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Chapter 1821 - Shadow Phoenix Pavilion, The Lair of Assassins

Shen Huang didn't say anything but merely wore a faint smile. Right now, she felt very relaxed. Having experienced life and death twice within the same day, she learned to accept many things. It was as if she was able to see through the meaning of life more.

People tended to say that one's vision determined one's height. There were also people who claimed that one's height determined one's vision. In a way, these two were actually connected. Earlier, Shen Huang had been unable to walk out of her own chains. Everyone had a threshold that they were unable to pass through. This was Shen Huang's.

However, even though she was still unable to cross it at the moment, this was no longer impossible nor would it be able to restrict her. If there were no accidents, she would be able to walk out of it slowly.

"You've changed." Qing Shui sensed that Shen Huang's aura had gone through a major change and he looked at her and said in astonishment.

The two of them sat very closely next to each other. Qing Shui's mind was still thinking about how he could help her walk out of this. There were two ways to go about doing this. The first one was the better way and it would allow her to walk out of it. However, it would require time. The other way was to catalyze it directly, causing her to feel that all of her hopes are crushed. There would be nothing more which her true heart had wanted to protect.

When Qing Shui saw her determination during the moment she had lost herself, he knew that he must do his best to treat her with his medical skills. He would only gamble with another method if he couldn't save her with his medical skills.

Thankfully, Qing Shui's medical skills were even more powerful than his cultivation. It seemed that this method wasn't bad either.

"Have I really changed?" Shen Huang smiled and looked at Qing Shui.

"Mmmm. You've become beautiful, and you smile a lot more now. You've become an existence that I can truly feel. It's unlike the feeling before, when I couldn't touch you even when you were right next to me." Qing Shui chuckled.

When Qing Shui said this, it was unknown if he did it intentionally but he had placed a greater emphasis on the word 'touch'.

Shen Huang threw a glance toward Qing Shui before saying, "I suddenly feel that the world is a lot brighter now."

There was still something else which she did not mention. It was only because of Qing Shui that she felt that the world had become a bit brighter than before.

Of course, Qing Shui wouldn't know this. He wasn't that much of a narcissist and believed that Shen Huang wouldn't like him. After all, he already had other women and she clearly knew that. Therefore, he wouldn't think of things in this direction.

Unknowingly, it was already evening. Qing Shui knew that it was time for him to leave. Shen Huang got up and walked alongside Qing Shui as he headed out.

"Even if the Dancing Phoenix Continent is currently unstable, it's much more peaceful than before. If there aren't any accidents, The Golden Phoenix organization will end up in Huo Feng's hands. Was the person from the Heavy Region Sword Sect who died the Sect Master?" It was only now, when Qing Shui was curious about the mysterious person.

"It's indeed the Sect Master. But with him dead, there's likely to be a new one soon. Furthermore, they'd be in high morale, wanting to seek revenge for the previous Sect Master." When they were having their meal previously, someone came to report the situation to Shen Huang.

"Seek what revenge? How dare they come to stir trouble when we haven't even gone to them and wipe out their Heavy Region Sword Sect?" Qing Shui said in contempt.

"Crude!" Shen Huang smiled and said happily.

"You look very charming when you smile. You should smile more in the future. There's no need to send me off any further. I'll take my leave. There's still the Shadow Phoenix Pavilion. The few people who have died aren't sufficient to inflict much damage, but the situation has been changed." Qing Shui stopped and reported to Shen Huang.

He started off teasing Shen Huang, but was very serious when he moved on to something else. Shen Huang reassured him, "There's actually no need to worry too much about the Dancing Phoenix Continent. I've been too reckless previously."

Qing Shui knew that it wasn't that she had been reckless, but that she had an attitude of hating the world. Moreover, the other party had threatened her using Huo Feng and she also had too much confidence in herself. When she hadn't expected them to use the Intoxicated Immortal Fragrance, she was caught off guard.

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On the way back, Qing Shui kept on wondering who was it that had killed that Formation Master and the man with a bulky physique from the Heavy Region Sword Sect. Since he couldn't find the answer, he decided to not think too deeply about it. After all, if he acted a little more careful, there were only a few people in the Dancing Phoenix Continent would be able to pose a threat to him at his current cultivation level.

Everything at home was normal and the formations around the Qing Clan had been removed. It wouldn't be a huge problem for the people from Qing Clan to keep them activated. Although they weren't highly proficient in the formations, they would be able to move around the formations around the residence with great ease. The only exceptions were the children.

After returning, Qing Shui returned to the peaceful life from before. It was as if all the things that were brewing in the Dancing Phoenix Continent had nothing to do with him at all. He continued to enjoy the joy of family life as well as help the members of Qing Clan get stronger.

The old man from the Soaring Dragon Continent's Great Yan Dynasty was the Dragon Saber Battle God Inheritor. However, he was already old so Qing Shui didn't factor him in. He had no idea if his daughter would be able to pick up after the old man.

Qing Shui's women were outstanding and powerful, but Qing Shui felt that it was a little difficult for them. The Dragon Saber battle techniques weren't suitable for women. Therefore, he hoped that one of the three brothers would be able to inherit it.

Qing Zun and Qing Ming were very stable and after a few more years, they would exude a brilliant glow. Luan Luan was comparatively faster than the others. She could be said to always be at the forefront of people her age.

Luan Luan had grown up and matured. She was now a full grown adult and had many powerful demonic beasts. She herself was also very strong and there was no one restricting her. She could make her own decisions.

Qing Zun and Qing Yin had also been making their own decisions but they didn't have much experience in far distance traveling. If they were to travel, it would be best for them to have a companion. On the contrary, Qing Ming tended to be a loner and had more experience in this area.

Qing Zun and the others were all at Early Martial Emperor but their abilities have stabilized a lot. Therefore, from then on, they would enter a phase of rapid progression until they have reached Peak Martial Emperor without stopping at all.

The time they would take was expected to be around three to five years and would not surpass eight years. Qing Shui had the ability to assess such things.

Their progression rate was a lot slower when compared to Qing Shui's. Even Luan Luan's progression was a lot slower than his. That was expected. After all, Qing Shui was like playing a game with cheats. If he had fewer treasures, he would be far behind from Luan Luan.

In a few days time, news came in saying that both the Fire Phoenix Organization and the Golden Phoenix Organization had come under the Phoenix God Organization.

There was something that Qing Shui was unaware of. Ever since that day, Huo Feng had thought things through and gave up on Shen Huang. In his mind, Shen Huang was deemed to become Qing Shui's.

Shen Huang didn't explain anything nor did she feel that there was a need to give an explanation.

Not only was Qing Shui Shen Huang's benefactor, he was also Huo Feng's.

After the three influences had merged together, they instantly left Heavy Region Sword Sect behind them. In the process, the Heavy Region Sword Sect had wanted to ask the Phoenix God Organization for an explanation, but they almost ended up being annihilated. Then, they eventually formed an alliance with the Shadow Phoenix Pavilion.

The Shadow Phoenix Pavilion didn't have a good reputation and all of them were assassins. Or rather, those who were strong were assassins. They didn't have a large number but they were overwhelmingly strong. No one would be willing to provoke a group of people who excelled in the art of assassination.

With that, the Dancing Phoenix Continent was split into two opposing forces. The Phoenix God Organization would not take action to deal with the Shadow Phoenix Pavilion in the short term. It was most likely due to the fact that they won't be able to wipe them out completely and if they failed to do so, the consequences would be very troublesome.

Chapter 1822 - Alchemy Recipe for the Reborn Pellet

Although the other party was not someone to mess with, the Phoenix God Organization wasn't a pushover neither.

Qing Shui wasn't too worried. With Shen Huang around, especially now that there had been a change in her perception, Qing Shui was not concerned. However, he would still remain here for a while and won't be leaving right away. Before he left, he might as well resolve all the matters here.

This time around, the Qing Clan didn't take part in the fight. Qing Shui actually hoped that they would never have to get involved. However, just in case something were to happen, it was necessary for them to have the power to back themselves up. Sometimes, things would not go as well and one did not have the choice of participating or not.

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In the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, Qing Shui put aside the alchemy work he was doing, feeling a little agitated. The alchemy recipe for the Reborn Pellet was going to come out very soon. He would be able to accumulate sufficient experience in the period of time he had in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal today.

