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Chapter 1891 - Nine Yang Blood, uniting an army with thousands of men and horses, profiting from a disaster

As time passed, the Gold Needles that were shaking non-stop began giving out traces of the faint black mist. After that, they gradually turned even darker. They were so black to the point of the mist was about to form from it. Despite all that, it didn't have any scents.

By now, the woman has already slowly recovered her look. She watched as the Gold Needle slowly turned black. Furthermore, the tip of the needle had already formed a jet black droplet. At first, it didn't smell like anything, but now, a fishy smell had begun to emerge from it. The smell was getting stronger and stronger.

The woman was a bit embarrassed. After all, these were all happening in front of a man. As she lowered her head and looked at the man. The man didn't have the slightest intention of turning his back on her. It was as if he didn't smell anything and the serious expression he had on his face made the woman felt a bit moved.

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A jet black droplet dripped down and landed on the surface of a smooth rock, making a soft but sharp noise. After that, the rock quickly turned into powders and disappeared into the surrounding.

Beauty Fatal Death... Qing Shui never expected for such a poison to not only be effective against humans, but even capable of destroying a lifeless rock. This kind of destruction was similar to a human getting old and dying.

One after the other, the droplets could be seen dripping down. It then continued on. After all, quite a lot of needles were already injected into the woman's body. As the droplets accumulated, it summed up to quite a huge amount of liquid. Actually, each needle would only release a few drops of liquid. They were merely accumulated after a long period of time.

Unlike before, where Qing Shui forced the poison to one side. One needle was all he needed to do that. But in this case, the woman's poison could no longer be moved around. Hence, for now, the only thing Qing Shui could do was removing the poison from each position where the needles were injected in. This was also why Qing Shui injected the needles somewhere near her thighs and also her breasts.

Five Elements Activation, it removed more than half of the poisons around the woman's body. Following on, Qing Shui once again injected needles into her body. The woman once again found herself in an awkward situation. But in comparison to her very own life, whether or not she was awkward, it didn't really matter. Let alone he was a physician, in a physician's eyes, there was no such thing as gender difference.

As the toxic was discharged from her body, the poison within her body became less and less. Qing Shui was already able to move the poisons around and released them through the closest Gold Needles to it.

Time went on little by little. Unknowingly, it was almost evening. There were only a few needles left across the woman's body which has yet to discard the jet black color. As for the rest of the Gold

Needles, they have all turned back to the original gold color which they were supposed to have. This meant that the poisons have already been successfully extracted from her body.

Eventually, only a needle remained. Furthermore, it was located on the woman's left breast. It was the only one that was still black. Despite how long has passed, the color just wouldn't fade. The rest of the Gold Needles had all recovered its gold color and were kept by Qing Shui. This needle was the only exception, it was quite a stubborn one.

Qing Shui extended his hand and poked the blood veins located on her back. He then operated his Origin Qi to force the poisons out. Despite that, all his effort still went for naught. Qing Shui knitted his brows from seeing that. He then extended his hand once again and after a moment of hesitation, poked her breast. The moment he pressed his finger on the bulging part of her body, everything once again turned awkward.

Qing Shui's finger immediately got pushed back out the moment his finger pressed on the bulging part of her body.

This wasn't force repulsion, it was completely due to the spongy property of her breasts. By now, Qing Shui felt very awkward. As he lifted up his head, he only saw the woman looking back at him with a red face but cold eyes.

Whether or not this action was dirty, this he didn't know. He only said in a helpless tone, "I am a physician. I won't do something like taking advantage of others. Please don't think too much about it. In my eyes, you are actually no different than a man, or rather, a pig....."

"You are the pig....." By now, the woman didn't know whether she should smile or cry. She has already been taken advantage many times by this man.

By the time she finished saying that, she remembered the time when Qing Shui called himself a male horse. She couldn't help but wonder if he would call himself a male pig this time.

However, it turned out Qing Shui didn't say that. Instead, he looked at the woman with a worried frown. To be more precise, he was actually looking at the woman's breasts, "This is where your heart is located at, which is also the most dangerous spot. This poison is too stubborn. The Gold Needle is unable to guide it out."

The woman lowered down her head and looked at the black Gold Needle, "You are the physician, I have no knowledge about things like this. If you are really unable to extract it out of my body, I think I will have no choice but to accept my destiny."

"For the time being, we have two options." Qing Shui said in a serious tone after a moment of thought.

"The first method is letting me help suck it out for you. The human's mouth is the most useful tool for extracting poisons. The stronger a person is, the better is their ability at doing that."

Qing Shui wasn't actually taking advantage of her. This was, in fact, an effective method. At least Qing Shui was sure to be able to pull it off. Whereas, for other people, it was not known whether they would have this ability. After all, Qing Shui's body physique also played a part in it. If it had been other people, they would have been poisoned to death. Back in his previous incarnation, if a person was to be inflicted with snake venoms, it could still be sucked out through the mouth.

Just that this time, the part which Qing Shui needed to suck was a bit unusual. Hence, after Qing Shui said it, the woman opened her eyes wide and looked at Qing Shui like she was looking at a pervert.

Qing Shui got a bit upset being seen like that. He then smiled and carried on to say, "I can tell that you don't quite like this method. Well then, let me propose another method."

Before the woman could say anything, Qing Shui already carried on and said, "Because of my body physique, I won't go deeper than that. My blood is very effective for removing poison. The heart supplies the blood, hence, drinking my blood can help trigger your body's potential. After that using the Gold Needle would have a very high chance of forcing out the blood."

The woman slightly knitted her brows and looked at Qing Shui, "Drink your blood?"

"Yes!"

"I can't take it..... It's too disgusting....." The woman looked at Qing Shui with a pitiful look.

Qing Shui was speechless. But actually, he would also find it disgusting letting her drink his blood. Despite that, what Qing Shui said later on immediately caused the woman to settle down with the second method.

"I also find it disgusting. No matter how I think about it, the first method is better. Alright, my mind is made up, let's go with the first one." Qing Shui tooted and said in a firm tone.

The woman saw Qing Shui's expression and quickly responded, "I have never tried drinking someone else's blood before. Alright then, let's go with that."

Qing Shui revealed a bitter smile and proceeded to extend his arm, "Don't bite too hard."

"Shall I really just drink like that?" The woman's eyes seemed a bit confused. She thought that it was more appropriate if Qing Shui cut open a wound in his arm and collect one or two bowls of his own blood.

"Well, how do you expect to do it? My blood is very precious. It can even be described as invaluable. It is not in the slightest inferior to the best elixirs in the world."

"Stop boasting yourself. I find it hard to swallow it."

"If you still want to keep going on like that, I will just go with the first method instead. I am sure I will be able to take it just fine."

Before Qing Shui could finish his sentence, he already felt an excruciating pain across his arm. The woman has grabbed his arm and bit on it. The interaction between her soft lips and Qing Shui's arm was wonderful. However, at the same time, the feeling of pain and having his blood being sucked out was also very strong and clear. This was the true definition of feeling both painful and happy.

"Hey hey, are you planning to suck me dry? That's enough." Qing Shui saw the woman closing her eyes and enthusiastically sucking his blood, hence, he didn't dare to retract his hands. He was scared that her sharp teeth would injure his arm.

The woman opened her mouth. The dark red liquid on the woman's lips along with her perfect face made her look extremely bewitching and seductive. For a moment, Qing Shui turned blank just by looking at her. He didn't even bother to look at the wound on his arm before he carried on to mumble, "You are not just an extreme beauty who can topple over cities, you are an extremely beautiful fairy capable of toppling over cities."

The woman blushed when she saw Qing Shui's expression. She didn't find his blood too disgusting. Even though it didn't actually taste good, it wasn't disgusting. This had made her feel very weird. She didn't know if this was considered as a symptom of mysophobia, but she had great resistance against men, let alone biting their arm.....

This time, it might be that she was out of option that she did that. She didn't fear death, but she didn't want it to happen either, which was why she acted like that. But merely this had already made her very surprised, she felt that she was forcing herself to do something which she was very reluctant to do.

Could it be all because of this man!?

Until now, it could be said that she has yet to become familiar with this man. In fact, she has already owed him a lot of debt by now. This was because life was priceless, it was a debt which would never be returned fully.

A hero would devote his life to save a damsel in distress. Wherever it was, it would be a story that could capture one's imagination and be spread far and wide.

"Brother Shui, have you looked at me enough?" The woman rubbed her mouth and by now, she has already calmed down.

It has been a while since Qing Shui got distracted like that. He couldn't help but be amazed by how powerful this woman was. A peerless beauty could cause a man to not dare to lay his hands on her, a beauty could damage her country and cause suffering to the people. A woman could cause a hero to slowly lose his spirit and turn into a useless person. Beauties were the graveyard for all heroes.

Qing Shui came back to his senses. If the woman had taken action before, it wouldn't be fatal enough to cause his death. After all, his Paragon Golden Armor would have helped save his life. Qing Shui was just amazed by her strength. It was always said that men would conquer the world whereas women would conquer men. Women could conquer the world through men themselves.

Qing Shui didn't say anything more. He didn't want to make the situation even more awkward. He smiled and immediately began helping the woman extract her poison.

Qing Shui's blood was undoubtedly very powerful. The woman felt certain changes taking place within her body. His pure blood force was quickly mixing with each other and being ignited within her body. Furthermore, they were even quickly blending themselves within the woman's mind.

The woman looked at Qing Shui in disbelief. Before this, she thought that Qing Shui was just joking when he said that his blood was priceless. Actually, the woman didn't even believe it when he said that his blood could cure poisons. She just didn't want the man to take advantage of her. But then, she seemed to also have bitten the man and drank some of his blood in a trance.....

At this moment, Qing Shui lowered his head to look at his arm. He hadn't lost a significant amount of blood. In fact, the teeth mark on his arm looked great. Even he himself didn't know to laugh or to cry at his own crazy thought.

Most of the poison across the woman's body had already been extracted out. Not only so, but the aura across her body was also slowly recovering. It didn't stop even after it recovered back to her past peak condition. It could clearly be felt that the Origin Qi in the surroundings were swiftly gathering around the woman.

In shock, Qing Shui took a few steps backward. As he looked at the current woman, she was emitting a sacred aura. She was like a fairy, but at the same time also like a she-devil. Her magnanimous aura ruined her sacred look, but at the same time also made her look more big-hearted and aggressive.

A beautiful woman who at the same time also felt aggressive and big-hearted could emit a fatal charm and attractiveness.

