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Chapter 1731 - Treasure, The Legendary Northern Ocean Divine Temple

As Qing Shui thought about all of these and realizing how formidable beast tamers were, he also understood how tough it was to be a Beast Tamer. He felt a lot more relieved as a result. Although he was an alchemist, Qing Shui believed he was also considered a Beast Tamer. Despite all his advantages, his demonic beasts only possessed a decent amount of strength.

Beast Tamers had a very fatal restriction: It was very difficult for them to surpass their own demonic beasts in terms of power. Furthermore, after reaching a certain point, Beast Tamers would also have great difficulties if they wanted to progress. After all, they had spent most of their time focusing on improving their beasts' strength.

Qing Shui was already satisfied with what he had. It didn't matter whether he was a Beast Tamer or not. Deep down, he knew that with the demonic beasts which he currently had, many formidable Beast Tamers would be envious of him.

The letter from the Xuan Clan hadn't really affected Qing Shui's life. He simply continued on with his life. The Hell Nightmare Beast underwent a change after it took the Constitution Nurturing Pill. As a result, Qing Shui felt that he had already gained huge benefits from it.

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At the moment, in the Northern Ocean Domain, Qing Shui was near the ocean. Without much thought, he could already figure out where the deepest part of the ocean was. However, for the time being, Qing Shui didn't have any intentions to travel deeper into the ocean.

Qing Shui might indeed possess a very solid strength, but it was until after he took the Constitution Nurturing Pill when he realized that martial arts had no limit. Before this, he used to always harbor the thought that he was already very strong and this was as far as he could go. As he was recalling this, he found it a bit funny.

Qing Shui understood many things from this experience. Though he didn't express it directly, in spite of appearance, he was quite satisfied with it. It was a form of self-satisfaction.

Humans feared self-satisfaction because once they were indulging in this state, they would find it very difficult to continue advancing, not even taking into consideration other people's advice. Once their body became saturated, it would be tough for them to continue improving as their strength would stop growing. As the saying went, 'even the Holy Saints could still learn new things from ordinary people'. This would come to be known as a state of mind. Usually, when a person became strong, they would start to have the thought that those who were inferior to them would always be wrong, therefore developing a low state of mind. This was a form of arrogance as well as self-satisfaction.

Qing Shui felt very lucky that he managed to prevent this from happening. When people cultivated, they also cultivated their mind at the same time. It was a facet of their innermost being. It was necessary to cultivate their mind in order to be more powerful. The bigger a person's heart was, the larger the world they viewed would be. Without a powerful heart, they would find it difficult in withstanding many

things. This would, in turn, limit their views of the world. It was the same as when a person from his previous incarnation mentioned that they wanted to explore and have a look at the outside world.

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In a flash, two months had gone by. On this day, Qing Shui brought Qing Xiu back home. The little brat was already half a year old and he looked very handsome. Even Qing Shui couldn't help but feel emotional from it. He had inherited too much of Yiye Jiange's genes.

The little brat was hugging Qing Shui's neck. Its hands were constantly moving, interacting with different parts of Qing Shui's body. From time to time, it would also let out a baby's laughing noises, calming down the heart of those who heard it.

It wasn't the first time Qing Shui had played with his children. He had also played with Qing Zun, Qing Yin, Qing Ming, Qing Yan, and Qing Yu.

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Nevertheless, it had been a long time since Qing Shui had last done it. He seemed to particularly reminisce from this experience. It was just like how parents tend to favor their youngest child. The reason was when they tried to recall memories with their elder children, they would be quite vague, particularly after they had younger children. Seeing their children smiling, the parents would suddenly come to realize that they had no knowledge of when their babies had actually learned to smile.

This was precisely how it was for Qing Shui. Among his children, some of them didn't have their father by their side at the moment when they were born. Not only that, he was also often not at home. Though he might occasionally go back to visit them, he still felt guilty because of it.

Now that he was carrying Qing Xiu, it was only during these times that he finally felt that he had fulfilled his responsibility as a father. Since ancient times, we were all made aware that no one was perfect. Everyone would have things they felt guilty for but it was precisely due to these that they would realize how good perfection was.

As soon as they went in, the Sunset Palace Mistress happened to come out. She smiled as she approached Qing Shui and took Qing Xiu. Children who were six months old would already be able to recognize other people. However, meeting with the girls quite often had stopped them from getting unfamiliar with each other. Qing Xiu could also hug each of them whenever they met.

The duration which Qing Shui spent there with the girls was quite long. Since the time Qing Xiu was born, he had stayed there for almost six months without leaving. They looked really like a family when they were together.

"Shui Yunfeng is here. He is waiting for you in the living room." The Sunset Palace Mistress said while playing with Qing Xiu.

"Alright. Let me go and have a look."

Qing Shui rubbed Qing Xiu's head before heading to the living room.

As two months had passed, it was about time he helped Shui Yunfeng with his treatment. Shui Yunfeng came here relatively often throughout these two months. He visited about five to six times throughout the two months, once every ten days.

“Elder brother, you came!” Upon walking in, Qing Shui saw Yiye Jiange and Shui Yunfeng while Muyun Qingge seemed to be saying something. Since everyone was already friends, they felt obliged to bring each other gifts as a symbol of their friendship. It didn’t matter whether the two meant it when they addressed each other as brothers, it was fine even if they were just saying it casually. Nevertheless, since it was already mentioned, they made sure they followed the appropriate etiquette to suit the title.

“Yes, where is Qing Xiu? Why didn’t you bring him here?” Shui Yunfeng smiled and asked.

The two girls took their leave after greeting Shui Yunfeng and Qing Shui. After watching the two girls go, he smiled and said to Shui Yunfeng, “How is it? Have you been feeling unwell?”

“No. It’s just that I have been feeling that time has been passing very slowly.” Shui Yunfeng revealed a bitter smile while saying it.

“Elder brother, it’s good to be satisfied with what you already have. You were even ready for the worst outcome. With a panicked heart, you would never be able to taste the warm tofu. I can guarantee you that I will be able to cure your wounds. You needn’t worry about it.” Qing Shui understood how Shui Yunfeng felt.

“I am well aware of this. Oh right. Qing Shui, I have just recently received some news. Are you interested in hearing it?” Shui Yunfeng’s eyes were gleaming when he looked at Qing Shui.

Qing Shui gave a confused look at Shui Yunfeng. There weren’t many news that could actually make the eyes of someone of his level to brighten. Seeing that, Qing Shui also followed along and started getting curious about what exactly it was.

“Sure thing.” Qing Shui smiled and looked at Shui Yunfeng.

“The Northern Ocean Dragon Mercy Path found a place with treasures in it. The only problem is that it’s guarded by a formidable Guardian Beast. Ever since the news about that place full of treasures got out, a lot of forces have been attempting to make their way there. Brother, are you interested?” Shui Yunfeng looked at Qing Shui after explaining slowly.

Throughout the explanation, Qing Shui’s mind was very calm. Under the circumstances where he didn’t know what treasures there were, it was very hard for Qing Shui’s heart to be agitated. He already had a lot of treasures. So much, that he had become a bit reluctant to get involved in this matter.

“Northern Ocean Dragon Mercy Path!” Qing Shui called the name of the group before looking at Shui Yunfeng in shock, “Is it the Dragon Generous Dao that links to the Northern Ocean Divine Temple?”

Shui Yunfeng nodded.

At that moment, Qing Shui started being hesitant about whether he should go or not. The Northern Ocean Divine Temple no longer existed. A long time ago, it was a formidable force and even now, he was still aware of the existence of the Northern Ocean Divine Temple.

Back then, the Northern Ocean Divine Temple had quite a lot of branch temples. The problem was no one was clear on whether these temples were still owned by the descendants of the Northern Ocean Divine Temple or not. It was very likely that the treasures found by Northern Ocean Dragon Mercy Path were once things owned by the Northern Ocean Divine Temple.

It was in human nature to be greedy. Be it because of rumors or if a person was driven by benefits, a considerable amount of forces had already made their plans to pay the Northern Ocean Dragon Mercy Path a visit. If they were lucky, they would obtain a treasure from the divine temple and skyrocket in their positions. They could then find themselves some beautiful women to marry.

Right now, Qing Shui was a bit confused.

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What Qing Shui was confused about was the treasures that were in the Northern Ocean Divine Temple. He wasn't a saint. Even he would like things that could be useful to him. Besides, he was never scared of getting himself involved with the issues of others. After a while, he responded with, "If possible, I would like to go there and take a look."

"Of course! Why not? The Northern Ocean Dragon Mercy Path would only open after three days. Would you like to stick together with us by then?" Shui Yunfeng smiled and asked.

"Sure!"

Following that, Qing Shui continued to cure Shui Yunfeng's wounds. This time, he managed to cure another ? of his meridians. Adding on with the one which he previously cured, ? of Shui Yunfeng's meridians in total had already recovered.

"This is great! Qing Shui, I have managed to think it through. Even if it truly was incurable, I will face the reality! Nevertheless, there are some problems which would still remain. Before this, I used to feel that my life was already no different from death. You saved me this time. In the future, I wouldn't knit my brows even if you were to take my life away from me." Shui Yunfeng said in an emotional tone.

"What are you saying all of the sudden? Don't you fear that I am doing this all just so I could make use of you?" Qing Shui smiled and asked.