It had been very long. The increment to his alchemy experience was slower than a snail. Still, it continued to increase a little bit at a time. Therefore, over the years, Qing Shui had always spent some time accumulating experience in alchemy.

Thereafter, the increase in his experience got faster and Qing Shui saw some hope. Compared to the slow increment from before, it was now rapid. Earlier on, the increment had been a few points each time, despite that the requirement was for over ten million points. At a later time, the increment was over 100 points each time and if he was lucky, it'd be a few hundred points. This was when the time spent on each alchemy process was considered to be very long.

In the past, any alchemy he did would gain him some experience worth of a few hundred points. However, right now, he would only get a couple of hundred when he was lucky. Just this low couple of hundreds would make Qing Shui extremely happy.

It was too boring to be performing alchemy solely to accumulate experience. Moreover, there was only a little experience with each time. Without powerful determination, one wouldn't be able to persist.

Considering the amount of effort taken to reach this, it should be a very powerful medicine. Otherwise, it wouldn't be able to do any justice to the hard work during the past years. Although it had only been several years, to Qing Shui, it was the equivalent of several hundreds of years. If the alchemy recipe that took him several hundreds of years worthless, Qing Shui would probably end up spurting blood from shock.

After having some rest and taking a meal, Qing Shui once again continued performing alchemy. The Golden Flint Iron Cauldron was an item which he had gotten his hands on when he met Huoyun Liu-Li in the past, and was given to him by her.

Whenever Qing Shui looked at this Golden Flint Iron Cauldron, a special feeling would arise in his heart. He would think of the things that had happened between himself and Huoyun Liu-Li, especially the times when they had just gotten to know each other as well as the things that had happened during the time spent at the Earthly Paradise.

He was only a little bit of experience away, even with the minor increment increase after spending a large part of the day. Time was ticking by and the closer he got to the goal, the more anxious he felt.

It had been a long while since Qing Shui got this agitated.

Ding!

The familiar pleasant sound rang out and Qing Shui felt that it was better than the most melodious music in the world. He had been waiting for this sound all this time but it had refused to appear. Thereafter, he gave up on waiting for it and just focused on performing alchemy.

Upon hearing the sound, Qing Shui forgot about his fatigue and immediately returned to life before taking a look at the Reborn Pellet's alchemy recipe.

Reborn Pellet: Sacred Luo Fruit, Spring of Life, Stone Goblet Milk with an age of 10,000 Years or more, Ice-Immortal Snow Lotus, turtle blood with an age of 100,000 years or more.

Effect: Allow flesh to grow from bones. Can reverse one's damage if damage did not exceed 20% of one's body. Can allow all the minor damages in a complete body that was less than 30% to be completely healed.

Qing Shui was extremely astonished. As expected of the Reborn Pellet, it was really logic-defying. It could really bring one back to life. Qing Shui had yet to see a miraculous medicine that could bring the dead back to life and allow flesh to grow again on bones.

This was definitely considered to be a miraculous medicine. As long as a person didn't lose their head, if they were to lose an arm, it was possible for the arm to be regenerated. However, it would be difficult if one were to lose an entire leg. Even if someone were to lose two of their internal organs, this medicine would allow them to be healed rapidly.

Qing Shui got back to his senses after submerging in the blissful feeling. He had been so happy that it was as if he had already created this miraculous medicine. However, it was only an alchemy recipe. A recipe that listed the ingredients required to refine a miraculous medicine.

If one were to fail at creating it, then they could only have themselves to blame for being useless. Qing Shui didn't doubt his abilities in alchemy but the ingredients listed made him felt a little troubled.

The things which existed in the legends could be found in this world. Take the legendary grade weapons for example. It was just that these things were especially few and it would be even more difficult to find one particular legendary item. If it was just a legendary grade item of any kind, it would be easy for Qing Shui.

Qing Shui was surprised at the requirement of the Spring of Life. If he didn't happen to possess it, where could he go and look for one?

He also had the required Stone Goblet Milk with an age of over 10,000 Years as well. Back then, he got intimate with Yu Ruyan in the area and had stored quite a lot of the Stone Goblet Milk in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. As for Turtle blood with an age of 100,000 Years or more, it was a little difficult. However, he can look for it after returning to the North Sea. The Golden Medicinal Turtle was still a little short of the age and if there were really no other way, he could just wait for the Golden Medicinal Turtle to reach the required age.

Another thing was the Ice-Immortal Snow Lotus. Qing Shui hadn't heard of this before. However, he had heard of the Ice-Mountain Snow Lotus. Their names were almost the same, but they were completely different. Qing Shui specifically took a close look at it. It really said Ice-Immortal Snow Lotus.

As for the other items, they were mostly precious medicinal herbs or the like. However, Qing Shui had a lot of stock in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. Right now, the two things that he needed to find were the Sacred Luo Fruit and the Ice-Immortal Snow Lotus. Turtle blood with an age of 100,000 Years or more didn't seem to be that hard.

Now that he had obtained the recipe, Qing Shui didn't feel like performing alchemy to accumulate experience anymore. However, it was a pity that he won't be able to refine the Reborn Pellet in the short term. He decided to wash up and take a look around the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

He wanted to take a look at the various treasures, many of which he had almost forgotten about.

Pure Gold Fishing Rod!

Qing Shui hadn't used this for very long. In the past, he had fished out a Portrait of Beauty in addition to many other treasures.

Longevity Fish!

Right now, there were already many Longevity Fish in the lake in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

There were also the Rainbow Trout Fish and others. All these were very delicious but there was no end to them no matter how much he ate. Moreover, they no longer brought him any other effects. He had eaten too much. Furthermore, he didn't care for the other effects they could bring neither. Even the younger kids in the Qing Clan wouldn't care for them.

However, many of the fishes here not only increases one's cultivation but they also helped nurture the constitution and strengthened the foundation.

In Qing Shui's previous life, some novels had mentioned that one must have a high level of comprehension should they wished to cultivate to become an immortal. Things like this were actually dependant on one's aptitude and talent. Everyone had a different physical aptitude. In his previous life, it was said children could only start walking at 18 months old. However, there were also those who could start walking at 10 months old. Most could already start walking around 13 months old.

Qing Shui had many fish varieties which increased one's aptitude. Although the increments were little, they were very important. It was because they would slowly develop and increase the increments in multiple folds. Sometimes, just a tiny bit of difference could bring about overwhelming changes.

This was the importance of one's aptitude. For those who did not cultivate or were at a very young age, the difference wasn't big. However, in the future, if one were to start cultivating, the difference could be the difference between the sky and the ground.

Chapter 1823 - Returning to the North Sea

Unknowingly, another two months passed by. On this day, Qing Shui decided to head for the North Sea and the depths of the Haohan Continent.

Having returned for about three months, it was considered neither long or short. Some other things had happened in these three months. For example, Hai Dongqing and Yu He had both gotten pregnant.

This made Qing Shui very happy. Women with a strong cultivation had a lower chance of getting pregnant. Qing Shui didn't feel much about this, he just thought that the chances of them getting pregnant were very low. The probability of pregnancy would be similar to the intercourse on a safe day in his previous life.

The safe day wasn't an absolute foolproof and the experts in this world had a very long lifespan, so this was probably a kind of balance in the world as well. Many people would manage to get children after a very long period of time or in the latter half of their life.

Only those with great wealth and power would be able to have many children. However, people had physical restrictions. For example, the few ancient sovereigns in Qing Shui's previous life led a long life. Therefore, there were also a lot of people who paid a lot of effort in ensuring their good health.

Although he was happy, he had not been wasting any day throughout this time. However, Yu Ruyan, Di Chen, and Tantai Xuan didn't get pregnant.

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Qing Shui wasn't willing to see a situation like this, but there was no other way out. He bade goodbye to his family and rushed in the direction of the Demon Lord Palace. Tantai Lingyan and Qin Qing were both waiting for him.

In the past two months, the Phoenix God Organization had basically settled down. Qing Shui had gone there a few times and not only had he helped Shen Huang get stronger, he also helped to clean her impurities, allowing both her cultivation and combat experience to increase a notch higher

Even Huo Feng had received tremendous help from Qing Shui. Qing Shui gave Huo Feng the Phoenix Form and hadn't expected it to be especially suitable for him. Although Shen Huang was the Phoenix God Organization's Divine Seat and her name was Shen Huang, it was a pity that the martial arts she cultivated wasn't one that was related to phoenixes.