The Origin Qi in the air was violently gathering around here. Qing Shui didn't know if the woman was recovering her strength or breaking through. The Blood Force he gave her had greatly affected the woman, so much so that it might be decisive. For example, the woman in the past was like a magnificent army with thousands of men and horses, but it lacked a famous general leading this army. Qing Shui's Nine Yang Blood was absolutely dominant. The woman's aura and her body physique perfectly combined with his Nine Yang Blood and from then, her overall strength went from just a quantitative change to an overall qualitative change.

This was also partly due to the woman herself. If it had been someone else, it was not likely that there would have been such an effect. This could be said as a coincidence. There were many things which happened just at the right time.

The woman was also very shocked by her own changes. This time, it could be said that she has been profited from a disaster. Not only has she broken through the barriers which she has been facing for ten years, but she has also managed to break through two consecutive grades at once.

By the time everything quieted down, the sky has already turned dark. The woman had yet to have the time to sense her overall strength, but the significant breakthrough which she experienced in her body made her know that she had encountered a huge opportunity this time. It could be said to be a one in a millennium chance.

The enormous strength had caused her aura to be even stronger than before. It was a kind of aura which originated deep down from her bones.

Chapter 1892 - Woman's Intuition

After about two hours, the woman calmed down. The boundless aura around her body, however, was very obvious. Even Qing Shui himself was unable to sense the woman's actual strength.

As the wind blew, her clothes fluttered in the air following the wind. At this very moment, she herself was the most beautiful scenery.

Qing Shui smiled as he stood near her and looked at her. He didn't feel inappropriate with the change which the woman just went through. Though they were both unsure of each other's position at the

moment, Qing Shui could still be considered quite decent when it came to observing people. Even though the woman might be a State Master of the Great Confucian Empire, there was no way she would view him as an enemy.

“I have recovered. How shall I thank you?” The woman turned around and looked at Qing Shui. At the moment, she looked unusually happy. The things which have been on her mind for quite a while has finally been solved. Qing Shui saved her life... Though she didn’t fear death, it wasn’t something which she wanted either. Hence, her entire body was currently filled with happiness.

“I have already said before that I won’t ask for anything in return for helping you cure your poison. But if you truly want to thank me, I am still lacking a servant girl to be by my side.” Qing Shui smiled and said.

“In your dream. Tell me, I will try my best to realize one of your wishes as long as it’s something within my capability.” The woman shot Qing Shui a glare and said seriously.

Qing Shui shook his head, “For now, money isn’t a problem to me. Beauties? They are all around me. I have also already gotten my own children. To be frank, there is really nothing else which I can possibly ask for.”

The woman stared at the man whom she had yet to see through even until now. She didn’t know exactly what he meant with what he said.

“Could he mean to say that I have desires?” For a moment, the woman’s thought changed very fast.

“It’s getting late. I would like to stay at the Imperial Cuisine Hall for a few days. Is that possible?” The woman asked Qing Shui while looking up at the sky.

“Sure, but you will have to pay rent for it.” Qing Shui said after a few moments of thought.

The woman rubbed her head, “I will pay for it.”

The woman felt a bit helpless. She would never have thought that this was what Qing Shui wanted.

When they returned to the Imperial Cuisine Hall, it happened to be the time to have dinner. The woman went to take a shower. After all, the poisons and impurities that was extracted from her body had made her felt very uncomfortable. The moment she got back, she has already requested Qing Shui a small courtyard for her to take a bath.

Qing Shui knew that she had gone to shower. Though he wanted to follow and see very badly, it was nothing but just a dream. He then went back to the main hall.

“Little brother, did you enjoy your honeymoon with the beautiful lass?” Lan Lingfeng said in a mischievous tone when he saw Qing Shui.

He had a handsome look. Though he might look a bit vulgar at the moment, it wasn’t really too excessive.

“Young Master Lan, you are truly going through greater and greater changes as the day passed. I can now confirm that back then, you must definitely be the type who are shy outside but very wild inside.” Qing Shui smiled and said. He remembered the time when he first knew Young Master Lan, he was a

cool person infatuated with love. But compared to him now, it was as if he was a totally different person.

“That’s what I thought. Furthermore, he might be the wildest one of all.” Yin Tong smiled as she came out.

“Hehe, now that my realm has ascended, I can finally be the type who are wild both inside and outside.” Lan Lingfeng revealed an awkward smile.

Qing Shui smiled. Actually, he also thought that he from the past was also the type described before. As the saying went, out of ten men, nine were cold outside but wild on the inside. Only one would be so daring to reveal it from the inside and outside.

“By the way, little brother, I feel that you are the only person capable of handling the woman. When I see her, even I myself feel that I am a bit childish.” Lan Lingfeng said while looking like he was daydreaming.

Qing Shui looked at Lan Lingfeng. He didn’t know what went on between him and Yin Tong. Just because he went out with that woman, they had actually started thinking so much about it. Also, Qing Shui understood greatly when he heard what Lan Lingfeng said previously. Actually, deep down, even he himself felt that he was a bit childish. In this context, he didn’t mean the typical small-minded children, to put it simply, they just felt inferior when compared to her.

Just like the unsophisticated village boys from his previous incarnation, when they stood in front of the beautiful and young women from the cities, they would find themselves lacking in self-confidence.

Luckily, Qing Shui, at the level he currently was, was unlikely to go as bad as what was described above. Nevertheless, the woman still gave him a lot of pressure. It was a kind of formless aura, or rather, temperament.

While they were still chit-chatting, the woman came out. She has changed into a new cloth. Nevertheless, she was still wearing a purple cloth with golden lines at the side of it. It looked very graceful and noble. It was a kind of aura which originated from within the body, even nobler than those from royal clans. When she saw Qing Shui and the other two chit-chatting, she smiled and asked, “What are you guys talking about? You all seem so happy.”

“My little brother said that you look very beautiful.” Lan Lingfeng chuckled.

“Oh, what else did he say?” The woman said with a smile.

“He even said that he is after you.” Lan Lingfeng continued on to wrangle.

Though it hadn’t been long since Qing Shui and the woman knew each other, she still had a degree of understanding towards him. From what she knew about the man, he wouldn’t say something like that. However, she also couldn’t confirm it entirely. After all, she has seen his fiery eyes a number of times back when he helped her extracted the poisons.

As she thought back to the scene when Qing Shui helped removed her poison, she couldn’t help but look at Qing Shui with a resentful look. Even she didn’t know exactly where these resentments came from. It might be that the look from Lan Lingfeng’s perspective, was a resentful look. This caused Lan Lingfeng to

be really shocked. From this look alone, he could already tell that something must have happened between those two.

At the same time, Lan Lingfeng also admired his little brother greatly. It was very rare for Young Master Lan to admire someone. Not only did he admire his cultivation, but he also admired the women that were with Qing Shui. Even he himself didn't know why so many women would like being around him.

In terms of look, he was slightly more good-looking than Qing Shui. Qing Shui was only better than him in cultivation, medical expertise, and cooking skills.....

Qing Shui rubbed his nose and shook his head when he saw the woman's eyes, "Let's have dinner together as a way of celebrating you getting cured of your poison.

It was early evening. The Imperial Cuisine Hall was very noisy. Two long tables were joined together. Almost everyone was present, even Tian Yi, Yu Niang, and her family.

When Qing Shui was eating, he noticed an unnatural look flashing across the woman's eyes. That was a very complicated look. It looked helpless and at the same time also powerful. This really shocked Qing Shui. With how strong she currently was, what could possibly make her so worried?

"What's wrong? Is there something on your mind?" Qing Shui was sitting next to her. On the other side was Yiye Jiange carrying Qing Xiu. They simply picked a spot to sit on when they first entered the room. This made the other girls felt very uncomfortable. It was nothing much, they weren't being narrow-minded either. It was just that deep down, they found it a bit uncomfortable.

The woman only spoke after hesitating for a while, "I am not sure if I shall confess certain things."

"Say it, if you can, then say it. Maybe we can be of help to you. I am the one who gives you your life. If you don't mind, I can help you one more time." Qing Shui said while eating.

"I have mentioned before that the poison I was inflicted with was the Beauty Fatal Death of Five Poison Immortal Palace. Suddenly, I have managed to come up with a very strong feeling and assumption. There is somebody whom I feel very suspicious about. I can almost confirm it to be him." The woman looked even more worried now.

"Who?" Qing Shui was also very curious.

"The Grand State Master of the Great Confucian Empire." The woman looked at Qing Shui and said slowly.

Qing Shui was very surprised. The Grand State Master of Great Confucian Empire..... That was an existence second only to the top. Though the woman might also be the State Master of Great Confucian Empire, there were already quite a lot of State Masters in it. Hence, a Grand State Master was undoubtedly one of the leading person in the empire.

Since he was a leader, without much thought, he must be much stronger than normal State Masters. Why would he want to poison her then? Did he intend on controlling her or killing her?

Chapter 1893 - No retreating route?

“Grand State Master? What evidence do you have? How strong is he compared to you?” Qing Shui asked the woman after a moment of thought.

Qing Shui saved the woman and hence, up to a certain extent, he could be considered to have offended the Grand State Master. Of course, this was if the Grand State Master was truly the one who inflicted the poison. Qing Shui would also not want to be remembered by a poison expert. Though he didn't fear poison, the people around him was different. If a poison expert like him was to remember him, they would truly be in danger.

“The Grand State Master may seem to be a very righteous person, but I know that deep down, he is an evil person. When it comes to his strength, he is a lot more powerful than me before. Even the current me may not necessarily be a match against him. As to why he poisons me, I know that there was a time when he wanted me to be his woman but got rejected by me. I don't know if this has to do with it.” The woman explained slowly after thinking for a while.

Qing Shui looked at the woman with a weird look. Deep down, he felt very weird. Could it be that the reason he poisoned her was so that she would listen to him?

Wouldn't it be better if he chose to rape her instead? Could it be that the Grand State Master didn't like such kind of method? Or could it be that he was not confident he could do it? After all, some people would never give in even if they died. But could he be so sure that this poison would work well?

The Beauty Fatal Death, just as its name implied, would speed up the rate of a woman getting old. Some woman didn't fear death, but instead, they feared to lose their young look. Could it be that this Grand State Master intended to use this method to push the woman?

The Five Poison Immortal Palace, Heavenly Chess Immortal Palace, and the Great Confucian Empire... How are they interwoven with each other? Which of the three forces are more powerful? Prior to this, the woman had once said that it was a coincidence that she became the State Master of the Great Confucian Empire. She did so just to broaden her horizon. Putting it that way, the Great Confucian Empire and Heavenly Chess Immortal Palace shouldn't have many things to do with each other. In fact, the people of the Great Confucian Empire might not even know that the woman was from the Heavenly Chess Immortal Palace.

“The Grand State Master is aware that I am from the Heavenly Chess Immortal Palace.” The woman carried on and said.