"I am willing to be used by you when necessary. If I can't do so much as being useful to you, I would have truly been a pathetic man." Shui Yunfeng smiled and said. He was a lot older than Qing Shui and also understood human nature quite well. Deep down, he believed in his skill in judging a person. To him, Qing Shui made him feel safe and relaxed. From his perspective, he would definitely not be a sly person. Otherwise, he wouldn't have talked about any of these. Thus, he wouldn't mind rewarding him with something that was the most luxurious.

"Since we are already friends, as well as brothers now, we are definitely going to help each other out but not use each other. It's only considered as using when it was between two acquaintances. Once we become friends, it should already be considered as providing aids to one another." Qing Shui put away his Gold Needle and Life and Death Needles.

"Haha, alright. Just as the saying goes: 'You only get to see a person's true nature with time'. You have changed my destiny. Please don't mind me for being naggy. You don't understand what kind of torture I

have been through this entire time. It hurts even more than having a knife stab my heart.” Shui Yunfeng was being very passionate.

Qing Shui certainly understood how Shui Yunfeng felt. As a man, one would expect to have a manly look as well as the basic functions of a man. Otherwise, if their gender remained the same while their characteristics of a man had changed, it wouldn't be surprising that he would suffer.

“I shall take my leave now. Get yourself ready within these two days and then go to the place where the treasure is to test our luck. For all you know, we might come across some exceptional treasures. That would certainly be wonderful!” Shui Yunfeng said after putting his clothes back on.

“Why don't you have dinner with us first before leaving since it's almost time to eat anyway?” Qing Shui looked at the sky and noticed that it was already time for dinner.

This area followed the oceanic time. There wasn't much difference between nighttime and daytime. There was also no fixed time to sleep around here. This place could also be known as a city which had no night.

However, because of the huge amount of treasures that existed in the ocean as well as things like the bright pearls and shells, it wasn't actually that dark down here. For residences like this, there would be a lot of pearls forged by Light Stones. Each of them would connect with each other like a city with no night under the ocean.

Three days had passed very quickly. After a discussion, it was eventually decided that Qing Shui, Muyun Qingge, and Sunset Palace Mistress would head for the treasure place while Qing Hanye and Yiye Jiange stayed behind to guard the Sunset Sea King Palace.

There was a functioning formation in Sunset Sea King Palace. It was set up by Qing Shui. Qing Hanye possessed formidable cultivation. Yiye Jiange and her Nine-headed Crystal Beast were also very powerful, especially when it was under the ocean. The beast's power seemed to be boosted even further.

This time, Shui Yunfeng brought along four other people. Though there were only a few of them, they were all experts. To his surprise, each of them was almost equal to Qing Hanye in terms of power.

Forces like Wavemoon Cavern, Watermoon Cavern, as well as Xuan Clan, were one whole level stronger than Dragonwolf Palace. Their differences in strength were significant. Right now, it could be considered that Qing Shui had seen it for himself. No wonder prior to this, Watermoon Cavern didn't really bother to pay much attention to Dragonwolf Palace.

All four of them were considered top-notch in terms of strength in Watermoon Cavern. Certainly, it was also normal for there to be formidable old men in the clan that worked behind the scene. Last time, Qing Shui had killed off a few of them. Though they might not be as strong as the ones which showed up today, at heart, Shui Yunfeng had been feeling pained for this loss for quite a while.

However, he managed to gain even greater things in return. It costed Shui Yunfeng a lot in order to comfort the people who died. No one had forced him to do it. He had done it out of his own will because he was quite a nice person. Otherwise, he wouldn't have been able to receive the Holy Saint Inheritance.

So long as a person decided to rely on aristocratic clans, they must be prepared to die for the clan at any time. In return for that, Watermoon Cavern would provide them with Medicinal Pills Technique as well as the best services and convenience. In a way, this was considered as a kind of exchange.

During this entire process, if the master was kind and treated their subordinates with kindness, they could potentially earn the loyalty and trust of their subordinates. Loyalty was a trait which came straight from the heart. Rather than simply saying it, it would be better to show it through actions. Only those who could take the tests would be considered to be loyal.

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The Northern Ocean Dragon Mercy Path was located not so far away from here. However, it was also not as close as one thought it was. It was located deep in the Easternpeak Mountain. That place was known as the Dragon Mercy. It had a lot of legends. There were people who claimed that Dragon Mercy was a person. Others would say it was a Dragon Man.

None of this was important to Qing Shui. At the moment, Qing Shui, the two girls, as well as Shui Yunfeng and his group, were all rushing their way towards the deepest part of Easternpeak Mountain.

In less than a few hours time, they had already arrived at the deepest part of Easternpeak Mountain. Along the way, they came across a few demonic beasts that lived in the ocean. But as soon as they sensed the formidable power from Qing Shui and the others, particularly the aura that was being emitted off their mounts, every single one of the beasts retreated. Those that were a step slower in running away would get slaughtered immediately.

Along the way, they also came across a few people. However, the only ones that were strong around this area were only the Dragonwolf Palace and the Sunset Sea King Palace. Hence, those people would avoid Qing Shui and the group as soon as they noticed them.

By the time they were deeper into the place, they came across even more people from different places. The members of Xuan Clan had also come. There were a total of ten of them. This might not be considered a lot but those who came were all elite warriors.

“Qing Shui, that’s Xuan She. Legend has it that he was a person who had received the Xuan Snake Technique of Xuan Clan. Now, he has even changed his name to Xuan She.”

It had always been told that in each member of Xuan Clan flowed the blood of the Xuan Snake. Xuan Snake was indisputable in terms of strength. Since ancient times, it had been a being capable of swallowing real dragon tribes.

Qing Shui followed Shui Yunfeng’s sight and they eventually settled down on a man with a middle-age look. He should be almost the same age as Shui Yunfeng. In addition, he looked more grave and stern. The black Xuan clothes which he wore made him looked even more arrogant.

By the time Qing Shui looked at Xuan She, the person himself happened to be already approaching them from the other side. However, his sight was fixed on Shui Yunfeng. After all, the Watermoon Cavern Lord was also one of the person with the most talent among his generation.

A lot of people had kept an eye on the changes Shui Yunfeng has been going through throughout the years, especially during recent times. Shui Yunfeng had been feeling unusually depressed. There were no

secrets which could be kept forever. In fact, some people have even managed to find out about Shui Yunfeng's hidden illness though Shui Yunfeng never once admitted it. It was normal for one to deny it when it came to things like this.

However, this was how things worked. Not admitting it didn't mean that it wasn't true. The news was leaked by one of his servants. This made Shui Yunfeng look like a joke to the public. However, until now, no one had dared to say it in the face of Shui Yunfeng as well as the people from Watermoon Cavern.

Xuan She who was looking at Shui Yunfeng suddenly revealed a strange smile on his face. It was a sympathetic expression which seemed like he was taking the joy of Shui Yunfeng's misfortune.

Qing Shui had always been keeping an eye on the things around him. He realized that between the three forces, they didn't really share good relationships with each other.

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Shui Yunfeng noticed Xuan She's expression. He remained calm and chose to ignore that face.

This was the entrance to the Northern Ocean Dragon Mercy Path. However, it was yet to be the opening time so people rushed here one after another. It was still early when the Xu Clan arrived. Hence, there was no one else around where they stood.

In fact, it was the same for all of the great forces. The ordinary small forces wouldn't take initiatives to approach them. After all, they were here to fight over the treasure. When you were inferior to the opponents, you would end up being looked down upon or being remembered. It was not a good thing to be remembered in such a way.

Soon after, Qing Shui saw the Wavemoon Cavern which came with roughly more than 20 men. Qing Shui also got a glance of Huang Wu and apparently got noticed instantly as well, now that Qing Shui and Shui Yunfeng were together.

Besides that, the two ladies standing near to Qing Shui became the center of focus. Sunset Palace Mistress and Muyun Qingge. One from the Drakainas, one from the Mermaids. Many people threw their eyes over here and wondered who these two remarkable beauties belonged to. They got their answer when they looked at Qing Shui.

Huang Wu was stunned the moment he saw Qing Shui but he was back to normal immediately. He nodded to Qing Shui and didn't come forward.

Qing Shui nodded lightly as well. He didn't take it seriously. The chief of Wavemoon Cavern was a man who appeared older than Shui Yunfeng and Xuan She. The yellow robe couldn't conceal his gloomy and cold aura. Standing there, smiling, this man seemed extremely peculiar.

Next, Shui Yunfeng pointed out other forces to Qing Shui. Though they were not as strong as the Wavemoon Cavern and Xu Clan, they were still huge forces within this region.

Qing Shui listened attentively and remembered them.

After a short while, Shui Yunfeng gazed at a distance far away, looking astonished. Qing Shui was curious and then followed Shui Yunfeng's line of sight.

From a distant place, about ten shadows emerged, riding an enormous fish which was a hundred meters long, sparkling gold, and full of spiritual sense. It appeared extraordinarily lofty and majestic.

Golden Scaled Fish!

Qing Shui's eyes became brightened. To his surprise, it was the Golden Scaled Fish! It was the Ancient Mutant species, the Golden Scale in the ancient days. The Golden Scale was an enormous beast which was powerful in not only the ocean, lands but also in the air.