The Shadow Phoenix Pavilion hadn't been wiped out, but had been surpassed by a great deal by the Phoenix God Organization.

The reason the Phoenix God Organization had suddenly gotten stronger wasn't just because Shen Huang and the others had become more powerful. Shen Huang had been very strong even before this.

However, it was now considered to be terrifying, since the Golden Phoenix and Fire Phoenix had joined forces with them as well. Although the name still remained as the Phoenix God Organization, it was said that they had used this name before they went their separate ways. It was only at a later time that the Golden Phoenix and the Fire Phoenix set up their own groups.

Huo Feng didn't have a clear mind and thus everything was handled by Jin Feng. Nonetheless, now that he had recovered, Huo Feng was their representative. Right now, all their powers have merged together and it was all thanks to Shen Huang's charm. A lady who was like a goddess had a powerful ability to build cohesion.

This also let Qing Shui to see, that the Dancing Phoenix Continent had the ability to match up with the Soaring Dragon Continent and Haohan Continent. This feeling was very strong and this lady had contributed a lot to this.

Two days ago, Qing Shui had already told Sousearch that he was going to leave. He didn't say which day he would leave, but it would be in the next few days. When Qing Shui left, he didn't wish to tell anyone. Even Sousearch, Puyang Qing, and the others didn't know either.

Qing Ming and Yiye Jiange, who was carrying Qing Xiu, stood on Dark Phoenix's back and flew at a rapid speed to the Demon Lord Palace.

Looking at Yiye Jiange who was carrying their child, Qing Shui didn't know if this kid had a good life or not...

In fact, during this period of time, Tantai Lingyan and Qin Qing had also gone to Qing Clan a few times. The members of the Qing Clan understood what this meant. It didn't matter if they weren't Qing Shui's women now, but in the future, they would definitely be.

They arrived at the Demon Lord Palace. Yiye Jiange still had an especially good relationship with the two ladies. Even Tantai Lingyan, who seldom shows any expression, revealed a faint smile. She smiles a lot more than before, but seldom does that before outsiders.

Thankfully, those who were familiar with her were already used to this. Most people would tend to lose their soul by seeing her smile. It was something which couldn't be bought even with a thousand gold.

What Qing Shui enjoyed the most was to see Tantai Lingyan carrying children. It might be due to a woman's nature that she was able to do it so naturally. Right now, she carried Qing Xiu very naturally. That scene was very beautiful.

The kid wasn't shy and reached out his small and plump hand to touch Tantai Lingyan's face.

"Mmm mmm, don't be randomly touching..."

Tantai Lingyan's face flushed up and she glared at Qing Shui. Both Yiye Jiange and Qin Qing chuckled as they looked toward Qing Shui.

Qing Shui was only trying to get her to smile.

However, Yiye Jiange also blushed a little. She recalled some events where she didn't know whether to laugh or cry. Sometimes, he would jokingly fight with the little kid for food...

When Qin Qing saw Yiye Jiange's expression, she whispered something next to her ears. This caused Yiye Jiange to blush even more. It was because back then, Qin Qing had been at the Qing Clan and saw the scene, but Qing Shui didn't seem to feel anything about it and even sucked out noisily in exaggeration.

Till now, both Yiye Jiange and Qin Qing didn't know if Qing Shui had done that intentionally.

Yiye Jiange felt a little embarrassed at the thought of it while Qin Qing's heartbeat increased when she recalled the scene of Qing Shui kissing the snow white peaks. She could still remember the slightly teasing gaze Qing Shui had cast at her back then.

The three ladies in the room turned flushed red. All of them were like fairies who had come down to the mortal world. Qing Shui looked at them seriously and the satisfaction in his heart was gushing like an overflowing river.

It was still early and the two ladies didn't have anything to pack. Therefore, after informing Hua Rumei, Zhan Yu, and the others, the group went on their way.

The Demon Lord Palace was still the Demon Lord Palace, but the Demon Lord Palace now had a different feel to it. Thanks to Hua Rumei, the one who had been managing the Demon Lord Palace.

Right now, Tantai Lingyan seemed to be seeking development in the Haohan Continent. Although she didn't say anything, Qing Shui knew that she hadn't forgotten about the Five Tiger Immortal Sect.

Qing Shui didn't think of giving up on it either. If the problem with the Five Tiger Immortal Sect persisted, the shadows in Tantai Lingyan's heart wouldn't be completely removed. Qing Shui hadn't brought these up, but he had not forgotten.

With his current cultivation level, he had also tried to find out more about the Haohan Continent. However, he didn't get any information concerning the Five Tiger Immortal Sect.

In the ordinary world, those without a reputation were either not famous or without capabilities. However, if one didn't hear of them in the Haohan Continent, it would be because their level wasn't high enough to reach them. They might not even be able to reach the existences that were one notch lower than the Five Tiger Immortal Sect.

Qing Shui didn't feel disappointed. On the other hand, this made him even more motivated. He wasn't someone who would admit defeat. He had the advantages of so many treasures and if he couldn't get justice on Tantai Lingyan, then his life would have been for naught.

It was much easier to return to the North Sea since there was the Five Elements Divine Flag. Earlier on, the Five Elements Divine Flag could be used to bring along not more than five people. At a later time, it went through some more changes but there hadn't been any breakthrough. Although the Five Elements Divine Flag didn't undergo a breakthrough, he could bring along all living existences within a space of four meters square. All life forms within this area would be brought along with him.

With Qing Xiu included, there were only five of them. Moreover, an area of four meters square wasn't that small, with a length and breadth of two meters respectively, there was no problem for even ten people to fit in the space if they stood close together.

Chapter 1824 - Tantai Lingyan's Epiphany

They instantly arrived at the Divine Cave that was in the Ice Ocean Domain. This wasn't the first time Yiye Jiange had traveled in this manner between Qing Clan and the North Sea. Qin Qing had experienced it before and Tantai Lingyan wasn't a person who would be easily taken by surprise.

This method saved them a lot of time. The Divine Cave was exactly the same as when they had left back then. It was clean and everything was in abundance. Moreover, there was a kind of natural elegance about the cave. Previously, Qing Shui had set up a restriction here and thus this place was a residence for Qing Shui and the ladies.

Back then, when the Sea King Palace hadn't moved off, Qing Shui had stayed here. Thinking back, over ten years had passed and it had been a very long time since he had lived here. However, this place was a very important location for Qing Shui to move between the Dancing Phoenix Continent and the Haohan Continent. Without this place, Qing Shui would need to spend a lot of time on his travel.

This place was right next to the Linhai City and wasn't that far away from the Great Qin Dynasty either. It was the entrance to the Northern Sea City and was only one step away from the place. The Sunset Sea King Palace, Dragonwolf Palace...

Thinking about it, Qing Shui realized that he had gotten himself involved with quite a number of powerhouses. There was also the Divine Moon Immortal Sect...

Qing Shui didn't plan on staying here either. It had been some time and he should go to the Sunset Sea King Palace to check if they were fine. Therefore, he brought the group along with him and used the Nine Continents Step.

Tantai Lingyan and Qin Qing also went along to the Sunset Sea King Palace. The moment they entered, the few ladies came out, Qing Hanye included. Seeing that they were all fine, Qing Shui was relieved.

Luo Qingcheng seemed to be in a better condition now. They said that when one managed to survive an ordeal, they'd be able to enjoy great fortune. There was some sort of sense to this saying. However, Qing Shui wasn't very familiar with the metaphysics. The fact that the good and the evil would each have their just desserts, was related to the law of cause and effect. However, enjoying great fortune after surviving an ordeal seemed to be a change in mentality and character for Qing Shui.

Most people, after experiencing life and death, would go through a huge change in their life. This was especially so in Qing Shui's previous life. For example, if a person were to survive a traffic accident, they would usually have two options after they had recovered. One would live their life freely without any restrictions. They would think that life was too fragile and could be gone at any moment. Therefore, they would let themselves loose.