The person must have had some hidden agenda doing so despite knowing about the woman's identity. Could it be that he wanted the Five Poison Immortal Palace and Heavenly Chess Immortal Palace to make enemies with each other? Qing Shui didn't hold back and asked.

“They don't hold many grudges with each other, nor can they be considered enemies. However, the Five Poison Immortal Palace has always been considered to be neither a righteous nor evil group. Though we can't just declare them as evil just because they walked the path of poison, but the majority of poison users won't be anyone great either.”

The people who used poisons all started off with good characteristics. But as time passed, their nature would slowly become darker and darker. A lot of the poisons could never be used in the light, which

caused the people who used them to slowly nurture the darker character and became adapted to sneak attacks and stealth.

This was also why the majority of people who used poison, or at least, people who often used poisons, wouldn't really possess a good heart.

"Is the Grand State Master the only member of the Five Poison Immortal Palace in the Great Confucian Empire?"

"I am not sure about that. But even if there are more, he should still be the strongest one. No, I must leave this place, otherwise, I might bring disaster to you guys." The woman stood up and said in worries.

"It's too late. If the person wanted to know where you are, he would have known it by now. Sit down and finish the dinner. We will think about a way later. Could a living person still be choked to death by their own urine?" Qing Shui was too quick with his words and said something vulgar.

Lan Lingfeng couldn't help but chuckle. The other girls all lowered their head and pretended like they didn't hear it.

The woman, on the other hand, blushed and didn't know what to say. She could do nothing but slowly sat down. She knew that the Grand State Master was very powerful, if a fight was to break out, it was likely that everyone here would be in trouble.

The woman was absent-minded while she was eating. As for the others, actually, they were a bit worried. After all, back then, the Second Young Master Hua was already very powerful, but compared to this woman, there was still a huge gap between them. To this woman, the Grand State Master whom she said she wasn't a match against was also an expert in poison..... It would be weird if they weren't worried.

Qing Shui however, was very calm. As long as he was here, it was nothing to be worried about even if they were poisoned, let alone he also had things like the Poison Avoidance Pill. It was just that it had been a long time since he used it. Qing Shui immediately took it out and shared it with the people. He had a lot of it.

"We still have some with us."

Qing Shui has already given the girls quite a lot of it in the past. All this time, they had yet to use it. However, Qing Shui still exchanged it with them. After all, the quality of the medicinal pills now was significantly better than before.

"What plans do you have? Is the empire asking you to go back?" After having dinner, Qing Shui sent the woman to a courtyard in the Imperial Cuisine Hall.

Initially, the woman didn't plan to stay here. But now that the offense had been made, it would be better if she stayed behind instead. At least if the Grand State Master really appeared, she could still hold him off for a while.

"He won't kill me, but he will absolutely not allow me to go back. If I forcefully leave him, it's very likely that he won't let me alive. He doesn't want to let the Heavenly Chess Immortal Palace knows that he poisoned one of their members." The woman said after a while.

“If that’s the case, that means he is also worried about the Heavenly Chess Immortal Palace. It seems you hold a high position in the Heavenly Chess Immortal Palace.” Qing Shui has managed to receive some pieces of information from what she said.

“If he really did provoke a conflicting view between the Five Poison Immortal Palace and the Heavenly Chess Immortal Palace, it’s highly unlikely that the Five Poison Immortal Palace will let him go. I think it is a great thing for me to be a part of the Heavenly Chess Immortal Palace.” The woman said.

“If... I am saying if... we killed him... What will happen?” Qing Shui asked after a moment of thought.

“The Grand State Master has had a very stable foundation in the empire. He has been in the empire for many years. There are many experts around him. A lot of troubles will emerge once we killed him. Unless we let him die in a dubious way, or actually, making him disappear is all it takes and everything would turn out fine.” The woman looked at Qing Shui with a surprised look yet still insisted on saying.

To the woman, it was basically impossible to kill a Grand State Master.

“It’s still quite easy to make a person completely disappear.” Qing Shui was aware of the mysterious perception which existed in this world. Once a person died, the others would no longer be able to sense their qi. This was the equivalence of a person stopping their breath, which also came to say that the person was dead. There was also another alternate scenario where the person was still breathing but then disappeared.

There were multiple possibilities for the disappearance of a person. The first thing was the distance... Once a certain distance was achieved, due to the factor in strength, a person’s aura would no longer be traceable. The second one was by first isolating the person’s aura before eventually annihilating him. But if the person wasn’t skillful at isolating the victim’s aura, he would end up leaving some openings instead.

The woman thought about it for a while, “We are not a match against him.”

“We don’t necessarily need to be a match against him in order to kill him. We are not competing for the level of our strength here.” Qing Shui smiled and said.

“*Sigh* to think that I would drag you guys into this matter. I am sorry about it, I really don’t know how to deal with this. Running or staying won’t really help solve anything.”

This was how the world worked. Sometimes, once a person ran into troubles, he or she wouldn’t be able to find a place to stand on his own even if they ran to the edge of the world. Let alone sometimes, he might not even have the opportunity to do so. This was just like the world from his previous incarnation. One of the most famous quotes in the world was “you have to adapt yourself to the dusty world since you were born”. It was impossible for a person to abandon their life as an outlaw and stopped asking about the things happening around the world. Only a dead man could truly escape from it.

By now, though Qing Shui hasn’t reached the point where he had nowhere to go, he could still feel a bit of danger approaching. Stronger than this woman... And he wasn’t alone... If a fight was to truly break out, they would need to plan wisely.

Qing Shui also had some weakening abilities, the strongest person here was the woman... He had his own killer-moves and formations... The Battle God Halo.....

In conclusion, this could still be a fight that was worth fighting. It felt like it has been a long time since he had a decent battle.

Chapter 1894 - The Grand State Master Had Arrived

“There’s always a solution to a problem. Perhaps this matter isn’t as tricky as you think.” Qing Shui smiled, his tone remained calming to the ears.

Without realizing it, they had already reached the doors to the manor. Despite the sky being dark now, the small manor was lit up quite brightly. There were Light Stones or something similar placed inside the room. Even though this place wasn't frequently cleaned up, it was still clean nevertheless. Besides, a woman of such strength like her would have everything she needed inside her Interspatial Silk Satchet.

“Brother Shui, it's late already. You should take an early rest!” The woman stopped at the doors to the small manor and said to Qing Shui with a smile.

Qing Shui nodded at her words and responded with a smile. Even though he had no thoughts of tainting her, the urge and desire of a man were still strong within him. Because of that, the best thing to do for the moment would be to evade her at the appropriate time. Otherwise, he would eventually succumb to his desires should he stay too long by her side.

As the saying goes, it would be much easier for women to approach men than the other way around. Women would only require significantly less effort to pursue men. However, there were actually a lot of times when women did not need to put an effort into pursuing men. As long as a woman shoot a few charming glances toward a man, he would make a move on her and if she did not resist his advances, then what came next would easily be spontaneous and natural.

Qing Shui felt no need to prove whether men were really animals driven only for sex or not. However, he truly felt that men were impulsive, have strong visual sense, and mostly lacking any sort of immunity when faced with sex appeal. When that happens, the consequences would not matter. If they weren't afraid of shortening their lives, what else was there to be afraid of? They weren't even afraid of throwing away their lives too. If this wasn't the case, then there wouldn't be a proverb that said, 'If one should perish under a Peony flower, one would still be charming as a ghost'.

“You too!” Qing Shui replied before turning around and left.

The woman gazed at Qing Shui’s back silhouette until he slowly walked toward a far distance. She did not move even after his silhouette had completely disappeared and continued to stand there in a blank trance. Her mind was in a bit of a mess as she felt anxious. She had no idea why and how she had turned out like this. She didn't know what to make of her current thoughts too.

This was the first time she had felt this way, which was the feeling of slight uneasiness. She knew it wasn't completely due to the matters concerning the Grand State Master despite it being one of the reasons she felt that way. Most importantly, she felt that Qing Shui had played a huge part in her emotions. This man had caused her to feel confused for a brief moment.

She couldn't tell whether she liked the feeling this way or not either. This man had a mean side to him that other men had. This might be the true character of a man, yet he had a strong control over his

nature and behavior. He was very well-disciplined too. Qing Shui was considered a true man due to his ability to bear accountability and responsibility.

When he was in front of her, he would not act like those men who were born with a silver spoon in their mouths that she had met in the past. This man was the most natural-acting youth that she had met in her life. She would always feel that the others were pretentious around her no matter how graceful or impressive they were, as if they wanted to show a more perfect representation of themselves in front of her.

However, the more they do that, the greater they would fail. Perhaps it might be true that he had never liked her, yet she herself had thought that it might not be the case. After all, this man had twice or thrice lost his focus in front of her. There was lust in his eyes, yet there was a sense of rational in them too.

Her body had been touched by him before even though it was for the sake of treating the poison. Moreover, he had given her acupuncture through her clothes but only a few times where he had to touch her slightly. Perhaps those gestures did not mean anything, but she knew she couldn't possibly forget his touches for a while.

In any case, what had been touched was touched. This sort of thing didn't mean anything. As a martial cultivator, being touched would always happen during a battle. Would taking a punch on the chest count as being touched? No one knew whether this woman was more concerned with her life or her innocence when she took a bloody hit leading to internal injuries. She could only force a laugh whenever she looked back at the situation.

Her strength was powerful, perhaps formidable. All this while, she had been fighting with demonic beasts. She would rather allow her body to be touched by a demonic beast than exchanging blows with a man, which was why Qing Shui was the first man who had been able to touch her. This was also the reason why she felt confused in the first place.

She didn't feel like she was being taken advantage of, yet when she realized that this man was a bit of a rascal as well despite being an excellent man, she couldn't possibly return his kindness with ingratitude by beating him up, could she? He didn't seem like he had intentionally touched her. Moreover, the thought of fighting him had never crossed her mind even once.

Shaking her head, the woman turned around and headed toward the small courtyard as she dismissed the complicated thoughts in her head. It would better for her to think of a way to settle the matter regarding the Grand State Master instead.

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Some things could never be evaded no matter how much one wanted to. Two days later before the woman could return to the State Master Manor, a person had come to see her.

Correct, a person. This person seemed to be a stalwart middle-aged man. The most prominent feature this man had was his extraordinarily black, long hair. Most people would get the impression that he was a tough type. It would be hard to differentiate whether this type of people was in the justice path or the evil path.

He had a pair of deep eyes as well. His eyebrows were black and thick, which would always leave a deep impact on one's memories after seeing them just once. This man had a square nose and bits of stubbles around his wide mouth. He couldn't be considered as an extremely handsome man, yet he was definitely not an ugly person either. Overall, this man gave an impression that he was a strong and powerful person.