The Golden Scaled Fish was only a fish species from the Golden Scale bloodline. In fact, a lot of demonic beasts had the Golden Scale bloodline. However, the Golden Scaled Fish had a higher inheritance from the Golden Scale among the rest. Even their appearances were similar.

About ten men rode on top. Qing Shui was amazed that these men were outstandingly good-looking. Qing Shui also felt that something was weird about them. Soon, he knew who these men were.

Ocean Demons!

They were from the Ocean Demon Palace. Qing Shui's eyes lit up. The Ocean Demon was an ancient tribe with a long history. Of those who had come here, the Ocean Demon ranked first for its historical inheritance.

The Ocean Demons didn't have primitive states. They had the human looks just like the Mermaids and the Drakainas. They would only exhibit some tribe traits under certain circumstances.

The Mermaids would have their legs transformed into huge fishtails to achieve the fastest speed in the water. This was the biggest trait to differentiate them from humans.

The Drakainas didn't have obvious traits except for their hands which would turn into dragon claws. This didn't seem like their own traits but more like a technique they practiced.

The Ocean Demon before him was one of these tribes. Their unique trait was the spirit-like feeling they gave out and their faint wispy existence.

The men and women of the Ocean Demon tribe were exceptionally good-looking. Not even one of them looked below average, each of them was gorgeous.

Indeed, there were many types of Ocean Demons. Yet, only the ones here were the genuine Ocean Demons. Some of the Ocean Demons were like monsters. They were not the real ones.

The Ocean Demon Palace was far away, further than anyone who had come here. The current Ocean Demon were legends who could hardly be seen. Hence, nobody recognized them here, neither did they recognize anyone here.

The Chief Ocean Demon stood stout and straight. The Chief could be confirmed to be a man from his robust face. Qing Shui concluded his gender from the masculine aura.

The ambiance was extensive and strong. His eyes were deep yet bright. His attractiveness was beyond description. Even Qing Shui thought that this man was an eye candy. It was best to describe him using the word "beautiful".

In Qing Shui's view, it was definitely better to be a tougher-looking man. He himself looked pretty, even a bit devilish and feminine. Fortunately, his manly side was not depleted.

Qing Shui noticed three female Ocean Demons at the back. They were absolutely alluring with exaggerated curves which made people nosebleed. Nevertheless, they had pretty and fresh-looking faces, occasionally giving out lovely charms.

A lot of men here were captivated since this was the first time they had seen the Ocean Demons. They were full of curiosities.

Feeling the wandering sights, the Chief Ocean Demon raised his eyebrow and glared at the crowd which was having roaming imaginations. Many of them shivered and stopped staring heavy-heartedly.

The moment this man saw the two Mistresses beside Qing Shui, his eye brightened up and he stepped forward.

Qing Shui sighed in disbelief. The man must have found out their identities. The Drakainas and Mermaids were of royal existence in the entire world of ocean domain. They were honorable. Although the respectability came from their bloodline, they would still be respected even if they were to be fallen one day.

Watching the male Ocean Demon who came forward, Qing Shui stood still. The two Mistresses also noticed the Ocean Demon walking towards them, their face didn't change a little.

"Hello, ladies. I am Yan Ziyun. It's my pleasure to know both of you." Said the male Ocean Demon in a casual manner to Sunset Palace Mistress and Muyun Qingge.

"I don't know you, and I don't want to know you." Sunset Palace Mistress said seriously with a frown.

Yan Ziyun was surprised. He was the young Lord of Ocean Demon Palace, the most honorable and had powerful strength. Regardless of seniors or juniors, his status was special. He was brought up to rule and manage the Ocean Demon Palace.

Muyun Qingge was straightforward. She didn't even look at the male Ocean Demon and shamelessly walked to the back corner so that she could hide behind Qing Shui.

As the male Ocean Demon said, Yan Ziyun should be his actual name, unlike Shui Yunfeng who used the title 'Chi Yan' on the outside while hiding his real name.

Yan Ziyun examined Qing Shui seriously. Qing Shui stared back at him calmly in response. There wasn't slight friendliness in his eyes, only composure.

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"Hi, I'm Yan Ziyun," the male Ocean Demon nodded to Qing Shui.

Qing Shui didn't expect him to be so assertive and thick-skinned. That sometimes symbolized strength and confidence. As the saying went, those who were brazen would attain luxury. Those who were sensitive would remain in poverty.

Qing Shui was speechless. Though the Mistresses weren't his women, he wouldn't allow others to take a share. For sure, he wouldn't interfere their affairs if it wasn't of their own wills.

"What can I do for you?" Qing Shui's expression remained the same. Though it wasn't pure hatred, it was absolutely far from fondness.

"Are they your women?" The male Ocean Demon was apparently not interested in Qing Shui's name. All he wanted to know was the relationship between the Mistresses and Qing Shui. If they weren't related, he wouldn't have to fuss over it; if they're directly related, then he would have to deal with Qing Shui.

"We are his women," replied the Sunset Palace Mistress immediately. That made Qing Shui, who initially wanted to deny anything, lose his words at once.

Muyun Qingge smiled, looking at Qing Shui's expression as if he was in grief. However, after a second thought, she pouted in discontentment because Qing Shui felt that he was at a disadvantage for admitting that they as his women.

Yan Ziyun was stunned. His dim light of hope vanished following that statement. Soon after, he displayed a gentle manner again since he noticed that both of them were inexperienced women.

Thinking of that, the male Ocean Demon smiled and said, "Young man, they're no ordinary women. You have yet to qualify to live with them. Their constitutions would take your life away. What if we make a deal? I can give you what you want and you give them to me, alright?"

Qing Shui was at loss for words. He hated being unable to beat this man up. Yet, he recalled that the women in Main Continents and the Ocean Domains usually didn't stand in high positions unless they were extremely powerful. Gender equality had been debated here, however, in this strength-prioritized world, women were physically weaker than men. Of course, there were also many stronger women, though they were the minority

It's similar or even worse in the world of Ocean Demons. Snatching and changing women were allowed as long as one had the strength. Hence, Yan Ziyun's reaction was not surprising. Nevertheless, Qing Shui frowned as he disliked such trouble the most.

"What about this? You offer a price and I'll buy you!" Qing Shui said to Yan Ziyun after pondering.

Yan Ziyun gave a happy smile initially upon listening to Qing Shui's bargain. As long as Qing Shui dared to bid, then negotiation was possible. Plus, he had a lot of treasures. Any one or two of them could make the deal. He was delighted to think of that.

However, Yan Ziyun startled when he heard Qing Shui's last few lines, and he progressed into fury instantly. The Ocean Demons regarded themselves to be very elegant, ranking higher than most of the tribes. Although the Mermaids and the Drakainas were the most honorable, they were only royals in decline, with spied-on identities. If Yan Ziyun was able to have a women from the Mermaids and the Drakainas as his concubines, the satisfaction would be beyond words.

Besides, it was well-known among the tribes that the Yin constitution of the Drakainas and Mermaids could enhance warriors' cultivation and stabilize their foundation.

“Do you know what you’re saying? How dare you humiliate the Ocean Demons.” Yan Ziyun turned ice cold at once, a sharp and tense aura attacking Qing Shui head-on.

A ridiculing smile crept onto Qing Shui’s face. Looking at Yan Ziyun before him, he said, “Did you just say bullshit? To exchange for my women? Wouldn’t your mother choke you to death if she finds out?”

Qing Shui knew the unspoken rules in this world. Despite the fact that there were many similar cases, nobody would like it. Everyone talked about equalities yet continued the inequalities.

Qing Shui couldn’t deny that.

Xuan Yun from the Xu Clan and Huang Wu from the Wavemoon Cavern smiled as they watched how reckless Qing Shui was. To go against the Ocean Demons was life-threatening and out of his youthful vigor.

Shui Yunfeng pulled on Qing Shui and said softly, “Little brother, do not have conflicts with them. They’re hard to deal with.”

Qing Shui acknowledged Shui Yunfeng’s kindness and nodded with a smile.

“Kid, there’s no one to save you in this world now.” Yan Ziyun’s face flushed red out of extreme rage.

Qing Shui grinned, “The Ocean Demon Palace, if I’m not mistaken, should be ruled by the Mistress. What would they do if they find out what you’ve said today?”

This was a strange world. The women were inferior in social status, yet, they held the most important positions. The Ocean Demon Mistress inheritance was continued for generations. They were at the top of the Ocean Demons.

The Ocean Demon Mistress would definitely make some approaches to uphold the status of the females. The status of the females was high enough, but little cases of snatching were not subject to the death sentence. For the sake of benefits, exchanging with treasures was allowed. Somehow, this world was full of temptations. Just like the gold-diggers in past life, it’s worse in this current world.

A failed temptation was a due to a lack of resources. As long as the bidding cost was sufficient, there’s no man who could resist temptations. Even if the process and the outcome were imperfect, it would be a definite success.

Yan Ziyun smiled reluctantly, “You can meet our Mistress but you don’t know the world of Ocean Demons. All I know is that you’re dying soon.”

“I could only tell you that there are tons of them who wanted to kill me, but they’re all dead. Anyone who wants to kill me will have to take its price, so think wisely before you act and consider whether you can bear the consequences.” Qing Shui was not anxious at all. His calm-looking face made him seem mysterious and unpredictable.