Another option was to treasure. They would feel that it wasn't easy to get their life back and must treasure it more. They would understand many things and would tend to turn over a new leaf.

However, despite the option one took, they would experience a huge change in their mentality.

It was the same in this world. Although a cultivator's life was spent licking blood off their blades, many cultivators might never get to experience a life or death battle in their entire life. After all, there were too many cultivators and only the true martial arts practitioners would occasionally experience life and death battles.

Luo Qingcheng's mentality had undergone a huge change. Her previous experience with life and death had made her said many things that she didn't wish to, resulting in a promised relationship between her and Qing Shui.

Muyun Qingge and Qing Hanye walked over happily toward Qing Shui, Yiye Jiange, and Qin Qing. They also picked up Qing Xiu happily.

"Did anything happen within this short period of time?" Qing Shui was glad to see that they were fine. No matter how serious things were, things would be fine now. Therefore, he merely asked casually.

"Everything's fine. It hasn't been that long and nothing major has happened."

The ladies then introduced to Tantai Lingyan and Qin Qing. They said that heroes cherished heroes. In fact, it was the same between beauties as well. Moreover, the few ladies were all very strong and were not that far away from each other.

After the few ladies got to know each other, they looked at Qing Shui strangely. They felt that the most beautiful ladies in the world had all gathered around Qing Shui. All of them recognized that they were very beautiful, but when they saw each other, they couldn't say that they were more beautiful than the others.

Qing Shui couldn't compare them either. He couldn't say who was more beautiful than the other, but he knew that he wasn't a devoted man. A man who was devoted would be able to distinguish the most beautiful woman. There were men who would seem as if they had gone crazy if they fell in love with one particular woman. No matter how beautiful other women were, they won't be willing to give them a second glance.

Men like that were devoted. They could be said to be single-minded or dim-witted. Of course, there were also be people who would say that the woman had cast a spell over that man.

Although Qing Shui hadn't been like that in his previous life, he was still considered to be quite devoted. After arriving in this world, he felt that he was still devoted and simple-minded. However, not even demonic beasts would believe him if he were to say that...

At noon, Qing Shui took charge of the cooking while the ladies also helped. They made a sumptuous meal.

"Lingyan, Qing`er, what plans do you guys have? Do you want to stay here?" Qing Shui asked them over the meal.

"I think we better head back to the Imperial Cuisine Hall in a while!" Qin Qing gave it some thought before saying.

This was the world in the ocean and although there wasn't much impact on their lives to live here, both of them still preferred to stay on land. Moreover, the two of them weren't that familiar with the few ladies here either.

Qing Shui merely brought this up. He knew that the chances of them staying wouldn't be high. However, after knowing that they wanted to head to the Imperial Cuisine Hall, Qing Shui nodded. He gave it some thought and said, "You guys must take care of each other and if there are any troubles, do inform one another."

"Don't worry. We know that." Yiye Jiange said softly.

"Mmmm, we know." Qin Qing smiled softly as she looked at Qing Shui. Her gentleness and understanding made Qing Shui very happy.

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"I'll go with them to the Imperial Cuisine Hall to take a look. You guys haven't met for very long and can have a good chat. I'll be back after spending some time there." After lunch, Qing Shui said to them before leaving with the two ladies.

"Mmm, be careful on your way."

Linhai City!

The Sunset Sea King Palace was very near to the Linhai City and it didn't take them long to arrive.

It was snowing in Linhai City. This wasn't a strange sight. Most areas in the Ice Domain Dynasty faced winter throughout the year. The Linhai City was close to the Ice Ocean Domain. The temperature there was low and there would often be snow.

However, Qing Shui was in a good mood now. He looked at the falling snowflakes, at how the entire place was covered in white and silver. He then looked at the two ladies next to him, Tantai Lingyan especially. There was an indescribable sense of harmony as if they had become a part of the surrounding world.

Power! Aura!

Qing Shui was increasingly astonished. He suddenly carried Qin Qing and disappeared rapidly before setting up the Nine Palace Formation.

Tantai Lingyan stood in the snow, in a daze. She seemed as if she had lost her consciousness and the forces in her body started to circulate slowly but with a great power. The pure ice-cold auras in the surroundings entered her body through her Baihui Acupoint.

Heavenly Dao!

"Has she entered the threshold of transcendence?" Qin Qing looked at Qing Shui and asked.

Earlier on, Qing Shui had grabbed her quickly and left using the Nine Continents Steps. Therefore, when Qin Qing gasped, they were already very far away.

Qing Shui told her to not say a word nor make a sound. He then gave Tantai Lingyan a quiet time to herself, watching quietly from afar.

"She sensed an even stronger Heavenly Dao. However, I have no idea how long she can continue in this state. If the time can be longer, then she'll get greater benefits."

Chapter 1825 - Tantai Lingyan Is Too Powerful

Qin Qing knew this as well, but she hadn't noticed it as early as Qing Shui had. Right now, seeing Tantai Lingyan standing amidst the ice and snow, she seemed to be dancing together with the snowflakes.

Qing Shui had stopped everything in the surroundings. At this time, there wouldn't be anyone coming to disturb her. An epiphany like this was hard to encounter even in several decades. He was well aware of the benefits and could almost describe this as a rebirth.

It was a person's great fortune to encounter an epiphany once in their life. If it was in Qing Shui's previous life, there was the saying 'a single comprehension allowed one to gain enlightenment to become a Buddha.' This went to show how powerful an epiphany was.

Of course, the saying from Qing Shui's previous life could have been exaggerated but after a great comprehension, one would go through a tremendous change and get ahead of many people in life. It was like a saint from Qing Shui's previous life, who knew a lot more compared to ordinary people. Another saying was one would experience a tremendous change inside their bodies, for example, a genetic change. There was also the statement that there were many other 'universes' in everyone's body and in the bodies of saints, their inner worlds have been truly awakened.

After coming to this world, Qing Shui had also experienced epiphanies before and it was more than once. With each experience, not only was his mind clearer, but his brain had experienced great development, his body's toughness and other aspects also improved qualitatively. Even his talent or aptitude would be increased by a notch.

Epiphany was the greatest miracle medicine!

Time ticked by and 15 minutes had passed. Qing Shui felt very agitated. 15 minutes wasn't considered bad. In usual cases, 15 minutes would pass by in a flash, but at this moment, 15 minutes seemed to be very long.

In this world, time was split into 12 sections in a day, with each section representing two hours. Qing Shui was more accustomed to calculate time by hours.

During this time, Qin Qing didn't say a word. She also would like to see Tantai Lingyan becoming even stronger. They were very close sisters and could be said to always be together.

Another 15 minutes passed by. Qing Shui was happy to see that Tantai Lingyan was still in the epiphany. However, before he could feel happy about it, something happened. A snow-white longsword suddenly appeared in Tantai Lingyan's hand.

Goddess' Sword!

Tantai Lingyan had once obtained the Goddess Divine Set together with Qing Shui.

Sword dance!

Qing Shui looked at the amazing feeling that Tantai Lingyan was giving off and knew that she hadn't gotten out from the epiphany. He felt especially happy. This was enough. Even if she were to wake up immediately, the benefits that she received from this episode would be sufficient. However, from the looks of it, this wasn't all.

Her sword moved together with her, bringing about streams of ice pulses. Those translucent things that looked like ice silk seemed gentle and soft, but Qing Shui knew that their prowess was definitely terrifying. They had a powerful five elements forces on them which wasn't just the combination of the five elements. Ice was under the water element, it had the sharpness of the metal element, the strong vitality of the wood element, the violent power of the fire element and the great strength of the earth element...

Tantai Lingyan's sword dance grew increasingly faster, yet still remained very clear and the rhythm was very good. She had gotten many times stronger but that powerful sword dance didn't affect any of the snowflakes in the surroundings.

Even Qing Shui was amazed by her great mastery over the Origin Qi and Qi Force. It was like a person who could kill a cow with a single punch, yet having the mastery to not kill a baby despite launching a punch. This analogy didn't seem good. A person who could kill a cow could pinch an ant to pick it up yet not let it get injured.

This was a realm in which one could circulate their forces and strength to the extreme. Of course, Tantai Lingyan's realm had improved by many levels compared to how it was before.

This continued for less than 30 minutes before Tantai Lingyan came to a stop. The aura she exuded was very mysterious, with an indescribable charm.