"Dongfang State Master!"

The man threaded through the air and stood mid-air on top of the Imperial Cuisine Hall as he called out toward the direction where Qing Shui, the woman, and the others stood.

Even though the man standing in mid-air did not resemble a celestial who had descended to the mortal world, he had an air of dominant temperament exuded from within.

"What business does the Grand State Master has with me?" The woman moved two steps forward and looked up to gaze at the man hovering in mid-air.

The Grand State Master twitched his thick eyebrows upon hearing her words and replied, "There are too many problems concerning the empire. I come to look for you because I want to discuss some things with you."

Although his reason for coming was a good explanation, the difference was that the Grand State Master had personally come here instead, which was the weirdest part of it all. Under normal circumstances, the Grand State Master would not come here despite needing to discuss something with her. Because of that, the woman knew that her assumption was correct in the first place.

"I have some things I want to discuss with the Grand State Master too." The woman smiled.

The Grand State Master briefly lost his composure upon seeing the smile on the woman's face. From Qing Shui's perspective, he was able to tell that this man could not escape from lust despite his strong demeanor.

Even so, this was considered normal. There weren't many in this world who could actually elude themselves from lust. The Celestials in the stories or myths of his past life couldn't even escape from that kind of desire, much less the mortals themselves.

"That's good. Let's go back and discuss together!" The expression on the Grand State Master's face seemed to have relaxed a little.

The Grand State Master gave off an impression that he was a stern man. His manner of speech at the moment was certainly serious and non-frivolous.

"I want to discuss in this place. This matter is quite easy for the Grand State Master." The woman slightly shook her head.

"Please go on!" The Grand State Master slowly uttered those words after hesitating for a while.

"I hope that this matter will not involve others, and certainly not them." The woman pointed at Qing Shui and the others after she finished talking.

The Grand State Master creased a frown on his forehead and shot a sinister glance as he looked at Qing Shui. Even though his gaze wasn't that obvious, one would definitely be able to sense it if their spiritual ability was sensitive enough.

Moreover, Qing Shui had been paying close attention to this man as well, which was why he was able to notice his sinister glance. He then slowly walked to the woman's side and said, "Foolish woman. I know you mean me well. Do you really think that this will be enough to make this evil man stop? Didn't you see how sinister this bastard's eyes were just now?"

Qing Shui had already decided that he would not stand by and do nothing because he had actually seen this man quietly sizing up the women surrounding him. Due to that reason, Qing Shui had made up his mind that he could not stay quiet in defeat anymore. This person must be exterminated. Otherwise, Qing Shui wouldn't feel at ease if he were to leave in the future.

Qing Shui's words quickly threw the man off balance as he looked at the woman with a ghastly expression, "Do you like this kid?"

The woman knew that things had gone awry with one look at the situation. At that moment, she didn't know what to say as she looked at Qing Shui. Afterward, she turned to the middle-aged man and said, "Grand State Master, I want to go back to the Heavenly Chess Immortal Palace. As of now, I would like to resign from my position as a State Master."

Chapter 1895 - Paragon Strike

The woman did not provide an answer to the Grand State Master's question but instead declared that she wanted to go back to the Heavenly Chess Immortal Palace. No one knew whether she was trying to use the Heavenly Chess Immortal Palace to suppress him, or whether she was trying to remind this Grand State Master that she was a member of the Heavenly Chess Immortal Palace. In any case, whether this guy could actually be deterred by her words was unknown.

However, Qing Shui had a feeling that it would be difficult to reach that outcome. This man was already aware that she was a member of the Heavenly Chess Immortal Palace. If he still tried to poison her, it would naturally mean that he wasn't intimidated by her background. From the looks of this situation, the Grand State Master's position in the Five Poisons Immortal Palace was certainly quite important.

The Grand State Master frowned upon the woman's words, "Did you think you can just join or quit the position of the State Master as you like? Just come back with me!"

"Grand State Master still hasn't agreed to my previous conditions. I wonder if you will give your consent to them or not." The woman was mentioning about telling the Grand State Master not involving others with her matters.

"How dare you! You don't have the right to advise me on what I want to do. I will ask you one more time, are you going back or not?"

There was a hint of struggle in the woman's eyes. She wanted to go back and not involve everyone in the Imperial Cuisine Hall, yet she knew that there would be no peace in this place even if she was willing to go back with him. As she was still hesitating on her decision, Qing Shui suddenly stood up and said,

“She is the guest of my Imperial Cuisine Hall. You can discuss after she goes back on her own. I would like to ask you to leave now. You are not welcomed here.”

If the woman’s attitude a moment ago was able to invoke the Grand State Master’s fury, then Qing Shui’s words would be able to cause his emotions to erupt. The Grand State Master’s emotion had already reached its limit, yet Qing Shui’s words were the last straw that would break a camel’s back.

“Kid, I have been tolerating you for a long time. Such recklessness.”

The Grand State Master’s voice sounded evil and cold. He didn’t even open his mouth when he spoke. When he was done, he swiftly rushed toward Qing Shui, leaving a streak of long afterimage that was akin to a gigantic fly.

Qing Shui, who had already heightened his aura to its peak, revealed his Golden Battle Halberd in his hand in an instant. He quickly shifted his silhouette forward in response to the Grand State Master’s sudden assault. This situation would not allow him to retreat anymore. After all, his family was standing right behind him.

Qing Shui’s current strength was still quite powerful, which was about 3,800,000 dao force. His defensive capability was even more terrifying. After all, with the presence of his Paragon Golden Armor as well as the Foolish Loyalty of his Hell Nightmare Beast, the strength of his defense was able to reach about forty million dao force, give or take a few numbers. Even though there was a slight fluctuation in the number, he could maintain the strength in a stable forty million dao force.

Which was why Qing Shui did not retreat but advanced forward instead. He still had confidence in his defensive abilities. Moreover, he wasn’t afraid of poison either.

Heart Destroyer Venomous Claw!

One of Grand State Master’s palm immediately turned pitch-black with a strong smell of unpleasant stench that could induce the urge to vomit. The pitch-black palm that was aimed at Qing Shui’s heart was sharp and imposing, causing Qing Shui to raise his guard against the impending assault. This attack was at a completely new level as the claw that was swept in a swift motion was able to lock onto Qing Shui’s Qi movements in an instant. Because of that, there was no way to avoid the inevitable. This was a type of attack that utilized Qi to resist poisons. Even though this type of energy was different than those of the spiritual attacks, as long as a physical body was detected, the attack would be unavoidable. Most importantly, not only was this attack energy-based, but it was poisonous as well.

This attack was clearly intended for Qing Shui to die in an instant. Even though Qing Shui knew that his opponent would use poison, it still felt a bit remarkable when that happened all at once.

Since his opponent wanted him dead, then he felt no need to show mercy toward this man anymore.

Saintly Hands!

Paragon Strike!

Qing Shui immediately used his strongest attack for his first strike. If he was able to stop his opponent with his first strike, then he would be able to cause him to develop scruples about the fight. If he could kill him on the first strike, it wouldn’t be bad too.

The strong aura caused Qing Shui's palm to appear almost invisible while emanating a light and pure halo as he quickly struck against Grand State Master's black palm.

Bang!

"No!" The woman wanted to stop Qing Shui, but it was already too late.

After the loud sound had passed, Qing Shui was staggering at his position while the Grand State Master had been sent flying by him instead. Based on his complexion, he seemed to have sustained a light injury. Even though it was the Grand State Master who had been lightly injured, Qing Shui's heart, on the other hand, felt quite heavy.

Six times the attack power, which was twenty million dao force, was only able to inflict light wounds to his opponent. It didn't affect his opponent's combat effectiveness by the slightest.

Under Qing Shui's calculations, this man's power should have at least six million dao force yet no more than seventeen million dao force. What made Qing Shui slightly relieved was that his opponent's power could barely even harm him. Qing Shui wasn't even worried about the man's reliance on poison to harm him either.

The Yin-Yang Image rapidly circulated inside his Sea of Consciousness. The Marrow Nibbling Golden Dragon Silkworm in the Central Palace Blood Essence Pool seemed to be moving in a skittish manner since it hadn't been used for a very long time. Qing Shui's greatest trump card was this little thing. There weren't many that could evade from a surprise situation like this.

Compared to Qing Shui, Grand State Master's shock was still substantial. It was too shocking that he felt slightly at loss. The attack that should have absolutely killed his opponent in seconds did not succeed. Aside from that, his opponent was fine. Meanwhile, he had sustained a light injury from the result of the clash.

How was this possible.....

How old was this guy? Why was his power useless this time? The Grand State Master was utterly confused for a moment. Should he continue to fight or not?

Qing Shui did not make another move after the first strike. Despite that, his whole body was tense. After all, he would need to give his all for the next strike. If his previous strike could not intimidate his opponent, then the next fight would not be an easy one. His trump card did not seem to yield any effectiveness at all.

The Grand State Master seemed to have finally regained his senses as he watched Qing Shui without moving a muscle. He even felt that he must have mistaken something in the previous clash. Even so, he was prepared to try again. Perhaps this young man had some sort of treasure on his body. If he could acquire it, wouldn't that mean his power would become stronger than before.....

Instantaneously, the Grand State Master was able to find a reason that this man must have a powerful treasure with him, otherwise, his strength wouldn't be this powerful to begin with. The greed of a man was endless, and it could make one do things that were considered crazy and foolish.

The Grand State Master lifted up his head to look at Qing Shui, who remained calm and stable. At that moment, a strong sense of jealousy began to brew inside his heart. This man had achieved what many could never have despite their lifetime of effort at such a young age.

The Grand State Master did not hold back in his strike the second time. After exchanging another blow with his opponent, he was able to discover that Qing Shui's damage had significantly weakened. To be precise, it couldn't be compared with his previous attack as Qing Shui was sent flying backward this time.

This scenario had left the Grand State Master in shock once more. How could this be? However, after looking at the young man who seemed unharmed, he finally understood something. This young man could only unleash that strike in a certain time frame. When he thought about that, he couldn't help but burst into laughter.

Hahaha!

The distinct sound of laughter was able to frighten birds of every species within ten li diameter.

"What are you laughing at?" Qing Shui had been sent flying several times but did not receive any injuries or wounds. Even so, he wasn't sure whether his opponents had some other ace up his sleeves. If this man's trump card was proven to be extremely powerful, he would still be in danger too. In spite of that, his Paragon Golden Armor could still withstand another attack. Besides, his formidable ability to endure incoming attacks was considered the most confident aspect of his power.