Yan Ziyun wasn’t a brutal man. He had his ways to judge people. Plus, from Qing Shui’s eyes and spiritual sense, he wasn’t forcing a struggle. Instead, he seemed to have massive cultivation deposits and was not worried for a single bit. Yan Ziyun was curious about the reason behind this composure.

“I will certainly put my words into reality. The gate will be open soon, be careful.”

“Goodbye two ladies, hmm, we’ll surely meet again.”

Yan Ziyun didn’t forget to greet the Sunset Palace Mistress and Muyun Qingge before leaving.

Qing Shui held the same expression, looking at Yun Ziyun who had gone too far. There was a slight sharpness in his eyes. He was not a man who feared the threats. These Ocean Demons were powerful yet he wasn’t afraid. He was capable of retaliation. With the help of so many killer-moves, he would make them feel regret.

“Little brother, we have to beware. These Ocean Demons are terrifying. Frankly, regardless if we could kill them, they’ve forced us into a dead end,” Shui Yunfeng sighed and smiled bitterly.

“Elder brother, you don’t have to interrupt in this matter. I’ll take it on my own,” said Qing Shui in a serious tone.

“What are you talking about? You really took my words lightly. No worries, I would indeed die in front of you,” Shui Yunfeng looked determined as he stared at the direction of the Ocean Demons.

Chapter 1735 - Entering The Northern Ocean Dragon Mercy Path

Qing Shui stopped talking. He knew the reason behind Shui Yunfeng’s words. Furthermore, he reckoned that this time, it'd very hard to leave the Northern Ocean Dragon Mercy Path.

Qing Shui didn't look worried, while Shui Yunfeng already expected death. He couldn't recover from his unmentionable disease without Qing Shui. He was a wise man of justice. Since it was already mentioned, he would surely do it.

The Sunset Palace Mistress and Muyun Qingge appeared depressed. They didn't have clear stances in such a situation. They could only put all their hopes on this man due to the strength discrepancies.

It was unfair to say that Qing Shui was not worried and never expected this. Still, he was a man with principles and limits. Since both of the Mistresses had already clarified that they were not interested in Yan Ziyun, then he wouldn't allow anyone to take a share. Yan Ziyun’s statement of exchanging was clearly a humiliation to him and to the Mistresses. If he were to choose again, he would still make the exact same decision.

The Mistresses knew Qing Shui’s intention for sure. His words provoked Yan Ziyun, leading to the current situation. He did all this to defend their dignity.

However, anyone knew that once Yan Ziyun wanted the Mistresses, sooner or later there would be troubles. Since both of them were not Ocean Demons, Yan Ziyun could openly snatch them away.....

Qing Shui noticed the expressions of Xuan Yun and Huang Wu along with their gang, who were seemingly amused by his misfortune. That was because of the unpleasant affair between Qing Shui and the Wavemoon Cavern. Things were better with the Xu Clan, but there's still awkwardness.

The Watermoon Cavern was not on good terms with the Wavemoon Cavern and the Xu Clan. As Qing Shui and Shui Yunfeng were together, it was normal to also be hated and the others took their misfortune as joy.

Qing Shui could only secretly curse them for being shortsighted. The existence of three main powerful forces in this region prevented the outsiders from intruding, regardless of the harmony among the forces. Plus, the more the forces were, the safer the region was. Outsiders could only have a tiny share or even none at all.

If there's only a single force, then nearby forces with similar strengths would probably try to interfere, as it was very easy to gain a share.

The three forces were not friendly to each other on normal days. Yet, they're united upon facing enemies. However, it's a different story facing the Ocean Demons. There's 80% possibility that they wouldn't get their hands dirty, considering the Ocean Demon Palace was way too formidable.

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Qing Shui noticed the huge crowd around him, roughly more than a thousand who were scattered in the far distance. The emergence of Ocean Demon Palace was beyond expectations, yet, that even signified the existence of good treasure here. Else, the Ocean Demons wouldn't have come here.

Initially, Qing Shui planned to fight against the Ocean Demon Palace via combining with other forces. Now, it was apparent that there's no other hope to rely on than himself. Qing Shui heaved a sigh while looking at the Mistresses, "Will it be a huge mess?"

"Mm, but we aren't afraid," Sunset Palace Mistress smiled.

Qing Shui looked at her with a smile, "Why aren't you afraid? Is the Ocean Demon Palace not formidable?"

The Sunset Palace Mistress shook her head, "Of course they are formidable, but I have faith in you."

A simple statement warmed Qing Shui's heart. This was a feeling of being trusted. Shui Yunfeng was surprised and moved by Qing Shui's unrivaled luck with romance. It's a massive fortune to meet even one beautiful lady, yet he had already seen four of them.

A halo gate appeared and immediately caught everyone's eyes. This halo gate was a thousand meters tall and wide. It stood on the seabed, carved with ancient patterns, giving out an aged and simple sensation.

It was not Qing Shui's first time seeing such a huge gate. All entrances to the ancient historic relics were similar. However, this gate seemed a little too huge. This was the main gate to the Dragon Mercy Path.

The way of entering was simple: to achieve a certain strength to resist its repelling power. This was a linking boundary.

After glancing at the people around, the men of Ocean Demon Palace entered one after one. The remaining men, however, didn't make a move following the entrance of the Ocean Demon Palace. Instead, they laid their eyes and focused on Qing Shui.

It was known that Qing Shui rubbed the nerves of Ocean Demon Palace or even made mortal enemies with them. Hence, everyone was thinking Qing Shui dared not enter.

In fact, it made no difference whether he entered or not. Since the Ocean Demon Palace had marked him down, there's no way he could escape. Yet, everyone was wondering if this young guy had the guts and responsibility.

Qing Shui looked at the Mistresses and Shui Yunfeng, "Let's enter!"

The Mistresses nodded. Shui Yunfeng nodded and led the way to the linking boundary. He even made the first leap.

Qing Shui dared not to hesitate any longer, he basically jumped simultaneously with Shui Yunfeng.

Subsequently, the Mistresses and the followers of Shui Yunfeng jumped into the entrance.

After a dizzy journey, they arrived at a spacious land. The whole process took place quickly. As they landed safely, they noticed the men from Ocean Demon Palace not too far away.

Upon Qing Shui and his men's arrival, Yan Ziyun threw a cynical smile at Qing Shui. There's a faint murderous spirit in that smile, but to others, it appeared extremely confident.

Qing Shui was uneasy looking at his face. At once, Qing Shui used Art of Pursuing to increase his speed. In addition, Qing Shui had abundant hidden techniques to raid others. Putting the techniques aside, there were a lot of hidden raiding tools in alchemy and training of the demons.

Qing Shui had accumulated many Demon Refining Crystal Cards. Among them was a superior crystal card to be combined with the Art of Pursuing. It was obtained during training some extremely heavy and powerful demonic beasts.

Sluggish Crystal Card! Applicable to any living target, 20% decrease in speed and response, lasts for 15 minutes.

When he had first obtained this item, he was rather depressed and unhappy that it couldn't improve his own strength. He knew this item could decrease the enemy's strength, which indirectly indicated improvement in own strength.

However, it wasn't long until Qing Shui realized the formidable power of this crystal card. It was absolutely daunting when combined with Qing Shui's Art of Pursuing, Emperor's Qi, and Heavenly Talisman.

The crystal cards were ranked according to their qualities. Those of low quality would be canceled directly upon encountering those with formidable power. Yet, it's difficult for the effects of high-quality crystal cards to be canceled. They ranged from 1 to 1,000 in grade.

Crystal cards were only ranked based on grades, without differentiation based on types and their associated power. Each of them had its respective power with a different grade. The demon-refining masters in Main Continents had a vast amount of crystal cards, yet, there was a shortage of the high-grade ones, despite the high nominal prices.

The perfect-grade crystal cards were rare and invaluable. Those crystal cards could not be canceled by any external power within an effective period. There's no one known to be able to cancel them.

For instance, the Sluggish Crystal Card of perfect grade could immediately reduce over 90% of speed, instead of only 20% speed reduction. This eventually reduced the speed to less than 10%, which was unable to recover instantly within a certain period.

Nevertheless, the perfect-grade crystal cards were dependent on human personalities. The probability of getting it was one in ten thousand. There're many demon-refining masters in the Main Continents yet the perfect-grade crystal cards were still scarcely found. Even if they existed, one would be reluctant to use them until it's too late to stay alive, such things happened frequently.....

Chapter 1736 - Enigmatic Treasure, Heavy Voice

Apart from that, there were many types of crystal cards, such as the Brutal Kill Crystal Card. After using this card, there was a high potential for dealing double damage in the following attacks. If a perfect-grade crystal card was used, at least double damage would follow each attack, perhaps even three or four times more. The perfect-grade crystal card was obviously outstanding.

In fact, the crystal card relied mostly on its grade. The effect would be significant as long as its grade was high enough. To illustrate, the effect of the low-grade endurance card was really minimal, whereas the perfect-grade endurance card could directly increase several ten-folds of the endurance. That would allow a warrior to battle for a few days without fatigue. It was indeed daunting.

There were also Awareness Crystal Card, Nocturnal Battle Crystal Card, Rebirth Crystal Card, Agility Crystal Card, Powerful-Strength Crystal Card.....

Despite the existence of various crystal cards, it was challenging to obtain the cards from demon refining. One could have strived hard in exchange for only a moderate-grade crystal card. Hence, it was a luxury to even obtain crystal cards as a single high-grade crystal card could sometimes change the entire outcome.