"Mmmm!"

To Qing Shui's surprise, he sensed a similar aura on Tantai Lingyan which he had sensed from Shen Huang and Sheng Jun. Although it wasn't as powerful as theirs, it was very close.

This time around, Tantai Lingyan's improvement was tremendous. It was a terrifying leap. On the path of martial arts, most people were usually stuck before reaching the Heavenly Dao.

Of course, at the initial phase, it would be dependent on one's aptitude while at the later phase, it would be restricted by one's realm. It was like frogs at the bottom of the well. They knew nothing of the outside world and felt that the world at the bottom of the well was their entire world.

This was a difference in one's realm. The reason many people were stuck at a bottleneck, unable to progress further, was due to the realm that they were at. Frogs in the outside world would be able to jump further with just a casual jump compared to the frogs at the bottom of the well. They only need a casual glance to be able to see many times further than the frogs at the bottom of the well.

Everything in the surroundings calmed down and the moment Tantai Lingyan turned her head to look back, she saw Qin Qing and Qin Qing in the distance. There was a mysterious glow in her eyes and when matched with her cold and beautiful aura, she gave off an amazing feeling of beauty.

Extremely cold, yet driving the world crazy.

After seeing Qing Shui and Qin Qing, she broke into a happy smile. Qing Shui and Qin Qing went up next to her. Qing Shui smiled very happily as he looked at her, "Our Little Yanyan has benefited tremendously from this."

Tantai Lingyan's face turned red as she threw Qing Shui an annoyed glance, "You're being so disgusting."

Qin Qing also smiled and said, "This name is good. Our Little Yanyan might be secretly elated over it."

Qing Shui smiled awkwardly, "Little Qingqing is jealous."

"Who's jealous?"

Tantai Lingyan smiled happily and said, "Alright, let's head to the Imperial Cuisine Hall. It'll be turning dark soon."

The three of them arrived at the Imperial Cuisine Hall very quickly. Nothing had changed and everything was as normal as they had left. Three months' time was considered very short. Previously, despite that several years have passed, there hadn't been many changes either.

Right now, Tantai Lingyan's strength should be about the same as Qing Shui, or maybe just a little bit weaker. However, it was definitely over 250,000 Dao force. As for how much her actual battle strength could reach, Qing Shui wasn't sure. In his case, his physical strength was only 350,000 Dao force but in an actual battle, he could unleash a power that was many times greater.

Yin Tong and the others were especially happy to see Qing Shui and the others back. Ling Fei was pregnant. She was already pregnant for a couple of months when they had left. With three months passing by, the child would due in another two months.

Yin Tong was very happy. It was important for them to have a few kids now. Otherwise, as they get stronger, they might end up not being able to have any children. There were many such cases in this world.

When one was strong, it was hard for them to have descendants. However, if they were to have a child, the child's talent and aptitude would be very good. Therefore, many people would be especially happy to get a child in their late years. It wasn't just because they managed to have a child, but also there was someone who could inherit their legacies.

Chapter 1826 - Westgate Hegemon, Foolish Sage Inheritor

Lu Tong and Lan Lingfeng gave Qing Shui a friendly pat on the back, before greeting Tantai Lingyan and Qin Qing. It was crystal clear to them that the two women both belonged to Qing Shui.

Lan Lingfeng took pride in his extraordinary talent, but he had to cede to Qing Shui when it came to relations with women. He did not dare to have any wild thoughts about Tantai Lingyan, as there was an insurmountable gap between them.

But he didn't know that Qing Shui and Tantai Lingyan had that beautiful misunderstanding. He wouldn't dare to have such thoughts either.

The two women had stayed here for quite a while and became more familiar with the rest, it was akin to having a second home, Qing Shui also treated this place as his home, as they were brothers. Here, he felt just like home, meeting everyone made him feel satisfied and jovial.

Qing Shui and the two women had not been in the Imperial Cuisine Hall for a while. Previously, when they were here, they had to leave immediately, the two had lived here for a while before returning to the Demon Lord Palace.

Hence, Qing Shui decided to stay for a while, since they were not far from the Sunset Sea King Palace, waiting for Lu Tong's child to be born.

Zhong Jia did want to visit the Sunset Sea King Palace to stay as it was nearby, while with Qing Shui's speed, it would be simple for Qing Shui to send him there.

Thinking about the birth of Lu Tong's child, Qing Shui couldn't help recall the Vampiric Empress, as she was already about four months pregnant, but Qing Shui did not want to be caught up in the issue.

He had already gotten a massive headache over it for a long time and even after some time, he was unable to forget the matter. He didn't know what to do, should he visit when the child is about to be born?

Qing Shui was most wishy-washy about such kinship matters, he was unable to cut ties with anyone, even if she were an evil Vampiric Demoness, the Vampiric Empress, he was still the first and only male, and human, whose blood she siphoned and sucked.

He did not know why he cared so much, nor why he was struggling internally, he used to believe that the realm he reached was already satisfactory, that the vast seas and skies were for fishes and birds to swim and soar, that he had seen through the mortal world, that he understood everything and that he could handle everything...

Qing Shui stayed at the Imperial Cuisine Hall, with Yu Niang and the rest, whom he respected a great deal, as a mother, albeit powerless and ordinary, but still a respectable mother.

Qing Shui directly raised her to the Xiantian level, allowing her to live more comfortably, while her children had already begun to cultivate, meanwhile she and Tianyi seemed to have gotten closer.

Tianyi was not a youth by any means but his cultivation was still acceptable, though incomparable with the likes of Qing Shui, he was still a high-level Martial Saint, possessing medical skills unparalleled throughout the Imperial Cuisine Hall.

Perhaps it was the course of time, but Yu Niang was very young despite her numerous children as she had her children young, while her youth was preserved by Qing Shui and his Beauty Pellets.

Qing Shui still couldn't quite wrap his head around it, as Yu Niang already had four children, but thinking about himself with Yu Ruyan and Mingye Gelou, it was like a pot calling the kettle black.

Qing Shui could only catch glimpses, but he was unsure. He didn't ask Yu Niang given her shyness, a single person tending to four children was not easy and only with Qing Shui's assistance was she able to turn her life around.

Qing Shui was still able to see some sparks and he did encourage Yu Niang to find another husband, given her young age, but Yu Niang was afraid that her children would be apprehensive, but perhaps this situation had changed as even the youngest lass was already in her teens.

Most importantly, Tianyi was a master and mentor to the children, treating them exceptionally well, meaning that Yu Niang had no qualms in that regard, if they had his children, they would truly be bound by blood.

Some things would naturally occur given the right circumstances, Qing Shui was happy to see this relationship form, as he believed Tianyi to be perfect for Yu Niang.

“Come, it isn’t easy for us brothers to gather like this, let’s drink a few cups.” Qing Shui had to leave right after returning before, but now he had time to drink.

Tianyi was here, and so was Ziche Sha, who held up her wine cup. Despite her pregnancy, her belly did not swell up much as she was still beautiful, while her face carried an angelic grace it didn’t before.

Plum Blossom Wine would not hurt the baby and was even beneficial for her body.

Once they had just about wrapped up the feast, a medicine boy from the Imperial Cuisine Hall ran in, “Old master, the man called the Westgate Hegemon has come again, he’s saying that if you won’t cure him, he won’t let our Imperial Cuisine Hall open.”

Qing Shui was stunned, he did not recall any problems last time, yet in the three months in which he went home, there were already people trying to bully the Imperial Cuisine Hall, he looked at Tianyi, Lu Tong, Lan Lingfeng and the rest, lost.

Lan Lingfeng sighed as he said: “Around two weeks ago, a man called the Westgate Hegemon came to our Imperial Cuisine Hall asking Tianyi to treat him, he was impotent and Tianyi had no cure. He said that if we were unable to treat him he would not permit us to run our business, so we took action but were unable to fend him off, although he wasn’t trying to injure us.....”

As he said this, Lan Lingfeng’s face fell in embarrassment as they were unable to beat the opponent, forcefully barricaded by him and were even unable to treat the customer properly...

Qing Shui’s eyes lit up: “There’s such a matter? Let’s go take a look, did you guys publicize his impotence?”

“We have to respect the patient’s privacy.....”