"I laughed because I thought I was almost tricked by you to move to your side. Hand over the items that you think will make me not kill you and I will consider letting you go this time. What do you think?"

Chapter 1896 - I Know How To Use Poison Too

Grand State Master said with a smile when he saw the expression on Qing Shui's face. However, his smile was extremely cold. At the same time, his aura was heightened to its peak, as if he would make his move once more should Qing Shui decided not to hand over those items to him.

Qing Shui didn't even expect that the Grand State Master would actually develop such a thought in his head. Indeed, he had some decent items with him, but nothing that the other party could use. Unfortunately. Even if Qing Shui did not have the Paragon Strike, the Grand State Master wouldn't be able to do anything to him, much less intimidate him.

"I have some items with me. But I don't know if you have the capability to take them away from me." Qing Shui said as his grip on his Golden Battle Halberd tightened.

"Alright, then I will let you try again!"

As soon as he was done talking, a circle of black demonic Qi rose up from his body and enveloped his surrounding, it was preventing anyone else from seeing him clearly. The attack the Grand State Master had inflicted on Qing Shui contained poison, but Qing Shui was unharmed from the attack. Because of that, the Grand State Master was able to tell that Qing Shui had a powerful artifact that could prevent him from getting poisoned.

Thousand Poisonous Centipede Hands!

There were dark red stains on the Grand State Master's blue palm as well. However, after taking a closer look, there were also hints of grey and white in between those colors. Moreover, there was a faint green glow emanating from his palm too. As time went by, various colors began to show up as the unpleasant stench of rotting flesh grew stronger, inducing an urge to vomit almost instantly. This type of stench could be detected even without sniffing through the nose as the smell was able to enter through the pores of a human body. Thus, it would be useless to hold one's breath to avoid getting a whiff of the unpleasant stench.

When Qing Shui was able to see the Grand State Master once more, he realized that there were numerous arms flailing about in his surroundings. They were like flexible snakes while making a light hissing sound.

Qing Shui dared not to be careless despite being able to avoid being poisoned. He could be said as a man who would not be affected by a hundred types of poison. Even so, he would not be able to avoid all poison with absolute precision. As long as his opponent's poison could restraint him or that the toxicity was strong enough, he would still end up getting poisoned.

Qing Shui sensed his opponent's aura for a moment and could clearly tell that the Grand State Master's aura was more staggering than his own power. Because of that, Qing Shui decided not to hide anymore. As he was about to make his move, the woman suddenly stood in front of him and intervened.

"You can't make a move on him!" The woman looked at the Grand State Master with determined eyes. Her aura had risen to its peak as well.

"Haha, alright. Do you want to fight me then?" The Grand State Master was preparing to make a move at first, but when he saw that she was about to fight him, he quickly stopped instead.

"If you make a move against him, I will stop you too." The woman said, straightforwardly.

"I have never forced you to do anything before. In my heart, you are the purest woman in the world. Why did you hook up with this kid so quickly? Have both of you move on to the stage of sleeping together?" Even though the Grand State Master was smiling, anyone could tell that he was actually furious inside based on his aura.

"Why does it concern you whoever I hook up with?" The woman shot a displeased look at the Grand State Master. Her eyes were filled with animosity and disgust.

The expression on the Grand State Master's face became even more gloomy upon seeing her disgust. His eyes became slightly red as he exerted his focus on the woman, "I changed my mind. Initially, I wanted to make you my woman through your own willingness. But now, even if I have to snatch you away, I will definitely make you mine today."

"Do you really think you can have your way with me? Even if you succeed, you will only get a dead person in the end." The woman said, coldly.

"Don't you know that in many situations, death isn't actually the most terrifying thing in this world? Even if you die, I will reanimate your body and you will still belong to me. We will spend every night together." Grand State Master said as he stared at the woman with a ruthless expression.

The woman grew slightly pale this time. This was truly more terrifying than death itself. However, there was actually one way to avoid being reanimated, and that was to die with her body smashed into pieces. Even so, there would be times where she wouldn't be able to control how she would die. She was afraid that the outcome would be different than she had intended. If she ended up dead one day, her death would be considered a luxury anyway.

"For someone like you, who's not even a human nor a ghost, to have such dirty, evil thoughts at this age, you only know how to scare a little girl. What else can you do?" At that moment, Qing Shui began to make a disdainful taunt at the Grand State Master.

"Kid, I will let you know what it means to beg for death in just a little while. They are your women, right? Heh heh....." The Grand State Master turned his attention to the ladies behind Qing Shui after he said that.

The Grand State Master was quite surprised to know that this kid actually had so many beautiful women by his side. Each of them was as beautiful as Dongfang State Master herself. He even had a hard time ranking their beauty in order too. If men kept holding on to their desires, they would always treat women as their priority, which was much better than having money in their opinion. This concept would apply to his past life as well. One would be able to get women once they become rich. Money was the only condition of having women. Women were regarded as the ultimate goal, at least after one had become wealthy.

Qing Shui was indifferent at first, but when he heard those words coming out from his mouth, his expression grew deep and cold, "You will definitely die today."

"Hahaha!" Grand State Master burst into laughter when he saw Qing Shui becoming furious. It also seemed as if he had heard the best joke ever in his entire life.

The woman, on the other hand, was gazing at Qing Shui with a strange look. Her expression was quite exuberant too. Previously, when Qing Shui said that the Grand State Master had frightened a little girl, wouldn't that mean that he had regarded her as a little girl.....

"Well, Dongfang girl, I say we team up and exterminate him. What do you think?" Qing Shui said as he turned to look at the absent-minded woman.

The woman rubbed her forehead with her pale arms and gave a firm stare at Qing Shui as she asked, "Can we beat him?"

"If you don't try, you'll never know. Heh heh, I can guarantee that he will at least lose some layer of skin if not dead. However, he will certainly die. I know how to use poison too." Qing Shui smiled.

He hadn't used poison in a very long time as he always felt that poison could never be utilized in the open fight. Poisons were considered dark due to its ability to poison himself if overused. Not only that, it could corrupt his heart too, which was why he would never use poison unless it was absolutely necessary. However, Qing Shui could care less about not using poison now that he had met this poison expert.

Despite Qing Shui not using poison for a long period of time, he had been researching on poison regularly. Moreover, whenever he encountered things that contained poison, he would collect and keep

them together. The poison beings in his poisonous lake in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal had accumulated to an incredible amount. Besides, due to the survival of the fittest, those without sufficient toxins would never survive. Those that survived, however, were definitely beings of extreme venom.

Qing Shui would occasionally cultivate these venoms before mixing them whenever he had free time. Moreover, the small lake had the Triple-eyed Grass Green Frog and other crystals now, which would allow the venom to multiply in toxicity. After that, he could quench and refine the poison, thus compressing its toxicity.

“This one’s for you. This is an item of poison too. If you can make a cut on his body, he will find himself in a serious situation. You can use this to block against his attacks by utilizing its deflecting ability to dodge or whatever.” Qing Shui said as he handed her the Poison Dragon Dagger.

Qing Shui forged this type of dagger from the hardest bones of a Poison Dragon. He had also forged about ten daggers from those one section of the extremely tough bones. The remaining parts of the bones, however, were left to soak under the poison lake instead.

Before this Poison Dragon Dagger was taken out, it had been left to soak under the venom too.

The handle of the Poison Dragon Dagger had been forged with diamond and the Otherworldly Meteorite through Qing Shui’s powerful forging abilities, which could be used to resist against powerful poisons.

The woman hesitated before reaching out to take the dagger. As she gazed at the dagger that remained as sharp as ever, she couldn’t tell that there was poison in it. The only thing that felt uncomfortable was the extremely fierce aura emanating from the dagger itself.

This wasn’t an ordinary dagger. The woman was able to feel it when she held it in her hand.

This was a weapon forged by Qing Shui, which in simpler terms meant that it was already considered a weapon of False God grade. Naturally, it would be impressive.

However, it was at the False God grade, which was never considered a Divine Artifact after all. One word difference in those words had caused a major distinction in grades. Qing Shui’s Golden Battle Halberd was a Divine Artifact, but its current capability and aura could only be considered to be of a high-level False God grade. A true Divine Artifact was as if it had a soul infused in it, especially those of the high-level Divine Artifacts.

Chapter 1897 - The formidable controlling ability

Lan Lingfeng and the girls have all consumed the Poison Avoidance Pill. They were looking from afar. Qing Shui didn’t let them took part in the match. Not only were Lan Lingfeng and Yin Tong not strong enough, but even with the girls combined, it would still be insufficient to face off against the Grand State Master. Without a doubt, one mere move from the Grand State Master would be enough to defeat all of them.

Qing Shui also didn’t tell them to leave first. He knew that if he really died in the battle, the other girls also wouldn’t be able to escape their fate. Hence, Qing Shui knew that he must win this match. With that being the case, naturally, he didn’t tell them to leave.

Luckily, Qing Shui still had the Dongfang State Master with him. The woman's actual combat prowess might not be as good as his own, but without his Paragon Strike, his offensive prowess might not be comparable to the woman. Qing Shui's truly formidable ability was his ability to control the situation of the battle.

And now, the thing which Qing Shui would need to do was to boost the woman's strength while at the same time reduce the opponent's strength. With that, he might really be able to turn the tide of the battle. It was not entirely impossible. Though the woman's strength might not be as powerful as the Grand State Master's, Qing Shui was more confident with his own strength.

"Are you confident that we can kill him? We are no longer left with any retreating routes. Have you made up your mind to kill him?" Qing Shui asked the woman. However, he didn't look at her.

"If I truly get the chance to kill him, I won't hesitate to do so. The only problem now is, do we actually have the strength to do it?"

The words which the Grand State Master said previously naturally made the woman very angry. For someone like him, only his death could dissolve her hatred. The only problem was that it would be very hard to kill him. It was not that she wasn't confident in herself, but it was because she knew how fearsome the Grand State Master could be.

"As long as you can make sure that your attacks have the intention to kill, we will have the hope of killing him."

Qing Shui was able to roughly sense the woman's strength. It should be worth around six million Dao Force. Without a doubt, this strength could definitely be regarded as formidable. Before this, she wasn't this strong. Considering that she was inflicted with poisons before, it should be significantly lower than now, it might only be half of her current strength.

Ever since she consumed Qing Shui's Nine Yang Blood, not only did she successfully extract out the poison, she even managed to break through from her limit and achieved her current realm. Her strength has increased by almost two folds, but when compared to the two realms, it didn't really mean anything much. One thing that's worth noting, it was very hard to go through another increase in the realm.

The two barriers which the woman faced weren't actually about the level of her Divine Grade. After all, it was impossible for a person to increase their Divine Grade level consecutively, let alone the difference between two level of Divine Grade wasn't merely three million Dao Force.

