difference here after Qing Shui left, though Qing Shui's presence was important and had caused a stir in the old days. Things would fade as time went by. The world wouldn't end for no one, regardless of how powerful he was.

Lan Lingfeng and Yin Tong went through training most of the times besides taking care of Yu Niang's family and maintaining the normal operation of the Imperial Cuisine Hall. Qing Shui taught Tianyi a lot of things. Formerly, he was able to be independent and take charge of a section. Now, he was a model of the Miraculous Physician.

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It was a simple yet fulfilling lifestyle lately for Qing Shui. However, he also had various feelings because he had been away from his family and women most of the times. He missed them so much that he felt a bit uneasy.

A man should be ambitious and full of aspirations. Qing Shui didn't have far-reaching goals. All that he had today was simply built slowly out of desperate situations. He wasn't really ambitious and didn't have much desire to control others.

For two months, Qing Shui didn't get any explanations from Xu Clan about the sneak attack. He reckoned it was the Watermoon Cavern since he hadn't made a lot of enemies here.

Apart from that, the one who confused the man's wisdom remained unknown. The man was probably dead by now as Xu Clan failed to detect the actual murderer. Still, they wouldn't let go of the person who killed their member directly so easily.

One day, while Qing Shui took Qing Xiu for a walk in the yard, a few men from the Dragonwolf Palace came and requested their Palace Mistress to return. The Watermoon Cavern had sent their men, according to them.

Qing Shui was startled when he heard the news. The Watermoon Cavern had come even though there was almost a whole year to go and it had only been three months.

The variation in affairs was beyond expectations. After a while, Qing Hanye showed up. She was worried as she understood the situation but she couldn't avoid it nor refuse to return. Moreover, she couldn't abandon her master there.

Staring at Qing Shui, she looked upset.

"Let's go. I'd go along with you to see what kind of men the Watermoon Cavern had sent." Qing Shui, looking casual at the moment.

Qing Hanye felt slightly relieved after seeing Qing Shui being so relaxed. He had a magical charm that made everything seemed effortless with his presence. Things would fall into places naturally.

“Do you really want to go?” Qing Hanye asked Qing Shui after a brief thought.

Qing Shui nodded. He couldn't state it too corny or act too intimately as there were others around. Qing Hanye felt his intent from Qing Shui's eyes and blushed.

Sunset Palace Mistress and other Mistresses wanted to go as well but Qing Shui made them stay, considering that Qing Xiu was still young. It was sufficient for him to visit the Dragonwolf Palace alone.

The Mistresses knew Qing Shui's personality well. His every decision was his final word, especially in such matter. Hence, they didn't say much except reminding them to be careful.

“Are you sure?” It was the third time that Qing Hanye had asked the question along the journey.

“You really do not have any faith in your man, do you?” Qing Shui was left speechless. It was logical since they didn't know his guiding ability.

“Jiange and the rest cannot live without you.” Qing Hanye said in slight agony.

“Hence I'll be fine, don't worry. I won't blindly fight to the death. I must have certain confidence in the fact that I had the courage to come.”

“If you didn't have any confidence, would you not have come then?” Qing Hanye asked, grasping the slightest mistake in his words.

“I'd have to create confidence if I don't have it. When there's a will, there's a way. I can work my brains out for you. There's nothing that can defeat us.” Qing Shui sounded vague.

Qing Shui felt something was fishy once stepping into the Eastern peak Dragonwolf Palace. There were obviously people who weren't from Dragonwolf Palace. These men appeared arrogant, as if they're more superior in the Dragonwolf Palace.

Seeing such situation, Qing Hanye's expression was unpleasant. What men did the Watermoon Cavern send? How come there were so many of them? She had met more than 300 of them along the way and they were all really good.