Qing Shui used to refine and obtain many crystal cards too, such as the agility ones. They were within the grading range of 100, in which the best of them was roughly 70. At that time, Qing Shui thought the limit was 100 for the perfect-grade crystal card, only to find out later that it was still far from ideal.

Because of that, Qing Shui would spend his free time refining in order to improve his demon refining ability besides trying his luck to get a perfect-grade crystal card.

It was a fine thought, yet the reality was cruel. For such a long time, Qing Shui refined quite a number of crystal cards. Unfortunately, not even the best one had exceeded the grade of 100.

Qing Shui was still unsure of the meaning behind this. He used to regard that spiritual Qi would define the level, such as level 1 for those below grade 100; level 2 for the cards above grade 100 but below grade 200 and so on. In fact, that was how most people acknowledged it.

Qing Shui only figured out that crystal cards were not classified by their levels after refining a failed crystal card. That card was graded more than 400 and it was a Penetration Card. Despite that, it couldn't be used.

Little did Qing Shui know that theoretically, the crystal cards achieved perfect grade at grade 500. Those crystal cards which exceeded grade 500 were only produced by character explosion. That was how rare and difficult it was to produce a perfect-grade crystal card.

Qing Shui held several crystal cards in hand, all of them were below grade 100 and above grade 80. Even though they were far behind the perfect-grade crystal card, they were extremely powerful and should not be looked down.

The crowd gradually showed up in the vicinity as the others entered successively, unable to hold back. Apparently, the Northern Ocean Dragon Mercy Path only opened for a week and after this week, it would be closed, leaving the next opening time unknown.

There was no time for hesitation. Qing Shui observed the surroundings. It was a hilly area which was not dark. Across the linking boundary, the sun and clouds in the sky could be seen from there. There was no doubt that it was on a dry land. However, there was only one known way of entering this Northern Ocean Dragon Mercy Path.

It used to be the remains of the Northern Ocean Divine Temple. Nevertheless, the stories of the old days were only rumors and nobody knew the actual truth behind them.

The men of Ocean Demon Palace took out a disk-like object and left after a while.

Meanwhile, Qing Shui released the Dragon Slaying Beast which was also a Treasure Seeking Beast and Spiritual Medicinal Beast besides being able to fight for itself. Qing Shui had almost certainly the highest chance to find the treasure in Northern Ocean Dragon Mercy Path with the aid of this precious beast.

It was one of the reasons why Qing Shui had decided to come. After all, it was a waste not to come for someone who owned the Dragon Slaying Beast. Even finding one treasure could boost his strength by a fortune.

Little could he expect that he would make enemies with the powerful Ocean Demon Palace the moment he arrived. Though it was only an affair created from few statements, the rivalry had been made and it was irreversible.

Qing Shui would not back off for this, neither would he say something relentless. It was not that easy to harass him. He would risk his own comfort to bring down his enemy.

The Ocean Demon Palace left, followed by the others who left seeking for targets. Only Qing Shui and his men remained still. Shui Yunfeng made no decision out of his own will. He surrendered his life to Qing Shui. He was depending on Qing Shui and his own good luck for his survival.

Qing Shui waited for a period before releasing the Dragon Slaying Beast. They then rushed toward a direction. He trusted the Dragon Slaying Beast. Things would be more complicated if the Ocean Demon Palace found out about his Treasure Seeking Beast.

Most of the men chose to head in the direction of the mountains, believing that the treasures should be in the caves. Yet, Qing Shui went to the most empty and spacious land without any obstacles, moving rapidly.

There were little who headed this way. Some of them avoided the area once Qing Shui's men led the route. Out of 1,000 men, only less than 50 men chose to go toward this direction.

Qing Shui and his men accelerated speedily and left the others behind. Soon, they disappeared from the sight from their previous location.

“Qing Shui, could there be any treasure in this empty place?” Muyun Qingge said while advancing, scanning the surroundings.

Qing Shui smiled, “I don’t know. Either way, let’s try our luck!”

Shui Yunfeng and the rest remained silent as they thought that Qing Shui avoided the Ocean Demon Palace on purpose since nobody would notice if someone was killed here. Plus, the Ocean Demon Palace chose to head to the location surrounded by mountains, rivers, and woods. No one wanted to head the same way as the Ocean Demon Palace. No one wanted to get killed by them.

“Elder Brother, could the Guardian Beast who guards the treasure only be seen once the treasure is found?” Qing Shui asked.

“I’m unsure of this. Rumor has it that the treasure’s spot and the Guardian Beast who guards it would be seen once you come in here. It doesn’t seem that simple by the looks of it. I thought we could get the treasure straightaway after fighting the Guardian Beast,” Shui Yunfeng shook his head bitterly.

“That’s great. Let’s see who has good luck now. I’ve always been rather lucky. Perhaps we could gain a surplus of fortune.” Qing Shui said casually. Everyone could sense his absolute certainty and confidence.

After an hour, the Dragon Slaying Beast stopped and lingered around ceaselessly. It fixed its sight on one spot and slowly approached it. While walking, it roared slowly.

Qing Shui and his men observed the Dragon Slaying Beast as it roared continuously. After a quarter of an hour, the others had lost their patience.

Dang!

A heavy, dull noise began to ring, followed by a huge quake on the ground and subsequently, another dull noise.

The noise was slow yet grounded.

Chapter 1737 - Mud Stone Flame Demon Beast, The Gate to Treasure?

This dull and heavy noise seemed to have made everyone surprised, their heart shivering along with the ringing noise. It was as if a mystical melody was played and made the whole body feel sluggish and lethargic.

Fortunately, everyone who came here was no ordinary person and noticed the situation instantly. Immediately, they tried to protect their spiritual sense. Though they couldn’t protect themselves from it entirely, at least they would not be lost in the noise.

A halo emerged just like the gate of the Northern Ocean Dragon Mercy Path at the linking boundary. This time it was much smaller. Next, an enormous rock-like object erupted slowly from the ground.

The men and the Dragon Slaying Beast steadily stepped a few hundred meters backward. Then, a huge bear-looking beast appeared, covered with mud and rocks. Its gigantic arms swung below its knees.

Mud Stone Flame Demon Beast!

Qing Shui was taken aback. This mud-rock was trained under the Earth Heart's Flame and formed the demonic beast gradually after absorbing the essence of Heaven and Earth. Then, it was granted spiritual sense by some Trap Masters or Soul-Nurturing Masters.

The art of granting spiritual sense was simple. One of them was to instill consciousness into the target without the presence of strong warriors. For example, the spiritual sense to guard the treasure was granted to this Mud Stone Flame Demon Beast. Hence, it could only stay here with the consciousness of never leaving this place and preventing any living intruders from entering.

This Mud Stone Flame Demon Beast was lifeless. The only way to defeat it was to break it down. It might seem easy and yet, there were few who could achieve it.

Despite being made of mudstone, the Mud Stone Flame Demon Beast was refined by the Flame of the Great Earth. It was not any weaker than the Otherworldly Meteorite. Out of the five elements, the Earth was massive and heavy. It had the strongest resistance power and could strongly neglect the attacking force. It could even be said that it was able to absorb part of the damage from attacks.

Qing Shui didn't know how to handle this. It would be better if it was a living Guardian Beast or a beast of traps. The current Mud Stone Flame Demon Beast had no known weaknesses and was rather difficult to take down.

Looking at the Mud Stone Flame Demon Beast, Qing Shui knew that besides resistance, this gigantic fellow had also absorbed the Earth Heart's Flame and incorporated heat from the Flame of the Great Earth in its attack. Despite the fact that its body wasn't burning, a scorching heat wave could be felt from far.

Shui Yunfeng was startled as well. Since he was from the Watermoon Cavern, he stepped forward and held out his hand after looking at Qing Shui. A crystal-clear water droplet appeared on his fingertips and slowly expanded.

Qing Shui felt the astute aura and the atmosphere freshened up at once.

Watermoon's Heart!

Shui Yunfeng waved his hands and a droplet flew against the Mud Stone Flame Demon Beast along with its crystal-clear halo.

Roar!

A deep roar came out. Of the five elements, Water hampered Fire. Shui Yunfeng's ability could probably overcome the beast under normal circumstances, considering that it was only to weaken its strength instead of having a direct battle.

Boom!

An explosion of water splashed everywhere as the droplet came in contact with the Mud Stone Flame Demon Beast. A strong vapor came evaporating continuously and created a heavy fog, as if the mist from a gigantic steamer.

Qing Shui could feel that the heat on the Mud Stone Flame Demon Beast had largely been reduced. This vapor could only weaken the fire abilities of the enemy. Hastily, he called upon the Dragon Slaying Beast to rush toward the opponent.

Qing Shui wanted to find out whether the sharpness of the Dragon Slaying Beast could bring damage to the opponent. If so, this big guy here was not too frightening.

The Dragon Slaying Beast dashed toward the Mud Stone Flame Demon Beast, leaving a long strand of afterimages.

The Mud Stone Flame Demon Beast was far behind of the Dragon Slaying Beast in terms of agility. Under everyone's focus, the Dragon Slaying Beast sprinted toward the Mud Stone Flame Demon Beast.

Boom!

Roar!

The Dragon Slaying Beast was thrown away. Qing Shui's eyes followed its location and found two parts with the size of a human's head.