A strength worth six million Dao Force has already greatly surpassed Qing Shui's strength which was worth only four million Dao Force.

The Grand State Master who stood opposite of them was even more formidable. His strength was worth almost seventeen million Dao Force, surpassing the woman's strength by an entire ten million Dao Force. The strength of ten million Dao Force was like a gateway, many people's progress halted there.

With all that taken into consideration, the Grand State Master could definitely be considered as an outstanding genius. His strength has already reached a fearsome level. Two million Dao Force was the strength of a Fourth Level Divine Grade. A strength worth five million Dao Force was equivalent to the Fifth Level Divine Grade. For Sixth Level Divine Grade, one would need to achieve ten million Dao Force

to achieve it. Finally, the Seventh Level Divine Grade would require one to break through fifty million Dao Force.

As of now, Qing Shui's strength was worth almost four million Dao Force. It was calculated based on his offensive prowess. Whenever he unleashed his default attacks, that was how much his destructive prowess would be ranged around. But without a doubt, Qing Shui's actual battle prowess was much more powerful than that.

Qing Shui's strength was considered to be at the Fourth Level Divine Grade. The woman, on the other hand, was at the Fifth Level Divine Grade. Her strength was beyond six million Dao Force and very close to reach seven million Dao Force, which was about a ten million difference with the Grand State Master.

This was also why the woman was very helpless before. After all, the difference was too big.

This wasn't a question of whether or not she was confident with herself. When facing off against an absolute strength, it would be very hard for anyone to actually be confident. But when one was forced to a point of no retreat, he would have to give his utmost effort to resist against it, even if it was running his head against a brick wall.

The reason why Qing Shui was so daring wasn't because he was just blindly being confident in himself. Though it might seem to be a huge gap in strength between him and the Grand State Master, his ability to resist against attacks was worth around forty million Dao Force. This was Qing Shui's true assets. Though he might not be able to injure the opponent with his attacks, the opponent was also unlikely to injure him with his strength.

Even if his opponent truly had a formidable sure-kill technique, Qing Shui still had his Divine Paragon Armor to block against it. In addition to that, Qing Shui has yet to unleash his abilities that weakened his opponents. Once he used it, the opponent's strength would be reduced immediately by a huge chunk while there was still room for his strength to increase.

"The time is almost up. If you are ready, I will make my move now." The Grand State Master really enjoyed looking at the helpless expression of his opponents. At least from the Grand State Master's perspective, that was how his opponents' faces looked like. It showed that his opponents were trying their best to resist against him.

"I am not ready yet, give me some time." Qing Shui smiled and said.

Battle God Halo!

Following on, he took out the Heavenly Talisman and tossed it on both himself and the woman. Of course, the Heavenly Talisman he took out was the one that helped increase his strength. Though it only boosted his strength by a bit, it was still better than nothing.

Duality Pure Hearted Formation!

This formation was used by two people. Actually, the Taichi Duality Formation was subdivided into many categories. Qing Shui found this one to be the most comfortable one since it didn't require both users to know about it. As long as one of them knew how to use it, he or she would be able to increase the Diversion Force by 20%. Actually, the Diversion Force was the force which helped to decrease the

damage caused by an opponent. It was just the same as the momentum and energy diversion principles of Taichi. In fact, they also originated from this.

In addition to that, the Duality Pure-Hearted Formation was capable of resisting very powerful poisons. The formation could produce gas that helped neutralize the poisons.

Adding all of that together, the woman's and Qing Shui's strength has increased by 50%. The woman's strength immediately soared up to about ten million Dao Force. But because ten million Dao Force was a gateway, the woman's strength could only reach the peak of nine million Dao Force.

Initially, her strength was worth around seven million Dao Force and now, it was almost ten million Dao Force..... Though it was still a huge difference compared to the Grand State Master's strength that was worth around seventeen million Dao Force, it was already a much more desirable situation than before. She looked at the mysterious man in shock.

She thought back to the time when the two battled, this man hadn't actually used this ability. The man's strength now was worth around six million Dao Force. If he had used such ability before, her strength back then would have been totally inferior compared to his.

"Hm... Interesting... To think that you are actually hiding such a fearsome supplementary ability up your sleeves." The Grand State Master said in shock. He could sense the changes which the two underwent.

Supplementary techniques were very powerful. For example, the Grand State Master who was currently standing in front of them, if his strength increased by 50%, he would have possessed a strength worth nearly twenty-six million Dao Force.

Qing Shui revealed a weird smile when he heard what the Grand State Master said. After that, he immediately lifted up his hand and unleashed the Emperor's Qi.

In an instant, the Grand State Master's body shook uncontrollably. His current strength was already worth less than fourteen million Dao Force.

Prior to this, the Grand State Master already knew that this young man was very weird. He seemed to be extremely resistant to attacks. With his current strength, he might still not be able to eliminate him even with his Sure-kill move, let alone now, his strength has already been greatly reduced.

He mustn't wait any longer. This young man must be eliminated at once otherwise, there would definitely be troubles today.

Art of Pursuing!

A heavy feeling emerged from both of his legs. A 30% decrease in speed... When combined with the effect of Emperor's Qi, the Grand State Master lost almost half of his initial speed... Half of a person's speed... That could lead to mistakes in judgment!

It has been a long time since Qing Shui used this martial technique. The enemies which he encountered before this were all opponents whom he could beat easily. This time was an exception, the opponent he was about to face this time was a bit harder to deal with, at least it was safe to assume that he wasn't really confident that he would win. He would need to unleash as much power as he could at a time like this.

“Let’s go!”

Qing Shui shouted out loudly and took the lead in charging towards the Grand State Master. A battle immediately broke out in mid-air.

Hou!

Dragon-capturing Hands!

Chapter 1898 - Fifth Level of Xuantian Seal

The Dragon-capturing Hands were like a dominant assassin which controlled its victim. Furthermore, it also didn’t have many limitations and consumed very little energy. The reason why Qing Shui used such a technique was that there was a chance that he might be able to squeeze the target to death. In addition to that, the Dragon-capturing Hands was also a technique which couldn’t be avoided.

Though it was said to be unavoidable, Qing Shui knew that nothing in this world was absolute. Though all along, no one has been able to dodge from his Dragon-capturing hands, he knew it was because his opponents weren’t strong enough. Given enough strength, they would still be able to dodge it.

Pa!

Deep down, Qing Shui was feeling very happy. This was because the Grand State Master didn’t manage to avoid it. He immediately got captured by Qing Shui. However, he didn’t get squeezed to death. There were various factors which determined whether or not the victim would be squeezed to death. In fact, the possibility of this happening was quite small. The larger the gap in strength between the user and the victim, the higher the chance it would happen. For example, an egg and a rock. Naturally, the possibility of the two respective objects being crushed would be different.

Actually, the Grand State Master was still in shock. He found it hard to believe that Qing Shui managed to weaken him so much. After getting half of his speed reduced, he felt as if he has fallen into the swamp. It felt like he was carrying a huge mountain on his back.

At the moment when Qing Shui’s attacks landed on him, he was once again shocked. There have been so many weird incidents today... Weird to the point that it made him feel like escaping. Even after boosting their strength, it was clear their strength was supposed to be lower than his by half. Moreover, the difference in strength couldn’t be balanced out by merely accumulating the number of warriors. Under normal circumstances, with his own strength that was worth seventeen million Dao Force, he could go up against a bunch warrior with strength worth six million, eight million or even ten million Dao Force. It was not something which could be measured by numbers alone... It was not as simple as one plus one equal two.

But unfortunately, the things which he thought was impossible to happen actually happened right in front of him. To top it all off, he was actually a bit frightened and got captured by the enormous claw which his opponent unleashed. The Grand State Master abruptly released his aura and destroyed Qing Shui’s claws.

By now, the woman was also standing beside Qing Shui. In her hand, she was holding Qing Shui’s Poison Dragon Dagger. As of now, she was slowly getting used to it. She also understood why this man dared to challenge the Grand State Master. He might truly be able to defeat the Grand State Master.

“Hey woman, I will act as a shield for you. I will still have to rely on you to injure him.” Qing Shui’s voice came through.

“Ah!” The woman let out an unusual noise.

This noise caused Qing Shui to tremble. He didn’t turn around, instead, it made him felt like running away. There was a kind of charm which words couldn’t describe in that voice, particularly the way in which she let it out. It somehow resembled a moan. However, Qing Shui didn’t have the opportunity to turn around and enjoy the woman’s expression.

“Why are you screaming? Let’s make our move now, I can’t beat him alone.”

Qing Shui said in an unhappy tone. By now, the Grand State Master has long since broken free from Qing Shui’s Dragon-capturing Hands. A pair of huge blades appeared in his hands. These were two blades with two completely different shapes. Not only did they differ in size and shape, but even their color wasn’t the same.

The one in his left hand was a single-handed blade that was about three feet long. It was dark jade and there was a narrow bloody red gorge on the body of the blade. Qing Shui knew that it wasn’t used to contain blood, the dangerous aura could be felt being emitted from there.

The one in his right hand was a nine-foot long huge blade. Its surface was filled with tight, tiny sawtooth. The tiny sawtooth was brimming with dark green colored light. This kind of light was transparent like a cold ice. The Grand State Master looked very intimidating with both of his swords. He was also giving off an eerie aura.

This time, the Grand State Master didn’t say anything. He immediately thrust the huge blade in his arm forward and began spinning very quickly. He formed a strong tornado that was about the thickness of a human body as he neared Qing Shui and the woman.

This tornado alone already had the sharpness which could cut through all things, not to mention it was also accompanied by poisons of unusual colors. Qing Shui didn’t fear poison, nevertheless, he also wouldn’t recklessly test it. Arrogant people were those that could die easily. Besides, by now, Qing Shui already knew that there were many people that were more powerful than him in this world. Even for himself, he could only be considered to have scratched the surface as an expert.

Nine Palace Steps!

Nine Palace Laws!

Qing Shui casually dodged it and extended his arm to grab the woman along. At this moment, he didn’t have time to care whether or not he had direct contacts with the woman. A lot of times, warriors mustn’t act so reserved. Otherwise, they would be better off doing embroidery in an attic.

Qing Shui managed to grab the woman’s arm. Her figure followed him along and moved in a very unusual way. As a result, that she didn’t know about the Nine Palace Laws, she was amazed by Qing Shui’s speed and movements. After all, he was too fast and his movements were very unpredictable.

The Grand State Master didn’t intend to kill Qing Shui with one strike, but he was enraged after seeing Qing Shui held the hand of the woman whom he has chosen for himself.

Green Scaled Ghostly Fire!