Qing Shui chuckled, this phrase was too familiar to him, it seemed that every world respected these customs.

The group slowly went to the Imperial Cuisine Hall and upon entering the hall Qing Shui saw a tall, burly man, standing at around 2.6 meters, imposing and menacing just like a real grizzly bear.

This kind of man was impotent, this perplexed Qing Shui, but if he wasn’t impotent it was true that most women would be unable to withstand him crashing down on them...

“Great master, I come with sincerity, please cure me, I will reward you handsomely, even if it means being a bodyguard here.” Upon seeing Tianyi, the burly man stood up and spoke respectfully.

Tianyi could only sigh with resignation: "It's not that I don't want to help you, but I truly am unable to help, why can you not believe me?"

"You are a Miraculous Physician, everyone knows this, you can cure any disease, only after hearing these rumors did I come here, please help me, or else I would never be able to marry anyone." The burly man had no qualms, honestly begging for help.

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What else could be said about this man, he was the Foolish Sage Inheritor.

Chapter 1827 - You were plotted against.....

Memories of the Foolish Sage came from the Golden Battle God Inheritance and the consummate technique of the Foolish Sage was the Immovable Brilliance Seal. It was firm and insurmountable, able to hold up the sky and remain firm while borrowing celestial momentum.

The Foolish Sages were not foolish, after all, those who were outwardly foolish were probably inwardly wise. As true wisdom was not offered as praise, only those playing clever tricks would be praised as wise.

Qing Shui was still shocked, as this man was the Foolish Sage Inheritor. His mentality was pretty good and Qing Shui wouldn't believe that he was a fool.

To be able to casually discuss his private matters in front of others, if they were not fools they were wise people, but even Qing Shui could not evaluate this properly.

Everyone knew that some matters didn't need to be hidden and couldn't be hidden, but the matters that should be hidden should be concealed by any means possible, even if it meant deceiving oneself.

But this man was forthright and unperturbed and yet his misery was real, which made Qing Shui respect him. He began to probe the sage's strength since he was able to beat Lu Tong and Lan Lingfeng.

His strength was indeed extraordinary, exceeding the likes of Lu Tong and Lan Lingfeng, but the gap was still apparent when compared to Qing Shui.

"I say, old brother, aren't you just putting me in a spot, if I could cure you I naturally would have done that, but I am truly unable to help at all." Tianyi was truly at the end of his wits, he had repeated this phrase umpteen times.

"Miraculous Physician, please help me just on the account of my sincerity, we are both men, please help a bro out." The old man shouted as if he was afraid others couldn't hear him.

Tianyi wore a helpless expression, this stubborn fellow seems to be certain that he could cure him and he didn't know what to do, so he could only turn towards Qing Shui

Looking at Qing Shui, he smiled as he said, "Brother, your medical skills are immeasurably better than mine. Can you help resolve this? Since I really have no way."

The man looked at Qing Shui, his eyes glimmering with shock as he heard what Tianyi said. "You are the Miraculous Physician Qing?"

Qing Shui was also shocked, “ You recognize me?”

The burly man’s face lit up with wild joy. As Qing Shui began to feel like this fellow wasn’t a fool, he was rushing up to Qing Shui, “This is great, to be fortunate enough to meet the Miraculous Physician Qing, it means that there is hope for me.”

“I still don’t know what’s your situation, Miraculous Physician Tianyi can’t cure you, so I’d advise you to not bank on these hopes, or else the blow wouldn’t be pleasant.” Qing Shui had already spent this period of time scanning his body and roughly knew what was the issue.

“Miraculous Physician Qing you must help me, if even you can’t cure me, then I may as well go and commit suicide.” The burly man was truly melancholic, but his mentality was truly good. If it were any other man, they would already have killed themselves or went crazy.

Qing Shui smiled as he grabbed on his wrist and placed his finger right on his veins. First, he was able to beat Lan Lingfeng and Lu Tong, yet didn’t do anything excessive. Second, he was merely pestering Tianyi, plus he was the Foolish Sage Inheritor. Therefore, Qing Shui decided to help him out, but he needed to know that this favor was not any lighter than saving his life.

If he could accomplish this it would be great, as the Foolish Sage Inheritor greatly valued loyalty, repaying kindness with self-sacrificial love and they would not betray or repay this kindness with vengeance.....

This was also why Qing Shui was helping him. He had a good opinion of the Foolish Sage Inheritor and though they weren’t numerous, each of them was an elite and battling alongside them was like battling in a formation. They were unbelievably powerful.

Qing Shui casually took his pulse and as time dragged on the burly man got anxious. He was nervously asking Qing Shui, “Miraculous Physician Qing, how am I? Can I be cured?”

Qing Shui did not immediately reply, taking his time to think before saying, “Yes, but the chances of success are not very big.”

The burly man’s face began alternating in different shades, no one could tell if he was rejoicing or mourning, but Qing Shui could sense that he was very emotional and excited.

Indeed, the burly man was very emotional as he had gone to at least thousands of doctors and each of them was renowned and highly skilled, but it was hopeless. Thankfully, none dared to try and cheated him, as most martial artists had some basic abilities to sense their own body condition.

Now that there was finally someone who said they could cure him, the low probability was basically a given, but this reply made him happier than any immortal hymn or music.

“Miraculous Physician Qing, I have faith in your skills!” The burly man immediately declared that he was willing to believe what Qing Shui had to tell him.

“Though I am not a hundred percent confident, I still have about a three-tenths chance of succeeding.” Qing Shui smiled.

The burly man was shocked. He did not feel much when hearing that his chances were low, but knowing that it was only a thirty percent chance was indeed disappointing. It wasn't as miniscule as he thought and was much better than having no shot at all.

"Thirty percent is already not bad, even though I really want to be cured, but I know that the odds of being cured are not exactly in my favor." The burly man smiled bitterly at Qing Shui, his expression was one of resignation.

Qing Shui truly felt that this man's mentality was good, a specialty of people who inherit the mantle of the Foolish Sage. They would be very calm through all matters, rarely getting flustered at all.

"Let's go to the room over there, I'll help cure you right now. We'll be able to tell if it works in around twenty days." Qing Shui thought and said.

"Okay, I've troubled Miraculous Physician Qing." The burly man courteously said, before following Qing Shui into an empty room in the Imperial Cuisine Hall.

Qing Shui was able to cure the burly man and did not want to corner him, so he just needed some time. He believed that he would be helpful in the future and this was the prime time to build up a good relationship.

The human body was filled with meridians, especially the area which contained a man's essence. The meridians there were even more concentrated and amongst them were a few critical Yang meridians. Once there was an issue with those, then they were basically done for. The healing method was next to none, not even with medicinal pills.

Qing Shui began inserting a few needles, casually asking, "When did you realize you have this issue?"

"Twenty years ago, on the day that I got married." The burly man slowly said.

"I've basically confirmed while taking your pulse that someone used medicine to ruin your most important Yang meridians." Qing Shui stared at the burly man as he uttered the truth, word for word.

Chapter 1828 - It's getting hot, player?

After hearing Qing Shui's words, the burly man was not surprised or shocked at all, but his face turned slightly unnatural as he sighed, "Miraculous Physician Qing's words have helped me understand the situation, please help me out."

Qing Shui's intention was to inform him that someone was out to harm him, but seeing that he had gotten the message there was no need to harp on it, he smiled and nodded, "I'll do my best!"

A normal session wouldn't last more than an hour, but even if Qing Shui were able to cure this he would still need multiple sessions, up to two weeks of time. To inflict a disease was quick, like felling mountains. To cure it would take much longer, like threading silk. Qing Shui was not exactly threading silk, but he still needed at least half a month.

After he heard that they were done for the day, the burly man sat up. He was inspecting his own condition, but was quickly disappointed. He quickly hid his disappointment as he knew that he had to trust the Miraculous Physician.....

“So many years have passed, you may as well wait for a month or two to see, even if I can’t cure you. You can find someone else, I won’t collect any payment.” Qing Shui smiled, spotting the dejection in the burly man’s eyes.

“I have faith in you, truly.” The burly man said seriously.

“You can have faith in me after I’ve cured you, also, my two brothers say that your strength is not bad.” Qing Shui smiled as he looked at the burly man.