The Mud Stone Flame Demon Beast was as big as a small hill. The sharpness of the Dragon Slaying Beast's attack could indeed harm it. However, it was a lifeless object which had felt pain nor blood loss. Only a small part of it was broken down by a single attack, almost comparable to the act of moving mountains.

Shui Yunfeng also attacked once but it was suppressed without leaving any effects. The attack of the Dragon Slaying Beast was very sharp and powerful. Unfortunately, the target was too unique. A man would have died in a single shot.

Still, Qing Shui's eyes brightened up. It was all right as long as it was effective. Qing Shui performed the Art of Pursuing at the Mud Stone Flame Demon Beast.

He called upon the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant who appeared in beast form and sent out the Vajra Subdues Demons.

Diamond Sword Qi!

Speed reduction!

The current Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant was powerful and could perform its abilities successfully without a fuss. Those days when he was a lot weaker, it was not very effective despite the formidable power of the techniques.

The enormous creature lost its speed. The Dragon Slaying Beast continued the attack against its thighs. Meanwhile, Qing Shui furthered the endless attack using the Golden Battle Halberd which was at least as destructive as the Dragon Slaying Beast's attack.

Qing Shui used the formation and the Nine Palace Laws. A sudden change forced the Mud Stone Flame Demon Beast to be attacked without end. Plus, Qing Shui would occasionally let out the bloodthirsty demonic vines.

Boom!

A massive flame restricted itself from being burnt and destructed. Qing Shui initially wanted to call upon the Dragon Spider and Dark Phoenix. However, he decided to not overexpose his own strength. Besides, the Dragon Spider's spider web was weak against fire. The fire of this Mud Stone Flame Demon Beast was definitely not ordinary and could suppress the Dragon Spider.

All things in life were like so. They couldn't escape from mutual encouragement and restraint of the five elements. Nevertheless, strength was the most important. A single droplet could not extinguish the raging fire. A single flame could not burn away the entire ocean.

Boom!

After an hour, Qing Shui's abrupt attack exploded the little remaining parts into pieces and one leg of the gigantic Mud Stone Flame Demon Beast fell down.

Though the Mud Stone Flame Demon Beast might be lifeless, it was still dependent on four supporting spots on its body. Even such an enormous and powerful beast would collapse once it lost one of leg and lose its balance. It became an overturned turtle, only to allow slaughtering.

Qing Shui and his men were elated watching the Mud Stone Flame Demon Beast collapse. This big fellow still had signs of life, albeit fading. It would not bleed but once its leg was broken, the main trunk would be damaged, causing leakage of the spiritual sense in its body. Once the spiritual sense drained out, it would eventually become a pile of huge stones.

Qing Shui knew the smooth ending was thanks to the Watermoon's Heart by Shui Yunfeng in the very beginning. Thanks to the Watermoon's Heart, the constitution of this Mud Stone Flame Demon Beast was ruined. The Watermoon's Heart was one of Shui Yunfeng's killer moves and a Heavenly Technique. It could only be used once per day with its absolute hit effect. It could attack the opponent's greatest weakness and at the same time, cripple the opponent's fire form.

The enemy was a lifeless object. Thus, it would greatly damage its spiritual sense. Once there was damage to the spiritual sense, there would be a massive reduction in its own strength. Or else, it wouldn't be so easily destructed.

Chapter 1738 - Nine Palace, Portrait, Might Dominating the World

The Mud Stone Flame Demon Beast slowly came to a stop and became a small mountain with piles of stones. At this moment, the group fixed their sight onto the golden barrier. If their assumption was correct, it should be the door leading to the treasure room.

But at the same time, everyone suddenly fixed their sight on Qing Shui. Without noticing, even Shui Yunfeng himself had started to rely more and more on Qing Shui. His heart was suddenly struck with this feeling.

He didn't really hate how that felt. The reason was that it was a blessing to meet someone whom he could rely on so much. Anyone would want to find someone whom they could believe in and be best friends with them.

However, at the same time, this kind of feeling also came to prove something. That was, Qing Shui was more outstanding than himself. At least, this was how Shui Yunfeng was feeling for now. In reality, not everyone would enjoy this. A lot of self-centered people wouldn't allow anyone to be more outstanding than themselves.

In fact, the majority of people would never want to come across someone who was more outstanding than themselves. However, everyone was bound to meet a lot of superior people in this world. They were the existences which one would look up to. Hence, it was a great thing to be friends with them, as it would only benefit oneself.

“Brother, we will help you guard the entrance.” Shui Yunfeng said with a smile.

Qing Shui knew what Shui Yunfeng was thinking. He was basically the only person who fought the battles against the Mud Stone Flame Demon Beast. Hence, he felt that Qing Shui deserved the treasures. After all, whether they could successfully make it out this time still remained a question.

Moreover, he never really had much hope of getting the treasures. So long as he could make it out alive, it would have been the greatest treasure for him. Just as the saying ‘to stick together through thick and thin’. Initially, he thought that meeting Qing Shui was a blessing to him. But the way things were going right before his eyes now had made him realize that though his hidden illness had the hopes of being cured, he might not be fortunate enough to reap its reward.

Thinking up to this point, Shui Yunfeng got a bit depressed. It took him so much effort to finally understand that he must live strong. And because of that, he never expected for something like this to happen to him all of a sudden.

This was just how life was. The god played a huge joke on him.

Qing Shui looked at Shui Yunfeng and said, “Brother, why don't we go in together? For all you know, you might end up finding some unique elixirs and surpass the Ocean Demon Palace in an instant. That way, they will no longer be able to act so arrogantly.”

Shui Yunfeng brightened up and nodded. After that, he went into the bright gate together with Qing Shui.

Once again, Qing Shui felt a rhythmical move in his Spiritual Sense. Both Qing Shui and Shui Yunfeng had arrived in a place which resembled a shrine. As soon as they entered the room, they were struck by a chilly aura. It was a feeling which words couldn't describe. Simultaneously, the room also contained a sacred aura within it.

Qing Shui looked around the area, probing his surroundings. This entire place was very clean. There was nothing they could spot within their line of sights. The two girls and the others also followed after them and went in not long after.

“So this is the treasure room. Why does it seem like nothing is in here?” The Sunset Palace Lord said gently after looking around.

“There is a sword there!”

Muyun Qingge pointed towards the other end of the room. It could already be considered as an inner room. However, the only thing which they could tell was that the inner room was a very small room. On top of the wall hung a sword.

“Let’s go and take a look.” Qing Shui led the group and advanced his way toward the inner room.

“Hold your steps! Look down!” Qing Shui suddenly warned everyone.

Without noticing, a square-patterned image suddenly appeared below their feet.

“Qing Shui, that’s the Nine Palace Image!” Muyun Qingge said in amazement.

“It seemed like there could be treasures around here. What we are seeing is an illusion. It’s only when we walk past the Nine Palace Image below our feet that we would get to find the treasures.” Qing Shui said while looking down below his feet.

“Brother, why don’t you follow me?” Qing Shui said to Shui Yunfeng. When Qing Shui saw Shui Yunfeng expression, he figured out that he might not know about the Nine Palace Image. The reason being that the Nine Palace Image here was a bit complex. If a person only knew a thing or two about it, it would be very difficult for them to make it through.

However, at this moment, the two girls displayed their knowledge of the Nine Palace Image. They were able to walk within the image with ease. Despite that, Qing Shui was still a bit worried. If anything unexpected were to happen, they might not be able to deal with it. Hence, he didn’t let them walk too far away. They were only allowed to travel within the area coverage of the Nine Palace Image. If anything unexpected occurred, they could at least make their way out on time.

Shui Yunfeng nodded and began following Qing Shui. He wasn’t worried that Qing Shui would cause any harm to him. Though it might be a good opportunity now, Qing Shui had long lost his intention to kill people.

By now, Shui Yunfeng had already deeply trusted Qing Shui. He used to rarely trust others. It had been a long time since he put his faith in a person. For a person who lived in an aristocratic clan, even their father or brothers could never be trusted. The only thing that they could trust was their own strength.

Qing Shui led the group and after walking around in different directions, they arrived in a room that seemed to be cut out from others. This place looked just like a vacant house. However, there was a drawing hanging on the wall.

It was a drawing of mountains and water!

It was a very huge drawing. On the drawing, numerous tall mountains could be seen. The water in the river was flowing rapidly. The sky was filled with blankets of clouds. Male eagles could be seen, opening their wings wide and flying in it. At the bottom of the drawing was a gloomy forest filled with ferocious beasts.

Slowly, Qing Shui felt as if he had entered the picture. The drawing itself already possessed dominant and abundant aura. As soon as Qing Shui entered the drawing, he was immediately struck by a sort of pressure. It felt as if the entire sky had fallen on him.

It caused his legs to feel numb. Qing Shui's figure was upright but as for Shui Yunfeng and the others, they seemed to be unable to withstand the enormous pressure of Heavenly Dao and started to tremble.

But right at this moment, Qing Shui's pressure abruptly burst open. It felt as if he had managed to help understand quite a lot of the pressure, making the others to feel much better. Even the two girls found themselves suffering a little prior to this.

Within this short period of time, Qing Shui seemed to have understood a lot. He initially possessed profound knowledge in the Force of Heavenly Dao. Back when he first saw the image, it might be because of his proficiency in Path of Drawing, the Yin-yang Image within his Sea of Consciousness suddenly started revolving like it was about to burst.