The surface of the blades looked even darker now. This kind of dark green resembled the dark green color that a holy person usually had. Legend has it that this was precisely the color of Ghostly Fire. Meanwhile, a Ghostly Fire immediately emerged from the sword. It was changing colors irregularly. On top of the fire, there was a dark black circle. It seemed like an empty hole was burnt out from it. It was giving out fearsome swallowing noises.

Go!

A blanket of bright fire dots covered the sky and flared towards Qing Shui and the woman. It was earth-shattering and letting out fearsome howling noises.

Qing Shui's expression changed. Without much thought, he could already figure out that this fire must be very powerful. The Ghostly Fire was capable of burning up even water. If an expert warrior was to come in contact with the fire, he would have no choice but to cut off his meat that was on fire in the first moment. Otherwise, there was a high chance he would be burnt to death.

Once again, Qing Shui unleashed the Primordial Flame. The Primordial Flame possessed formidable resistance towards the normal fire. However, due to their large gap in strength, Qing Shui naturally wouldn't try to defend it with his body.

Five Elements Divine Refining Technique!

Qing Shui's Five Elements Divine Refining Technique was very powerful. As soon as he swung his arm, a water screen appeared. The Five Elements Divine Refining Technique was powerful in its destructive prowess. With the additional boost that Qing Shui provided later, it could unleash formidable destructive power. For example, a destructive power two or even three times greater than the user's original strength. But up to a certain fixed distance, the effect could vary. The amount of power that could be drawn out would depend on the user's realm of the Five Elements Divine Refining Technique.

Zi-zi.....

It was like many holes were drilled out of a huge screen. Qing Shui looked at the woman who was next to her. He wanted to see if she had come up with any methods.

The speed of the Ghostly Fire was quite fast. Qing Shui couldn't dodge away from it one more time. Hence, he let out his arms and abruptly unleashed a technique.

Seal of Xuantian!

A snow-white light greeted the Ghostly Fire all over the sky. This was the disadvantage of having too huge a gap with the opponent. If the opponent wasn't as strong as himself, this kind of attack which was all over the sky was the easiest attack to counter.

Qing Shui unleashed the Seal of Xuantian which was almost forgotten by him. It immediately covered the Ghostly Fire in the sky. The silvery light in the sky seemed to have changed even the color of the Ghostly Fire. Meanwhile, above the silvery light, a huge platform appeared.

Seal of Xuantian's Platform!

The current Seal of Xuantian's Platform was no longer as small as before. It was undoubtedly bigger than a small mountain. Though Qing Shui hardly used it, he never stopped cultivating it. It was a very strange martial technique. It was from the remaining chapters of a certain book where Qing Shui learned about its origin. As Qing Shui continued to cultivate it, eventually, its dominance could be comparable to the Emperor's Qi.

This was the realm attained by the Fifth Level of Xuantian Seal.

The silvery light seemed to halt the movement of the Ghostly Fire. Within the silvery light, it seemed to have slowed down drastically. This time, Qing Shui didn't use the Nine Continents Mountain. Instead, he suddenly thought of using the Seal of Xuantian.

The most obvious effect of the Seal of Xuantian was wherever its light shone, the speed of the object would decrease. So much that even its reaction time would drop drastically. The current Fifth Level of Xuantian Seal might not be able to entirely stop the movement within the area, but the amount of speed reduced was undoubtedly very fearsome. That was why Qing Shui felt that the Seal of Xuantian was very dominant. If eventually, the Seal of Xuantian was able to halt the entire movements within the area, wouldn't the enemies just stand there like preys waiting to be eaten by Qing Shui?

Qing Shui didn't have such thought. He still didn't know what level he needed to achieve to completely halt the enemies. In fact, he wasn't even sure if he could really do that. But now, he was already very happy that he could reduce their speed by multiple folds. On the other side, it consumed the Godly Force greatly. Qing Shui didn't want to waste his Godly Force, he just wanted to see how strong the Seal of Xuantian was.

Za!

Qing Shui abruptly thrust out his palm imprint and pressed it down.

Hong!

The entire sky was covered with fragments of silvery light as an enormous explosion occurred. The bright and dazzling light at that instant looked just like a meteor shower in the sky.

Chapter 1899 - Diamond Ghost King! Bloodthirsty Demonic Vines!

Actually, Qing Shui used it this time in order to test it, rather than expecting that it would work. He was not that clear about the actual strength of Seal of Xuantian, or at least he didn't know if it would work against the Ghostly Fire that was currently in front of him. He has already got the Nine Continents Mountain prepared for emergencies. Once the Seal of Xuantian failed to block it, he would immediately unleash the Nine Continents Mountain.

Speaking of the Nine Continents Mountain, ever since it went up to its third level, its progress has halted. It also took a long time for it to break through from its second level up to its third level. However, after so many years, it eventually managed to break through a number of stages and achieved its current sixth level.

The realm of the Nine Continents Mountain was related to Qing Shui's strength. The strength of the Nine Continents Mountain was always three times Qing Shui's overall strength. This was its power when

it reached its sixth level. Though this could already be considered a fearsome progress, Qing Shui was still not satisfied with it.

With Qing Shui's current strength that was worth nearly four million Dao Force, the strength of the Nine Continents Mountain was already worth almost twelve million Dao Force. Not only so, but the Nine Continents Mountain also contained the power of multiple Shield Attacks. It could be said that even the Grand State Master prior to being weakened might not be able to block the Shield Attack of the Nine Continents Mountain.

He would definitely be pushed back once he encountered it.

This was also one of Qing Shui's main sure-kill move. Not only could he use it to go head to head against his opponents, but it could also act as a defense for him. The actual strength of the Nine Continents Mountain when being controlled definitely surpassed the strength that was only seen from the surface.

This was also one of the factors why Qing Shui was confident that he could face off against the Grand State Master and maybe even kill him here.

Qing Shui really appreciated the time he got to battle. He wanted to stabilize his own strength. He also didn't wish to expose too many of his weapons so soon to make sure he didn't inadvertently alert the enemies. For example, the Nine Continents Mountain... Actually, it would require him to luck up to a certain extent in order to push back the Grand State Master or even injure him. After all, the opponent's strength still surpassed the Nine Continents Mountain. The most important function of the Shield Attack was to push back the opponent. It only increased the damage caused by a small amount. Nevertheless, if the opponent released his strength outwards but got pushed back by the Nine Continents Mountain, it would be hard to say whether or not it could deal serious injuries to the opponent. This would depend on how well the opponent was controlling his power.

The Seal of Xuantian immediately bombarded the Ghostly Fire and caused them to disappear. Qing Shui felt very delighted after seeing that. It seemed that the Seal of Xuantian was still quite a dominant technique.

This time, the Grand State Master didn't seem all that surprised with the fact that his Ghostly Fire was destroyed. He once again swung his sword and charged his way towards Qing Shui. It seemed a close distance fight was about to unravel.

Ha!

The Grand State Master let out a short yell. His voice sounded heavy and sharp. Followed by his yell, the body of the Grand State Master extended by about half a meter. As of now, he was almost the same height as Qing Shui. Not only has he grown significantly taller, but his body figure has also started to resemble that of an ape. Compared to before, his body has gotten half a meter wider and thicker. His entire body was pitch black in color just like a black ape.

Diamond Ghost King!

"Oh, so you are the Diamond Ghost King." Some details and techniques of the Diamond Ghost King appeared within Qing Shui's consciousness. These were all passed onto him by the Golden Battle God. All of these flashed through his mind like lightning, yet they were all imprinted clearly within his mind.

For a moment, Qing Shui really wanted to thank the Golden Battle God whom he received his inheritance from. He has given him too much, particularly the informations which he gave him now, it played a very huge importance, for example, Qing Shui would know what the Diamond Ghost King specialized in.

“Golden Battle God Inheritor, there will eventually come a time when we will have to battle against each other, let’s put an end to this today!” The huge man’s heavy noise sounded just like a thunder strike. His entire body was black in color.

From the informations which appeared in Qing Shui’s head, he was able to interpret that the huge guy wasn’t as simple as its name implied. Diamond... Its entire body was incomparably tough. Furthermore, it also possessed a poisonous body. Its body was the greatest storage for poisons. It was capable of constantly releasing toxic. Furthermore, the Diamond Ghost King’s speed and power was also very aggressive and dominant.

The woman’s eyes turned bright upon hearing what they said. However, she remained silent and only looked at Qing Shui curiously before moving her sight onto the Black Diamond monster opposite of her.

She was also aware of the things which revolved around the Battle God Inheritance and also the Demon Lord and Ghost King Inheritances respectively. Back in ancient times, fights would constantly break out between the Battle Gods against both the Demon Lords and Ghost Kings. Their inheritance was passed down through battles. Apparently, the cultivations of many Ghost Kings and Demon Lords were very ruthless. They even carry out massacre across an entire city for their own cultivations. The Battle Gods, on the other hand, were tasked with the mission to stop them. Just like that, they became enemies. It was unknown how many years have passed since then, but until now, the mission still existed across the continents. Each of the warriors who received the Battle God Inheritance would inherit the mission.

“Today, even if you don’t wish to put an end to this, you will still have no choice but to do it.” Qing Shui smiled and said.

“Brat, don’t just know how to talk nonsense.”

“You will know later, whether or not it’s nonsense.” Qing Shui’s body began emitting intense battle intention.

“If that’s the case, I will show you, the difference between us.”

At the moment when the Grand State Master finished speaking, his figure sprung out. His movement didn’t contain any sense of beauty. However, it was able to give people a strong feeling that it was incomparably aggressive. He immediately unleashed a deadly tornado with both of the blades in his hands and covered Qing Shui and the woman within it.

At this moment, Qing Shui was able to clearly detect that the Grand State Master’s strength has increased drastically, it might have recovered back his strength, which left Qing Shui unable to imagine how strong exactly he would have become if he hadn’t weakened his opponent. Without a doubt, it would have definitely gone beyond twenty million Dao Force.

The speed of the Grand State Master at the moment was very fast. This speed was still his speed after half of it was reduced. Qing Shui raised the aura around his body to its peak. He unleashed the Golden Battle Halberd in his hand with techniques from the Nine Stances of Ancient Divine Battle Technique.

Beng!

A loud and heavy ear-splitting noise came through. Qing Shui immediately got blown away by the heavy force. At the moment he got blown away, he grabbed the woman along.

Indeed, it was a very aggressive force!

Qing Shui might have been blown away, but due to his formidable resistance towards attacks, he managed to withstand the attack without being inflicted with any damage. It was like when an enormous bear clashed against a tree, the tree wouldn't be damaged. Nevertheless, he must still admit that his opponent was bold and powerful.