“I apologize for my brashness. I was desperately searching for medical aid. I never had the intention to harm them.” The burly man frantically said.

Qing Shui shook his head, “Do you think I’m that petty? Let’s compare and compete.”

The burly man shook his head so hard as if it were a rattle-toy, “You are a physician, I’m still counting on you to cure my disease and I’m not that interested in a martial match, I just want to be a man again.”

Qing Shui wanted to compare notes with him, but seeing his unwillingness, most importantly his unwavering mindset, Qing Shui held back the idea.

“Alright then, we’ll compete when you’re better.” Qing Shui smiled.

“That would be even more inappropriate, you would be my savior. After you were giving me a new lease on life. There’s no way that I could injure you.” The burly man spoke with candor.

Qing Shui did not say anything else, he sent off the burly man whose name he still didn’t know. He wasn’t actually overly enthused with the idea of crossing hands against the burly man, given the massive gulf between them.

Qing Shui, Tantai Lingyan, and Qin Qing decided to stay at the Imperial Cuisine Hall, in their same old rooms. Although it had been some time since they had stayed there, when Qing Shui returned there at night it looked brand new.

Qing Shui and the two ladies lived in the same courtyard but not in the same pavilion, each of them has a pavilion to themselves. They were living on the upper of two floors. Qing Shui stood by the window, gazing out towards the opposite pavilion.

The three pavilions were close by with only dozens of meters separating them. Qing Shui and Qin Qing’s pavilions faced each other, while Tantai Lingyan’s pavilion was by the side. The distance between the three pavilion was equal.

From within, it was possible to see the busy streets outside. But at only two floors high, what could be seen was very limited.

Suddenly, Qing Shui noticed that Qin Qing was also at the window, smiling at him. He returned the smile and even blew a kiss, clearly reaching Qin Qing’s ears.

“Scoundrel!” Qin Qing smiled as she glared at him.

Qing Shui was feeling exceptional as the atmosphere was truly great. The moon in the sky painted the world white and its light was many times brighter than the full moon in his previous life. Although it

wasn't extremely well-lit, the moonlight gave the night sky the same feeling as though it were being blocked by many clouds, but without the suffocating feeling.

At this moment Tantai Lingyan also stood by the window and as if she heard Qin Qing's words, she turned to leave the windowsill, but Qing Shui smiled, "Little Yanyan, where are you running to, let's enjoy the moonlight together."

Tantai Lingyan stared angrily at Qing Shui, but opted not to leave, she did not bicker with him as she knew that this man was a rogue. If she tried to stop him from calling her Little Yanyan, she had no idea what he would call her next.

Qin Qing also laughed gracefully and so the three began chatting about inconsequential matters. Qing Shui, Tantai Lingyan, and Qin Qing were not the talkative type and so the conversation was very peaceful and quiet.

"Let's go out and explore, the streets are packed." Qing Shui suddenly suggested.

It wasn't late enough for the real night market to begin yet and he couldn't enter the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, so he was truly bored.

The two women had no objections, so Qing Shui directly leaped off the window. The two women were slightly stunned before awkwardly did the same thing. Qing Shui's face carried a smile which made the two women's heart flutter.

"What are you smiling at, you look like a crook." Qin Qing smiled, no matter what she did this woman was always elegant, noble and proud.

Her pride was ingrained in her bones, a sort of temperament. It wasn't arrogance, but it was a beautiful and pressing haughtiness, she displayed it naturally even when chatting with Qing Shui. This was like the nobility of his previous world.

"I feel like a player....." Qing Shui looked at the two ladies.

Tantai Lingyan and Qin Qing turned red, with Qing Shui being stunned at their beauty once again.

The players of the continent typically swindled women with words and usually went out to do unsavory things, while women typically left through their windows to meet their lovers.

A brutish dog can never be elegant to spit out an elephant's tooth." Qin Qing angrily said.

She was ashamed and flustered, there hadn't been anyone who dared to say that to her, but this man was the first man to ever worm his way into his heart and she didn't truly feel anger.

Tantai Lingyan glared at him, in her heart was a flurry of complex emotions as she recalled their first meeting. An unforgettable experience that was like a curse plaguing her. Even dreaming about it, shocked her and caused her heart to skip a beat.

Qing Shui was naturally unaware of such thoughts as she saw Tantai Lingyan's delicate and arousing look. A cold and gorgeous beauty like her with such an expression was capable of killing.

Qing Shui coughed dryly before steeling himself and grabbed onto the hands of the two ladies as they moved out.

He did not look at their faces, if it was only one of them he would thicken his skin and go for it, but dragging both of them together was still an endeavor, so he did not look at either of them. Only taking their ambivalence as consent.....

The two women were truly shocked, but with his tight grip, their brief struggle was rendered pointless so the two gave up.

Chapter 1829 - Parry Heavenly Fate Treasure Pagoda? Divine Technique Treasure?

Qing Shui felt like he was the most blessed person under the heavens. While walking onto the main street, he turned to look at the two ladies. Qin Qing glared at him, while Tantai Lingyan turned her head away.

Qing Shui began stroking her palm, he felt her body shivering. This shocked Qing Shui as he did not realize that she was sensitive on her palm.....

There were many people crowding the streets, but the footpaths here were much wider than in his previous life, whereby crowds would clog the streets everywhere. Here, there were countless people but there was no overcrowding. Given the massive paths, no one would squeeze in with others.

Even if there was squeezing, no one could squeeze their way into Qing Shui.

“Look at these orderly, endless streams of people, their smiles, their frowns, their numb and scheming faces.....” Qing Shui stared off into the distance as he calmly stated.

Tantai Lingyan raised her head to look, having not noticed this detail and began to earnestly look around, while many who locked gazes with her quickly turned away.

“The three thousand worlds adhering to the natural order.” Tantai Lingyan casually said, looking at Qing Shui.

Qing Shui smiled, the three thousand worlds were mentioned in his previous life as the genesis of all life and Qing Shui agreed with Tantai Lingyan’s statement. This was a natural order, mysterious and spiritual, even in his previous life there were all sorts of people, but the strong conquered the world, while the weak could only submit.

“I’ve always been vastly different from them, just looking at them would not tell me anything, which is why I have to go and truly experience their lifestyle.” Qin Qing timely stated.

Qing Shui nodded: “Indeed, one journey speaks more than a thousand books, this is our so-called comprehension, feeling for a moment beats thinking for a day and this is why we need to ceaselessly train, combat experience is far more crucial than anything else.

“Combat experience is gained from gambling on one’s life, dancing on the knife’s edge.” Qin Qing emotionally sighed.

“Yeah, those who are able to leave are all strong, to breed a general requires thousands of skeletons, behind every powerful cultivator is a mountain of corpses, Qing’er, you are already strong enough to dance on the knife’s edge, let’s spar for a bit when you have time.” Qing Shui earnestly said.

He was very serious with his first sentence, but intentionally got frivolous with the second to hasten the dragged out process.

Tantai Lingyan was not a woman Qing Shui could give up on, but he felt a headache when it came to dealing with her. Still, he was confident, he just wanted to make her less stubborn.

“En, Heavenly Fate Hall!” Qing Shui was shocked as he looked at a shop sign.

The little building had three floors, simple and old. It looked slightly shabby when compared to the neighboring shops, with long lines of people flooding into those buildings and almost no patrons coming into this shop.

Antiques held no value in this world, as there were countless objects of incalculable age in each household, left behind as heirlooms by their ancestors, yet this shop was precisely an antique store.

Antiques and tomb robbers in his previous life found it hard to start up a business, but once they got the ball rolling they could benefit for lifetimes.

This store’s existence symbolized its value, Qing Shui was merely shocked by the name, Heavenly Fate, Qing Shui was familiar with objects possessing the Heavenly Fate, but was unsure if they were referring to the same thing.

There were many Heavenly Fates in Qing Shui’s memories, exceptionally powerful treasures that could turn a situation around instantly, but Qing Shui was unsure if there were truly any treasures here.

“Let’s go in and see, maybe we’ll find some good items.” Qing Shui smiled as he said, pulling them into the store without waiting for their reply.

The outside was deserted, while the inside was even emptier. Just by feeling it, people could tell that this was an old house. It wasn’t massive but was still around a thousand square meters wide.