The Yin-yang Image broke through!

This was what Qing Shui felt. The Yin-Yang Image hadn't undergone any changes for many years. But at this moment, he felt that the Yin-Yang Image which had been constantly moving suddenly has gotten more and more abundant. Furthermore, his entire vision, Spirit Energy, as well as body's recoveries and state, had also begun undergoing significant changes.

The Yin-Yang Image originally served to help increase his Spirit Energy and recover the endurance and injuries of his body. It also functioned to help concentrate the Spirit Energy and resist against opposing Spirit Energies.

It had basically retained all of its original functions even now. This was a kind of formless treasure. It wasn't an obvious increase but more like an invisible one. For example, it helped to increase actual damage dealt to the opponents, but it couldn't be noticed from the surface. It was just the same when the damage dealt by a form of energy was greater than those at the same level as itself. This was the function of the Yin-Yang Image.

But to Qing Shui, the greater use of Yin-Yang Image was that it helped kept him awake at all times and prevented him from being confused by his opponents. It also helped in recovering his injuries, stamina, as well as endurance, turning him into an unstoppable force. But obviously, it was impossible for this kind of recovery to make up for the energy consumptions in actual battles.

Nevertheless, the Yin-Yang Image could still already be considered to be a Divine Technique. An absolute Divine Technique. Everyone should already know about how horrific it could be if there was a thin stream which flowed forever. Not to mention it also had a lot of functions.

There were four strong and revolutionary words written in the drawing.

To conquer the world!

Chapter 1739 - The formidable Divine Water Beads, Water Elements Treasure

"Indeed, to conquer the world!"

As Qing Shui looked at the drawing, he truly felt that this image had managed to take hold of the entire world. It's as if this drawing possessed some magical powers. He couldn't help but wonder who drew it.

Qing Shui went forward and took down the image. He then rolled it up and looked towards the group, "This drawing is very unusual. If any of you want it, take it."

Shui Yunfeng shook his head, "This drawing is too weird. Besides, I never really liked drawings anyway. Brother, why don't you take it? I don't feel good about this thing."

Shui Yunfeng was able to tell that Qing Shui liked the drawing, but he didn't know why. It's true that he didn't like it, hence he never had the intention to take it.

The two girls smiled and shook their head, "Qing Shui, what's the use of this image? Could it be that it could help improve your skills in drawing?"

The two girls had been together with Qing Shui for a while. Naturally, they would be aware of Qing Shui's drawing skills. Qing Shui had drawn quite a lot of portraits before. They had seen Qing Shui help draw Yiye Jiange. Hence, the girls also asked Qing Shui for similar things.

Since Qing Xiu was born, Qing Shui had drawn quite a lot of his drawings. Basically, he would want to draw a portrait of him every half a month. This was similar to photography from his previous incarnation. Though taking pictures wasn't possible in this world, there were still skillful artists available. If a person wanted to remember a memorable thing, they would need to look for an artist.

"I will try drawing it when I have nothing to do. I plan to examine it when I am free. It might help improve my drawing technique." Qing Shui smiled and said. This was exactly what he planned. At most, he could try to feel the aura emitted from the drawing. For all he knew, he might be able to experience some sort of breakthrough in his Heavenly Dao.

The group then proceeded to leave the treasure room, The others were a bit disappointed. Also, they weren't aware of what benefits Qing Shui had received. When Qing Shui looked at Muyun Qingge, he was also able to feel that the girl had greatly benefitted from the room. As to what it was, he wasn't sure about it.

Once again, the group started moving within the portrait and found themselves in another treasure room. Everyone's heart was filled with excitement. As soon as they went into the room, all of them became agitated. This was because they could finally see some treasures.

There were three boxes in here. They were all faint gold in color. The boxes were a bit dim but nevertheless, the people could still tell that they were unusual.

Everyone's eyes turned bright when they saw the things right in front of them. Qing Shui smiled and looked at Shui Yunfeng, "Elder brother, go and pick one!"

Shui Yunfeng shook his head, "Brother, why don't you do it instead!"

Qing Shui smiled and said, "But there are three of them. How about this? We will each open one of them, then divide them up accordingly by whatever was inside the boxes."

Shui Yunfeng smiled after thinking for a while, "Alright then, I will open one of them and see who might be able to use the things that are inside."

Qing Shui smiled but didn't say anything. Shui Yunfeng walked towards the box on the right. He extended his hand towards it.

Ka!

The box opened. Everyone was stunned when they saw what was inside the box. It was a pearl. Its size was quite decent, yet it shone with brilliant light. At the moment the box was opened, a powerful Spiritual Qi spread out across the room.

Divine Water Bead!

Qing Shui also never expected the box to have something like that in it. It might only have one function, but it was definitely considered a treasure. It was capable of increasing the water attribute ability of the bearer by at least two times.

It's required for it to recognize an owner. The method through which this could be done was by dripping blood.

It's also fine to wear it without dripping blood onto the beads. However, its use would be limited to only being able to boost the bearer's water attribute ability by one fold.

Shui Yunfeng also only opened the box because he could feel the formidable water attributed fluctuations from it. Now that he found out that it was the Divine Water Beads, he was madly in joy. A 10% increase in strength was already considered to be a considerable amount for someone who had reached his level of strength.

However, Qing Shui's Heavenly Vision Technique could help him identify the way to make the weapon recognize its owner. Since Qing Shui was the one who gave him the chance to open the box, he must make sure that Shui Yunfeng was totally convinced with it. Qing Shui smiled and approached him, "Let it recognize its owner. If you do that, it will be able to help double your Water Attribute abilities. But it's only limited to water attribute defenses and whatever related to it."

"Recognize its owner? I would really love to do that as well. Unfortunately, I don't know the way to do it."

Shui Yunfeng smiled and shook his head. Actually, across the continent, a lot of people were aware that recognizing ownership would require dripping blood onto the weapon. The most easy method for a weapon to recognize its owner was by dripping blood onto it. There were quite a huge amount of treasures that recognized its owner through this method. However, it wasn't as simple in the cases of good weapons. Some of them would require Blood Essence. Furthermore, it strictly followed only a set amount of Blood Essence dripped onto it. Some of them could even be done only by mixing Blood Essence with ordinary blood.

Appraisers were capable of appraising treasures like mysterious objects and abilities. They were also capable of appraising the technique needed to make a weapon recognize its owner. However, their appraising skill wasn't as accurate. Furthermore, this was one of the toughest things to appraise. Very few Appraisers would actually be able to help when it came to this. Most of them never managed to find the ways for items like this to recognize their owners. On the contrary, they only brought troubles onto themselves.

Qing Shui smiled as he extended his arm and took out a Gold Needle. He then immediately pierced it through his first finger and squeezed out three drops of Blood Essence before squeezing out another nine drops of ordinary blood. Following on, he eventually gripped the beads in his hand after dropping a

mixture of a drop of Blood Essence and a drop of ordinary blood on it. While operating his Origin Qi, he gently warmed the Divine Water Beads.

Very quickly, the beads disappeared. Shui Yunfeng's strength increased abruptly. The aura around his body shone brightly.

After quite a while, Shui Yunfeng looked at Qing Shui in disbelief. His strength had actually been boosted by more than two times. This was precisely the power that could be drawn forth by letting the weapon recognize its owner. Furthermore, it felt as though his body physique had also been greatly strengthened.

"With the Divine Water Beads you just got, your body has fully recovered. There is no need for you to come for treatments anymore." Qing Shui smiled and looked at Shui Yunfeng.

Shui Yunfeng's eyes immediately turned bright. He happily looked at Qing Shui. "Thank you!"

"Alright, there are two boxes left. Are you keen on opening the other two?" Qing Shui smiled as he pointed at the other two boxes.

"I have already received too much stuff. Now, I wouldn't want it no matter what's inside the boxes. I feel that I have gained too much from here." Shui Yunfeng shook his head and said in a firm tone.

Qing Shui gave a signal at the girls. "Alright then, could you guys go on and open it instead? It's a good chance to test your luck."

After a moment of thought, the Sunset Palace Mistress smiled, "Let me try to open something good for you."

Qing Shui smiled as he gestured her to go and open it.

Peng!

At the instant the box opened, everyone was stunned yet again. The reason being that the thing inside the box was still a bead. Furthermore, it wasn't just any other pearl, it was the Divine Water Beads again. However, they found out that this one was even more abundant in Spiritual Qi than the previous one after they opened it.

Qing Shui looked at the last box and said, "Could the last box also be Divine Water Beads?"

Qing Shui then let Muyun Qingge open the last one. As he expected, the box at the centre also had a pearl in it. It was the Divine Water Bead. Could it be that this was somehow related to them being in the ocean? After all, this was the Northern Ocean Dragon Mercy Path. They were currently inside the ruins of Northern Ocean Divine Temple.

To think that three of the same thing would appear at once. The beads were considered to be a semi-divine weapon among the water elemental weapons. They came in very scarce quantity.

Both of these beads seemed to be slightly better than the one which Shui Yunfeng got. Nevertheless, they were still almost the same. Both of the beads that were discovered later on also differed in strength. Muyun Qingge's bead was much stronger compared to the one Sunset Palace Mistress got.