Following on, the Grand State Master began unleashing his strength like an endless storm. He continuously swung both of the blades in his arms, leaving behind waves after waves of sword afterimages.

Qing Shui never expected the Grand State Master to still possess speed like this. For a moment, he was only able to withstand the attacks up to a certain extent. At the same time, he also needed to look after the woman. After all, he would still need to rely on her if he truly wanted to beat the Black Diamond Ghost King. He has even unleashed his Paragon Strike only to realize that it didn't work. From here, it could be concluded that the Nine Continents Mountain could only help to ensure that he stayed alive.

Hence, Qing Shui wasn't really worried about it. He felt that he was currently in a position where he wouldn't lose.

The woman was holding the Poison Dragon Dagger in her hand. While being grabbed by Qing Shui, she was constantly dodging away from the attacks and occasionally being blown away. The power of the Grand State Master was too aggressive. Also, his black body which resembled a diamond, the woman wondered if she could cut open the opponent's body with the Poison Dragon Dagger in her hand.

If she didn't manage to cut open the opponent's body, the Poison Dragon Dagger would have been useless.

Bloodthirsty Demonic Vines!

Qing Shui grasped the opportunity and tossed out his Bloodthirsty Demonic Vines. Initially, Qing Shui had planned to use his poison, but then he knew that if he didn't break open the body of the Diamond Ghost King, no poison would work against it.

The Diamond Ghost King who got careless got wrapped around by Qing Shui's Bloodthirsty Demonic Vines.

Qing Shui was very happy. The current Bloodthirsty Demonic Vine was no doubt also quite fearsome. The bloody red vines with the thickness comparable to that of an elephant, along with the sharp barbs across its body, were tightly wrapped around the Grand State Master.

Hou!

The Grand State Master let out a howl which resembled a wild beast's roar. He seemed to be unable to break free from the Bloodthirsty Demonic Vines. Something worth noting was that the binding force of the Bloodthirsty Demonic Vines was not in the least inferior to the current Grand State Master. Prior to this, Qing Shui had thought about using the Thunderous Beast to provide aids for the Bloodthirsty Demonic Vines, but he never expected for such a coincidence to happen, that he would lose his focus and allowed the Bloodthirsty Demonic Vines to succeed in capturing him.

This was, without doubt, an accident.

"Stop struggling, you won't be able to break free from it." Qing Shui said in a confident tone.

"That's hard to say!"

To his surprise, the Grand State Master said something like that. And right at this moment, his figure suddenly disappeared from the Bloodthirsty Demonic Vines.

Chapter 1900 - Wind Trace Protection, Nine Continents Mountain

Qing Shui's expression changed at the instant the Grand State Master disappeared. He extended his hand to grab the woman and immediately jumped away from the area. In just an instant, the spot where Qing Shui and the woman moved away from, got bitten to shreds by an enormous heavenly saber. Qing Shui didn't think about whether or not he would be able to withstand it. One thing for sure, he knew that the woman would definitely not be able to withstand it.

Somehow the Grand State Master already knew that Qing Shui would dodge it. His figure was blurry and couldn't be seen clearly as he followed Qing Shui like a maggot that eroded bones. It continuously cut through the air and broke it into pieces, bringing up a series of black vortex.

Qing Shui didn't know how the Grand State Master got so fast all of a sudden. Furthermore, he even managed to break free from the Bloodthirsty Demonic Vines. This caused Qing Shui to be even more confused. Nevertheless, now wasn't the time for him to ponder over these matters.

Though Qing Shui didn't go on to think too much about it, he was roughly able to figure out why. It was very likely that the Grand State Master was hiding some sort of treasure in him. It was this treasure which enabled him to escape from the Bloodthirsty Demonic Vines and possessed the fearsome speed now. His strength has also been increased by a huge amount.

The only thing which the martial arts in the world could never defeat was speed. In front of absolute speed, everything would turn into paper tigers. It was just like how a sparrow could puncture a hole through the metal wing of a plane. With enough speed, even an egg would become capable of breaking a stone. Nevertheless, it was without doubt that the egg would crush at the same time.

Qing Shui believed that there must be a time limit at which he could maintain this condition. Not only so, but he even went on to hypothesize that there might be side-effects to such techniques. Certainly, these were all only Qing Shui's assumption. But after spending so many years becoming the expert he was now, his assumption wasn't made without a basis.

Indeed, the Grand State Master was feeling very impatient at the moment. This young man was agile like a mudfish. Even after using the Wind Trace Protection, he was still unable to catch up to his speed. If

his speed hadn't been weakened before, he would have definitely caught up with Qing Shui by using the Wind Trace Protection.

Qing Shui's assumption was correct. The Wind Trace Protection was a pendant. It was unknown whether it was a Divine Artifact. It was capable of strengthening the bearer's speed by two folds. The "Heart Protection" which it was equipped with, was capable of instantly making the bearer jump up from his previous realm which in turn multiplied his speed yet again by another two folds. The effect could last for half an hour. It could only be used once per day.

Thirty minutes could already be considered as a long time between the fights of expert warriors. Unfortunately, the person he ran into was Qing Shui. Unknowingly, half an hour passed, and he had still yet to touch the opponent's sleeve.

He was very enraged by it. To think that this young man would choose to dodge continuously... He never intended to face off against him directly like he already knew that there was a time limit to which he could maintain his condition. For a moment, however, he couldn't think of any methods to deal with him. Once the Wind Trace Protection wore out, his chance of winning would be greatly reduced.

He never thought for the battle which he initially thought would be a sure win for him to turn out like this. He didn't understand how Qing Shui could move so fast. Most importantly, his body movements were also very unusual, making it very unpredictable from other people's perspective. It was a feeling where the victim would feel hopeless in chasing after him.

For the time being, Qing Shui didn't dare to let down his guard. The opponent has already been enraged by the battle itself, not only so, he even specialized in using poisons. One careless mistake could lead to unbearable consequences. Before this, Qing Shui thought that the battle had ended with his Bloodthirsty Demonic Vines, but he never expected that he would be chased down by the opponent to the point of exhaustion.

Luckily, with the unusual Nine Palace Steps, even the current Grand State Master was unable to get a hold of him. If the opponent had been stronger, the Nine Palace Step might not have been as useful.

The Nine Palace Laws also played a huge part in assisting Qing Shui. The current Nine Palace Step has stopped making progress, after all, it was also closely related to Qing Shui's own strength. However, the Nine Palace Laws on the other hand, was a lot stronger than before. Within a region with strong gravity, the opponent's speed would be limited. Also, as its strength increased, even more energy was needed to activate it.

Certainly, following the increase of the level, the energy consumed by Qing Shui in maintaining the Nine Palace Laws also became more significant. To Qing Shui however, this was still nothing. After all, the Yin-yang Image within his Sea of Consciousness was constantly replenishing his Origin Qi and Force of Rebirth. Even though he was still yet to be called a restless machine, there was already a very huge difference between him and other warriors.

After fifteen minutes, the Grand State Master came to a stop and looked at Qing Shui who was a hundred meters away from him, "What do you know other than dodging?"

"I never stated before that I am very talented, you on the other hand, what kind of a pussy are you? To not even be able to catch a person without any talent" Qing Shui chuckled.

“If you are a man, have an honest battle with me. Do you have the guts to do that?” The Grand State Master tried to provoke Qing Shui.

“It’s not up to you to decide whether or not I am a man. But you know what? That thing of yours, it’s not that useful. Does it tend to rush down a thousand li at one go?” Qing Shui looked at the opponent’s private region and said in a disdainful tone.

Qing Shui wasn’t trying to talk nonsense. It was because he noticed it. To put it simply, because he has interacted with too much poison, he was inflicted with an annoying mixed poison, causing him to ejaculate very early when having sex. Nevertheless, sometimes, it was also functioning normally, but even then, the chances of this happening were three out of ten times.

The Grand State Master specialized in poisons. Naturally, he would also be proficient in the medical field. Despite all that, he was unable to solve his own problem. This might be what people usually described as “a physician was not capable of attending to his own diseases”.

“You.....You... You are talking nonsense!” Naturally, the Grand State Master wouldn’t admit it.

The woman blushed and glared at the man that was beside her. He indeed has a very unrestrained mouth. They were already in such a life-and-death situation and yet he still had the mood to talk about things like this.

“Who do you think I am? I am a physician. If I am incapable of even noticing that, I wouldn’t have been able to open the Imperial Cuisine Hall. There is also nothing embarrassing about it. If you don’t attend to it, as time passed, it will get even worse. Eventually, it won’t even be able to erect at all. If an extreme beauty was to appear in front of you by then, you wouldn’t be able to do anything but to look at her.” Qing Shui continued on and said.

Qing Shui was trying to waste time. At the same time, he also wanted to input some pressure on the opponent. This man must die. There was no way he would make amends with him.

“You unbridled brat! All you know is nothing but talk nonsense! I know my own body better than anyone else! What do you know? Your hair hasn’t even fully grown yet and you are already boasting so much! Die!” The Grand State Master seemed to know the situation very well. He highly doubted that Qing Shui would cure him. Besides, he also didn’t trust Qing Shui. Even if he did, what could he do with it?

The Grand State Master was also aware that dragging it on wouldn’t do him any good. The chance of him taking down Qing Shui would be even higher if he engaged him with the Wind Trace Protection still in effect.

Even he himself didn’t know that this short conversation would cause his self-confidence to be damaged so much.

This time, Qing Shui didn’t avoid him. He immediately summoned the Nine Continents Mountain.

Go!

The enormous Nine Continents Mountain charged its way towards the Grand State Master. The strength of the Nine Continents Mountain has already exceeded ten million Dao Force. Added on the formidable ability of Shield Attack on top of it, the Nine Continents Mountain would be able to withstand the

opponent even if he was superior in strength. Nevertheless, if the gap in strength was too large, the strength from Shield Attack would still prove to be useless.

Though the Grand State Master might have received a temporary boost in his strength, it was still below twenty million Dao Force. Hence, Qing Shui was very confident that he could exhaust the Grand State Master to death under normal circumstances.

Beng!

A loud noise came through. The Nine Continents Mountain came to a stop. Qing Shui, on the other hand, revealed a joyful smile. The Grand State Master has been blown ten meters away to the back. Though he was uninjured, he was unable to break through the Nine Continents Mountain.

With that being the case, Qing Shui's eyes changed. He controlled the Nine Continents Mountain with his consciousness and charged his way towards the Grand State Master. With the Golden Battle Halberd in his hand, he aimed for the time when the Nine Continents Mountain got tossed out and struck the Golden Battle Halberd on it. He gave the Nine Continents Mountain an additional boost in strength as it flew out.