There were old, worn-down counters everywhere, while many objects that would’ve been abandoned on the streets were displayed here, sold at exorbitant prices.

There was only a single person shopping, while the shop owner was a middle-aged man, who didn’t even acknowledge Qing Shui and the two women, merely looking up at them. Qing Shui could see a hint of arrogance, a sense of superiority in his gaze.

Qing Shui was very confused, as to why such a person had such an attitude, yet he realized that it was a very natural arrogance, not at all faked or intentionally acted out.

Having gone around the products, the sole customer bought a small and cheap trinket before leaving.

Qing Shui and the women began looking around, seeing all sorts of objects, from plant and animal carvings to vases and bottles, all scattered around.

Additionally, some of these objects were already dusty. Qing Shui sighed in his heart, as he had seen about half of the wares and had yet to find any Heavenly Fate treasures.

Suddenly, Qing Shui saw three pagoda-like objects. They were simple but caked with layers of dust, as if it had been ages since anyone had touched them.

Heavenly Vision Technique!

Qing Shui directly used the Heavenly Vision Technique to take a look and was immediately stunned.

Parry Heavenly Fate Treasure Pagoda: (treasure) Can deflect harm of the same level, passive, Will become effective upon recognizing a master.

State: Requires three and a half drops of Blood Essence to recognize a master.

Now Qing Shui could finally understand why no one figured out how to use the treasure, given that it wasn't common for people to split a drop of Blood Essence in two.

This Heavenly Fate Parry was disgustingly powerful, in a battle between two equal strength opponents, one could have an impregnable defense. Of course, if the disparity in strength was too large, then it would naturally be useless.

Qing Shui looked at the three pagodas and realized that there were just enough pagodas for the three of them, like a divine-sent message. Qing Shui recalled the shop owner's gaze and devised a plan to try and obtain the pagodas.

Qing Shui was indeed worried that the shop owner wouldn't be willing to sell and was prepared to rob him if necessary, as this object's wonders could only be identified by him and normal people would only find them well-designed and pretty.

"Boss, we want to buy some objects." Qing Shui looked at the shop owner and said.

The shop owner raised his head to look at Qing Shui, before slowly leaving the counter to walk towards Qing Shui.

"What do you want to buy?" The owner asked Qing Shui.

"My wives really love these pagodas, how much are they?" Qing Shui casually asked.

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The man curiously stared at Qing Shui, trying to see through the value of the pagodas, especially since such esteemed guests had taken a liking to them, perhaps they held some extraordinary secrets?

This was a natural and logical response, if someone wanted a specific object, then that object most definitely had extraordinary origins, this man thought the same way.

"What price would you be willing to pay?" The man looked at Qing Shui as he asked.

Qing Shui hated this kind of person the most, but patiently responded: "You are the seller, how would I know what price you want, quote a price, since my women like this object, I don't care about the price."

Qing Shui put up an act of willing to throw away thousands of gold for his women, an act which they were already immune to. They just didn't know why Qing Shui wanted to buy it.

"A million taels of silver!" The man thought for a while before confidently stating a price.

A million taels were enough to scare most buyers, roughly ten thousand jins of silver stacked in a pile would be a scary sight, but silver notes ranging from 1 tael to a hundred thousand taels were in circulation, reducing the need for coins or bars.

"Qing Shui, forget it, he's just extorting us, let's forget it." Qin Qing looked at Qing Shui and said.

"If you guys like it, then I must buy it, boss, a million taels is really too much, can you make it cheaper, I'll buy it directly." Qing Shui ground his teeth, hiding his actions, but was actually doing it intentionally for the shop owner to notice.

The old man revealed a look of confidence, reveling in the pleasure of swindling a fool like Qing Shui.

"Nine hundred and fifty thousand taels, no less, or I'd rather keep it to myself." The shop owner said seriously.

"Let's just drop it, to pay a million taels for these toys is absolutely not worth it." Qin Qing pulled on Qing Shui's arm.

Qin Qing was just cooperating with Qing Shui, as a hundred million taels were simply pocket change to them. Their Interspatial Silk Satchet held around a million and eight hundred thousand taels of silver. Qing Shui even had mountains of real silver and gold weighing up to a hundred thousand taels in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, as he loved to look at those mountains of ores thought precious in his previous life.

A man bringing two women to buy something would often result in the woman constantly urging the man: "Buy it, I want it....."

Another common scenario was kin persuading them not to buy it due to its exorbitant price, but both scenarios had the same effect in compelling the man to buy the object.

The shop owner was beaming with joy while looking at the situation unfold. He gloated at Qing Shui's internal struggle, as he disdained him for bringing around two beautiful women yet not being rich enough.

The shop owner's eyes flashed with a glint.

"Fine, I'll buy it, but as an addition, you have to give me that little bronze statue." Qing Shui pointed at the little bronze statue holding up the three pagodas. He had no idea if it was made of bronze, but that's what it looked like.

The shop owner easily acceded to the request, as it was merely an ordinary little bronze statue made by him in his spare time and from that he could see that this man was no expert at identifying treasures.

Qing Shui was also able to see that the statue was the worst object in the whole shop and wanted to use it to secure the three Deflecting Heavenly Mandate Treasure Pavilions without raising suspicion.

The exchange was smooth and upon receiving the pagodas, Qing Shui immediately wiped them clean of dust, he couldn't help but notice that they were pretty exquisite. However, if they were merely ordinary pagodas, then a million taels of silver was simply extortion of the highest level.

However, Qing Shui had identified them as Parry Heavenly Fate Treasure Pavilions. He even bought three with a single deal, not to mention a million, even a trillion taels of silver would've been worth it as these were priceless treasures.

Even if treasures were meant for the people who needed them, one still needed a level of eyesight to identify and utilize these treasures, or else they would only be ornaments. Upon wiping the pagodas clean he passed two of them to the women, while he held the last pagoda and the bronze statue. He then smiled and left the shop.

He had spotted more treasures other than these three, but they were all useless to a cultivator of his level.

After leaving, Qing Shui was all smiles and giggles as he strolled: "Guess, will the shop owner chase after us?"

"Why would he chase us after ripping us off? Actually, does this thing have any uses?" Qin Qing earnestly stared at the pagoda in her hands.

"This is an extremely useful object, if people knew of its uses, there'd be an endless horde of people chasing after us." Qing Shui was extremely happy, since he did purchase the pagodas without a hitch and without robbing anybody.

Qing Shui subconsciously wanted to have no part in any evil deeds like senseless robbing. The natural order of the world would punish those who frequently did evil deeds. It was a karmic cycle, those who waded near the water were bound to get their feet wet.

"Good stuff, being robbed?" Qin Qing curiously gazed at Qing Shui and she didn't believe that Qing Shui would foolishly buy an item for its aesthetics, not to mention using her and Sister Yan's as a cover during the process. It seemed that this object was not as simple as it seemed.

If Qing Shui could read Qin Qing's mind, he would be speechless, as this object was even more effective for stronger cultivators. Under the precondition that it had recognized a master, it would even make a normal person much tougher, a person's punch would be like scratching an itch.

"Quickly tell us, stop trying to whet our appetite." Qin Qing urged, knowing that Tantai Lingyan would never ask.

"Let's deal with a few trashes first." Qing Shui smiled as he looked at the people behind him.

There were very few people around here as Qing Shui intentionally lured them into a less crowded region. He guessed that the shop owner would follow after them, besides he was in a good mood from being gifted such treasures and in search of entertainment.

"En, fancy seeing you here." Qing Shui looked at the shop owner and said.

The shop owner was middle-aged, but neither was he handsome nor was he ugly. There was just a sense of frivolousness seeping out from him, exhibiting his lust.

Of course, there were many such perverts, much like in his previous world. Those who had some capabilities were slightly perverted, while the honest and good-natured fellows were the ones without the qualifications to be perverted.

“Actually, I’ve been following you here.” The shop owner roared with laughter, only his eyes were cold, his smile menacing.

“Oh, following us, what for?” Qing Shui was still smiling at him.

“Nothing much, don’t you think bringing around two gorgeous beauties is too provocative?” The shop owner’s smile suddenly turned cruel and brutal.

“Oh, so you want to take away my women?” Qing Shui’s smile brightened even further.