Without any hesitation, Qing Shui helped the two girls make the beads recognize their owner. Between the two girls, one was from the Drakaina Tribe whereas the other one was from Mermaid Tribe. As soon as the weapons recognized their owners, they realized that benefits which they got from it were significantly larger compared to Shui Yunfeng.

Even treasures could be picky when it came to choosing their owners. When a very talented person came across things like this, they would be able to finish their work with half the effort compared to ordinary people. The benefits which the two girls got were almost equal. Both of their water attributed abilities had been multiplied by almost three times.

Qing Shui moved his sight towards Shui Yunfeng. Originally, Shui Yunfeng was supposed to be a lot stronger than the two girls, but after the boost they received from the beads upon making them recognize its owners, they were now almost equal in terms of strength.

This treasure room had indeed been very generous. Things like this were usually things that one could only desire but never get their hands on. Who would have thought that three of them would pop up at once? This reminded Qing Shui of Yiye Jiange and Qing Hanye. It would have been better if there were two more of the beads.....

Shui Yunfeng admired Qing Shui greatly for his generosity. To think that he wouldn't mind sharing such a thing with him.....

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Qing Shui was also really glad to see the three of them significantly raise their strength. The two girls in particular: their strength had actually multiplied by three times.

But then as he thought deeper into it, precious things showed up all the time across the continent. Everyday, there would be someone lucky who would find them. In a way, he could be considered to have been blessed greatly by the gods. Hence, it's not out of the ordinary for the two girls to receive some boosts in their innate skills and their body physiques.

With that thought, he started to feel that it was just a very normal incident. It's not that Qing Shui didn't want the two girls to ever gain benefits. In fact, he wanted it more than anybody else. He was the one who would benefit the most if the strength of the two girls increased greatly.

The reward which they received this time had indeed been very grand. And coincidentally, it happened to be something which could be of use to them. If they were unlucky and the thing they found turned out to be useless to them, it wouldn't be considered something which would benefit them.

Thinking up to this point, Qing Shui couldn't help but start wondering how perfect it would have been if he could obtain two additional Divine Water Beads. Certainly, it also wouldn't be a problem if he managed to get his hands on more of them.

The two girls had truly earned a huge prize on this trip. Qing Shui on the other hand, hadn't managed to earn much from this trip. But before this, he had used his Extreme Yang Righteous Pill before. Qing Hanye was the opposite. She had the Extreme Yin Righteous Pill. Yiye Jiange was a Drakaina Inheritor. If there was one more Divine Water Bead, it would definitely have been very useful to her.

“Let’s go and look around for other stuff. There should still be more treasure rooms around.” Qing Shui took the lead and left the treasure room.

Actually, Qing Shui had a feeling that the benefits he could potentially get from the Portrait of World Dominance was immeasurable. But even if he really didn’t manage to gain anything from this trip, he would still feel fine seeing the two girls get theirs. He wasn’t such a narrow-minded person.

This time, Qing Shui spent quite a considerable amount of time walking around the formation. He kept on shuttling back and forth within the Nine Palace Portrait. At the moment when he discovered yet another treasure room, everyone’s eyes went bright once again.

This treasure room was the treasure room which they spotted at the beginning. It was the one with a sword hanging on its wall. Prior to this, though they spotted it, it wasn’t an easy task to go into the room.

This room resembled a study room. There was a small shelf in it. A few books could be seen on the shelf. Below the shelf were five brocade cases. Other than that, the only thing which remained was the sword on the wall.

The sword was three feet long and about three inches thick. The body of the sword was surrounded by a sacred aura. Not even the slightest killing intention could be felt off it, yet no one dared to underestimate it. Anyone could tell that the sword was definitely not just an ordinary sword for decoration.

“This is the Buddha Sword!” Muyun Qingge spoke all of a sudden.

Qing Shui was also really surprised to find this. But then he remembered that he was in the ruins of Northern Ocean Divine Temple. But still, it was quite shocking to find a Buddha Sword, one of the most precious treasures of Buddhism, to be here.

The Buddha Sword was also known as the Sacred Sword. Only the purest, most sacred, righteous, dignified and extraordinary of all would be able to use it.

Even among the Buddhists, very few people were actually able to draw out the full potential of Buddha Sword. It was no problem for a normal person to use it, certainly. However, the difference would be like comparing a decorative sword with a divine sword.

Qing Shui walked forward and slowly took down the sword. He then proceeded to operate his energy and tested it, only for him to shake his head later on, “Who would like to give it a try?”

Shui Yunfeng shook his head, “Though I may be a Holy Saint Inheritor, the requirement to use this sword is too high. I have also gotten a weapon which I am adapted to using.”

Qing Shui thought about Yiye Jiange. She should be able to use it. At the time when the Crystal Beast was acknowledging its owner, he could already tell that she was one of the purest people he had ever come across.

The Sunset Palace Mistress immediately refused to try it. Muyun Qingge didn’t use swords. Hence, Qing Shui kept it with the intention of giving it to Yiye Jiange.

Qing Shui walked forward and took out a book from the shelf.

Water Origin Force. Once cultivated, could help boost water martial techniques by 10%. A passive battle technique.

Qing Shui began looking through the book. The book itself was very thin with only a few pages. He only briefly looked through it before taking it away. Later on, he would make a few copies of the book so that everyone would be able to cultivate it. It was a passive battle technique and consumed zero energy, making it a decent moveset.

The Sunset Palace Mistress stowed the book away.

The books in the study were mostly about water attributed martial techniques. They were all powerful battle techniques.

When Qing Shui saw the last two books, he casually took out one of them and immediately got shocked from what he saw.

Divine Wood Proficiency!

Not understanding what he just saw, Qing Shui casually begun flipping over the pages. His eyes turned bright as he saw the content. This was a Wood Attributed Martial Technique. But to be more precise, it was a martial technique which helped strengthen Wood Attributed abilities. As to how much exactly it helped strengthen, Qing Shui wasn't sure about it himself. He had cultivated the Five Elements Divine Refining Technique and didn't try to hide the book, showing it to all of them before tossing it into the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

By the time Qing Shui took up the last book, he froze. The book had a very plain design. On it, there wasn't even a single word. Nevertheless, the bleak and unadorned aura could clearly be felt being emitted from it.

Following on, Qing Shui immediately used his Heavenly Vision Technique to examine the book. He was left with no choice but to do so.

Nameless Heaven Book, one of the most precious treasures in Buddhism.

Qing Shui who spotted these few words once again was surprised. He finally knew what it was. Before this, he thought that it was a martial technique. He never once thought for it to be a magic treasure. Luckily, he had the Heavenly Vision Technique. Otherwise, he wouldn't have known how to deal with this thing.

It could acknowledge an owner. Upon doing so, all techniques would be doubled in strength. At most, it could only increase all of the abilities by two times.

It couldn't be upgraded nor cultivated. It was a passive Magic Treasure.

It acknowledged only a person with a Buddha Nature. It's a treasure. Only people who were destined to have it would come across it.

Qing Shui smiled. This was indeed a great treasure. It was what he needed the most for the time being. This thing was precious for the 10% boost in strength it provided when the bearer possessed about 100 Sun of strength. By the time the user achieved ten thousand sun worth of strength, it would still boost

their strength by 10%. The Divine Water Bead on the other hand, would only work once. Furthermore, it could only work on water attributed martial techniques.

Naturally, Qing Shui didn't reserve himself from getting it. This thing also required having buddha nature up to a certain extent. Hence, he immediately tossed it into the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. He planned to let it recognize its owner later.

Upon opening the five brocade boxes below, Qing Shui began to wonder if there had been something going on between him and beads today. Five beads, but the beads consisted of five elements. Metal, Wood, Water, Fire, Earth, one for each element.

Qing Shui began to wonder, could this be specifically made for him?

Could his Five Elements Divine Refining Technique happened to require these Five Elements Beads? Qing Shui took it up to have a look at them. They were the Five Elements beads. Each person could only take one of the beads. It didn't matter how many kinds of the elements they cultivated, they could only take one of them. It carried almost the same effect as the Divine Water Beads, but the path it undertook was different. The abilities it helped increase was also different. But other than just the beads, there was also a five elements martial technique within each of the boxes for its corresponding elements.

Golden Sword, Wood Vines, Water Spiral, Fire Crack and Earth Thorns!

Qing Shui felt a bit foolish. Wasn't this just another form of the Five Elements Divine Refining Technique? Qing Shui took up one of the Wood Vines martial technique to have a look. The one here was more limited in terms of use, yet it felt even more precise. The path it took was almost just like the Basic Sword Technique. They showed the most basic stuff, yet they were also the fastest and the most useful.

Could this be a Buddhist precious treasure?

On the outside, there were also the martial techniques like the Golden Sword and Wood Vines. However, they were not even one-tenth as precise as the things that's shown here. Hence, Qing Shui was extremely happy. From the surface, the beads were stated to help increase the abilities of its respective elements. They were to support cultivation of their respective elements. Qing Shui was very upset, why were they left here? Why didn't the Buddhists let the others cultivate it?

This caused Qing Shui to be even more confused. Eventually, he let them kept it. By then, they could cultivate it together. However, the two girls only took the Water Spiral which was water attributed. As for the other stuff, even the water attributed beads, they gave it to Qing Shui.

Qing Shui also didn't reject it. Now wasn't the time to distribute useful things. The most important thing to do now was to look for more treasures.